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## The Inspired Vision of the Risen and Glorified Christ

**C**HRISt seen in the flesh while he was active among men is a deepening inspiration. At the time he appeared thus, he was alone in his ministry and manner of life. He went about doing good, feeding the hungry, giving sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, soundness to the afflicted and life to the dead. This was never seen prior to his coming into the world. He stands out as the only one in that far-off age who taught human helpfulness and gave himself to the work of lifting up the fallen, cheering the faint, and binding up the broken-hearted. It is glorious to think of him in this unique capacity as the friend of the friendless.

It is even more glorious to watch him give himself the just for the unjust. To see him amid the throes of Calvary's tragedy, for six hours of mortal woe, dying for the sins of the world. The scene has nothing like it in the history of the world. Without sin, having done no wrong, with ill-will to no human being born of woman, yet dying for the sin and the wrongs of all mankind. In that self-sacrificing agony, that desolation, that crimson blood, is the hope of a fallen world. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins.

But to get a glimpse of the Risen Christ is the most glorious inspira-

tion that can come to the human mind and heart. In this view of him he is no longer subject to vanity, suffering he is far from and he is incapable of death. His work is finished and his triumph is complete. Death has no more power over him. He has put the last enemy under his feet. He is independent of the tomb, a glorified Savior, crowned with victory, having all power in heaven and in earth. He is King of kings and Lord of lords, the Ancient of days, the Prince of peace, the fairest among ten thousand and altogether lovely. In his hand are the keys of life and of death and upon his brow is the diadem of eternity. He has the brightness of the Father's glory and in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

To get a vision of him in his risen splendor is to be delivered from the power of sin and darkness, to have the scales fall from our eyes, and to cry out in loving trust, "My Lord and My God." It is to fall before him in penitence and contrition, to lay hold upon him by faith and be lifted into the fullness of life eternal. His presence as the conqueror of death and the grave touches every chord of human melody and brings into harmony with his spirit all our powers of inspired love and rational thought. We forget his shame and

humiliation and become lost in his wealth of grace and mercy. We become one with him in life, in hope and in destiny.

When he rose from the dead in the long ago, his brightness almost dazzled the vision of those who first beheld him. He looked like their conception of an angel clothed with glory and splendid in his apparel. They dried their tears of grief and when he spoke to them and made the disclosure of his identity, they hastened away with unutterable joy to tell the story to his downhearted disciples. And when they caught the vision they were lifted to the third heaven in their ravished delight. He was no longer clothed upon with his perishable body, but he stood out before them as the resurrection Christ, transfigured in the majesty of one born to redeem his people and to lift their gaze toward the sunrise of an eternal morning. And this vision of his glory was emphasized as they beheld him forty days later on the mountain when the heavens opened to receive him and he went back to the Father's throne amid the shouts and praises of the hierarchy of heaven. They then and there received his commission and went forth to preach everlasting deliverance to the world. Since then he has been the magnet of Christian thought, the study of the Christian mind, the in-

spiration of the Christian hope, the consummation of our Christian joy.

And on this glad Easter Morn, we turn from the damp of his tomb and renew our vision of the Risen and Glorified Christ. This vision widens until it takes in the scope of the ages and the generations, and we again behold him in the triumph of his resurrection. He again comes to us with the evidences of his Divine Messiahship augmented a thousandfold. And we gaze upon him not as a tender memory, not through the dim and long-departed centuries, and not simply as the Christ of history remaking the civilizations of the nations, but as the all-conquering and the all-transforming Christ, clothed with honor and glory as the ever-present Savior of men. We fall before him in adoration and call upon all that is within our ransomed powers to praise and worship his matchless name. And through him we get a renewed vision of the world beyond where sorrow ceases, where eyes will weep no more, where broken ties will be mended, and where we too will be clothed upon with glory and immortality. For we shall see him and be like him in that land that is brighter than day! Oh, the rapturous hopes that riddle our anticipations as we enter into the transparent vision of the Risen, the Glorified, the Wondrously Divine Christ!

## About An Every-Member Campaign For Southern Methodist University

**T**HE greatest campaign in the interest of Christian education that has ever been undertaken in our Southland has for some time been in progress under the leadership of Dr. H. A. Boaz and those associated with him in this great work. It has been watched with unusual interest, not only by the leadership of our Methodism, but by public-spirited men of all classes throughout our country. For the Methodists of Texas the campaign has a peculiar interest, because the honor of the Church is in a large measure involved. To them the success of the enterprise is especially entrusted and for them to fail would bring humiliation and disaster to our cause. Hence we cannot even think of failure for success is an absolute necessity.

In November, 1910, the several Annual Conferences of Texas Meth-

odism appointed an Educational Commission composed of eleven ministers and eleven laymen, and to these representative men were committed the educational interests of the Church in Texas. At the first meeting in Austin they unanimously agreed that in order to meet the growing demands of the future, our Church should undertake the establishment of a great university somewhere in Texas. At their second meeting they heartily accepted the proposition from Dallas to locate the proposed institution on the northern border of this progressive city. And they named the institution, "Southern Methodist University."

It is well known that Dallas made a liberal offer: 666½ acres of valuable land, reported to be worth at a reasonable estimate \$1,000,000; and in addition to this, a subscription in negotiable notes of \$300,000. Then

the General Board of Education, located in New York, proceeded to donate \$200,000 on certain specified conditions, to-wit: That by June, 1913, the Church in Texas raise in pledged subscriptions \$500,000, payable in five annual installments beginning in June, 1913, and closing with July, 1917. The combined gifts of Dallas and the Board of Education amount to \$1,500,000, while the Church is asked to raise only \$500,000. For every dollar a Methodist puts into this fund, outside friends contribute three dollars. No other Church has ever had such an offer of help made to it, and no other Church has ever had such a royal opportunity placed before it. Surely such a proposition is sufficient to challenge the largest liberality possible from every loyal Methodist in Texas.

Dallas has already paid in a large part of her promised cash donation

and is paying it as it falls due; and as a result Dallas Hall is now well under construction and will be ready for the roof in a short time. The conditional gift of the General Board is in readiness and will be turned over to the University authorities just as soon as the Church complies with the condition mentioned above. A great deal of work has already been done to meet the condition and we are almost in sight of certain success; but there is a great task yet before us as we are striving to reach the goal. Will we now put forth the effort of our lives to finish the home run in our purpose to meet the condition fully and completely? It is for every Methodist in Texas to answer this serious question. And we must make the answer at once, because the time allotted us in which to make the answer is rapidly approaching its pre-

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**The Church Extension Movement**  
*An Abbreviated Sketch of It . . . By Rev. J. W. Hill*

Rev. E. J. Stanley, of Montana, has by every token, the right to be called the father of Church Extension in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Back in the seventies we find him at Boulder, Montana, building a house of worship with the aid of his own hands while crying to the Church for help. He wrote to the Church papers—especially to the St. Louis and Nashville Christian Advocate—pleading not only for help in his particular case, but advocating the inauguration of a movement looking to the aid of needy congregations all over the Connection. With the aid of Rev. L. G. Statler and other pioneers in Montana, he succeeded in organizing a Church Extension Board in that and for that conference. This was the first move in that direction which took permanent shape. This was in 1881. But let Brother Stanley tell about it:

"For many years, during the early history of our work on the Western frontier, we labored at great disadvantage, because we had no special fund provided to assist in securing much-needed churches. Five of the first church buildings in Montana were built and paid for without any outside help whatever. A number of others could have been secured in Montana with a little more prompt and energetic action on the part of those who had the matter in charge, and especially so, could we have had a Church Extension Fund to draw upon in such emergencies. At one time, when in charge of the Helena District, I begged the Board of Missions to let me use \$250 of funds in my hands not in use, because of the failure of men to come to their churches, to secure and complete a church building at Corvallis that would have been worth fifteen hundred dollars. But, of course, it was denied. The house blew down and went to destruction and our cause received a setback in that community that it required long years of toil and hardship to overcome.

"During the winter of 1873-80, I started a subscription for a church at Boulder City, Montana, and in the following spring, after recovering from a seven-weeks spell of sickness, during which my life was despaired of, I commenced the work, digging out the trenches for the foundation with my own hands; the sweat and tears baptizing the soil as the work proceeded. It was near the spot where I had preached my first sermon in Montana, to six grown persons and a few children, in the fall of 1871, and I was devoutly grateful to God for faith and courage sufficient to set forward the work of building a church. I knew not where the money was to come from, but firmly believed it would be provided. When the bills began to come in, and our limited funds were exhausted, I wrote to the St. Louis Christian Advocate, setting forth the situation and asking for help. Contributions soon began to come in, varying in amounts from one to five, twenty-five, fifty, and even one hundred dollars, and accompanied by words of encouragement that were most helpful and inspiring. As these amounts were credited, and occasional extracts from the cheering messages that accompanied them were published in the Advocate, occasion was taken to urge the importance of a special fund to be administered by a General Church Extension Board for the Church at large, which appeals were seconded by several editors and other able writers in our Church papers, with the result that the ensuing General Conference appointed a committee on Church Extension, of which Dr. McNally was chairman, and organized a Board of Church Extension, of which David Morton was Secretary and chief executive officer.

"In the meantime, funds continued to come in until we had enough to complete the church at Boulder. Before its completion, however, I was appointed to Stevensville charge, where there was also urgent need of a church which was commenced under conditions similar to those formerly existing at Boulder, and was finally completed at a cost of \$2200, and dedicated by Bishop Hargrove in the fall of 1882. The church was well filled with white people, and the aisle was thronged with Indians of the Flathead Tribe—successors of the four famous messengers sent on that hazardous journey to St. Louis in the early thirties of the last century asking to be shown 'the Book of Heaven'—clad in their bright-colored blankets. Their presence gave a picturesqueness to the frontier scene, and seemed to inspire the good Bishop in his sermon, and in conducting the dedicatory service.

"But few persons will ever know the great good that resulted to our cause

in Montana from these contributions and the earnest and cheering messages that accompanied them, giving assurance, as they did, of the widespread and heartfelt sympathy for our work and of the earnest prayers ascending to heaven in its behalf. More than once have I taken that package of letters and list of names on my knees before God, asking His blessings on the donors and writers, and then with streaming eyes sat at my desk and penned the appeals that were prompted by them. In a little published sketch giving a brief history of our work in Montana from 1864 to 1884, I have inserted a 'Church Extension Roll of Honor,' giving the names (as far as possible), date and amount of every contribution received for that fund, and the manner of its distribution. I love to look it over, and read the names, and cherish the memories they recall, and the tender emotions that they stir within my soul. God bless the living, and keep alive the memory of the departed members of that roll of honor!

"At the session of the Montana Conference held in 1881, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted: 'Whereas, the building of neat, substantial, comfortable and commodious houses of worship is important at this time in securing the permanent success of our cause in Montana; and

'Whereas, suitable houses of worship are needed in many places where the people are unable to build them without some assistance from abroad; and

'Whereas, we have no Church Extension Fund on which to rely for assistance in this direction, which occasions the loss to us of many fine opportunities for doing good from year to year; therefore,

'Resolved that we organize at once a Board to be known as the Board of Church Extension of the Montana Conference, M. E. Church, South, to consist of not less than six nor more than ten members—one-half ministers, the other half laymen—the object of which shall be to promote the work of Church Extension within the bounds of this Conference, and under its supervision;

'2. That the preachers are earnestly requested to bring the subject before the people generally and take collections in every congregation;

'3. That we respectfully urge upon the ensuing General Conference the importance of organizing a Board of Church Extension for the Church at large.

'4. That we endorse the efforts of Rev. E. J. Stanley and others, made during the past year, to procure funds to assist in building much-needed houses of worship, and gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the very generous and timely contributions that have been made by kind friends to this good work, together with the words of sympathy and good cheer coming to us from so many warm Christian hearts in the Church at home.

"The Conference Board was organized for in the resolutions, but was substituted the following year by the one provided for at the ensuing General Conference, and as published in the new Discipline.

"Rev. David Morton, the first Secretary of the General Board of Church Extension, in his published reports, has seen proper to accord to our conference the honor of originating the movement that resulted in the organization of the Board in its present form, stating that the Boulder and Stevensville Churches (in Montana) are 'literally the first fruits of the Church Extension spirit in our Church.' In an historical note published in a current number of the 'Advocate of Missions,' Secretary Morton says: 'We will be pardoned for expressing our gratification that this church (Boulder) is built within a few yards of a school house in which the present writer assisted Brother Stanley in holding a revival meeting, and in organizing, in December, 1876, the first church of any kind ever formed in that city.'

"Both these Churches have been signally blessed of God. Annual Conference sessions have been held in them, and at their altars many people have been converted, and a number of men ordained to the ministry. They are both—the one at Boulder under the pastorate of Rev. G. T. Bond, and the one at Stevensville in charge of Rev. P. D. Hartman—enjoying a remarkable degree of prosperity. The house at Boulder is on the eastern and that at Stevensville on the western slope of the great Rocky Mountains, from whose summits thousands of tiny, sparkling streamlets, interlapping each other, flow through the Missouri and Mississippi, and the Columbia Rivers to the two great oceans of the world, which fact I love to think of, as symbolizing the wide-spread influence of the great Church Extension movement

which is already encircling the world in its beneficial and God-given work."

Others took the matter up—prominent among whom were Dr. David Morton, Dr. D. R. McNally, then editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, and Dr. F. B. Carroll; and the agitation culminated, as has been said by Brother Stanley, in the organization of a Board of Church Extension for the entire Church. This took place at the General Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, in May, 1882. On the 24th of the following June, the Board was formally set up in the city of Louisville, Kentucky. The following were the charter members of the Board:

Hon. J. S. Lithgow, President; Presley McGuire, Vice-President; Rev. David Morton, Corresponding Secretary; John W. Proctor, Esq., Treasurer. The Bishops were, (and still are), ex-officio members, and the following list is given as members at the organization:

George F. Pierce, Hubbard H. Kavanaugh, Holland N. McTyeire, John C. Keener, A. W. Wilson, Linus Parker, John C. Granbery, Robt. K. Hargrove. Other members: W. T. Harris, D. D. Memphis Conference; F. B. Carroll, D. D. West Virginia Conference; Rev. C. H. Vandeventer, Missouri Conference; Rev. H. C. Settle, Louisville Conference; Rev. J. C. Morris, Louisville Conference; Rev. Joseph Emery, Columbia Conference; Rev. W. F. Compton, Pacific Conference; Rev. C. E. Brown, Northwest Texas Conference; Hon. G. D. Shands, Senatobia, Miss.; Hon. C. S. Grubbs, Louisville, Ky.; J. H. Carlisle, Spartanburg, S. C.; J. G. Carter, Louisville, Ky.; John L. Wheat, Louisville, Ky.

Of this Board it may have been said as Milton says of our first preachers when they went out from the gates of Eden:

"The world was all before them, where to choose  
Their place of rest, and Providence their guide."

Everything was to be done. An office was to be located, a charter secured, communication with the several Annual Conferences to be established, an assessment to be levied, literature to be prepared, published and distributed and all other beginnings "made and provided" which were afterward to be developed through the General and Conference Boards. It was a big job. But big men were on it, and they brought things to pass.

They located the general office at 520 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, Ky. They appointed a committee to secure articles of incorporation as soon as possible; but provided that in the meantime all rights, bequests, collections and all other resources should be placed in the hands of John W. Proctor. Steps were also taken looking to the establishment of a General Loan Fund. An assessment of \$51,118 was levied upon the several Annual Conferences of the Church. This looks to us at this distance, as a very small amount; but when we learn that only \$2,992.31 of this amount has been collected when the Board held its next annual meeting, the surprise grows. This small collection, however, is explained upon the ground that time and opportunity had not been given for all the conferences to be able to act. This is the reason given by the General Secretary in his annual report to the Board.

It is not proper to go into details concerning the history of the General and Conference Boards from that day to this. Suffice it to say that when the work, as Carlisle would say, "had got itself launched," the progress from then until now has been steady and very gratifying.

For sixteen years the doughty and energetic Morton, who was re-elected from time to time, as the General Secretary, brought great things to pass. He secured the organization of Auxiliary Boards in all the Annual Conferences on both sides of the sea; established and increased not only the general, but named of "Named" and other kinds of loan funds; assisted and cooperated with the women when they came in as "The Woman's Department of Church Extension," and helped them in all their work under whatever name they labored. He traveled all over the Church making speeches, preaching sermons and laying himself out in a way and at a rate which often astounded his brethren. When he finally laid down the cross to assume a well-earned crown, the report he was able to make to the General Conference which was soon to assemble was worthy of any man who has spent and been spent for the Kingdom of our Lord. There is not space for anything but the leanest synopsis here; but with the aid of correct tables with the business ability of our present Secretary—Dr. McMurry—has happily furnished in all his annual reports, we are able to set forth these facts and figures:

For the quadrennium ending March 31, 1898—  
Amount paid on General Assessment \$222,973.20

Amount received on Specials	17,981.20
Amount received on Loan Funds	37,557.91
Amount received on interest earned	12,119.25
Increase of Loan Fund Capital	50,477.06
Present Loan Fund Capital	158,792.50

Dr. Morton died on Wednesday, March 9, 1898. Dr. John W. Lewis, who wrote a memoir on behalf of the Board, closed by saying: "About nine o'clock Wednesday morning, March 9, 1898, after an illness of three days, superinduced by a trifling accident, the busy, faithful heart ceased to beat, and our wandering Secretary quietly fell asleep in the bosom of his family." In the same memoir, speaking of the work done during Dr. Morton's incumbency, Dr. Lewis says: "The total amount raised from the twenty-four loan funds is \$128,175, with interest amounting to \$26,612.65. From the General Loan Fund Churches were given help amounting to \$249,400. Collections from general sources have amounted to \$377,097, while the Conference Boards have collected about the same amount. Special collections have been raised amounting to \$10,089. There are now on hand in the general account, \$5623, and in the loan fund account \$34,555. The total amount of donations from general account has been \$321,067, while the amount donated by the Conference Boards has been \$373,661. The number of churches built or aided by the General Board has been 3892, while the work of the Conference Boards is approximately the same. In the Woman's Department there are seven Loan Funds—aggregating since 1886, the date of organization, \$11,288, with interest amounting to \$1,208.99. Fifty-six loans have been made. Seven hundred and seventeen parsonages have been helped to the amount of \$91,254.76. These, with the increased value of our church property, are some of the tangible results, to say nothing of innumerable benefits which in their nature are not visible, such as the inspiration afforded to pastor and Churches, the improved morals of the Church, etc."

Dr. Morton's last report to the Board and to the General Conference, which was soon to meet, was prepared by Wilbur F. Barclay, the Secretary's chief assistant.

The General Conference which met in the city of Baltimore in May, 1898, elected Rev. P. H. Whisner, D. D., of the Baltimore Conference, to succeed Dr. Morton as General Secretary of the Board.

Dr. Whisner served for eight years—dying on April 21, 1906, just the day before the meeting of the Board, and only a couple of weeks before the assembling of the General Conference. In this case, as in the case of the decease of Dr. Morton, Brother Barclay, who had in the meantime become a member of the Board, presented both to the Board and to the General Conference, the reports of the fallen Secretary. During the years of Dr. Whisner's incumbency the Board had passed through some difficult places. Panic and fire and flood had drafted heavily upon the institution; but a study of the facts will show that there had been steady, if not marked, advance along all lines of Church Extension endeavor.

The following figures will show what had been done from the beginning in 1882 to March 31, 1906; \$2,163,090.86.

The receipts were from the following sources:

1. Annual collections (less \$5516.89 transferred to Morton Loan Fund) from the beginning to March 31, 1906, \$391,996.35.
2. Special Donations: \$58,981.26.
3. Contributions to loan funds: \$164,465.39.
4. Interest on Loans: \$92,297.60.
5. Miscellaneous Sources: \$7,878.59.
6. Collections on Loans, etc: \$434,812.69.
7. Donations refunded by Churches: \$12,718.98.

Grand Total: \$2,163,090.86.

From the beginning, 6356 Churches were aided as follows: By the General Board, \$1,251,234; by the Conference Boards, \$685,995. Total, \$1,937,229. The present capital of the Loan Funds is given at \$220,002.59.

The women's work shows the following summary from 1886 to 1906: Number of members, 47,518; receipts for connectional work, \$597,299.98; receipts for local work, \$960,698.28; total receipts, \$1,557,998.24. Number parsonages built and aided, 1841; money donated to parsonages, \$172,192.84; value of supplies distributed outside of receipts above mentioned, \$125,126; number day schools supported, 10; number of night schools supported, 5; number of pupils enrolled, 1914; number of missionaries and teachers employed, 115; number City Mission Boards, 23; number of Rescue Homes, two.

So it is seen that however well the Parent Board had succeeded, the good women had by no means been idle. To read the reports in their entirety is

to catch an inspiration for the highest possible service.

The General Conference which met in Birmingham, Alabama, elected Dr. W. F. McMurry, of the St. Louis Conference, to take the place made vacant by the lamented death of Dr. Whisner. In another place it is written:

"The advent of Dr. McMurry as General Corresponding Secretary, marks a new epoch in the history of Church Extension. He brought to the office three gifts rarely combined in the same man—pulpit, platform and business ability. He had filled a number of leading stations and districts in the Church; and when the General Conference met in Birmingham, Ala., it was thought by many that he would be elected to the Episcopacy. Indeed, when the vote was taken he received more than two-thirds the number necessary to elect—on the first ballot. But there being a lock, Dr. McMurry arose and asked his friends to break the lock and cast their votes for some other man. In the meantime the word had been passed around that, as a General Secretary for Church Extension was to be elected, and Dr. McMurry had no superior in the Church for such a position, it would be fitting and proper to give the place to him. This was accordingly done with almost 'unanimous consent.'

The Doctor entered at once upon the duties of his office; and though, as already shown, the work of the Board had been very gratifying up to that date, when he took the reins in hand, the movement went forward by leaps and bounds. The choice of the Church had been so abundantly justified by the prosperity that waited on the Doctor's administration, that when the next General Conference met, the sentiment was solid for his continuance in office.

The following excerpt from his first annual report will show how he found matters when he assumed control of our Church Extension interests:

"In my first report to you it is proper to say, by way of introduction, that following the session of the General Conference which adjourned May 21, 1906, I came to Louisville and took charge of the office on June 1, 1906.

At the earliest possible date, and after advising with the President, T. L. Jefferson, arrangements were made for a formal accounting of the affairs of the office. This was completed on June 25, and a certified copy of the 'Inventory and Valuation' of the assets of the Board was mailed to each member on July 2, 1906. According to this report, the condition of the business of the office on June 1, 1906, was as follows:

General Fund, balance in bank	\$12,143.96
Real estate	8,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	952.26
Total	\$21,096.22
Loan Fund, balance in bank	\$12,852.14
Outstanding loans	207,810.08
Accrued interest	6,244.11
Investments	12,242.75
Total	\$229,149.08
Parsonage fund, balance in bank	\$ 4804.85
Outstanding loans	16,476.41
Accrued interest	528.66
Invested funds	7,000.00
Total	\$28,809.92
Grand Total	\$28,055.22

This was sworn to by an expert accountant, Arthur Mather, and attested by John T. Field, notary public.

So, from this point of departure, Dr. McMurry went out and continued to this day to go out and in, enlarging the circle of the Board's operations and assets. Churches and parsonages have been built in all the Home Conferences, and in all our Mission Fields its munificence has been enjoyed. It has given aid to 8394 Churches, to the amount of \$2,279,381.05; it has made possible the erection and equipment of 2117 parsonages at a cost of \$400,547.94. Total investments, \$3,679,928.09. Away back in 1882, the General Conference suggested that as a part of the Centenary Fund then being raised throughout the Methodist world the sum of \$500,000 be raised for Church Extension purposes by the close of the year 1884. The fathers had large hope and great faith. At the end of that period only \$2740.11 had been raised! Not much prospect for a five hundred thousand dollar loan fund, certainly. But the matter was kept before the Church until at the close of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1912, the sum had reached the splendid figure of \$135,164.50. The Secretary expects to reach the \$500,000 mark by the time he makes his next report to the Board. There are now eighty "Named" and other kinds of loan funds, and the number is constantly growing.

One of the best schemes possible, for a memorial, is offered by the Board, according to which the money that might be spent for the erection of a tombstone in some obscure "graveyard" can be given to the Board in memory of the "Loved and lost,"

and forever and forever it goes on growing and increasing in power to do good, while at the same time the memory of the loved one is kept before the Church in the annual reports and other literature of the Board to the end of time.

Then the Board has another fine plan—for those who wish to invest their capital where it will be free from taxation and at the same time be drawing a good rate of interest. This is known as "The Annuity Plan." Take an illustration: Here is an old couple who have some money upon the interest of which they hope to live during the remaining few days of their lives. It is often difficult to find a safe and at the same time a paying investment. More than that, it is hard to find an investment about which there is not more or less worry from time to time.

But the Church Extension Board can take this money, pay a good interest on it, and there is no trouble to the lender except to clip his coupons and to cash his checks.

But better still. While the money loaned elsewhere may pay as good a dividend, the principle goes to the help of some individual or corporation, whereas the principal, when loaned to the Board of Church Extension, is building churches and parsonages and helping to bring in the Kingdom of God.

Concerning these loan funds, Dr. McMurry, in his report to the Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1912, has this to say:

"There is no falling off of inquiries concerning this branch of our work, and I am confident that much has been done toward preparing the way for future contributions. The office is in correspondence with more individuals who have been interested in the loan fund feature than at any previous time. The indications are that conditions are ripe for a Church-campaign. The total increase in the loan funds for this year, (1912), is \$55,952.50. Receipts on General Donation Account from all sources for the year \$131,265.27. This is the largest report yet made in the history of the Board; and it would be interesting if space allowed, to go into detail and show just what a wonderful network of endeavor—reaching out into so many fields and in so many ways—the board is making to further the work of the Church at home and abroad.

I can not close this imperfect paper without affirming that the work of Church Extension has not had the recognition by the Church which its merits demanded. Other interests have constantly been pushed in front of it, and the publicity due it has not been given. And it only needs to be known to be appreciated. No man can study its history as I have done, and not be enthused with the Church Extension spirit. By the way, it may be well to remark, in this connection, that there is a perfect and complete digest of all the facts of its thirty years' history, which will shortly be thrown on the market; and every man—he be preacher or layman—who desires a full knowledge of the matter, can be satisfied.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

Virginia Did It.

By Dr. C. F. Reid.

What did Virginia do?

1st. Last year the Virginia Conference raised a surplus for foreign missions over and above its assessment of \$38,329.

2nd. It increased its gifts to foreign missions over the preceding year \$5000.

3rd. In five years it has increased its gifts for all missions from \$75,000 to \$117,649.

4th. It has won the leadership of the Church in per capita gifts for missions averaging \$1.24 per member for the entire conference.

5th. It has aroused such a spirit of liberality that its active ministry is better paid and from having to scale the appointments to the worn-out preachers five per cent, they are now able to give them a bonus of twenty-five per cent.

6th. It has fostered revival conditions so that last year there was a net gain of over two thousand members. Who did it?

1st. A Conference Board of Missions that had faith.

2nd. Conference Missionary Secretaries that had ability and devotion.

3rd. Presiding elders ready to actively co-operate.

4th. Lay Leaders who were leaders in deed, as well as in name.

5th. A host of pastors who accept the great commission as significant and binding.

6th. A willing people needing only to be shown.

How did they do it?

1st. By having a Conference Board of Missions wise enough to see that what is everybody's business is nobody's business and therefore willing

to select a Conference Missionary Secretary from among the most capable men of the conference, pay him a good salary and then take the time to plan with him a thorough campaign of the conference.

2nd. By setting before the conference a worthy objective to strive for and then sowing the conference down with literature bearing upon that objective.

3rd. By relieving the Sunday Schools from paying the assessment and putting before the children some definite and attractive special.

4th. By asking districts and Churches to assume specials over and above the assessment.

5th. By seeking and encouraging the active co-operation of the Conference, District and Charge Lay Leaders.

6th. By increasing each year the amount of the conference objective until they were ready to ask the privilege of assuming the responsibility of one entire mission field.

Is there any good and sufficient reason why every conference in our Connection should not, in proportion, approximate the same results and then attain to much larger, even as the Virginia Conference expects to do? Of course we shall all be able to plead peculiar situations—educational problems and other pet conference enterprises, but has not Virginia all these?

The real difficulty is not that there are other plans afoot. It is in the profounder fact that the faithful few are doing the work and carrying the burdens of the many and that the few who are working and paying are for the most part doing so in a spasmodic, planless way that would bankrupt any business enterprise in the land.

It has been frequently stated during the last few years that only one out of six of our members are having any worthy share in the on-going work of the Church. This means that the other five are simply idlers in God's kingdom.

The secret of advance, then, is not so much to induce those who are already working and paying as it is to transfer the do-nothings into the ranks of those who serve and sacrifice.

When it comes to the matter of material resources, in the light of what we are now doing for the enlarging of God's kingdom, we are disgracefully rich.

Estimates based on United States statistics indicate that last year there was poured into the lap of Southern Methodists not less than five hundred million dollars in pure income. Could we have secured God's tenth of this vast sum to carry on his work we should have had fifty million dollars. This would have paid our preachers comfortable salaries, built all the churches and parsonages we could have conveniently entered in one year, splendidly equipped all our schools, endowed our benevolent institutions and doubled our missionary forces at home and abroad. But, by enormous pulling and tugging, we were only able to secure for all these purposes less than thirteen million, all but a few hundred thousand of which we spent at home, that is on ourselves. And yet we complain of spiritual leanness. May it not be as truly said of us as God said to his people of old, "Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation?"

Two fundamental principles of the Laymen's Missionary Movement are: First, That no man can grow spiritually who is an idler in God's kingdom.

Second, That all money which belongs to God and is not applied to his service is a curse rather than a blessing to him who withholds it.

It therefore seeks through the Missionary Committee to enlist every one who claims Christ as his Savior in active Christian service and through the every-member canvas and the weekly offering to make the resources of the Church available for the extension of His Kingdom. Is not this objective worthy the active co-operation of all our preachers and the prayerful attention of our laymen?

HAM-RAMSEY REVIVAL AT BELTON.

Knowing your interest in all matters looking to the advancement of the Master's cause, I thought, perhaps, a few lines in regard to the great work recently done in this place by Evangelist M. F. Ham, of Anchorage, Kentucky, and Bro. W. J. Ramsey, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, would not be amiss.

The pastors of this place decided to hold a union meeting and as a result of that decision the above mentioned gentlemen were called to conduct the same. Bro. Ham, the preaching, and Brother Ramsey, the singing.

They came—Brother Ramsey arriving here a few days in advance to look after the preliminaries, such as erecting the large tent and organizing a choir. That he did his work well, all will admit, and when Brother Ham arrived on October 13th, he found every-

thing in readiness for the battle with Satan that followed.

One of the first things that Brother Ham did after arriving here, was to "work over" the luke-warm and worldly Church members, and he proved a past master at the job. All the weapons that he used was the Word of God and the way he made the fur fly was a caution. He used it with such force and logic that quite a number of hardened sinners became interested and were regular attendants at the "thrashing bees." Some became so interested that when he opened fire on the sinners, they became an easy prey to his rapid fire gun, and as a consequence, a number of them surrendered and put on the armor of God and are now doing a great work for the Master.

I have heard a number of noted men preach in my time—some with reputations world-wide, but I am frank to say that I never heard a man preach with as much force, and use nothing but the Scriptures, in my life. It seemed as though he could take a text from any part of the Bible and drive it home and clinch it.

He was untiring in his efforts. When not otherwise engaged, you could always find him in some office, business house or on the street working like a Trojan to save some lost soul.

And as an assistant, Brother Ramsey was a "Jim Swizler," there is moral, unadulterated earnestness in this man than a dozen ordinary men. When "Uncle Bill" spoke you knew he meant it, so there was but one thing to do—get busy as something was going to happen. He organized one of the largest choirs ever heard in this part of the State, and the sweet gospel songs he heard in all parts of the city His child's chorus was one of the prettiest and sweetest ever heard.

The good work done here by these two godly men will last until the end of time. Never in the history of the past has such a work, for good, been done in this part of the State. Men who had spent the greater part of their lives serving the devil, are now fighting him with all the force and energy they can command. The mid week prayer-meetings, which before had been attended by eight or ten of the faithful, are now numbered by the hundred. Bible classes have been organized and the Sunday School enrollment nearly doubled.

Such was the work done by these servants of God that the prayers of the saints, augmented by the prayers of the newly converted, will always go up to God imploring His divine blessings on these two men and asking that they may be spared many, many years to continue in His service and that they may be the means of pointing out the way of salvation to countless numbers before they are called to their great reward in the life eternal.

Over 300 were converted and 150 reclamations in their meeting here lasting five weeks, of which number I am one of the new converts.

J. C. MIMMS.  
Belton, February 16, 1913.

SOME PERSONS AND THINGS I REMEMBER.

By a Methodist Preacher's Wife.

NUMBER FOUR.

My husband was in his "third year" when we were sent to a circuit of seven appointments, and the place I am going to tell you about had no house of worship. They had formerly worshipped in a little schoolhouse, but it had been burned a short time before. It was an "afternoon appointment."

I remember well the first time we were there. They had services in the home of one of the stewards. It was a typical double log house, with a wide, open hallway between. When we drove up it was nearly preaching time, and the house and yard were full of men, women, children and dogs, who had assembled to hear the "new preacher." I mean the three former had assembled to hear the preacher, while it was evident the last mentioned had met to renew acquaintances whether agreeably or otherwise. The men were seated on the edge of the veranda, talking, no doubt, about the year's harvest or "politics," while others were perched on the fence with the ever-present pocket knife whittling away, as if busy carving out their fortunes, and expectorating at intervals through their two fingers at a distance of several feet—all a very prosy and common sight. Their minds were little affected, I fear, by the beauty and peace of that autumn Sabbath afternoon.

We got out and went in, and, as it was time for services to begin, some one set forth a small home-made pine table which served for a stand, and a chair with a rawhide bottom was placed behind it for the preacher. Without more ado, some one started the old familiar hymn, "Come, thou fount of every blessing. Tune my heart to sing Thy praise." The whole of the congregation joining in, some with strident notes above the

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mere musical notes, but all with a spontaneity that was refreshing till the last note died away. They sang as their fathers before them had done—"by word of mouth," without organ or books. I never had heard such singing! They certainly sang "with the spirit," whether they had the "understanding" or not.

After the services were over, and before they were dismissed, my husband remarked in closing, that it seemed to him that such a fine looking set of people as they were ought to have a house of worship. At once, a half dozen men spoke up and said they thought so, too. So a building committee was appointed, with their assistance, right there, with T—H—, who was not at that time a member of the Church, as chairman. They did not call it that, may be, but his was the leading spirit, any way, and he took a great deal of pride in the enterprise.

So the movement was started and every one "worked with a will," and gave liberally, the most of them being poor, comparatively. Some were not able to give money, so they contributed their share in work, and by early spring had the church completed. It was not a "fine edifice," but it was sufficiently ample and comfortable. It makes one think of the truth uttered long ago, "God is a Spirit, and seeketh such to worship him, as worship him in spirit and in truth," and of how the most common place may be filled with the unseen Presence. It was a house of praise, sure enough, although no one ever thought of formally dedicating it. Those who worshipped there had not their minds so full of other things as to crowd out thoughts of God and the real work of the Kingdom. These were not such "narrow minded" people, after all, if they were simple minded. They lived in God's open sunshine and were men of deep convictions, whether of religion or politics. They were strong and sturdy men and have helped to furnish the backbone of our Church and State.

In my next I will tell about the protracted meeting held here the following August.

NOTES FROM THE TYLER DISTRICT.

The first round on the Tyler District for 1913 is a thing of the past. In spite of the almost unprecedented bad weather, there being but two sunny Sundays during the entire quarter, we had a fine round. Dinner on the ground and the entire day spent in worshipping and attending to the business of the Church, was the rule in most of the circuits. It would have done you good, Mr. Editor, and would have helped Blaylock immensely, could you both have been with us. Chicken? Yes, but better than chicken, good old country hams, sure-enough pork sausage and other things which only good, old fashioned country Methodists know so well how to prepare. Better than even this was the Christian spirit found everywhere. Everywhere there was advance and while the assessments for the support of the ministry were not quite completed we have gone far enough to be sure there will be something like \$1500 over last year. In most places splendid reports of cash raised were made, this enabling the preachers to go forward with their work without the embarrassment of feeling that their families were not provided for. Stations and circuits are vying with each other to see which can best serve the Lord this year, and nothing short of a record-breaker is thought of by any of us. The Pastors' Conference and District Missionary Institute was held at Lindale as the windup of the first quarter. Nearly all of the preachers were present and we had a great time. We resolved that during the next quarter the deck should be cleared everywhere on the Mission and Orphan Home assessments. In fact some of the boys are already well along with that desired end.

Huddleston, Tally and Ingram did the preaching, but there was a world of hot air, either done by Andrews, Lloyd, Crum, Green, the Lukers—father and son—Pounds, Russell, Murray, Easterling, Hendrick, Fletcher, Bass and a line or two from the elder. We came home feeling that it was good to have been there. During the quarter the Bishop changed Brother Collins from Mineola to Madisville, but put W. H. Crum at Mineola and the old ship moves on without a jar. The whole quarter has been a joy and pleasure to this scribe, as three of the pleasantest years of his life were spent within the bounds of this good

old district, while pastor at Wills Point in the good Auld Lang Syne, I could write at length about the prospects and experiences at each of the appointments, but your space is too valuable for that. Let me tell you of just one little thing that came that dark winter night and scattered sunshine all along the way. At Wills Point my good friends had learned that the elder would be with them on his birthday and, like themselves, had determined to do the new thing, as usual. So, when the conference was over Monday night and I had called them to stand and receive the benediction, the preacher said, "Hold on, this is not the end of it." Some good women had been in the Sunday School room, unbeknown to the elder, doing things. We were invited in there, where, to my great surprise, there was a large birthday cake, with—well ever so many little candles burning. There were supposed to be as many as the elder was years old, but I think they just used all the candles they had room for. After some light refreshments, Clarence Gilmore, came forward and presented us with a beautiful gold-headed parasol. It brought back the old days and made the candles look entirely too many. God bless those dear friends and all the good people of the Tyler District. This shall be our best year.

J. B. TURRENTINE.

TEXAS—"THE LONE STAR STATE"

Texas has 167,865,000 acres of land of this area, 27,129,000 is under cultivation, 2,233,000 is water surface, and the remainder is virgin land, susceptible to a high degree of cultivation, except a small portion, which is mountainous. The State has 400 miles of ocean frontage and 2,000 miles of rivers which can be made navigable. Most every product of the soil known on the market can be successfully raised in Texas. Two or three crops per annum can be raised on most of the land, and there is never a day in the year that a harvest is not going on somewhere in the State.

The population of the State is principally agricultural, sixty-four per cent of the people being engaged in farming. The Texas farmers haul to market daily on an average of \$1,200,000 of products, and in marketing their products they form a procession that would reach from the earth to the moon, and yet less than one-fifth of the land of Texas is under cultivation; vast areas of mineral lands have never been prospected, and never heard the scream of a locomotive.

IN A SHADOW

Inveterate Tea Drinker Feared Paralysis.

Steady use of either tea or coffee often produces alarming symptoms as the poison (caffeine) contained in these beverages acts with more potency in some persons than in others. "I was never a coffee drinker," writes an ill woman, "but a tea drinker. I was very nervous, had frequent spells of sick headache and heart trouble, and was subject at times to severe attacks of bilious colic.

"No end of sleepless nights—would have spells at night when my right side would get numb and tingle like a thousand needles were pricking my flesh. At times I could hardly put my tongue out of my mouth and my right eye and ear were affected.

"The doctors told me I was liable to become paralyzed at any time, so I was in constant dread. I took no end of medicine—all to no good.

"The doctors told me to quit using tea, but I thought I could not live without it—that it was my only stay. I had been a tea drinker for twenty-five years; was under the doctor's care for fifteen.

"About six months ago, I finally quit tea and commenced to drink Postum.

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scribed limit. We have only a few weeks left in which to meet this imperative condition. The campaign will soon close and what is to be done, must be done quickly. The crisis is before us and a united Methodism is called upon, in trumpet tones, to gird itself for the final rally.

At the last sessions of the several Conferences of Texas Methodism, by a unanimous vote, settled on April and May as the time for the inauguration of an Every-Member Campaign in behalf of this great enterprise. These two months are now approaching, and special effort has been made by the leaders in this movement to have matters so organized that every pastor can put the question of a contribution right up to every member of the Methodist Church in Texas. Bishops Atkins and Mouzon, aided by wise counselors, have put in much time and prayer in working out the details of this plan so as to put it on a working basis and make it easy and practicable. These two officials and the Commissioners of Education have been busy for months, not only in securing contributions, but in giving Every-Member Campaign the right of way for April and May. A District Commissioner, without remuneration, has been appointed in every presiding elder's district, who, in conjunction with the presiding elder, is to have immediate

charge of the Every-Member Campaign in each district in Texas. The most of the District Commissioners have been very active and have their districts well organized and in good working order, ready for earnest business. And the pastors have been asked to appoint a campaign committee in every congregation and this committee is expected to see to it that every member of the pastoral charge is given an earnest invitation to make an individual contribution to Southern Methodist University. No man, woman or child should be neglected.

April 30th has been set aside as a great rally day when the friends and all the educational forces of the University will assemble in Dallas; and by that time we hope that sufficient contributions will have been pledged to meet the condition of the \$200,000 offered to us by the General Board. And we want this great rally day to be a real celebration, when we will have the great leaders of Southern Methodism present to take part in ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the Men's Dormitory. Addresses will be made by our great men and it will be a time for general rejoicing. In the afternoon of that day, a down-town rally will be held in the First Methodist Church, Bishop Mouzon and Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of First Baptist Church, will deliver special addresses. At this

time reports will be made by each District Commissioner. These reports, of course, will be afterwards published in the Advocate on the University page. They will make Methodist history in Texas.

The rally day will be in the midst of the meetings of the General Boards of the Church. The Board of Church Extension and the Board of Education of the entire Southern Methodist Church will hold their annual sessions in Dallas during this time. The Board of Missions and the College of Bishops will be present and hold their annual meetings the following week. It will be a great time in Dallas and a greater time for Methodism throughout the State, and we want to make this rally day one of the greatest days in the history of the Church in this Empire of the Southwest.

We do not hesitate to say that the approaching success of this Every-Member Campaign is almost wholly dependent on the pastors of the Church. Neither the Bishops nor the Commissioners of Education, nor the District Commissioners, nor the Campaign Committees in each charge can make this enterprise a success without the persistent and hearty co-operation of the pastors. They constitute the key to the situation. If they give to it their approval and active help, then every member of the Church in Texas will have an opportunity to make a contribution to this worthy cause. The

other forces will fall into line. Therefore, the Church is looking to the pastors now as never before in a single enterprise. Then let every pastor begin now the preparation of a special sermon on the subject and be ready to preach it with power and in the demonstration of the Spirit on Sunday morning early in April. If he needs special material for such a sermon, let him write at once to headquarters and it will be furnished. And this sermon in the morning ought to be followed up with an educational program at the evening service. Such a united observance will bring forth results.

Dr. Boaz and his co-workers have done a wonderful work so far. They are greatly encouraged. They almost see success. In the history of the Church we can scarcely find a campaign equal to the one they have thus far conducted. Day and night they have not spared themselves in their efforts to carry out the mandate of the Church in this behalf. And in this final and critical moment they are entitled to the loving co-operation of every pastor and member throughout the broad domain of Texas. If they can have this, the months of April and May will see the triumph of this stupendous undertaking. Let the command ring all down the line—Forward, Texas Methodists! And let every Methodist, as one man, take his place and march with us to victory!

## Notes From the Field

### Marble Falls.

There closed in Marble Falls Sunday night, March 9, the greatest meeting this town has ever had. There were 128 conversions and reclamations during this meeting, and two since, making a total of 130. Of this number there were 100 men and boys converted and reclaimed. Some two months ago committees from the different Churches were appointed to arrange for this meeting. The membership of all the Churches will enjoy a healthy increase from this meeting. The Methodist Church receiving the names of more than 80 for membership. One of the first after results of this meeting is the closing up of a pool hall and the moving away of its proprietors. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."—N. G. Ozment.

### Pioneer.

We are starting off well on our new work. The people gave us a cordial welcome on our arrival, and we were made to feel at home among them. The good people of Pioneer stormed the parsonage, and we were pounded in "the good old fashioned way," also at our first appointment at Burkett our buggy was loaded with good things to eat. For all this and for many other tokens of brotherly love, we are indeed grateful. We found our parsonage unfurnished, but immediately the good ladies of the Home Mission Society took the matter in hand and the parsonage was soon nicely furnished. Before leaving conference we learned that our church and parsonage were located a mile from town, close by a cemetery, and a very undesirable place to live, and besides the church was not in the center of the community. But I am glad to say that we have secured a suitable location and now have both church and parsonage in town. We have received eighteen members into the Church since conference and have taken several new subscriptions to the Advocate. We are working and praying for a great revival at each place, and expect success.—Chas E Williams.

### Crowell Mission.

At the last session of conference we were a little surprised at being sent back, but as the Cabinet must have made the discovery that our work on this charge had just been so satisfactory (to our minds) that they decided to send us back for another try at it. So here we are still

trying to do our Master's bidding.

While our work took a different name, that of Crowell Mission, instead of Swarengen Mission, and one old point taken off and a new one put on Foard City, our new point, is situated eight miles from Crowell on the K. C. M. & O. Railroad. We organized there just before conference with just a few members, but some of the best to be had. So, now our membership has doubled and we have a good, live Sunday School with Sister Maycumber as Superintendent, and a Woman's Home Mission Society that knows how to set up and do things. They went right to work and secured the school auditorium for a place to worship and have seated, heated and lighted it. So that now we have a very pleasant place of worship. Sister Pierce presented the organ and we have bought and paid for two dozen song books and have some fine singers. We are very proud of our new appointment and our little

bunch at Foard City. We have never had what you might call a severe pounding, but many good things have found their way to our home from all over our work, but last Monday broke the record when Sister Maycumber drove up with several dollars' worth of groceries, and on asking who the donors were, she said, Just Doctor and I, May God's richest blessings rest on those good people. Sister Maycumber does not know the word failure, she sure has worked hard, and is one to be depended on, she never tires doing for her Master. I think they will have all assessments up by our next Quarterly Conference; they are paying quarterly. We held our first quarterly meeting there and they all are very anxious for it again, as our dearly beloved presiding elder, Brother Miller, made himself greatly endeared to the people of that place as he always does everywhere he goes. We expect to have a revival there in April. Pray for us, brethren. We are praying for a great ingathering of souls. Our appointment for last Sunday was forty-five miles over some of the roughest country I ever saw. We went by way of Paducah and spent a few

hours with the venerable Brother Cannon, who seems to have a warm place in his heart for everybody. We enjoyed our little visit with him very much. Coming on back we spent Monday night with one of our stewards, Brother Young, and next morning Sister Young began filling our buggy with good things to eat. So, now, brother co-laborers, don't think you have all the good people on your charges. We are very thankful for what the Lord has done for us and want to give him the very best service of our life.—J. L. Rucker, March 10.

### Midford.

We, like most of pastors in the black land, have been much hindered by the continued bad weather, especially on the Sabbaths. For more than two months scarcely a Sabbath was suitable for service. But with all this, we have been doing some work in visiting the sick and other homes, looking after new comers, writing certificates, burying the dead, marrying the young and otherwise looking after the details of Church work. We have made no effort for a revival, and yet we have received thirty-five into

the Church since January 1. Twenty-one have been removed by certificate and death, leaving a net gain of fourteen. The outlook for the charge is good. I may add that my reception on my return from conference was very warm and the "pounding" very large and helpful, and, like, all others, was attended with a spirit of love and kindness far superior to the intrinsic value of the good things brought. May the gracious Lord abundantly bless each donor. We are working and praying for a great year. We believe we are going to have it.—M. M. Morphis.

### Hewitt.

Singularly enough, my name begins with "T." It is a pretty letter, and easily formed, but it is not conspicuous, being far down the line in the alphabet. Then, excepting meanness, it is also quite true that there is nothing striking in my presence. It is also true, strange as it may seem to some, that I am easily embarrassed and so naturally am inclined to shrink from public notice. So not having the physical beauty of a Porter, nor the splendid pomp of a Fort, nor the child-like frankness of a Knowles, nor the tragic earnestness of a Chappell, much less the persistence and oblique angularities of a Knekerbocker, I am not surprised that while they and many others of my dear confreres are at least now and then justly discovered, like the tall son of Kish, while I hopelessly hid among the stuff. My Annual Conference report never seems to interest any one, even the sympathetic Bishop; while dear Dr. Rankin, if he connotes it at all, persists in mentioning the most trifling incidents brought out in it. Well, a fellow would like, if he only knew how, to show off a little once in a while. Now I tried at the last conference to impress that surfeited body that we had built a splendid new, semi-modern church, with Sunday School rooms, primary classroom and pastor's study thrown in. The astute editor of the Advocate, as I suppose everybody else, missed it entirely. Well, perhaps Zaeachus is alone to blame. Maybe he ought to have climbed higher up in the trees and blown his foghorn a little louder. Now for the sake of my good people at Hewitt let me repeat that this splendid church is a fact. No town I know of the size of Hewitt, has as good one. It is seated throughout with massive oak, and beautifully lighted and you would travel far perhaps before you found prettier and more substantial carpets than our splendid women have laid on platform, aisles and altarplace. Last Sunday was review day at Hewitt. Competent laymen and women

## The Easter Morn Eternal

By Rev. C. H. Buchanan, Honey Grove, Texas

Blessed morn! In the annals of the ages,  
First dawned in far Galilee,  
Fulfilling the dream of the sages,  
What day is like unto thee?  
Stealing forth like a mist in lightness  
Wafted on by a sea-born breeze,  
Till it mantles the world in brightness,  
Diamond-tipping each leaf on the trees.

Near the tomb stood Magdalene Mary,  
In the hush of the dawn-breaking day,  
And her sorrow-clad soul making query,  
"Who shall roll us the great stone away?"  
When a voice full of music came falling,  
In sweetness she had never yet heard,  
As tenderly, "Mary," came calling:—  
'Twas the voice of her own risen Lord.

Since the Lord of the world in his glory,  
Left the tomb and came forth unto life,  
All the world is thrilled with the story,  
And smiles in its death-grapple strife.  
Well knowing the grave has no power  
To hold captive the spirits of men;  
As the buds in the spring come to flower,  
They shall blossom into beauty again.

All about us Life's mystical powers  
Lay sleeping in winter's dark night,  
Awaiting these glad Easter hours,  
To open their portals to the light,  
And waft unto hearts full of sadness  
Their sweet-scented message of love,  
And sing Hope's paeons of gladness,  
Blessed tokens of an Easter above.

In humanity's gloom-burdened hour,  
Hope sings its sweet triumphs anew;  
From the ashes of smouldering powers,  
New empires ever spring into view,  
On the shores of the tangible, real,  
Are the wrecks of things that are seen,  
In the hidden, deep regions ideal,  
Eternal sweet joys remain.

Behind us the ages are hoary,  
Night's curtains are being unfurled,  
Before, vast sky-beams of glory  
Shoot us from an unseen world,  
Yon brightness, in beauty adorning  
The sky in so brilliant array,  
Foreshadows the coming glad morning  
Of a glorious, eternal day.

old forth for the entire day, giving resume of the work done in all departments from the organization of the Church until now. Every number on the program was splendid, and would make interesting reading for the Advocate. Mrs. J. F. Chapman, who has the happy faculty of never seeing a preacher's faults, and who at the same time has a keen sense for all his virtues, read a pen sketch of all Hewitt's presiding elders and pastors; which for the sake of these dear brethren, not to mention personal gratification, I am going to offer to the Advocate for publication. Well, the exercises of that day will never be forgotten. Those who read the Advocate carefully know that the congregation at dear old Stanford's Chapel disbanded just before our last Annual Conference taking some of our best members clear out of the bounds of the charge, but leaving a noble residue, which has identified itself either at Hewitt or Spring Valley, and which has served to give added vitality at both of these points. Besides the dissolution of Stanford's Chapel, Horne's Chapel and South Bosque were also cut off and made the nucleus of a new work, leaving Hewitt and Spring Valley to stand alone. All this meant a loss of \$415 to the salaries of the charge. However much they were stunned by these losses, numerically, financially and socially, our people are rallying about the stewards in a noble effort to maintain the salary of preacher in charge and presiding elder at their former standing. To many a one this has meant "doubling up" in their offerings, but they are doing it cheerfully; and while the matter has not been quite settled, yet this scribe is confident it will. In fact, our people gave the presiding elder to understand before conference that it would be done, and they are a people who keep faith with their voluntary obligations. Heretofore, Spring Valley has only had one Sunday a month; now she has two and is splendid in her role. In spite of rain and mud we are going forward there in a very encouraging manner. Now to that initial "T." You see, dear reader, if the conference roll is called by districts, way down the list is Waco; and so my report is tardy and with my want of genius, or something else, I can't make it interesting in the light of glories before displayed; and so if the roll is taken alphabetically "T" also stands for tardy, and so it comes to the same in the end. Well, if this scratch misses the waste basket I will have had my chance at a bigger audience anyhow. If this letter seems long it is in part because it was written on a splendid roll top desk in a nice revolving chair in one of the nicest and "cutest" little studies to be found anywhere all fitted out and furnished by one of the best Junior Leagues in the Central Texas Conference. Hurrah for the Waco District with its noble galaxy of preachers and splendid presiding elder.—M. A. Turner, March 16.

**China Springs.**  
Our charge covers an extensive territory between the Bosque and Brazos Rivers and extending northward from China Springs at a focal point to Cayote, Coon Creek, Smith's Bend and Greenock all of which are more or less about eighteen miles from the hub. The gates and gaps through the breaks and passures are numerous and of no little discomfort when the weather is cold and roads or rather byways, are muddy. However, in spite of the cold and rain we have been very fortunate in meeting our appointments as we have missed only three during the winter, and one of them was due to smallpox. Our people are responsive to the truth of the gospel, and have manifested an interest in the preacher and his work, which I could hardly have hoped to gain under the very peculiar circumstances which we found the work. We have had good congregations when the weather is cold and roads. Our Sunday School work has been retarded by the many adverse conditions of weather during the winter. We have a well organized Sunday School here; Brother G. P. Harris is our superintendent and is doing good

**She Stayed In Bed**  
Ingram, Texas.—"Ever since I became a woman," writes Mrs. E. M. Evans, of this place, "I suffered from womanly troubles. Last fall, I got so bad, I had to stay in bed for nearly a week every month. Since I have taken Cardui, I feel better than I have for years." You can rely on Cardui. It acts on the womanly organs and helps the system to regain its normal state of health, in a natural way. Prepared especially for women, it prevents womanly pains by acting on the cause, and builds up womanly strength in a natural way. Purely vegetable. Mild, but certain in action. Try it.

work. The Teachers' Study Circle, composed of all the Sunday School teachers of our town, is quite a factor in our Sunday School work. It is my grateful privilege to act as teacher for the circle. Our Woman's Missionary Society is doing most excellent work. Wednesday evening of two weeks ago they gave a most interesting and instructive program to a large congregation. The addresses, all by home society women, were masterful and would be good reading for the readers of the Advocate. A few nights ago a great company of people visited the parsonage and after they left we took an inventory and found that they had left the largest collection of pantry supplies we have ever seen in a preacher's home. Many other expressions of temporal comforts have found their way to the parsonage during our short stay here, thus bringing us under more abiding obligations to supply the spiritual need of this people. We are using every endeavor to promote the kingdom through the great Church which we represent. It has served in the past as the greatest factor for the propagation of the gospel, and I am persuaded that we can best conserve the present and future in abiding faithful to the principles, doctrines and polity of our Church. Our people are appreciative of the Advocate and its great work. A very large majority of them are subscribers and read it from week to week. Last, but by no means least, our Junior Epworth League, under the supervision of Sister W. W. Edgar, cannot be surpassed by anything in the conference.—M. L. Lathan.

**Anderson.**  
Our reception was cordial and as usual with these Anderson people, they gave us a good pounding which lasted us for some time. We did not object to this kind of pounding and assure them that the parsonage door is always open to them whenever they wish to repeat it. The ladies at Fairview, finding that the preacher had no chickens, and feeling that it would not do for a Methodist preacher not to have some chickens, sent me in a dozen nice hens and Sister Tom McCune gave me a fine, full-blooded White Wyandotte cockerel. The stewards raised the pastor's salary twelve and one-half per cent. We have received two members into the Church and married three couples. I have started out to put the Advocate into every Methodist home in this charge. I have sent in eleven new subscribers and four renewals. We expect to get our collections. We have had two Quarterly Conferences. We are all delighted with Brother Shettles, our presiding elder. There is not a better one in the Texas Conference.—Robt. O. Wier.

**Vernon.**  
We are having a very delightful and prosperous year in Vernon. Our reception has been such as to make us feel at home from the very beginning. No sort of statement from this place would be complete without mention of those who have gone before us in this field. The names of Brothers Thornton, Duncan, Barnes and Moore are held in the highest love and esteem and their splendid work has made it possible for the present pastor to do some of the things he is doing now. We have one of the best Sunday Schools in the conference, under the superintendency of Brother L. G. Hawkins. It is our purpose to make it the best Sunday School in the conference this year. We have made improvements on the parsonage in the way of plumbing and city water, costing about \$175. About forty members have been received into the Church. A fine cork linoleum will soon be on the church floor and a plan is on foot to purchase a piano for the church. Last but not least, the \$12,000 church debt has been raised. Now it seems that the impression has gone forth that the pastor and presiding elder and the good people of Vernon were not able to cope with the church debt; that the Church was in jeopardy and that we had about given up hope. Now in justice to those on the ground we feel that the plain facts in the matter should be given. The pastor with his people had gone carefully over the matter, canvassing carefully just what each one should give in order to meet the debt. We decided to find ten men who would share equally among themselves one-half the Church debt. Seven of these had been found and one other conditionally. In addition to this \$1887.50 had been secured in smaller subscriptions. Committees had been appointed and definite work had been given to each one. With this challenge we were just ready to go before the Church to secure the remaining \$5300 on the debt. At this point, the District Educational Commissioner, with Dr. Boaz and Rev. J. D. Young, met in Vernon. After the meeting a canvass

was made by Dr. Boaz and Brother Young, assisted by the presiding elder and pastor, in the interest of Southern Methodist University; but on account of the local Church debt not a dollar was secured. At the suggestion of the presiding elder, J. G. Miller, it was agreed to devote the next day, Saturday, to raising the balance on the church debt. Word was quickly passed around and the next morning Dr. Boaz, the presiding elder and pastor, assisted by the two committees already formed, and others, took the plans already outlined by the pastor and brought the matter practically to a conclusion. Following this the presiding elder and pastor assisted Dr. Boaz in securing a subscription to S. M. U., amounting to \$334.5, of which the presiding elder and pastors of Vernon Station and Vernon Circuit gave \$1295. We appreciate with all our hearts the work that was done by our visiting brethren, but we do not think it should be construed into a reflection upon those already on the field. We begin our revival campaign April 13, and are praying and trusting that God will honor our efforts by saving many souls.—A. W. Hall.

**Sulphur Springs.**  
Thinking that a few lines from Sulphur Springs might be read with some interest by some one somewhere, I have decided to do an unusual thing—write for the Advocate. I never had a pastoral charge that I did not think was the very best one in the conference for me. This one is not an exception in that regard. We have been kindly received and have plenty to do. Our congregations inspire us to do our very best. I need not tell the brethren who know me that I am enjoying sleeping in my own bed and putting my toes in my own ashes after having spent four years on a district. I found that Rev. J. A. Old, my predecessor, had left things in good shape for me. I expected nothing less of him. He was licensed to preach in my pastoral charge and is "my son in the gospel." I told him when he got so he could beat me preaching I would quit, but I know of nothing I could do, so will ask the Church to continue me at least this year. The fact of Brother Old's coming in contact with me is, I think a providential circumstance greatly in his favor. Now what I so much feared has come to pass. I am beginning to brag on myself and write "Just One Thing After Another." We had our Quarterly Conference last night. It was one of the best I ever attended. The pastor is paid to date. The assessments for Foreign Missions and Orphanage paid. The church debt has also been paid. The Sunday School paid specials for missions, Orphanage and Southern Methodist University the past quarter. Brother F. O. Miller was here during the past quarter and secured a nice sum for our Superannuate Holmes. My presiding elder, knowing how I would enjoy an outing of that kind sent me to Sulphur Bluff to one of his Quarterly Conferences. I am not so sure that I presided with his usual dignity or preached with "power or acceptability," but I am sure I did full justice to the dinner on the ground, and enjoyed the rest when I got home. Brother Glanville, at Sulphur Bluff, is doing nicely, and the people are very fond of him. Brother Hicks, our beloved, is making good.—J. R. Gober.

**Normangee.**  
We were appointed to labor with the good people of this charge by Bishop E. D. Mouzon at the last session of the Texas Conference. We reached the field of labor in due time and were received with a warmth and welcome that is peculiar to Methodist people and were made to feel at home at once and that we were among friends. There was no parsonage on the work, so a house was rented and furnished, and in a few days we were comfortably set up to housekeeping. As I write these lines the sound of the carpenter's hammers falls upon my ears as they are building a nice new parsonage. This will be a credit to our town and will solve some problems for the Church here. Since we came on the work we have taken up where our predecessor, J. W. Treadwell, left off, and have installed nice five-ply oak pews in the church here and have raised a debt of \$190 on the house. We have completed the North Zulch Church and have finished the church at Iola, which will be dedicated the second Sunday in April by Dr. G. C. Rankin. We have had a good increase in membership, and have baptized a number of babies. We have placed the Texas Christian Advocate in fifteen homes and have resolved on placing the Advocate in every home of our people. We have also placed many good books in the homes of our people. The people have responded most graciously and have treated us as ambassadors of the

# Wash Fabrics For Spring

A few years ago the eye was greeted by glaring, unsoftened colors. Today we see delicate, harmonious blendings. Yes, the Bulgarian colors are unsoftened, but they are daringly used and the designs are specially suited to the dashing tones—that makes a difference. Here are some of the prettiest of the new creations:

- Luna Lawn, a sheer fabric, substitute for linen, yard wide, regular price 25c a yard; special price 19c
- Silk Crepes in Solid Colors, one of our most popular sellers, regular price \$1.00 per yard; specially priced at 79c
- Embroidered White Batiste Stripes with small embroidered dots, 27 inches wide; our regular 75c grade, special at 59c
- The regular \$1.25 grade, special at 90c
- White Voile, all-over embroidered styles for waists or dresses, regular price \$2.50; special price \$1.85
- White Dress Linens, any weight desired, in either Shirt Waist Linen, Sheer Lawn or Linen Cambric:
  - Any regular 50c grade, special at 39c
  - Any regular 60c and 65c grades at 40c
  - Any regular 75c grade, special at 59c
- Natural Color Brown Dress Linen, 36 inches wide, 25c leader, 19c
- Renfrew Devonshire Cloth, for women's or children's wash dresses, wide range of patterns, regular price 18c; special for 15c
- Fine quality Bookfold Shirting, in white grounds with neat figures and stripes, assorted colors, regular price 35c; special 25c
- Imported Scotch Gingham and Madras, very extensive line of patterns to select from, our regular 25c line; special at 19c
- Lorraine Egyptian Tissue, good line of patterns, regular price 25c per yard; specially priced at 19c
- Lux Linen, imported, linen finish white cotton suiting, a substitute for linen at less than half the price, yard wide, regular price 25c per yard; specially priced at 16 1/2c

**WRITE FOR SAMPLES**  
**SANGER BROS. Dallas Texas**

Most High. The formal 'pounding came in order and is still coming in daily. We appreciate these tokens of love. The assessment for the support of the ministry was increased over that of last year. The Sunday Schools are doing good work. Our school at Normangee is a fine one, with eight classes, some of which are organized. Our W. H. M. Society is the best I have ever seen for the number of opportunities. The Normangee Methodist ladies are faithful and true. They deserve much credit and praise for their labors. Dr. I. F. Betts has held our second Quarterly Conference and has proved himself to be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." His sermons are clear, direct and pointed. He is a business man of unusual ability. Brethren pray that we may be used of the Lord in our work for the promotion of his kingdom. This is our desire.—R. H. Lewelling.

**New Braunfels.**  
At last, A New Braunfels Methodist Church! It is written, "According to your faith be it done unto you." Not in vain did we trust in God, in the Church, in our friends. In the realization of our vision we forget our trials and tribulations. "God is good and his mercy endureth forever!" On January 26, we had our first service in the new church. Bishop E. D. Mouzon preached the opening sermon. It was a great day. Our citizens, in spite of the continued rain, turned out well to hear the Bishop and to examine the new church. Everybody left with a higher and nobler outlook upon life and well pleased with the way the money had been spent. Sitting there in the new church, listening to the Bishop's inspired words, we could hardly realize that this handsome little church was indeed ours. And may the Holy Spirit make it his abiding place! We've had two reasonably well attended services every Sunday since the opening. Also a Sunday School of thirty-eight scholars has, like a mushroom over night, grown up in our midst. Better things are yet to come. If we only do our part God always does his. Since I cannot be in New Braunfels every Sunday, Brother Sterling Fisher, of San Marcos, has agreed to fill my pulpit every third Sunday. He has been here once, but nevertheless he has already gained the hearts of all who came in touch with him. Our people slowly begin to see that there is more in Methodism than just prohibition. This property, when finished, including the building site, will be well worth \$12,000. \$2500 is lacking yet. \$400 is due now. If only the brethren would send in their subscriptions we could easily meet this note. All the little money we can raise among ourselves is swallowed up by the running expenses. Again we wish to thank our brethren whose kindness has made this enterprise possible. Some of the brethren said that the inscription on my tombstone would doubtless be, "And the beggar died." I do not care, if only the rest of that text comes true. But

since I am not ready for a tombstone yet, I'll beg a while longer. What would you do in my place? Although we now have the building, yet debts, like angry clouds, hang over it. Bishop Mouzon has kindly consented to dedicate the church for us this summer, provided satisfactory provisions for debts have been made. The date will be made known in the Advocate. Everybody is cordially invited.—H. O. Launch.

**Winnsboro.**  
By the annual whirl of the conference wheel we were lifted up from the Nash Circuit and put down on the Winnsboro Circuit. Here, as elsewhere, we find a noble people and a prospect for one of the best circuits in the Texas Conference. We found a big parsonage debt on us, but by the help of the Lord and these good people we are about to get it paid off, and then we will soon have a parsonage that would be an honor to any circuit; and a home good enough for any preacher. Our first Quarterly Conference is now a thing of the past. Our beloved presiding elder, O. T. Hetchkiss, was on hand and preached us three soul-stirring sermons to the delight and satisfaction of all. He is, we think, a presiding elder indeed. He believes in doing things and knows how to do them. The brethren raised the preacher's salary one hundred (\$100) dollars over last year. We are also planning for a new church at Newsome, we have about secured a lot on which to build soon a several thousand dollar church. Newsome is a fast coming little town on the M. K. & T. Railroad about half way between Winnsboro and Pittsburg in Camp County. We have increased subscriptions to the Advocate about one-third since conference. We are hopeful of a good year planning, praying and working for a great revival on all lines. Now, as to poundings, they are coming all the time.—J. H. Westmoreland.

**Troup.**  
Last Sunday night there came to a close the greatest revival meeting that Troup has ever experienced. Evangelist Coale did the preaching and Robert E. Huston conducted the music. Coale did some of the finest preaching to which I ever listened. He was at his best. The spiritual narrowness with which some of the people here were sorely afflicted was broken up and the different Churches cooperated in the meeting as they have never been known to do before. There were about two hundred and twenty conversions and about fifty per cent of them have gone into the different Churches of the town. Our Church received forty-four, making fifty-seven that I have received this year. I had Coale with me last year. He suits me. His sermons build up the people in the faith, makes everybody glad that they are Methodists and others sorry that they are not. He ties the people to their Church.

## Devotional ▲ Spiritual

### THOUGHTS FOR THE THOUGHTFUL EASTERTIDE.

O Death, thy victory is only seeming!  
O Grave, thy sting but ends earth's  
pains and strife!  
Through them all souls at last to Thee  
are coming,  
Who art the Resurrection and the  
Life.

—Helen E. Starrett.

I feel my immortality o'er sweep all  
joins, all tears, all time, all fears and  
peal into my ears this truth—thou  
livest forever.—Byron.

Death is as sweet as the flowers  
are. It is as blessed as a bird singing  
in spring. I never hear of the  
death of any one that is ready to die  
that my heart does not sing like a  
harp. I am sorry for those who are  
left behind, but not for those who  
are gone before.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Hallelujah! Yesterday three grim  
spectres held the world in thrall! To-  
day they flee like frightened shadows!  
Yesterday Sin leaped the soul with fet-  
ters forced in utter darkness; today  
its power is broken, and the feeblest  
of the sons of men may cry, each one  
for himself: "In the name of Jesus  
Christ of Nazareth, I defy thee!" Yes-  
terday suffering hung the world in  
sackcloth; today it knocks at the  
door as God's tenderest messenger,  
brimming all sweet and patient  
heroisms in its train! Yesterday the gates  
of Death shut us into the prison of  
mortality; today they are flung from  
their hinges and beautiful as God!  
—Rev. G. W. Briggs, D. D.

He liveth. He was dead; he is alive  
forevermore! Oh, that everything  
dead and formal might go out of our  
creed, out of our life, out of our heart  
today! He is alive! Do you believe  
it? What are you dreary for, O mourn-  
ers? What are you hesitating for, O  
workers? What are you fearing death  
for, O men? Oh, if we could only lift  
up our heads and live with Him; live  
new lives, high lives, lives of hope  
and love and holiness, to which death  
should be nothing but the "breaking  
away of the last cloud," and the letting  
of life out to its court!—Phillips  
Brooks.

Just as there is no death in nature,  
but only transition, so in our lives that  
which seems to be death is only  
change, only progress, only the putting  
on of new strength in another and dif-  
ferent sphere. Year by year, as Easter  
returns to the Christian, there is new  
joy of feeling that because Christ is  
forever in a land where there is no  
sorrow, in a land where there are no  
tears, in a land where there is no  
death.—Christian Intelligencer.

To every seed belongs its own body  
To the wheat, wheat, and to each seed  
after its kind. Although the body is  
wonderfully above the seed that was  
sown, yet it bears an exact relation to  
it. If we take pains to plant the right  
seed we may be sure of what to ex-  
pect. We want wheat, so we plant a  
wheat seed.

It seems clear that a pure spirit  
will arise from the seed of a pure  
body, and a loving spirit from the seed  
of a loving body. If the body we sor-  
rowfully put aside has been one full  
of charity, helpful, kindly, and eager  
to speak tender, pitying words—one  
that has thought no evil, and has be-  
lieved all things, and hoped all things,  
and endured all things—can anyone  
doubt what should come of such a  
seed-planting? The natural comes first,  
and after that the spiritual. But  
"as is the natural, so is the spiritual." It  
is far more glorious, but, after all—  
the same!

So we may bring Easter with its  
powerful deep meaning into the life  
of every day. How? By teaching our-  
selves to comprehend the truth that  
while we live this human life, and de-  
velop this natural body, it is not  
alone the natural body we are creat-  
ing, but the seed of the spiritual body  
which is to come after.—Harper's Bazar.

Out of the shadow of earth's sin and  
death we lift our hearts in praise to  
Thee, O God, for the glad tidings of  
the risen Christ! Blessed be Thou  
who hast given Thy best beloved for  
the redemption of the world! Into our  
darkness Thou hast sent Thy light—  
the light of everlasting love in the  
face of Jesus Christ. So guide our  
hearts and minds by the indwelling of  
Thy Spirit that we may henceforth  
reckon ourselves to be dead to sin, but  
alive unto God through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Make every day of earth's  
experience a step toward the eternal

hope. Lighten every sorrow by com-  
fort of Thy presence and assurance of  
the unchanging purpose of Thy love.  
In place of restless cravings, unsat-  
isfied ambitions, jealous tears, comfort  
out hearts with Thine unchanging  
peace. Give steadfast confidence in  
trial, cheerful thoughts in gloomy  
days, the joy of pardoned sin, the vic-  
tory of faith which overcomes the  
world, that we may do our part in  
service to our fellowmen with patient  
ministry of loving kindness. And to  
our risen and ascended Lord, whose  
presence is the joy of the redeemed  
in heaven and earth, be glory ever-  
more. Amen!—Congregationalist.

Look, Mary! Look, Salome!  
The stone is rolled away!  
The sun upsprings on glorious wings,  
And heaven is filled with day!  
Its glad waves flood the garden.  
Its glory quells the gloom;  
Death's night is fled; your tears are  
shed beside an empty tomb.

O Mary, O Salome,  
Uplift those weary eyes!  
For angels stand on either hand, in  
white and radiant guise,  
He is not here—but risen!  
Our Life hath conquered death,  
Turn and behold, That voice of old—  
"Mary!" the Master saith,  
—Caroline Leslie Field.

You find yourself refreshed by the  
presence of cheerful people; why not  
make earnest efforts to confer that  
pleasure on others? You will find  
half the battle is gained if you will  
never allow yourself to say anything  
gloomy.—Lydia M. Child.

"IN HIM WAS LIFE."

The world is full of life. We see it  
everywhere, in the springing grass,  
the flying fowl, the sporting fishes,  
and the vast variety of moving crea-  
tures which inhabit the earth. But  
nowhere do we see such a fountain of  
life as in Jesus. There was life in his  
touch. He took the dead by the hand,  
and currents of life which had ceased  
to flow became warm and active. He  
touched the leper, and immediately  
his leprosy was cleansed.

There was life in his word. He said:  
"The words that I speak unto you,  
they are spirit and they are life." At  
the grave of Lazarus he cried with a  
loud voice, saying, "Lazarus, come  
forth!" and he that was dead came  
forth.

There was life in his flesh and blood.  
Jesus said, "Except ye eat the flesh of  
the Son of God, and drink his blood,  
ye have no life in you." He gave his  
flesh and blood for the life of the  
world. It was his death that saved  
the world. His own illustration of the  
benefit of his death was this: "Except  
a corn of wheat shall fall into the  
ground, and die, it abideth alone; but  
if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

The life which Jesus gives is not  
mere physical life. It is not the life  
of worldly comfort. It is spiritual  
and everlasting life. "The water that  
I shall give him shall be in him a well  
of water springing up unto everlasting  
life."

So full of life was Jesus that the  
grave could not hold him. "It was not  
possible that he should be holden of  
it." His resurrection is the demon-  
stration of the declaration that "in  
him was life." He passed through the  
grave, and came up unharmed. He  
humbled himself and became obedient  
unto death that he might travel all  
the length of the road marked out for  
man on the earth. From first to last  
nothing could hinder or defeat him.  
He lives who once was dead, and be-  
cause he lives we shall live also.—  
Exchange.

### THE EASTER GOSPEL.

The Easter Gospel announces the  
perfecting of everything that deserves  
to be perfected. As Christ rose again,  
so Christ's people are never to die.  
True love and holy friendship,  
and all relationships which had on  
them the Father's benediction, shall  
and must abide. And therefore they  
who were one in Christ here, and now  
are parted for a little while, shall  
meet again, and be one in Christ for-  
ever. Holy Christian love is one of  
those forces which no power above or  
below can dissolve. And if we know  
that we shall meet the Lord hereafter,  
so we know that we shall meet again  
those whom we believe to be with him  
now. And there also shall every true  
and right desire and longing of the  
heart be more than satisfied; and  
chiefly those which in this world God  
thought it best to deny. And all the  
powers which some envious fate or  
unprofitable destiny kept in abeyance  
here, shall then find the development  
to which they are sure, sooner or later,

to come. All that deserves to be per-  
fected shall be perfect through suf-  
fering.—Morgan Dix, D. D.

### FIRST-FRUITS OF THE CRUCI- FIXION.

In view of the treatment our Lord  
received from his disciples, when, like  
frightened deer, they all forsook him  
and fled as though he were some base  
criminal suddenly brought to justice,  
it is remarkable what splendid testi-  
mony came from least-suspected quar-  
ters during the last moments of his  
blessed life. Human sympathy he  
sorely needed. When it failed in those  
he loved, there arose two dauntless  
spirits to stand sponsor for him. One  
has for all time retrieved his charac-  
ter as a malefactor by confessing  
openly to his companion in guilt, and  
to all within hearing, and to us also  
who gladly read the record, that "this  
man hath done nothing amiss."

The other testimony came from one  
of an alien race, yet whose keen per-  
ception and ready resourcefulness had  
already qualified him for a responsible  
command in the Roman army, and on  
whom devolved the painful duty of  
superintending the crucifixion. No  
uncompromising bigot, no bitter parti-  
san he. This faithful officer was quick  
to recognize in the patient, forgiving  
demeanor of the humble Jew upon the  
cross before him one who met all the  
requirements that he looked for in a  
good man, for he straightway glorified  
God, saying, certainly this was a  
righteous man. And his conviction  
thus publicly declared, impressed  
those who were with him, till both  
he and they made the frank admission,  
"Truly this was the Son of God."

The dying thief and the Roman cen-  
turion—widely separated in position,  
yet one in faith—were the first-fruits  
in the fulfillment of our Lord's proph-  
ecy, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all  
men unto me."—J. N. S.

## For Old and Young

### GETHEMSEMANE.

By the Rev. J. C. Booth.

'Tis midnight, and the air is still,  
While at the foot of Olivet's hill  
A man in agony I see,  
Praying in Gethsemane.

'Tis midnight; darkness, as the tomb,  
Has decked the earth in sable gloom,  
But there a Prophet stands for me,  
Praying in Gethsemane.

'Tis midnight; nature lies asleep,  
A prostrate form doth wail and weep;  
The great High Priest is there for  
me,  
Pleading in Gethsemane.

'Tis midnight; powers of hell have  
met,  
The wrestler writhes in bloody sweat;  
A great, colossal King I see  
Conquering in Gethsemane.

'Twas midnight; now the glowing sun  
Smiles on the field of battle won;  
Almighty God, for you and me,  
Triumphs in Gethsemane.

### WHERE MY LILIES BLOOMED.

N. A. M. Roe.

I had heard of Molly Bentdouble,  
One of the children in my mission  
class told me of her.

"What a strange name!" I exclaimed.

"Oh, that ain't her name truly—it's  
just Mollie Bent; but, you see, she's  
all doubled up in her back, and so  
we always call her Molly Bentdouble.  
We think it's so funny her name is  
Bent," and the child laughed at the  
joke.

"Where does she live?" I inquired.

"Oh, down in Pizen Alley!" at least  
six voices hastened to inform me.

That was a place I had never heard  
of, for I was new to the city and had  
not learned either about its West  
End or about its slums. I asked  
where it was. Nobody spoke. Evidently  
they thought I could never  
and it, for at last one said: "I could  
take you right to it, but I couldn't  
never tell you so't you could get any-  
where near it."

I found them all more interested in  
Molly Bentdouble than in anything I  
could say about the Judean kings,  
which was the lesson for the day, so  
I closed the book and listened to the  
story of Molly as told me by all the  
class, for each one had something im-  
portant to say of her.

"I ken tell you jest how to go, an'  
Molly'd be wonderful glad to see you,  
teacher. She don't hev nobody, on't  
we go up sometimes, but it's awful in  
her room. She don't hev nothin'."

"She jes' wishes an' wishes she hed  
somin' ter look at."

"Yes, an' I kerried her a piece o'  
silk weth a rose-bud onto it, and she  
looked at it ser much thet it wuz thet  
dirty ye couldn't tell where the bud  
was."

"It's dark in her room," interposed  
one.

"Yes awful dark, an' her mar she  
took it and washed it, an' the bud  
come out. Jest pasted on, I guess,  
Molly cried awful."

"She's twisted so you can't make  
her straight noway you look at her."

"What made her so?" I asked.

Several hastened to tell me the  
dreadful story.

"She was goin' upstairs one day,  
an' the waz er man comin' down, an'  
he was full—"

"Full er rum," said one, seeing my  
wondering face.

"Yes, an' he jes' took her an' fired  
her down them stairs, an' then he  
luffed till somebody com an' got her,  
an' he couldn't hardly stan' up, an'  
they took him off to the court an' she  
him up."

"Molly most died!" said one.

"The doctor couldn't fix her," said  
another.

"She won't never walk no more."

"Her mar felt awful."

"She couldn't do a thing but cry."

"The' was fourteen steps, an' she  
went most way from the top."

"The coal man picked her up!"—

"An' she was dead."

"When they brought her to life  
she groaned awful."

There was horror on every face,  
and I know mine reflected it all, for  
the picture was vividly spread before  
me. Poor Molly Bent, so quickly hurled  
from health and strength to utter  
helplessness! I was anxious to go  
and see her, and one of the girls of-  
fered to pilot me to her room. I  
gladly accepted her offer, and next  
day found me in the vicinity of "Pizen  
Alley," as she called the narrow aisle  
down which Molly lived. Della Hart  
took my hand and we went through so  
many winding streets, and between  
such high, rickety houses, that I in-  
stinctively looked up in fear lest they  
topple over and crush us, and I won-  
dered no longer that she thought I  
could never find the way alone. "Pizen  
Alley" was the stopping place of many  
French families, and just at its en-  
trance was a fish market, with a  
swinging sign on which a monstrous  
fish was painted and the "Poisson,"  
which is the French for fish. From  
this it came to be called Poisson, and  
later Pizen Alley.

At the farther end, up five flights of  
stairs, all narrow and dark, I climbed,  
with my little guide leading the way.  
Before we ascended the last flight, I  
had to stop and breathe. It seemed  
as if I never could get up if it was  
much farther.

"Now you stay right here till you  
catch it, and I'll tell Molly you're a-  
comin'. Molly!" she shouted. "Molly,  
Molly Bentdouble, the teacher's a-comin',  
the teacher's a-comin'! She's  
lost 'er breath, but she's a-comin', an'  
she's fine, I tell ye! It'll rest ye jes'  
ter look at her."

So I heard the child all the way up,  
until a door opened with a dismal  
squeak, and then Della came to help  
me find my way through the darkness.  
There, in a tiny attic room where the  
roof sloped down to the floor on either  
side, we found Molly Bent. A ray  
from the window showed me Molly's  
room, and in a moment I stood by her  
side and held her hand in mine, while  
Della brought me a stool to sit upon.

The face upon the pillow fascinated  
me. It was dark, with black hair sur-  
rounding it. The eyes were black, and  
looked out from the pallid face as I  
think the eyes of ghosts must look out  
from the mist of disembodiment. I  
kissed the child, and my tears dropped  
on her face.

"Della kisses me an' cries. She  
does that every night," she said, with  
a smile that was lost in a spasm of  
pain.

"Does it pinch you much today,  
Molly?" inquired Della, pityingly.

"The's ben five big white clouds go  
over, jes' as soft. They sorter float  
me away, an' I don't feel so awful."

I could not stay. I must get away  
and do something. I knew not what.

"What can I do for you, Molly?"

"If I could hev somethin' ter look at  
right there," and she pointed to a  
place on the sloping rafters. "The  
sun comes there for a spell every day,  
and if I could hev somethin' besides  
them rafters, 'd be able to bear it  
better."

"You shall have something, you  
poor child," I said. And when we  
came away she thanked me so sweetly  
that I cried again.

Two coats of whitewash made the  
room so much lighter that I thought  
Molly improved in appearance. Then  
I brought by painting materials, and  
with a can of kalsomine to make a  
foundation, I went to work. Molly  
lay on her bed and watched me, now



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and then a groan escaping her, which  
made me drop my brush and hurry  
to her side, only to find a wan smile  
on her face and hear the words:  
"Don't stop, it don't hurt now," and  
back I would go to my colors.

The window with its four tiny  
panes of glass was the center of my  
work. On one side I made a tall Eas-  
ter lily and as I painted leaves and  
buds and blossoms I told her of its  
significance. I gave her the history of  
our Lord in simple words, and she  
listened as if it had been a wonder  
tale, as indeed it is for us all. What  
was going on in Molly's room was  
told in the block, and every day I had  
children big and little mothers old  
and young, and one day the old Ger-  
man clockmaker came in to watch the  
fraulein work. I tried to talk uncon-  
sciously, but I could not help thinking  
how poor were my words to express  
what I felt. I made two panels, sur-  
rounded with lily blooms, and in one  
I hung a small picture of "Christ in  
the Temple," and in the other one of  
the "Ascension." I thought first of  
the Crucifixion, but here was a cruci-  
fixion already before me in the body  
of the paint-tortured child, and I must  
have something to lead her mind to  
the beyond. Twice a week I went and  
worked, and then when I had finished  
and there was something for her to  
look at, she made a request.

"Couldn't ye come Sunday and tell  
us things? The boys is mostly here  
then, an' Tim, he axed me if I didn't  
know any more 'bout that man what  
was killed."

So I go Sundays, and in Molly's at-  
tic room we talk, and I have an eager  
audience. The policeman who used to  
spend his Sundays watching Pizen  
Alley tells me he never knew it to  
be quiet for so long, and the arrests  
are fewer than formerly. The lilies  
still bloom on the wall, the boy Christ  
still argues with the doctors, and the  
radiant risen Christ still looks down  
in that tiny room on Molly, suffering  
and spent. Before another Easter  
she will be where fadeless lilies  
bloom; but by her efforts she has  
taught the children of the block the  
lesson of the lilies.  
Worcester, Mass.

### CISCO DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

Section two of the Cisco District  
Missionary Institute was held at  
Thurber February 23-26, 1913.

Presiding Elder C. E. Lindsey had  
prepared an excellent program cover-  
ing many important phases of the  
work. The following pastors were  
present and took part on the program:  
K. P. Barton, J. Frank Luker, F. Ben-  
nett, J. D. Ramsey, W. F. Singley, C.  
E. Simpson, M. D. Council, E. M. Wis-  
dom and J. H. Baldrige.

Misses Wood and Mitchell, deacon-  
ess and city missionary, respectively,  
at Thurber, were present and spoke  
interestingly of their work.

Brother J. R. Rice, a layman from  
the Gordon charge, made a very prac-  
tical talk on the work of the Sunday  
School superintendent.

Sermons were preached during the  
Institute by K. P. Barton, J. Frank  
Luker and the writer.

A message of sympathy was sent to  
Brother E. R. Patterson, of Ranger,  
who was absent on account of the  
serious illness of his wife.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

In this issue we print an article from R. C. Boulware which is unique in its peculiarities of style, in the fact that it evidently comes from a man who through no fault of his own is still unmarried, and in that it criticises this editor and even shies a missile at the head of good Dr. Rankin. Well, variety is the spice of life, and there are times when our Sunday school work stands in sore need of spice, or even red pepper.

Brother Boulware is correct in supposing that we would not call a degenerate Sunday school a pup. There is nothing in common between a Sunday school and a pup, and that is why we object to allowing a Sunday school to become "dog-eared." Dog ears are in the right place on pups, but they are very much out of place on the song books, literature and general make-up of a Sunday school.

But Brother Boulware errs in supposing that we would use such language as this to a delinquent superintendent: "Brother, you are lagging somewhat. You do not have as many appurtenances across here in the region about Jericho as we have in Jerusalem, to learn us how to run modern Sunday schools; and somehow these men whom our Church appoints and commissions to visit the needy schools and instruct them had rather stay close to the railroads and the seashore." We might advise the Jericho superintendent to take a Sunday off and visit the school at Jerusalem to see what helpful suggestions he could get for his own school. We should certainly advise him to get a good book or two on Sunday school management and read them after he got them. We would also urge him to attend as many Sunday school institutes and conventions as possible. But we would not talk to him much of "appurtenances." We wrote of "Dog-eared Sunday Schools," because the term is descriptive and because it would cause readers to sit up and take notice as a more elegant term would not. Brother Boulware's article shows that we were correct. It is sometimes well to sacrifice elegance for the sake of force.

Brother Boulware's statement that "men whom our Church appoints and commissions to go to the needy Sunday schools and instruct them, had rather stay close to the railroads and seashores," is a declaration that is not justified by facts. In the first place our Church has not now a single paid Sunday school worker in the State of Texas. Our Church never has made adequate provision for the support of such workers. In other years such men as Field and Hawkins and Oxley and Bonner and Hightower and Nance, went where they were invited, without counting the cost or inconvenience of the trip. We think the same statement may be truly made of the workers of the International Sunday School Association. We do not know a single individual engaged in Sunday school field work who could not earn a larger income at something else. Therefore they are not in the work for ease or money. But there are not enough such workers to visit every school, hence they very wisely confine themselves to centers of influence. Is it any further from Bro. Boulware's church to the railroad than it is from the railroad to Bro. Boulware's church? And, after all, might it not be as convenient and more economical as to time and expense for Bro. Boulware and his teachers to attend an institute on the railroad than for the field worker to leave the rapid transit of the railroad and spend several days of valuable time in order to help the workers of one small school? But, if Bro. Boulware, or any other superintendent, really wants some one to come and help his Sunday school, let him make his wants known to the Chairman of his Conference Sunday School Board, and we dare say they will be supplied.

## WESLEY INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR CLASSES.

From time to time recently we have called attention to the fact that our Sunday School Board has perfected arrangements for the organization of Senior and Intermediate classes on the general plan of the Wesley Adult class. This is a further attempt to utilize in our Sunday school work the social instinct that is now everywhere recognized as a very useful adjunct in education. In the Sunday School Visitor of March 9, Dr. Bulla publishes a list of classes already or-

ganized under this new department. Texas is represented as follows: Willing Workers, Harlingen, Mrs. Frank Molloy, Teacher; Busy Workers, Brazos Ave., Cleburne, Mrs. G. B. Dunlap, Teacher; Rays of Sunshine, Bay City, Mrs. Paris Smith, Teacher; Always Ready, Morrow Street, Waco, J. G. Smith, Teacher; Wesley, Sulphur Springs, Mrs. C. J. Parchman, Teacher. We congratulate these five classes and teachers, but what are they among the hundreds of such classes whose interest and profit would be doubled if they were organized and put to work instead of merely meeting once a week to recite a lesson or kill time. Teacher, your class deserves the best and you are the key to the situation.

## THIS AND THAT.

I read in our Sunday School department many things that do me good from head to heel. To meditate upon them as I tread the lonely pathway in making or not making a living, I can tidy my room, make my beds, wash dishes, dust the kitchen, with a great deal more ease when I am ruminating on some thought gleaned from our Sunday school page. I can even get the dead briars from my Kilgore berries and have their cruel thorns lacerate my ears and nose and still keep my mind and tongue normal by some good thought dished out by this department. Then, on Sunday, I can go into my Sunday school on the wings of inspiration and have to ask myself the question, "Is this me, or is it not me, or is it our Sunday school department?" But I see other articles that cannot do good, and when good cannot be done, there is danger. I have in my mind an editorial of February 20, "The Dog-Eared Sunday School." If our good editor should visit a Sunday school having all the accessories and ingredients mentioned in that article, I wonder if he would frankly tell the "dog-eared" superintendent that he was the head of a full-blooded pup? No, he would say, "Brother, you are lagging somewhat. You do not have as many appurtenances across here in the region about Jericho as we have over in Jerusalem to learn us how to run a modern Sunday school, and somehow these men whom our Church appoints and commissions to go to the needy school and instruct them, had rather stay close to the railroads and seashores." Several years ago I read a reputed dialogue between Piamingo and the "Old Boy." The "Old Boy" said he wanted it understood that a great many sins were laid to him of which he was not guilty, and, continuing, said that when a man is ugly, mean, lop-eared, etc., people say, "he is as ugly, mean and lop-eared as the devil," and that he did not have time to waste with the trifles of this world. Now, if such names do not come from good and are unclaimed by evil, cast them aside and employ our minds and space with the thoughts and reading that have a tendency to brighten and strengthen the links of the golden chain that binds man to man and earth to Heaven. It is the bit dog usually that howls, but not so in my case. We have a beautiful country church, good song books, an organist who has "the leaven of the Kingdom" in her heart, eight teachers consecrated to God, and of that number six are ladies. I often wonder how the ladies stay in and work in the different departments of our great Church when everything they wear, even to their hat pins, is criticised by the great secular and religious press of civilization. It made my heart bleed when I saw the great and good Dr. Rankin agree with those fellows. The whole bunch ought to be shot with a cannon loaded with barrets, jabots, "redding-goats," and a big wad of the latest Helen Taft sleeve patterns. R. C. BOULWARE, Elysian Fields, Texas.

I wonder if our Methodist Church, South, has many Sunday school similar to this. Remember that this is in a native Church of two hundred and twenty-five members in a missionary field. But the best of all is that some of the teachers who have been trained in this school are applying the same methods in other schools with similar results. The good work is spreading, and no one can tell how far it will reach.

teen officers and teachers. It is furnished with our Spanish Sunday school literature, the growth of which was described in the last number of the Visitor. This is a good example of a Church in which the Sunday school outnumbers the Church membership. A most attractive feature is that it is full of life from the superintendent down to the smallest scholar. The school is organized into a missionary society, and devotes the collection of the first Sunday of each month to missions. The members have accepted unanimously the plan to keep up the active work through every Sunday of the year, and they succeed by appointing one class every Sunday to direct a special effort on the following Sunday in all departments of the work, especially those of attendance, collection, and new members. In this way some one class is doing extraordinary work every Sunday. Other classes are eager to see the results, and thus a class spirit has been promoted which keeps the enthusiasm at a very high mark. This plan has been used for more than ten years, and the results testify to its success. I have seen a class of children bring in as much as forty dollars in one Sunday. This inspires every other class to attempt a similar work. The school has adopted the plan of never allowing the collection to drop below ten dollars. When for some reason or other the collection of one Sunday does not reach that amount by the time all classes come together, they go back for an extra collection till the minimum amount is secured. But this is seldom necessary, for the collection is nearly always above ten dollars. When we remember that the majority of the members of that Sunday school belong to families which are supported on wages, and that these wages are about one-half or one-third of what they are in this country, we may well appreciate the generosity of these offerings.

But the general condition of the school is also worth knowing. The average attendance is about one hundred and eighty. Not long ago I had a letter from the superintendent in which he said: "Attendance last Sunday was one hundred and ninety-seven, and the previous Sunday it was one hundred and eighty-five. Class No. 6 (little children) had a collection last Sunday of eleven dollars and seventy-five cents." I received another letter after that in which the superintendent said: "Our Sunday school had one hundred and eighty present last Sunday and we had nineteen dollars collection."

(Editor's Note.—Can anyone question the appropriations made to our mission schools from the fund which our Children's Day services provide, when such results follow as are seen in the above article?)—Sunday School Visitor.

ORDERING SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE. The Sunday School Editor has nothing to do with publishing and mailing the Sunday school literature; but because he is closely connected with the literature, complaints that should go to the publishing agents are frequently sent to him. Among these complaints none is more common than that schools do not receive their literature in time for distribution a week in advance of the time it is to be used. We do not undertake to say that the mailing department is never at fault. Considering the vast quantity of matter that is sent out from the Publishing House, it is scarcely to be expected that occasional mistakes shall not be made. But when specific complaints have come to us, we have in every case found upon investigation that the fault was with the school and not with the House.

To make sure that orders shall be received on time, they should be sent in at least three weeks in advance; for allowance must always be made for delays in the mail. But, as a matter of fact, many orders are not received at the Publishing House until after the literature is actually needed in the schools. For instance, orders for literature are always heavy at the close of the year; and besides this, the crowded condition of the mail during the last half of December renders the prompt delivery of matter exceedingly difficult. January orders, therefore, should be mailed early in December. But orders amounting to \$64,349.58 for literature for January of this year were received after December 15, and orders amounting to \$15,677.47 did not reach the House until after January 1. What is said above refers only to

the Uniform Literature; but essentially the same facts hold good in regard to the Graded Literature. The Graded Literature, by the way, is shipped by express, and is therefore even more subject to delay than the Uniform Literature.

Moral: Send in your orders for Sunday school literature three or four weeks in advance. It is just as easy to do so then as later, and is the only way of making sure of receiving it in time.—Sunday School Visitor.

## PREACHERS' AND LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY INSTITUTE, GEORGETOWN, TEXAS.

The pastors of the Georgetown District, Central Texas Conference, together with a goodly number of laymen met at Granger March 4 and 5 to hold a Missionary Institute, with T. S. Armstrong, Presiding Elder, in the chair. The object was to discuss the best plans for doing the work which they have in hand and to be of mutual help to each other. All the pastors were present except three who were kept away by sickness.

The following subjects were discussed: "The Organization of Forces for Best Results," "The Relations of the Pastor to the Church, and the Church to the Pastor," "Maintaining Churches in the Country," "The Great Need of a Revival, and How to Secure It," "Securing the Collections Early," "The Place of the Sunday School in Evangelizing the World, and How to Make it Great," "The Layman's Move," and "The League a Factor in Church Development."

The interest was at high water mark from start to finish. To say that it was a profitable meeting is to put it very tamely. It was spiritual, full of interest and life. Several of the brethren preached strong, spiritual, heart-searching sermons. We were all so delighted with it that we voted to meet again one year hence at Little River. The laymen took an active part in discussing different themes.

Everybody had good homes, and the Granger people seemed to be delighted with their guests. C. G. SHUTT, Secretary.

## PASTORS' CONFERENCE AND MISSIONARY INSTITUTE, HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Dr. Bishop called the pastors and laymen to meet in Hubbard, March 4 and 5. Those of us who went on the 11:45 T & B. V. were met by Bro. L. A. Webb, our host, and a committee of laymen, who took us in their autos to the good homes provided for us. After a good dinner, we met in the elegant, new \$30,000 church for the opening session.

Dr. Bishop read and commented on II Cor. iv, in his usual inimitable style. Our "beloved" is not an experiment as those of some other districts seem to be judging by such expressions as "The Bishop made no mistake in sending Bro. So-and-So to this district," or "Our presiding elder has matters well in hand," and "His sermons are masterly." All that goes without saying in this district. By the way, is it not a little strange that some sermons become so masterly after a man has been appointed to a district that were not so considered before?

After organization, J. W. Head led the discussion on "Preparation for a Revival" and was followed by J. B. Dodson on "Leading Features of a Revival Sermon." Then came "Material Side of a Revival," by B. E. Kimbrow, "A Revival in Every Neighborhood," by F. L. McGehee, and a general discussion of "Song Service in a Revival." J. U. McAfee gave spice to the session in his discussion of "Ministerial Help in Revival." It will be seen that "Revival" was the keyword of the splendid program and the brethren entered heartily into the discussions and were inspired and inspiring.

At 7:30 the writer preached to a very kind and indulgent audience. It was an especial pleasure to preach on that occasion, as there were a goodly number present whose pastor I was in years gone by.

The second day's session found all the preachers present but two, who were kept at home on account of sickness—Daniel and Brockett.

The spiritual tide kept rising throughout the day. The prayer meeting led by Isbell started us off well, and the talks by McCune, Turner, Calloway, Head and others were up to a high mark.

At 11 o'clock J. R. Kidwell preached on "Progress." Bro. Kidwell is, comparatively, a young preacher. He seemed a little embarrassed and ill at ease at first, but he soon "swung clear" and had "liberty." It was a sermon with the right ring, and it struck fire. A good old Methodist

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shout was heard. Thank God, the Methodists have not forgotten how to shout—at least, some Methodists.

In the afternoon we had an experience meeting, led by Capps, and it was a good one. On "Increase in Assessments," John R. Morris said many things I wish could find place in this report, but space forbids.

Carl Hufflines, a young layman of Hillsboro, discussed at some length the League work. His address showed he had given considerable thought to his subject. A talk of special interest was one by J. B. Gunter, a layman, on "The Trials of a Steward." Among other things, he said: "It helps a man to make him a steward. He must get close to his fellow-man and he must get close to God, if he succeeds. See the people complain that the Church costs so much, but I have noticed that the man who is loudest in his complaints is the man who gives the least. Wherever the Advocate is taken and read the steward has no trouble. I have known presiding elders to omit many things, but I have never known one to omit 'Question 8.'"

We all know W. N. Curry. He made a stirring speech on "The Best Work of a Pastor." If any one failed to get "a square deal," it was J. A. Webb in the presentation of S. M. U. This was not his or our fault, but was due to the near approach of the train time. After resolutions were unanimously adopted appreciative of the thoughtfulness of Bro. Webb and his people, we all went home feeling that we had had a great religious feast.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES

(This schedule can be amended only by the presiding elders. They will do a great favor in its correction.)

Table listing district conferences: Cuero, Stockdale, 8 a. m., March 25; Abilene, Baird, March 26; Corsicana, Dawson, March 27; Bowie, Henrietta, March 27; Sulphur Springs, Comby, 8 p. m., March 27; Decatur, Bridgeport, March 28; Sweetwater, Loraine, March 28; San Marcos, Waelder, 7:30 p. m., March 31; San Antonio, Bandera, 7:30 p. m., April 1; El Paso, Deming, April 9; Beeville, Alice, April 9; Greenville, Campbell, 2 p. m., April 14; Austin, Flatonia, April 15; Gainesville, St. Jo, April 15; Georgetown, Temple, April 16; Pecos Valley, Portales, 9 a. m., April 17; Paris, Depert, April 22; McKinney, Richardson, April 22; Sherman, Whitesboro, 9 a. m., April 22; Fort Worth, Arlington, April 22; Weatherford, Olney, April 22; Llano, at Cherokee, April 24; Dallas, Grand Prairie, 9 a. m., April 24; Exalle, Carleton Springs, April 24; Clarendon, Hedley, 7:30 p. m., May 2; Gatesville, Oulsoy, May 8; Amarillo, Canyon, May 9; Big Spring, Coulton, May 9; Brookham, Brookshire, May 12; Hamlin, McCullay, 8 p. m., May 15; Albuquerque, at Tucuman, 9 a. m., May 15; Waco, Aquilla, 10 a. m., May 15; Brownwood, Winters, 3 p. m., May 15; Plainview, May 15; Navasota, May 21; San Augustine, San Augustine, May 22; Cisco, Cisco, 7:30 p. m., May 27; Pittsburg, at Linden, 2 p. m., June 10; Stamford, Throckmorton, June 26; Tyler, at Eldon, July 1.

President Wilson, who succeeded to the Presidency of the United States on the fourth of March, is getting his hand on the machinery of government and he is already beginning to steer the ship of State like a veteran. He has associated with him a class of great men, competent for service and wonderfully well adapted to their various spheres; and the country has not felt a jar in the change of the government from the rule of the Republicans to the rule of the Democrats. President Wilson has the confidence of the general public and he gives promise of a being a very useful and popular ruler of the people.

Dr. Charles Parkhurst, of Zion's Herald, has rounded out twenty-five years of editorial life on the tripod of that great paper. In appreciation of the great work he has done, a recent issue of the paper contained one page, confiscated by the Wesleyan Association of Boston, upon which to record their high esteem of this great man and his great service during this quarter of a century of labor. The man who can serve such a constituency for so long time is possessed of more than ordinary merit and he is entitled to the love and the praise of his brethren. No man carries a heavier responsibility than the faithful and conscientious editor of a leading religious paper. When the Church succeeds in finding such a man it usually holds on to him and trusts him to the limit.

Perfection is more nearly attained by seeing only the good and lending your moral and financial aid to those that pertain to the good.

WE COMMEND THE DAILY NEWS.

We do not always agree with the Daily News, and sometimes criticize some things in its columns, but when it comes to printing clean and reliable reading matter we know of no paper worthier of commendation. Recently we have had passing through one of our Dallas criminal courts a case of rare coarseness and vulgarity. No such salacious testimony has ever been heard in this vicinity as has been given in this case. Eager crowds, many of them women, have crowded the court room from morning until night listening to this prurient testimony, and our evening papers have filled their columns with just as much of it as they dare put into print--and much that they have printed ought to have been excluded from their columns. And this foul stuff has dragged its slimy form through the homes of the city in this way. But he it said to the credit of the News that not one syllable of this revolting and obscene testimony appeared in its columns. It merely gave the incident of the trial, but mentioned no detail of even a suggestive character. We regret that the other dailies did not pursue a similar course. But they did not, and the result is that boys and girls and young people who need protection from such vile matter have had their minds poisoned and rendered impure by the publication of much of this fetid testimony. The very fact that it was a court procedure made it privileged matter, and as the gaping multitude craved such matter our evening papers went to the limit, and one of them beyond the limit, in gratifying this morbid desire. But the News did not pander to this sort of sentiment.

THE EXCELLENT WORK OF REV. F. O. MILLER.

Rev. F. O. Miller, of the North Texas Conference, is appointed by this body to establish homes for superannuated ministers and the widows of superannuated ministers of the conference. This is his second year in this line of work, and he has accomplished great good in his sphere of activity. It is his object to solicit funds for the purchase or building of homes of this character, or to secure such home or homes from those who desire to appropriate a house or houses for this purpose. And we do not hesitate to say that no member of the conference is engaged in a more commendable and worthy work than Brother Miller. It is Christ's work pure and simple. And whenever he visits a pastoral charge the pastor ought to give him the right of way and encourage him to the utmost extent in this laudable enterprise. Most of the preachers wear themselves out for the Church and, when they retire but few of them even have a home into which to move. This work in which Brother Miller is engaged is to furnish this home so that the old man of God may find a shelter when his productive period is past. Therefore, let every pastor not only give him the right of way, but invite him specially to visit his charge and turn him loose to do his best, with every aid afforded, to get money for these homes.

THE OAK CLIFF METHODIST CHURCH, DALLAS.

We had the pleasure of worshipping with Rev. E. R. Barcus and his good people at Oak Cliff Methodist Church, Dallas, last Sunday morning. It is always a delight to spend an hour with this excellent congregation. They are intelligent, warm-hearted and responsive. The auditorium was crowded to its utmost capacity, and it was not because that I was with them that this was the case, for it was known but a day or so that I would preach for them. So it must have been their regular congregation. They listened attentively and at the close of the sermon expressed much interest in the service. And at the close the pastor announced a Building Committee, and called them to the front; and while the choir sang a good old

fashioned song, all the people came round and shook hands with the men who are appointed to conduct a movement for a new and modern church. This is a long step in the right direction, for about all that this worthy congregation needs is an up-to-date auditorium and good Sunday School facilities. The location is one of the best in that part of the city and the people are amply able to construct the building, and they have now set themselves in dead earnest to the work of carrying out the enterprise. We hope those good people will soon solve this problem that has been confronting them so long.

Brother Barcus has his hand on the situation and he is throwing his energy and mind into it. With the cooperation of his people, which seems now to be an assured fact, something ought to, and will be done. The Church is now in the midst of promising revival services, and Rev. Jno. M. Barcus, of Waxahachie, is doing the preaching. G. C. R.

REV. W. H. VANCE HONORED.

Rev. W. H. Vance, of Lufkin, was re-elected Chaplain of the Woodmen of the World at their great gathering in Dallas last week. He has filled this position for some time with distinguished honor and his fellow craftsmen seem disposed to keep him in that position indefinitely. Brother Vance is one of the most popular and useful members of the Texas Conference and stands equally well with his brother ministers also. He is still a young man, well prepared for his duties, a good preacher and a popular pastor. He is doing a splendid work at Lufkin and is held in high esteem by his people. And it is not one of the least of his accomplishments that he is a faithful friend of the Advocate and does his utmost to put it in the homes of his people.

A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

A beautiful wedding took place March 11 at Troy, Texas, when Miss Maude Gardner was united in marriage to Mr. Edward Salyer, of Granger. The father of the bride and pastor of the Church at Troy, Rev. N. E. Gardner, performed the ceremony, and a large company of friends filled the church to witness the consummation of the happy event. The music was beautifully rendered and the ritual of the Church was observed, and at the close of the nuptials, the happy couple received hearty congratulations, after which the two young people took the train for Galveston for a few days of pleasure. They are both popular young people and we wish for them the realization of their dreams and anticipations.

THE TEACHINGS OF PASTOR RUSSELL.

"Pastor" Russell is the Brooklyn preacher of "Millennial Dawn" nonsense. We made reference to him and some of his performances not long since, and it now develops that in certain portions of Texas, his errors and vagaries are getting hold of some of our people--not many of them--but enough to justify us in taking further notice of his teachings.

He poses as a "prophet and a teacher," and as such he has organized what he calls "the People's Pulpit of Brooklyn," or "The Bible House and Tract Society," and through this medium he is managing to dupe many daily and weekly newspapers throughout the country into accepting his so-called sermons as syndicate matter sent out free to them for publication. It is quite a common thing to find his weekly sermons paraded, in the columns of these papers as though they were worthy of general publication. In this way his pernicious errors are distributed over the country and people are misled by them. Just why any weekly paper will accept such matter and publish it as helpful religious literature is more than we can understand. No Methodist ought to permit any paper con-

taining the poison stuff from "Pastor" Russell to come into their homes.

In proof of this position we will give the substance of "Pastor" Russell's creed, written by himself, and the reader can judge for himself whether such false and infidel teaching should be read in a Methodist home--even if it is gotten up in the name of religion. Yet these principles run through all he teaches, though in what he sends out as popular sermons he may somewhat soften his more extreme views. But read the following for yourself:

- "1. Christ before his advent was not divine."
"2. When he was in the world he was still not divine."
"3. His atonement was exclusively human, a mere man's."
"4. Since his resurrection He is divine only, no longer human at all."
"5. His body was not raised from the dead."
"6. His second advent took place in 1874."
"7. The saints were raised up in 1878."
"8. Both Christ and his saints are now on the earth, and have been for thirty-seven years and thirty-three years respectively."
"9. The professing Christian Church was rejected of God in 1878."
"10. The final consummation and end of the world will take place in 1914."
"11. Nothing as to the person and work of the Holy Spirit."
"12. There is no hell."

These are the underlying tenets of his faith and preaching under his system of "Millennial Dawn" work and teaching. We will not offend the intelligence of our readers by arguing against these things. Their absurdity is self-evident. And yet our weekly papers in some localities have helped this crack-brained man to disseminate these falsehoods and to carry them weekly into our Christian homes. And they have enabled him to sell the thousands of bushels of his "miraculous wheat" with the proceeds of which he has filled his coffers with wealth, notwithstanding he believes the "world will come to an end" in 1914! It is high time that weekly papers in Texas discontinue the publication of "Pastor" Russell's sermons, if they want sane Christian people to partonize them.

NOT A BAD VERDICT AFTER ALL.

The following paragraph we clip from an exchange:

The jury of mountaineers that returned the quaint verdict reported in the Boston Journal were evidently more impressed by the evidence in the case than by the character of the defendant.

The trial was held in a sparsely settled district of West Virginia. It was the first case for the majority of the members of the jury, and they sat for hours arguing and disputing in the bare little room at the rear of the court room. At last they struggled back to their places, and the foreman, a lean, gaunt fellow with a solemn countenance, announced the verdict.

"The jury don't think that he done it, for we allow he wa'n't there, but we think he would have done it if he'd had the chance."

It is cropping out, now and then, and here and there, in Texas cities that the white slave plague is abroad in the land, and a few startling disclosures are being made. Any man or woman giving himself or herself to the nefarious work of corrupting girls for base uses ought to have the extreme penalty of the law. It is a blot on humanity that such a thing is possible in a Christian country. The white slave promoter deserves no mercy.

The Church whose members, and especially the officials, do not read their church paper is a preacher killer--physically and spiritually.

Quit answering the same old questions in the same old way at Quarterly Conference. Double your answer to Question 19, and you will then report new impetus on all other lines.

MRS. I. L. MILLS DEAD.

This good woman, the devoted wife of Rev. I. L. Mills, of Stamford, one of the old heroes of the Northwest Texas Conference, died under an operation Wednesday, March 18. For sometime she had been in feeble health, and not long since Brother Mills told us that he hoped an operation would remedy her trouble and that then she would be herself again. But alas, for human hopes! She was too severely afflicted for the operation to remedy her trouble and instead of being relieved she is transferred to the Church triumphant. This has fallen as a heavy blow upon the heart of Brother Mills, for while he realizes that she has gone to her reward, yet he is left lonely and sorrowful in her absence. His brethren will remember him tenderly in his affliction, and may a gracious Father above comfort and sustain him in this hour of gloom.

DEATH OF KENNETH CROW.

Kenneth Crow, son of Judge and Mrs. William Crow, of Oak Cliff, died recently at the Baptist Sanitarium after a brief illness. He was the pride of his parents' hearts and the popular idol of a large class of friends. And he was one of the noblest young men in this city. He was a devout Christian young man and his death, though sad, was beautiful and inspiring. He left a splendid testimony, and while his loved ones are sorely stricken because of his early departure, they are comforted with the fact that his end was peace and that he is safe in the world beyond. How could we give up our children were it not for this fond hope?

A friend in whose judgment we have confidence tells us that we were a little bit mistaken in our write-up of the recent Houston election, when we stated that all the saloon and liquor forces lined up with Mr. Wolters and the Post in their support of the Wolters candidate. He said the liquor forces divided and some of them refused to follow the lead of the Post. Well, if the Post and Wolters have lost out with their own crowd, they must be in a poor way, for the other sort do not follow them!

Suppose none of your members read their Church paper! Could you do much with that Church? Suppose all your members read their Church paper! This attainment rests with you.

"The Relation of the Reading Habit to The Highest Living," is a good topic for discussion at the League, Missionary Society and Prayer Meeting.

The same excuses that are used for not taking the Church paper can also be, and are, made for not paying the pastor, or to Church benevolences. Flaws can be picked in anything or anybody. Nothing is perfect. "Hold fast that which is good."

PERSONALS

Brother J. S. Majors, of Tenaha, gave us the benefit of a pleasant call the other day.

Brother G. S. Dean, of Gary, an earnest layman, paid the Advocate a visit the past week.

Brother R. L. Steward, of Romney, was in to see us recently. He is an East Texan now in the West, and he loves the Advocate.

Rev. J. F. Sherwood, of Terrell, and his son, L. E. Sherwood, of Tucuman, N. M., gave the Advocate the benefit of a pleasant visit recently.

Rev. J. J. Morgan, of the Southwestern Agency of the American Bible Society, recently sent from the Dallas headquarters 495 volumes of the Scriptures to Rusk penitentiary to replace Bibles destroyed by the recent fire there. Prison Chaplain S. M.



# Last Spring My Health

Was completely broken down through prolonged watching at a sick bed. My appetite was gone. I was so nervous that I could not sleep. I became pale, thin, languid, tired, looked ten years older. Through physical weakness my mental condition was affected. Hood's Sarsaparilla restored me to perfect health. It aided the worn-out nerves of my stomach to do their duty. I could soon eat and sleep peacefully and felt new life course through my veins. Within six weeks I was my former self, and for a year have enjoyed the best health." Julia C. Tison, Atlantic City, N. J.



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Tenney appealed to the society to replace the Bibles lost, saying that a large proportion of the prisoners read their Bibles frequently and that their loss by fire was keenly felt.

Brother K. Johnson, of Shelbyville, was in the city at the Woodmen meeting last week and was kind enough to remember the Advocate with a visit.

Brother G. T. Tarker, of Travis, was in the city recently and made the Advocate a brotherly visit. He was in attendance at the Woodmen Convention.

Brother J. E. Young, of the Bailey Charge, was a pleasant visitor the past week. He speaks in high terms of the work of Rev. C. P. Combs, his pastor.

We had a delightful visit from Brother W. A. Gentry last week, of Eastland County. He is a strong Methodist and a friend of the Advocate. It was refreshing to hear him talk.

Rev. J. L. Pierce, of Denton Street, Gainesville, was to see us recently. He has just gone through with one of the best meetings ever known in Gainesville, and his Church is in fine spiritual condition.

Brother R. N. O'Neal, of Jarrell, Williamson County, made us a pleasant call the other day. He is the efficient Sunday School Superintendent of his charge, and a good Church worker. It was a pleasure to meet him.

Brother J. H. Womack, of Gary, was in the city last week and made this office a very pleasant visit. He reads the Advocate and loves it and stands by it and by the editor. And he wanted to see the place where the paper is made.

Rev. W. H. Crum, recently appointed by Bishop Mouzon to the pastorate of Mineola, is now fully installed and taking hold of his work with vigor and success. Brother Crum is a strong preacher, rich in experience and full of the evangelistic spirit. He is also a devoted pastor.

Brother W. M. Manchester, of Waco, was a welcome caller in this office last week. He and his good wife have been readers of the Advocate from the time the memory of man runneth not back to the contrary, and they love it more and more as the years go by.

Bishop and Mrs. Collins Denny, of Richmond, Va., have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Edith Allen, to Rev. R. M. White, and the happy event will take place April 2, 1913. This is the third of the Bishop's daughters to marry Methodist ministers and we congratulate all the parties concerned.

It is a general rule that those who take the Advocate are most loyal to every call of the pastor. It is a universal rule that those who read it are. I. P. KEY.

Alvin, Texas.

### THE PASSING DAY

Great storms prevailed the latter part of last week in several of the Southern States in which scores of people were killed and great destruction of property experienced. Border communities in Texas suffered also.

Disturbances in Northern Mexico continue and outbreaks still occur against the Government. Some fighting with many casualties have taken place and there is not much sign of universal submission to the rule of the provisional President. His severe measures do not deter those in rebellion against his authority.

Three students in the University of North Carolina indulged in a hazing bee and one victim was killed as a result. And a second result is that the court has found the three hazers guilty of manslaughter and sentenced them to several months in jail. This sort of reform measure will do away with hazing.

Richard Olney, whom President Wilson offered the Ambassadorship to England, has finally declined the honor on account of the feeble health of his wife; and the President will make another appointment at an early date.

The suffragettes of London undertook to hold a public meeting in that city last Sunday and they were set upon by 10,000 boys and rough men and handled so severely that it took nearly all the policemen in the city to charge the mob and rescue the women. The leaders of the suffragettes were injured in the affair and great excitement prevailed for several hours.

Fruit men tell us that the recent freezes have not injured the fruit yet. If not, then it is evident that cold weather is not to be considered when fruit trees are in bloom. Saturday and Sunday morning the ice in this section was an eighth of an inch thick, but it was a dry cold.

Alleging violation of the Texas anti-trust laws, suit has been filed at Greenville, Texas, against the Standard Oil Companies of New York and New Jersey and two other oil companies seeking to oust these companies from the State. The State also seeks to recover penalties to the amount of \$36,125,000.

One hundred thousand decrees of divorce were granted in the year 1912, thus depriving 70,000 children, ten years of age or under of one or both parents. The only hope for any regulation of divorce is in Federal legislation.

The county unit bill, bitterly opposed by the liquor interests, passed the Missouri Senate March 5 by a vote of twenty to twelve. It had previously passed the House by a large majority.

It took several cars to transport from Utah to the Carnegie Museum, in Pittsburg, Ga., the remains of a lizard. The bones are quarried in rock and the stones are transferred so that the monster may be set up correctly in the museum. The length of the skeleton of the huge dinosaur measures eighty-four feet.

The Salvation Army carries on its work in over 2700 villages and towns in India, having 207 European workers and more than 2200 native workers. Besides its purely religious work, there are under its care in India 559 social and educational institutions.

Vandals badly damaged eight of the monuments on the Gettysburg battlefield last week. Those which suffered were the fifth corps headquarters, 49th and 96th Pennsylvania, 49th New York, Grant's Vermont Brigade 6th Maine, fifth Wisconsin and 37th Massachu-

setts. The damage is believed to have been done by disappointed employment seekers.

Twenty-seven States of the Union have passed bills favoring an amendment to the Constitution, "whereby polygamy and polygamous, cohabitation shall be prohibited." Only five more States favoring it are needed. Massachusetts will, in all probability, be one of the five at an early date.

The second trial of Clarence S. Darrow, charged with jury bribery in connection with the McNamara defense, in which he was the chief counsel, ended in a disagreement. A new trial was immediately asked for by Darrow, and March 31 fixed as the date.

Vermont will no longer be one of the barometer States of the Union, the legislature having changed the date of the State elections from September to November. Maine is now left alone as a barometer for the rest of the Nation.

A commission form of government has been provided for the city of Nashville, Tennessee, by action of the State Legislature.

Acting under the new Webb law, agents of the Southern Express Company have refused to deliver liquors in South Carolina. Seizures have been made under the law in Oklahoma.

Los Angeles, California, is to have a cotton factory which will cost \$1,000,000, and which will employ 3600 workers. The Los Angeles cotton factory will have to pay freight on almost all the cotton it will use, and yet probably it will make money. It is passing strange that Southern capitalists do not build more such factories in the South.

Senator Kern, of Indiana, has been chosen as the Democratic leader in the United States Senate, his selection being a victory for progressive Democrats. The steering committee, to select Democratic committee assignments, is composed of Senators Kern, Martin, Clarke, Chamberlain, Owen, O'Gorman, Smith, Lea and Thomas.

Perhaps the most radical of the innovations—the "things different"—which President Wilson is credited with doing, is the intimation that under his administration the secondary appointments to office in the government service, heretofore made by the president himself, will be selected by the heads of the various departments under which they are listed.

Brain paralysis or paresis commonly known as softening of the brain, never comes to any who has not had syphilis, and of the number who come to New York hospital for the insane each year, seventeen per cent of the men and eight per cent of the women are suffering from this malady. These are facts given out by medical men of authority, as is also this, "4.6 per cent of all syphilitics, or almost one in twenty, are finally stricken with paresis."

### THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE IN EVERY METHODIST FAMILY IS THE SLOGAN FOR THE MONTH.

#### AUSTIN METHODISM.

The Methodist preachers of Austin met in their regular session at the parsonage of First Church, March 10, at 10 a. m. Dr. W. D. Bradfield, president, in the chair.

After prayer by V. A. Godbey, the following members were present: Dr. V. A. Godbey, presiding elder; Dr. W. D. Bradfield, pastor of First Church; Rev. R. P. Shuler, pastor of University Church; Rev. F. A. White, pastor of Ward Memorial, and Rev. W. A. Dunn, pastor of St. Luke.

The following reports were made by the pastors of their works:

St. Luke—Congregations good since the weather has fared up. Sunday Schools well attended, lacking only four or five having the full enrollment present. The Leagues, both Senior and Junior, doing fine. Finances behind, but moving up along that line. Several members received since the last report, and the Church growing nicely.

University Church—Forty members received since conference, and the membership campaign pushed. Congregations good, and finances in good shape. Many of the University students attend the services. Hope to pay out the church debt soon.

Ward Memorial—Work is in better shape than at any time since I have been here; well up on salary, but behind on collections. We are paying monthly, using largely the duplex envelope system. We have lost a few members by transfer, and have received eight or nine. We are reaching the Germans. Leagues doing well, and the

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First Church—First Church reported having raised about \$3000 for Southern Methodist University in subscription while the city of Austin, in all, has raised over \$7500 for that purpose. Budget system a failure, one month behind on salary, and nothing paid on the collections. About forty-seven members received since conference, good congregations and Sunday School fairly good. League and prayer-meeting are very well attended; nothing discouraging down here.

V. A. Godbey, the presiding elder of the Austin District, reports that the Austin work is doing as well as weather conditions will permit. The Churches of Austin need to be more closely knit together in a Church Extension League Union; this he urged, and the preachers of the city agreed to organize the same. The condition of the district is quite gratifying. The outlook for the district, and a good District Conference is fine.

A union Methodist meeting for the city of Austin was discussed. The meeting closed with prayer by the Secretary, W. A. DUNN, Sec.

#### SAN ANTONIO METHODISM.

All the pastors were present. The reports follow:

S. L. Batchelor: Good day; large congregation and five new members.

F. M. Jackson: Fine prayer-meeting and good congregations both hours.

N. B. Read: Forty-eight at the Epworth League service; good services.

C. H. Booth: Two splendid services and one accession on profession of faith.

D. E. Hawk: Three prayer meetings—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Crowded house in the morning.

A. N. James: Good services; congregations growing.

S. B. Johnston: Five new members.

L. E. Booth: Fine congregations. We are making progress. Gaston Hartsfield: Usual services.

Large Sunday School and splendid congregations.

S. H. C. Burgin: Was at Kerrville in the morning and Center Point at night. Held Quarterly Conference at both places.

Brother C. H. Booth offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, On account of the serious and continued illness of his wife, we feel that our presiding elder should not be compelled to make any trips for the present necessitating his absence from home at night; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of this conference, do hereby tender to Dr. Burgin our services as he may need them to meet his out-of-town engagements.

2. That we assure Dr. and Mrs. Burgin of our affectionate and prayerful sympathy.

GASTON HARTSFIELD, Secretary

#### OUR PEOPLE.

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THE GENERAL EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

Plans are progressing smoothly for the coming meeting of the General Epworth League Board in Dallas May 4, 5, and 6. The Dallas Leaguers, through a committee headed by President J. A. Rogers of the City Epworth Union, are co-operating heartily with the writer as resident member of the General Board in the arrangements of an elaborate program covering the entire three days of the annual session.

Great Crowds Expected.

On Sunday afternoon, May 4, it is proposed to hold a great mass meeting of young people to which will be invited not only the Epworth Leaguers of the city and surrounding towns but the members of the several young people's societies, such as the Christian Endeavor, Baptist Young Peoples' Union, Westminster Guild, etc. For this occasion the large auditorium of the Fair Park Coliseum is to be engaged, having a seating capacity of more than 5000. The presence of the entire College of Bishops in Dallas at that time, for their annual meeting, assures one or more of them for addresses before this mass meeting.

Banquet for One Thousand.

One of the largest banquets for religious workers ever undertaken in Dallas is scheduled for Monday evening, May 5, when one thousand covers will be laid and the Leaguers of Dallas will attend en masse. The Leaguers from the near-by towns will be invited to participate in this event also. The plates will be as near \$1 each as the committee headed by Mrs. J. B. Davis, of the Tyler Street League can arrange for. A very pleasing feature of this banquet will be the presence of 150 members of the Dallas Christian Union, all young ladies costumed in the colors of their organization, serving as waitresses for the evening, the tender of their services

being graciously made in order that none of the Leaguers might be deprived of participating in the full enjoyment of the banquet proper. At this banquet a number of short speeches will be heard and the entire College of Bishops will be honor guests of the evening. Bishop J. H. McCoy, President of the General Epworth League Board, will deliver the principal address of the evening.

Automobile Ride.

A party on Tuesday afternoon, May 6, will be given over to a sight-seeing automobile tour of Dallas and vicinity, which will be participated in by several hundred of the Leaguers and visiting churchmen. A surprise in connection with this event is being planned, which no one will be permitted to reveal in advance but which, suffice it to say, will form no small part of the pleasure of the day's experiences. In addition to showing the city to the visitors the visitors will be shown to the city, the route for the ride being made to include a section of the downtown business district. Appropriate banners will mark the cars and the League colors will be much in evidence, if the plans of the parade committee, under the direction of President J. A. Rogers himself, are carried out.

Low Rates Effective.

Promise of low rates has been given by the railroads and of course the various Interurban lines leading into the city will offer a convenient and cheap way for visitors to come to Dallas for the meeting.

General Committee Co-Operating.

The General Committee on Arrangements, composed for the most part of resident members of the General Boards, has reviewed the entire outline of plans of the Epworth League Committee and given most hearty approval thereto. This committee admits that the plans of the Leaguers are far in excess of anything they had anticipated—the mass meeting of 5000 on Sunday afternoon, for one thing, greatly surprising them—but with the City League Union meetings now attracting an attendance of six to seven hundred to hear these plans discussed and to take up the work of executing them, the last shadow of doubt of their success has been removed and it is now conceded on every hand that the meeting of the General Board in May will be marked with a series of events most unusual in their scope and that out of the impetus gathered the League in this city and section of the State will find itself taking on new life.

State Tour After Adjournment.

The Secretaries, Drs. Parker and Culbreth, write that they can give a week or ten days' time to a State tour immediately following the adjournment of the Board, visiting the chapters desiring their services for addresses, lectures, institutes, etc. We will be glad to arrange an itinerary for them and ask that we be communicated with at once by the chapters interested. No great amount of expense will attach to the visit of these chief officers, their traveling outlay only being required. So, let us hear from you promptly, and incidentally, let us suggest that every Leaguer in Texas who can come to Dallas May 4-6 do so. A great time and a profitable occasion awaits you. G. W. T.

EPWORTH GROUNDS.

President Beall and I inspected the grounds of Epworth-by-the-Sea March 5 and found everything in good order. A few planks had been blown off the side of the bath house and some window screens had rusted out. These are repaired at once. Rev. T. F. Sessions, our pastor at Corpus Christi, while building one of the handsomest churches in the State, has given personal attention to Epworth. Brother Riddle, a supernumerary preacher from North Texas, is living on the grounds. The property is being well cared for. J. E. HARRISON, President of the Board.

March 6, 1913.

EASTER MORN AT FIRST METHODIST EPWORTH LEAGUE, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

Last year our Devotional Committee in covering the field for the annual sunrise prayer meeting on Easter morning secured the names and telephone numbers of every member of the adult department of the Sunday School and in this way a personal invitation was given them to attend the service which was held at seven a. m. Closing promptly at eight a. m. the entire audience, and about 100 were present, were invited into the banquet

room of the church where breakfast was ready to be served. The guests entered to the time of "Keep the Heart Singing all the While," joining in "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." Our menu consisted of sliced oranges, toast and butter, Easter eggs, coffee and whipped cream, the cost for the breakfast not exceeding \$10 for the 100 plates.

Some objection may be raised to the trouble of serving breakfast but it surely proved a drawing card for us. As Easter last year was an exceptionally rainy day.

We also had two other good reasons for serving the breakfast. Our members living in the suburbs couldn't give the excuse that they lived too far to come and then go home for breakfast. Then too, we urged every one to go for a new member for the Sunday School between breakfast and the regular Sunday School hour.

We recommend this plan most heartily and are using it again this year. Anything that is worth doing at all is worth doing well, so why not put a little work on your sunrise prayer-meeting for the greater part of the work can be done Saturday night.

FRED WIGZELL, First Vice-President, 805 Clay Avenue, Houston, Texas.

RESPONSES FOR THE EPWORTH DAY'S WORK.

Somehow it seems that all our gang is very busy or else you don't read the Advocate. So far only Bro. Emmett Hightower, of Weatherford; Sister W. T. Cherry, of Tyler, and Dr. H. A. Boaz have agreed to join me in a day's work at Epworth getting things in shape for the coming summer. We would make an excellent team I am sure, one good housekeeper, a pastor, a university man and me to boss, I am sure we would make a fine showing. The proposition is still open you need not say how much—just signify your willingness to work and you can remit the amount. We must make an early beginning in order to get ready for the great crowd who are planning to come.

"Come on in the water is fine" after the work is done. A. K. R.

A LETTER ALLAN HAS NOT SEEN.

Have just read "Allan Ragsdale plan" on how to raise funds to clean up the property of Epworth-by-the-Sea. I am heartily in favor of the plan, and if every Leaguer would give one day's work, as Mr. Ragsdale puts it, there would be plenty to do the work well. Come on: all of you good Leaguers, and let's join in with Brother Ragsdale and make "Epworth" bigger and better than ever. You may put me down for a "day's work" now, and if you need another one "I'm in." NEIL CARTER.

Dallas, Texas.

THE KOREAN NEW YEAR.

Editor's Note.—The following very interesting letter from Dr. Newton H. Bowman, addressed to Trinity Epworth League, Dallas, of which chapter he is the representative in the Korean mission field, will, we are sure, prove highly entertaining and instructive to the League at large, as for this reason we are publishing his letter in full.—G. W. T.)

The Trinity Epworth League, Dallas, Texas: Dear Leaguers—Today is "Sul," the Korean New Year, and there is much "a doing" in Choon Chum. The big time started last night by preparing the food for the feast today. One man had the misfortune to mash his finger while making up the bread. In the absence of a bread making machine, which of course, they haven't got, you may think that this is a queer incident, but bread making is carried on in a very different way here, from what it is in America. A mass of rice flour is pounded on a rock, with a huge mallet, like that used in splitting rails, until the mass is as tough as India rubber. No feast would be complete at all, without this bread, and the strenuous process of making it accounts for the finger accident. However, this is only a slight casualty, as compared with what happens, when they eat the bread which is whenever they can get it. There being bread in abundance today, there will be indigestions galore tomorrow, and, in the language of my native teacher and helper, the ailment will be "just as big as the man is." But this does not deter any from having a good time, and they continue as if to say:

"It's today that I am livin', Not a month ago; Havin' losin', takin', givin'. As time wills it so, Yesterday a cloud of sorrow Fell across the way, It may r'n tomorrow, It may rain—but say, Ain't it fine today?"

The air is full of merry song. The

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I want to send you a complete list of my home remedy. I will send you the treatment for yourself at home, easily, quickly and surely. Remember, that it will cost you nothing to give the treatment a complete trial, and if you wish to continue, it will cost you only about 12 cents a week or less than two cents a day. It will not interfere with your work or occupation. Just send me your name and address, tell me how you suffer, and I will send you the treatment for yourself, free of charge, in plain wrapper, by return mail. I will also send you free of cost, my book, "WOMAN'S OWN MEDICAL ADVISER" with explanatory illustrations showing why women suffer, and how they can easily cure themselves at home. Every woman should have it, and learn to think for herself. Then when the doctor says—"You must have an operation," you can decide for yourself. Thousands of women have cured themselves with my home remedy. It cures all old or young. It is Ladies of Sufferers, I will explain a simple home treatment which speedily and effectively cures Leucorrhoea, Green Sickness and Painful or Irregular Menstruation in young Ladies, Plumpness and health always results from its use.

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men, women and children, dressed in their new suits, greet one another with the wishes of the season, the younger bowing before their elders in line with the customs of centuries. Today is also a general settlement day for all accounts, and if perchance, any one should owe a debt, as some do, they either "pay up" or "put up" one of the best excuses on record for not doing so—"just haven't got it."

While this is a National holiday, it is also a National birthday and every Korean is one year older. Doesn't matter what time of the year he was born, even though it was just yesterday, he is on this date one year older, because of having lived in two different years.

"Sool," the National beverage, is in evidence, not for the "sake of the stomach," but for "the sake of the ear," which of course, makes them hear better (?) and several are beginning to "get on their ears" now, judging from the vociferous conversation taking place on the streets.

The custom of sacrificing food to the ancestors is universally practiced on this day, except amongst those who are Christians. The method of sacrifice in the home is usually as elaborate as the finance of the family will permit. A small table is prepared in one corner of the room, upon which is placed such articles of food as are especially intended to feed the spirits of their ancestors, who are supposed to hover around every member of the household, to shower blessings or misfortune upon him.

When night comes on, there will be voices near us, far sadder in tones than the groans of immediate distress, and if it were not that we know it is the custom to weep for a long, long dead ancestor, we might think there were some fresh-stricken hearts bleeding out their very lifeblood upon the altar of the home, but not so grieved as one might suppose. It is just the custom of ancestral worship.

These cries of agony, so horrible to hear, continue oftentimes, throughout the humid silence of the night, and the children cry hysterically because others seem so grief-stricken—while yet others look on with a jeer and a jest. Every year, and several times during the year, these hideous dramas of heathen worship are repeated over and over again in just the same way. Surely the past has not done much for these people, neither have they done much for the past, and they continue to look back to the ages gone by for a beacon light to guide them on their way to peace and happiness. But alas! they have been disappointed. The passing years have taught them little, and few lessons have been learned because their ear has not been inclined to the acquiring of new things. However, the masses do not know wherein lies the error, and many are loath to break the fetters of their heathen bondage.

While the observances of this day have been general festivity and heathen worship, some have not partaken of, nor rejoiced over the occasion. They have donned the gay apparel of many colors, as is the custom of Korea, but down in the heart of hearts lurks deepest despair, and there are many whose smile bespeaks their sorrow more clearly, than would a tearful countenance. On the other hand, note the happy Christian as he pursues his daily duties untrammelled by heathen superstition, and with God-given freedom of thought and action, celebrates this holiday. Then let us not fall the trust Christ has given us to teach this unhappy people the meaning of the worship.

Before closing, let me thank every one of you for adding to our Christmas cheer, a message and a gift which causes our hearts to beat in response to the loving thought that prompted such a kindness. Sincerely, NEWTON H. BOWMAN, M. D. Choon Chun, Korea, Feb. 6, 1913.

RESOLUTIONS.

To the First Quarterly Conference M. E. Church, South, Central Texas Conference, Weatherford District, Mineral Wells Station, in Session December 18th, 1912: We, your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions upon the death of Rev. G. W. White, beg leave to submit the following: Whereas, it has pleased the Heavenly Father to call his faithful steward, Brother G. W. White, from the walks of men to his reward above; therefore be it Resolved, 1st, That by the death of Brother White our Church has lost an earnest, faithful and loyal member and a strong evangelical preacher; a man whose talents and energy were laid unreservedly on the altar of the Church to which his life was devoted. 2nd, That by his godly life and walk among us he gave to us a higher conception of our duty to our God, our home and our country, and so exemplified the teachings of the Christ that we can truly say a good man has been taken from our midst. 3rd, That our community at large has suffered a great loss, because his teaching and his life were devoted to every good work which had for its purpose the uplift of humanity, the very purpose of his life being to "look up, lift up." 4th, That in the death of Brother White his wife has lost for a time the companionship of a loving and attentive husband, and his son the helpful presence and advice of a godly father. In this hour of their affliction we extend to them our sincere sympathy and commend them to Him who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the orphan. 5th, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the conference, a copy of same be furnished to the family, and the Daily Index and Texas Christian Advocate be requested to publish same. Respectfully submitted, F. S. EBERHART, J. R. HILL, A. W. THOMPSON, Committee.

The way to die right is to live right. He who lives for the highest and the best good of others, will get the most and best out of this life, while the selfish man will get nothing that he can keep. A political party is an institution where many get spoiled that few may get spoils. Might Not Be Alive. McMinnville, Tenn.—Mrs. Ocie Jett, of this place, writes: "I don't believe I would be living today, if it hadn't been for Cardui. I lay in bed for 27 days, and the doctor came every day, but he did me no good. Finally, he advised an operation, but I would not consent, and instead took Cardui. Now I am going about the house, doing my work, and even do my washing. Cardui worked wonders in my case. I am in better health than for five years." Cardui is a strengthening tonic for women. It relieves pain, tones up the nerves, builds strength. Try it. At your druggists.

Obituaries

The space allowed for obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines...

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MORGAN-MORGAN.

Joseph Morgan, born in Cumberland County, Ky., April, 1834; died February 11, 1913, aged 79 years...

FRANK A. ROSSER, Henrietta, Texas.

CALBERT.—Charlie, son of Burrill and Julia Calbert, was born July 5, 1903; died December 17, 1913.

M. C. SOOTER, Argyle, Texas.

GLAESER.—Miss Ida Glaeser, daughter of Brother and Sister E. Glaeser, was born December 9, 1891, and died February 9, 1913.

W. L. BARR, Sabinal, Texas.

MISS DEE JORDAN.

Miss Eliza Delona, affectionately known among her intimates and loved ones as "Dee," daughter of Joseph A. Jordan...

WHITTENBURG.—William Ayers Whittenburg was born in Rhea County, Tennessee, January 2, 1846.

GRISSOM.—Emanuel Bascom Grissom, son of R. J. and Leona Grissom, was born February 27, 1888, in Itawamba, Mississippi.

J. D. SMOOT.

TOMLINSON.—Sister D. A. Tomlinson was born December 18, 1840; died February 8, 1913; the immediate cause of her death being pneumonia.

SHEPHERD.—Mrs. Sallie M. Shepherd was born October 6, 1860; converted and joined the M. E. Church, when sixteen years of age...

TEAGUE.—Death visited the home of the Teague family early Friday morning, February 14, 1913, and claimed as its victim the father, Judge M. M. Teague.

MAYO.—Geo. W. Mayo was born in South Carolina, 1833. He was three years old when the family moved to Georgia.

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PARR.—Little James Rexall, son of J. B. and Irene Parr, was born August 26, 1912; died November 13, 1912.

WILLETT.—Mrs. Julia Hettie Willett was born April 10, 1852; passed to her reward February 10, 1913, aged sixty years and ten months.

GEORGE.—Raymond Gray George was born December 28, 1906; died in Paris, Texas, December 28, 1912.

CARTER.—John Wesley Carter was born in Rusk County, November 22, 1855, and died in Eustace, Texas, February 16, 1913.

BURTON.—It was one Sunday evening, December 4, 1910, when the home of R. J. Burton, Proctor, Texas, was made to rejoice...

WEST.—In Center Hill community, four miles from Kennard, Monday evening, February 24, 1913, Evan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. West, happened to an accident which cost him his life.

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## Woman's Department

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

The architect of the Martha Watts Annex of Piracicaba, Brazil, has been brought into such close contact with our school that he knows its workings from the kitchen to the attic, and his admiration for the management of the school increases with his knowledge of it. He has shown his appreciation of our work by giving to the school two thousand dollars from his commission, also by offering to lend the money needed for completion for as long a time as we wish it at five per cent interest.

The house occupied by our school at Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, has been sold, and we must build another or abandon the school. This would be giving up a place where we have gained the co-operation and approval of the best people of the city. Several years ago, when there was an epidemic of yellow fever in Ribeirao Preto, our missionaries went from house to house, nursing the sick, ministering to the dying, and comforting the bereaved. They gained the respect and admiration of the entire city. Even the Catholic priests take off their hats to our women as they meet them on the streets.

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### BROOKSHIRE HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In January the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies met in business session at the church and elected the following officers: President, (Home) Mrs. J. W. Martin; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. D. Mills; Second Vice-President, Mrs. L. C. Downman; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Emma Semmlar; Recording Secretary, Mrs. N. Brookshire; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. B. DeWitt; Treasurer, Miss Maude Brookshire; Press Reporter, Mrs. Ed. Adams. Foreign: President, Mrs. L. C. Downman; First Vice-President, Mrs. Ed. Adams; Second Vice-President, Miss Maude Brookshire; Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Martin; Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. B. DeWitt; Treasurer, Mrs. L. W. Bains.

Our meetings, heretofore, have been semi-monthly. At this time it was decided we would hold weekly meetings. The first Friday in each month a regular business meeting at the church; second and third Home and Foreign Mission Study; fourth, local work. The last three, meeting at the homes of our members, where a leader and hostess will have charge of program. In this way the two societies will co-operate as never before, we believe. We contemplate a careful study of the foreign field and how we can, in many ways, aid the noble band of men and women who have gone from their native land, sacrificing home, pleasure and ambition to carry the wonderful story of Jesus to the unsaved millions, groping in darkness.

We are glad the union spirit is growing and hope to report along this line at no distant day. We are looking forward to the accomplishment of great things this year. We ask that the Heavenly Father will direct us in all we undertake.

MRS. ED. ADAMS,  
Press Reporter.

### HOUSTON CO-OPERATIVE HOME.

Do you know of it—this Co-operative Home?

We could use a whole page describing the building and the conveniences and the plans and the beauty of it all. But the real use of it, its carrying out the plans and object of its being, its meeting the requirements for which it was built, its fulfilling the dream and the promise is what appeals to one. At least that is what appealed to and stayed with me.

While in Houston, dear Mrs. Brice, whose heart and soul and time and money is given to the Home and the girls, took us out in her machine to see for ourselves and to tell you what our Co-operative Home means. And with commendable pride Miss Durham, Miss Ward and their assistants took us all over, from cellar to roof (roof garden later). Everything is there to

give pleasure and help and convenience and environment, and home-like atmosphere to the girl who must live away from her own home, must live on her salary, often a slim one, be thrown among strangers and must keep herself self-respecting and above the temptations of a lonely self-supporting existence.

There are two girls to a room; clean, pretty, tidy, sanitary, well-kept rooms they are, too, with all their busy life. Snug, but openly private, if we may coin a word, reception rooms for the girls to receive their friends; a real reading room with a book or library alcove which positively invites one to its great recesses; a big auditorium with a baby-grand piano (and a Victrola, much in use), where concerts, at the lonely twilight hour of Sunday afternoon are given by picked musicians from the city Churches and young people's societies. Then there is the sewing room where any girl may plan and make her own clothes, and give the "stitch in time." The laundry, drying room and electric irons, where the girls do their own laundry after business hours or before. The dining room, clean and attractive, where at the close of the meal, every girl picks up her own silver and china and takes it to the kitchen, where the very smell of the soup that cold evening made us loath to leave before dinner.

Above all Misses Durham and Ward, with love shining on their faces and fairly emanating from their persons, and embracing and guiding these hundreds of girls who come here to this Home from all over Texas as the next best place to their own home and loved ones left behind.

We met a number of the girls as they came in from work. Bright, busy girls, who meet one just as a hostess would in her own home.

Just one little lack or two struck us, a touch or two in the way of table scarfs in halls and reception rooms, and jardiniere to make less bare these same rooms; books, more of them, another sewing machine or two, an electric fan or two, and more table and bed linens and some blanket.

So far First Houston Methodists have built and furnished and sustained all this. Now, we must do our part. All the Texas Conference has an interest in protecting girls and keeping them in a Christian atmosphere. So let every auxiliary consider this and talk about it; get interested and write Miss Durham and contribute something through your Superintendent of Supplies toward this beautiful Co-operative Home for our Texas girls in the center of our Texas Conference business district.

MRS. W. F. SPENCER,  
Conference Press Superintendent.

### TEXAS CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES.

On Wednesday and Thursday, February 12 and 13, the program committee for the annual meeting in Texarkana May 13-16, met in Texarkana.

The committee consists of Mrs. J. W. Spivey, Corresponding Secretary Home Department; Mrs. George Call, Corresponding Secretary Foreign Department; Miss Hill, Treasurer and the Conference Press Superintendent. The President, Mrs. McKnight, was also present, not only as an ex-officio member, but also at the request of the chairman, Mrs. Spivey. Out of the goodness and largeness of her hospitable heart, the chairman had invited the conference to meet in Marlin, at her home. But because of distance, time, duties, etc., it seemed best to meet in Houston. We were so busy trying to make a good program and some new plans that one day we quite forgot about eating, and two o'clock came before we knew it. It was good hard work, but had its compensations too. You will hear more of it later. In the meantime elect your delegates, and begin planning and figuring on them. You want the women who will bring back to your society what it needs to raise it to the nth power as a missionary society, Home and Foreign both, local and connectional.

Some of you are on the program. You just ought to hear of all the new auxiliaries we are getting—Corrigan, Ratcliff, Moscow, Giddings, Ful-shear, etc. These Corresponding Secretaries and District Secretaries are going to have the report of their lives and make glad the heart of the President and also of the Treasurer; but above all, showing the interest and growth of our loved Texas Conference, our Church and our cause.

The mother of our dear Miss Hill has been too ill for her to leave her, so we were forced to do without our

Treasurer's valuable help at the committee meeting in Houston.

Miss Durham, of the Co-Operative Home, Mrs. Reichardt, Miss Jones, all members and officers of Texas Conference, called and spent some of the time with the Program Committee and gave encouraging and valuable suggestions.

Marshall's Colonial reception was one long to be remembered. Where did all the beautiful old silk, velvet and lace costumes come from? And powder and patches, and turkey and hatchets.

And the weather! After a black, eternal pour-down in the morning, the sun came out and shone and warmed and brightened as though that were the usual thing instead of the unusual thing this winter. It put us in mind of the miracles of the Red Sea for we surely "walked over dry shod," and glorious and happy to our district parsonage, where the reception was held.

To get a little personal, Braham comes pretty near the banner auxiliary as to reporting and sending clippings to the Conference Press Superintendent from the daily papers of that town. Those are live newspapers in Braham, too, and seem glad to print a good thing and recognize a good reporter when they get a chance. Who else? Mrs. C. F. Smith is their reporter. MRS. W. T. SPENCER, Texas Conference Press Superintendent.

### DAYTON WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The Dayton Missionary Society on January 3, 1913, met in regular business session and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. J. T. Tadlock; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Bridges; Second Vice-President, Miss Mabel Brisbin; Third Vice-President, Mrs. C. H. Deabler; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Neighbor; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Baker; Treasurer, Mrs. Lena Blair; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. Harrington; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. A. P. Dillenback; Agent for Missionary Voice, Miss Ena Feagin; Treasurer of Foreign Department, Mrs. Charles Wilson; Press Superintendent, Mrs. C. L. Feagin.

The past year was very successful both in the increase of members and raising of money. We were very wisely guided by our President, Mrs. J. T. Tadlock. We raised \$360, also sent a nice box to the Waco Orphanage. We have forty-three members. The first Tuesday in the month we have business meetings, reports from all officers of their month's work and collection of dues. The third Tuesday we have a social meeting in which we always have an interesting program and light refreshments are served.

We entered into the new year with

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Press Superintendent.

### CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Please elect your delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, to be held in Georgetown, April 22-25, at an early date, and send names to Mrs. C. S. Belford, Georgetown, Texas.

MRS. L. B. STONE,  
Cor. Sec. Home Department.  
MRS. C. J. HARPER,  
Cor. Sec. Foreign Department.

### HASKELL W. M. SOCIETY.

We are not so many in number, but our enthusiasm makes up partly for lack of membership.

With the bright days our society has awakened; we are glad to be able to say our average attendance is better.

Our various programs seem to be highly appreciated. Especially are we becoming interested in our Reading Course.

One point gained in our society is, when a member is called upon for a certain part of work they heartily respond. Not only does this help the society, it aids the leader and improves the individual.

On February 4 we had a Valentine Tea. We realized about \$20 from this. The principal feature was our "grab table." On a whole it was a success.

We have also had a social meeting this month just for our members. At this meeting the story, "A Previous Engagement," from Missionary Voice, was told and very much enjoyed.

On March 6 at Stamford we are to

enjoy a Missionary Rally, at which we will have the pleasure of hearing Miss Daisy Davies.

We observed our pledge day and over \$50 was pledged. We are coming to the front. Just watch us be the banner society of the Stamford District.

PRESS REPORTER.

### TO FIRST VICE-PRESIDENTS CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Two very earnest requests: Please do your best to increase the circulation of the "Young Christian Worker." You need this paper to do your best work, indeed, you cannot do your best without it. It is important that the children read this paper.


Our secretary has pledged one hundred new subscribers. Let us not disappoint her. In your report, April 1, state the number of new subscribers you have secured. The price of the paper is only twenty-five cents per year. For sample copies and new subscriptions, address Miss Lena Freeman, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. Also let me ask you to make special effort to increase the Baby Roll.

The Illustrated Bible Lessons, "Through Eye Gate to Heart Gate," should be used by every one of you. You will find it very helpful. The price is only fifty cents. If not convenient for your society to pay for it, the conference authorizes me to send to you, but in order to lessen the conference expense, much prefer that each society pay for same.

I hope to meet you at our Annual Conference at Georgetown. Yours for the children.

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Brother Huston has few equals in the management of a choir. In fact, I have never seen his equal in many respects. And his voice is like a silver bell. His solos were heart-searching. Sister Huston did a great work among the girls, organizing them into a Win-Won Club. Many of these girls did some very effective personal work. Last, but not least, we are fixing to build a fifteen thousand dollar church building. Of this amount we have raised eleven thousand dollars. Ten thousand of this was raised at the last Sunday morning service by Brother Coale. These people have broken the record in the matter of giving. We will begin active work on the new building within the next thirty days. The good Lord is blessing us.—Mark N. Terrell.

**Guyton, Okla.**

Four months ago today I was stationed at this place. On that day, according to previous arrangement, nine of the official members of this Church left and went to the Northern Methodist Church here. These had hoped to take the whole Church with them, but they reckoned without their host. At the start the outlook was gloomy, but the people have rallied to the work splendidly, and as a result we have the following items of interest to report to date: A fast growing Sunday School with nearly one hundred in attendance, a good Missionary Society and congregations at the regular services which fill the auditorium of the church. The old debt on the station parsonage has been entirely lifted and provisions made to take care of the debt on the district parsonage here. We closed a month's meeting here last night, in which the pastor was assisted by the presiding elder, Rev. W. J. Stewart. Have received 29 members to date, raised all my benevolent assessments excepting \$57; pastor's and presiding elder's salary paid up in full and both pounded. A new suit of clothes, the gift of friends here to the pastor, is now on the road, and we expect to get it in time to wear to the Board meetings in Dallas next month. Expect to hold another meeting here before the conference and finish up the town. All is well, and the goose hangs high.—Edgar L. Young.

**Hobart, Oklahoma.**

Under the leadership of Evangelist G. A. Marvin, of Sherman, Texas, the M. E. Church, South, with the co-operation of the Christian people of other Churches of the city has brought about the greatest revival that has ever come to Hobart. This is not a statement of the pastor only, but men of the various Churches. There have been meetings conducted here in which more professions were made, but no revival has been so far-reaching in its moral influence over the citizens of Hobart. A leading member of the Campbellite Church stated publicly at an evening service that the meeting was reaching, in its refining influence, every nook and corner of the city. At the end of the third week the meeting was effecting such magnificent results that the Official Board demanded that the revival be continued indefinitely. Another week was added to the great campaign and the results of the last week cannot be comprehended. The meeting has surely been a great triumph for Methodism in Hobart. Our Church has been greatly strengthened numerically, but especially intellectually and spiritually. The methods adopted for the training of the workers cannot be too highly commended. When the meeting is over the pastor had a band of intelligent workers on whom he can depend for efficient work. This revival will be remembered by the people of Hobart throughout the years to come.—J. O. Peterson, Pastor.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE.**

The pastors of the Austin District will please send me names of delegates elected to the District Conference, to convene at this place April 15-18, 1913. Also please underscore names of those you expect to attend, and oblige. L. C. LILLY, P. C. Flatonia, Texas.

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**STAMFORD DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.**

The second session of this institute was held at Haskell March 6 and 7. Every pastor in the section was present, and a number of laymen. The institute was opened by the presiding elder, J. G. Putman, with a Bible reading on the subject, "Working with God, Suffering with Christ, and Witnessing by the Holy Ghost." This reading, with the comments, was very helpful and prepared all for the services of the institute. The missionary idea of the entire Bible was discussed under the four heads, Old Testament, Gospels, Acts and the Epistles and Revelation. The woman's work was presented by their District Secretary. Then followed the subjects: Every-Member Campaign, Pastoral Care of Children, Prayer-meetings and Revivals. There was preaching by A. L. Moore, W. K. Strother and W. B. McKeown, the latter taking the place of R. D. Stewart who was called home.

The attendance from the town was not large, but all present took a deep interest in the proceedings. The lay-delegates present took an active part in the discussions and received and gave benefits. The one local preacher present gave us a strong appeal on "How to Have a Revival." After electing the writer to give the proceedings to the Advocate, the institute adjourned with the benediction. W. B. McKEOWN, Secretary.

**PREPARATIONS FOR THE GENERAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.**

By Dr. C. F. Reid.

On January 10, there was a meeting of the Steering and Program Committees for the Missionary Conference to be held next June under the auspices of the Board of Missions and the Laymen's Missionary Movement at the Southern Assembly Grounds near Waynesville, N. C. Bishop Lambuth, Mr. J. R. Pepper, Miss Mabel Head, Drs. Ed F. Cook, J. M. Moore, G. B. Winton and C. F. Reid were present.

The Secretary reported that considerable progress had been made in securing distinguished speakers outside our own denomination. Definite promises to attend had been obtained from Dr. W. F. Oldham, and Messrs. Robert E. Speer, J. A. McVee, W. T. Ellis and J. Campbell White, and conditional engagements had been made with Hon. William Jennings Bryan and Rev. Charles Stetzel. The Literature and Exhibit Committee was instructed to begin at once to assemble from all our foreign and home fields the material for an exhibit that shall be worthy of a great Missionary Conference, and were authorized to make such expenditures for the gathering and transporting of such material as may be required.

The Secretary was instructed to enter at once into correspondence with the Entertainment and Transportation Committees with the view of securing data for a prospectus of the Conference to be prepared and sent out to the Church at the earliest possible date.

The Secretary was also instructed to make plain by personal correspondence and through the Church papers that the laymen selected by the Annual Conferences as Conference Representatives were not Conference Delegates but were to act rather as chairmen of delegations and that they were expected to secure the attendance of as many others from their respective Churches and committees as possible. The conference is not to be in any proper sense a delegated body. All who can come will be welcome as members.

Miss Mabel Head and C. F. Reid were appointed to prepare a leaflet and letter looking to the organization of prayer circles throughout the whole Connection, including our mission fields that diligent prayer may be made for the success of the conference and that through its instrumentality there may come a great blessing upon the Church.

Many other details were considered and decided upon. With a short interval for lunch, the committee sat from 9:30 a. m. till after 4 p. m. Throughout the meeting a spirit of optimism prevailed and all over the Church there seems to be a feeling of expectancy and assurance that God will pour out a blessing and make this conference more significant and fruitful even than the one held at New Orleans twelve years ago.

**CHURCH DEDICATION AT SMITHVILLE.**

Bishop E. D. Moulton will dedicate our new \$15,000 church the fifth Sunday of this month, March 30th. All former presiding elders and pastors requested to be present. R. A. WALTRIP, Pastor.

**A CORRECTION.**

In my article on Lay Representation, printed last week, there is omitted an important line. I don't know whether it is my fault in omitting it when copying, or whether it is the fault of the printers, but I should like to have it corrected. The line omitted should be at end of the paragraph that I offer as a substitute for the law now in the Discipline and is: "to be elected by the Church Conference." JNO. M. BARCUS, Waxahachie, Texas.

**COMMENCEMENT SERMON.**

Rev. R. P. Shuler, pastor of University Church, Austin, Texas, will preach the commencement sermon for the San Antonio Female College, Sunday, May 4. J. E. HARRISON.

**MARRIED.**

Hughes-Webb.—At the residence of Mrs. Webb, Grimes County, Texas, Wednesday, March 5, 1913, Mr. A. J. Hughes and Miss Minnie B. Webb, Rev. Robt O. Wier officiating.

Turner-Teal.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Eighth Street, Oak Cliff, Dallas, Texas, March 5, 1913, Percy L. Turner and Miss M. Johan Teal, Rev. S. W. Turner officiating.

Cockrell-Webb.—At Westover, Texas, Sunday, March 2, at 2 p. m., Mr. W. M. Cockrell and Miss Calyie Webb, Rev. Ed Sharp officiating.

Price-Foster.—At the home of the bride's father Mr. W. L. Foster, Sterling City, Texas, March 6, 1913, Mr. Frank S. Price, of Ruston, La., and Miss Jessie Foster, Rev. J. T. Redmon officiating.

Watkins-Campbell.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Campbell, near Douglass, Texas, March 9, 1913, Mr. Chas. B. Watkins and Miss Beatrice Campbell, Rev. S. W. Lowe officiating.

Pence-Bond.—At the Methodist parsonage, Garvensville, Texas, March 6, 1913, Mr. Will Pence and Miss Lela Bond, J. W. Baughman officiating.

Campbell-Chenski.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Brown Kenard, Anderson, Texas, Wednesday, March 11, 1913, Mr. J. R. Campbell and Miss Hattie Chenski, both of Navasota, Texas, Rev. R. O. Weir officiating.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

The annual meeting of the Board of Education will be held April 20 to May 1, at Dallas, Texas. The members of the Board will be entertained at the Oriental Hotel.

All applications to the Board for financial aid must be in the hands of the Secretary of Education at least thirty days before the meeting of the Board, according to the following resolution passed at the last annual meeting:

"We recommend that the applications for appropriations be placed in the hands of the Committee on White and Colored Schools at least thirty days before the meeting of the Board; otherwise the applications will not be considered." STONEWALL ANDERSON.

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**DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTES.**

- Plainview District.**  
The District Conference will be at Plainview, May 15-19.  
Committees are as follows:  
License to Preach and Admission—W. M. Lane, S. A. Barnes, Leon Henderson, George Shearer.  
Orders—D. B. Doak, C. D. Pipkin, M. S. Leveridge, D. C. Ross.  
J. T. HICKS, P. E.
- Fort Worth District.**  
District Conference will be held at Arlington beginning April 22. Bishop James Atkins, D. D., will preside. Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D., will preach the missionary sermon. Rev. W. S. P. McCullough will preach the opening sermon.  
Committees are as follows:  
License to Preach—Sam J. Rucker, C. A. Evans, L. G. White.  
Orders—E. P. Culver, J. A. Rufler, Ed R. Wallace.  
Admissions—Sam G. Thompson, C. A. Bickley, H. W. Knickerbocker.  
For entertainment report to Rev. D. L. Collier, Arlington, Texas.  
HEROME DUNCAN, P. E.
- Gatesville District.**  
The District Conference will meet at Oglesby, 8 p. m., May 7, and continue over Sunday. Opening sermon by Alonzo Monk, Jr.  
The committees are as follows:  
License and Admissions—R. H. Heizer, J. D. Hendrickson, H. D. Huddleston.  
Orders—R. A. Walker, C. C. Hightower, J. W. Rowden.  
Local preachers are all requested to be present with written reports. Bishop Atkins will preach Sunday, 11 a. m., and dedicate the church. S. J. VANGLAN, P. E.
- Uvalde District.**  
By necessity the date of the Uvalde District Conference is changed from May 1 to April 24-27.  
S. B. BEALL, P. E.
- Tyler District.**  
The Tyler District Conference will be held at Edom, Texas, July 1 to 4, inclusive. Opening sermon Tuesday night by Rev. W. H. Crum. Let all who can, go by private conveyance. All others go to Brownshoro on Tuesday's Cotton Belt train. Brothers Laker will meet everybody there and convey them to Edom. The time of holding the Hamilton District Conference has been changed from March 27 to May 15.  
G. S. HARDY, P. E.

**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS**

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

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REV. W. W. GRAHAM, now of Clarksville, was read out at the Texas Conference at the superannuated list, and officially that is his relation now. But we wish to say for him that he is in good health, strong, vigorous and full able to do full work. If any of the presiding elders find a vacancy in any one of their charges and want a good and faithful supply, we commend to them Brother Graham, who is able to do good work. G. C. RANKIN, Edom.

**WORK WANTED. Cuero District—Third Round.**

- Victoria, April 19, 20.
- Edna, April 26, 27.
- Ganado and Louise, at Ganado, April 27, 28.
- Gould and Fannin, May 3, 4.
- Hallettsville, at Mossy Grove, May 10, 11.
- Yokam, May 17, 18.
- Port O'Connor, at Lone Tree, May 24, 25.
- Nursery, at Terryville, May 31, June 1.
- Port Lavaca and Taylor at Taylor, June 5, 6.
- Midfield, at La Ward, June 7, 8.
- Palacios, at Caranacobe, June 14, 15.
- President, at Boxville, June 21, 22.
- Nixon, June 28, 29.
- Snyder, at Elm, June 30, July 1.
- El Campo, July 5, 6.
- Pandora, at Gilbert, July 12, 13.
- Stockdale, at Sunny-side, July 19, 20.
- Laverna at Elmendorf, July 26, 27.
- Cuero, Aug. 2, 3.
- Runge, Aug. 9, 10.
- JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.
- The time of holding the Hamilton District Conference has been changed from March 27 to May 15.  
G. S. HARDY, P. E.
- The committees are as follows:  
License and Admissions—R. A. Clements, M. H. Hudson, A. L. Boyd.  
Deacons' and Elders' Orders—Comer M. Woodward, T. S. Barcus, E. L. Sisk.  
The opening sermon will be preached Wednesday, March 26, at 1 p. m., by C. F. Lynn.  
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OBITUARIES

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GIBSON.—Mrs. Margaret Isabelle Gibson (nee Huddleston) was born near Palestine, Texas, May 18, 1855, and grew to lovely womanhood in the community of her birth. When a child, I do not know just what age, she stood at the altar of the M. E. Church and took the vows which meant a life of service to God and all good works. May 11, 1882, she and Mr. William M. Gibson were united in marriage and she gladly faced the duties of married life until the day of her departure, which came January 19, 1913. She is gone. We say she is dead. Not so; she lived yesterday and was with us, and today with God. Yesterday suffering and in pain, today resting at peace. Yesterday in the land of the dying, silent graves and sad funerals; today in the land where the inhabitants shall never say, I am sick. Her home life was beautiful, wise, even-tempered, patient and gentle. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother. In her home her light shone brightest and her influence was most beautifully wielded. Truly, of her it may be said, "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." Her husband and her children are witnesses to her devoted life and her consecration to the service of our blessed Lord. In them, she being dead yet speaketh. She leaves a husband, four children and many other loved ones and a large circle of warm friends to mourn her going away. But we all know where she has gone, and are comforted with the hope of a happy reunion in the land where we will never say good-bye. I knew Sister Gibson. I was her pastor for more than a year. I have been in her home many times. She always esteemed it a great privilege to entertain her preacher. She loved her Church. She loved her Bible and on Sunday evening before she died Friday morning she had been reading her Bible; she laid it away and said, "It is finished," and she took her bed for the last time. She talked to her husband about dying. She did not fear death. She looked to it as a bright future. While there is a vacant place in our Church and home, there is one more star added to the crown of Him who sits at the right hand of God. I shall say to the bereaved ones, take courage, turn your faith-filled eyes heavenward and see the jewel as it shines. Take courage, I say, and fight a good fight of righteousness, that ye may be numbered with the heavenly host above.

M. F. WELLS.

MARTIN.—Robert Dalton Martin was born in Livingston County, Ky., April 12, 1866; departed this life February 29, 1913, at Krum, Texas. He and his present wife have been married thirty-four years. They came to Texas thirty-one years ago, where they lived in Collin County and in Denton, until they settled in Rosston, Cooke County, thirteen years ago, where they lived till last December, then moved to Krum, Texas. Some fourteen months before Brother Martin's death dropsy took possession of him, so much so that he could not lie on his bed, but was compelled to sit, or stand, or kneel for rest. In all of this he was very patient. Conscious till the last, he professed faith in Christ a few days before his death. He prayed for others. He was anxious that others call on the name of God as he had. He gave assurance to his brother, Rev. Jerry Martin, that was clear. He breathed his last out in these words: "Holiness, peace and joy—death, that's all." He leaves a widow and son and daughter, with Rev. Jerry and Cas. W. Martin, of Prosper, Collin County; James Martin, of Aubrey; Mrs. Moore, of Toga, and Mrs. Gault, of Kansas, his brothers and sisters, with his many friends to mourn their loss. The L. O. F. took charge of him after the funeral from the Methodist Church, where they laid him to rest in the Krum Cemetery. May God's blessings rest on all of his loved ones.

L. D. SHAWVER.

LOFTON.—Sister M. P. Lofton (nee Scroggins) was born February 10, 1866; died January 27, 1913; married Brother J. F. Lofton January 28, 1885. To this union five children were born. The oldest preceded her to the glory world about ten years. Sister Lofton was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in her early teens and for more than thirty years lived a consistent and consecrated member of same. She was a devoted wife and an affectionate mother. In the Sunday School her kindness and patience won the love of all the children. She will be greatly missed in the community. Sister Lofton has left behind the aroma of a godly life. Companion and children, you greatly miss her now, but only let her memory make your life more and more like hers. God will reunite you in the land where he himself wipes away all tears.

C. P. COMBS.

PITT.—Little Bessie Edith Pitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pitt, was born May 12, 1909, and died February 21, 1913. She was dedicated to God in baptism May 18, 1912. Little Edith loved the Church. She would often ask her mama when preparing to go to preaching, "Mama, what Church you going to? My Church?" She loved to go to Sunday School and on Sunday before she died, while very sick, she asked her mama if she wasn't going to Sunday School. No one doubts that Little Edith loved Jesus with all her devotion to the Church and Sunday School. She was loved by all her little friends, and numbers of them attended her funeral. She was an obedient and faithful child to her parents. Hers was a bright and cheerful disposition, for she would often say, "I'm my mama's Teddy Bear." Weep not loved ones, for you know where to find her. She's watching and waiting for you. Be faithful to God and meet your jewel in the home of the good, May He who hath "borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" comfort the saddened hearts.

J. D. THOMAS, Pastor.

Petrolia, Texas.

DOUGLASS.—Walter Dodd, infant son of Walter and Winnie Douglass, was born May, 1912; died February 5, 1913, and his precious body was laid to rest by the side of his twin brother in Forney Cemetery. Our hearts go out in love and sympathy for these bereaved ones. How hard to say "Thy will be done." Dear parents, be submissive. Look away from earth to heaven whither your babies have gone. Let us live faithful, and by-and-bye we will all meet around the great White Throne where sorrow never comes.

AUNTIE.

HUFF.—Enoch Marvin Huff, Jr., was born at Dayton, N. M., Monday, December 2, 1912. He was the only child of Rev. and Mrs. E. Marvin Huff. While on a visit to his grandfather, near Cuervo, N. M., the little tot contracted pneumonia which brought it's little life to a close at 6:50 o'clock Wednesday morning, February 19, 1913. On the following afternoon at the Cuervo Cemetery the funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. N. Evans, of Tucumcari, N. M. May the God of the babe look down in tenderest love and mercy upon the father and mother who are prostrate from grief.

A. N. EVANS.

STEWART.—Mrs. Callie V. Stewart (nee Gilliam) was born in April, 1846, in Tennessee; departed this life February 2, 1913, at her home in Luling, Caldwell County, Texas. Sister Stewart came to Texas with her parents in 1848 and settled in Smith County. She married Rev. James B. Stewart in 1865. Born to this union were five boys and four girls, three of whom have preceded her to the better world. She leaves a husband and six children, ten grandchildren and many friends to mourn their loss. She was a faithful mother and wife. She professed religion and joined the Baptist Church at the age of fourteen, but after marrying Brother Stewart, who is a Methodist preacher, she joined the Methodist Church, and was faithful to her Lord and Church until death. Sister Stewart was sick for some time with a cancer, but in all of her pain and trouble she proved true to God and bore her troubles patiently. She was ready and anxious to go, and just before her death she told her son, Tom, not to grieve over her, as she was ready to go. She was laid to rest in Luling Cemetery. Dear loved ones, do not grieve over mother, as she is better off than she would be here amidst sorrow, sickness and death. The Revelator said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." We cannot bring her back, but we can go to her. Therefore be ye also ready, for ye know not when the Son of man shall come." From a friend.

HENRY FRANCIS.

HAMILTON.—With the passing away of C. L. ("Kit") Hamilton, Fairview Church lost one of its most faithful and efficient members. Mr. Hamilton was born in Tennessee February 18, 1844 and moved with his parents to Coffeyville, Texas, at the age of four years. At the age of twenty-one he joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, then moved to Upshur County and in 1904 joined the M. E. Church, South, at Fairview, one mile west of Gilmer, Texas, and remained a member of the Methodist Church until his death. His wife, who had been his faithful companion for more than a quarter of a century, died February 16, 1911. In August Brother Hamilton was confined to his bed, where he remained until his death, February 9, 1913. He left five children to mourn his departure.

D. B. BODDIE, P. C.

HODGE.—Eugene Darrell Hodge was born February 24, 1912. Little Darrell died February 4, 1913. He was the son of John H. and Hattie Lee Hodge. They laid his body to rest in the Needwood Cemetery to await the resurrection of the dead. He suffered just about a week before he left us. He's gone, not from our hearts, but from the home circle. We do not hear his voice. Those bright, blue eyes are closed. No sweet smile do we see. We listen, but we only hear the echo of the past; we look, but find the empty cart and chair. He's gone, but the impress made on our lives time cannot erase. One of earth's sweetest flowers has been plucked and transplanted to the heavenly realm. We are sad for we miss him and the embrace of those little arms. But our loss is heaven's gain. The angelic forces are rejoicing; one more of earth's jewels has returned and we know not why he should be taken. We bow our heads in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well. We know where he is, we cherish his memory, and some day memory will be a reality. Let us labor on. The journey's end is not far and we know some day we shall see him where death shall not part us again.

CLAUDE O. HUFF.

Plymouth, Texas.

CARROLL.—George W. Carroll was born January 14, 1844. He came to Texas forty-four years ago, and spent the last forty years in Hopkins County. September 14, 1865, he married Elizabeth Lantrip. Death claimed him March 4, 1913, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. W. Jordan, Como, Texas. Four other children besides Mrs. Jordan survive him. They are Tom W. Carroll, Mrs. Edd Bird, Mrs. Frank Russell and Mrs. Clark Garrison. In the loss of this good man the county loses a citizen whose honesty and integrity was never questioned, the Church loses a member who was both loyal and devout, and the family a father who loved his children most tenderly. He suffered for many years but bore it all with great fortitude and resignation to God's will. His children cared for him with a tenderness which can only be born of the deepest love and veneration. For many months before his death he knew the end was near. He faced it all without a tremor. Thank God, we can so live that death has no terrors for us. Loved ones, cherish the memory of this godly man, remember his dying words of exhortation, and so spend your days on earth that you may spend eternity with your dear one gone before, in that land of endless day. His Pastor.

M. L. TITTLE.

TAYLOR.—Mary Frances was less than two months old when the death angel, with little warning and terrible swiftness, ruthlessly wrenched her from the fond embrace of her father and mother, Brother and Sister J. W. Taylor. She was their firstborn, as well as the first maternal grandchild. She was much doted on, and is sadly missed, but she is gone to be with the redeemed of all ages. Peace to the tiny ashes, and blessings on the sorrowing loved ones.

M. A. TURNER, Pastor.

HAMMONTREE.—Little Jimmie Oliver Hammontree was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hammontree October 29, 1912, and departed this life January 28, 1913. He was with us only a short while but made our home happy while here. He leaves behind to mourn their loss, a father, mother, one brother, two sisters and a host of relatives. Weep not, dear parents, as those who have no hope, for your darling is gone. You cannot call him back, but you can so live as to meet him and clasp him in your arms on that bright and happy morn. God has called our little darling to that happy home above. He is sleeping there with Jesus, bound with arms of purest love. His aunt.

MRS. LIZZIE SMOTHERMAN.

HAMMER.—Sibyl, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hammer, was born at New Prospect, Texas, December 23, 1902. Sibyl was a very unusually intelligent child, always yielding sweet obedience to her parents. Young as she was she had joined the Methodist Church and was a true little Christian. Her little life was not in vain, and her sweet influence still abides. During her brief illness of pneumonia, she was patient, at times singing her favorite song, "He is Able to Deliver Thee." On January 3, at Timpson, Texas, her pure spirit took its flight back to the God who gave it. While surrounded by the largest gathering ever witnessed there, her little body was laid away in the cemetery at New Prospect to await the resurrection morn. But thanks be unto the Father who gave them the grace through his Son, the sweet submission of the family was

beautiful to witness. Weep not, parents, loved ones, for your darling is more blissfully happy than your limitless love could have made her. She is safely sheltered from all the trials, sorrows and disappointments incident to this life, and is sweetly resting in the arms of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

M. L. LINDSEY.

TAYLOR.—Winfred D. Taylor was the fourth son and youngest child of Brother J. L. and Sister S. E. Taylor. He was born October 5, 1912. Frail and delicate his little body and soul clung feebly together for a little over five months, when his release came, and his pure spirit joined the white host which no man can number. May the memory of this sweet, though suffering little life be a benediction to the dear suffering family; and may God impart his sustaining grace.

M. A. TURNER, Pastor.

ARNOLD.—Annie Brunette Arnold was born May 12, 1889; died December 25, 1912. At the time of her death Sister Brunette had been a sufferer for several weeks, but had borne her suffering patiently. Her mother had seen fit to place her in the sanitarium at Paris; she had undergone an operation from which she never recovered. She gladly went to her reward on Christmas Day, amid the sobbs and heartaches of a loving mother, one sister, three brothers, relatives and a host of friends. We committed her body to the mother earth, while her blessed spirit had gone to the God who gave it. May the great Healer of all broken hearts comfort a bereaved mother, sister and brothers and enable them to see this sister not dead, but gone to live and wait their coming.

J. W. BAUGHMAN.

BOULKKNIGHT.—David Bolknight was born in Lexington District, South Carolina, April 14, 1835, and died February 26, 1913, in Upshur County, Texas, eight miles west of Gilmer. At the age of seventeen he came with his father's family to Upshur County, Texas, and soon after arriving in Texas he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Hopewell, where he remained a member for sixty-one years until death came. He leaves six children, one brother and one sister to grieve his death.

D. B. BODDIE.

FIELDS.—Mrs. Melissa (Douglass) Fields, relict of the late Rev. John W. Fields, of the North Texas Conference, and daughter of Mr. Harry C. Douglass, deceased, was born in Sumner County, Tenn., 1832; died in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. N. E. Shands, San Marcos, Texas, February 22, 1913, having completed her eighty-first year. Her father moved to St. Clair County, Mo., in 1841, and thence to Grayson County, Texas, in 1858. In 1859 she was married to Rev. J. F. Pierson, of the St. Louis Conference, who sought refuge in Texas during the war between the States, and made his home with his father-in-law, near Sherman. The writer at that time was pastor at Sherman, and has ever felt it to have been a gracious privilege to have intimately known and shared the impress of that saintly man and able preacher. He lived only a few years after marriage, and left an only daughter. Sister Pierson later, October 4, 1865, was married to Brother Fields, and of that union two children were born, a son and daughter; but, sad to say, both preceded her to the better world and she was left alone, but not without the kindly care of loving relatives. Her last husband Rev. John W. Fields, was one of the pioneer preachers of Texas, having been transferred from the Kentucky to the Texas Conference, and reached it in session at San Augustine, Bishop Jones presiding January, 1845; the year of the annexation of Texas to the Union and of the organization of the East Texas Conference, and became one of its most conspicuous and useful members. Sister Fields was of excellent parentage, and herself an estimable Christian character, consecrated to the service of the Church from childhood. She has wrought well and served faithfully her day and generation, according to the will of God. In her last years she suffered the loss of her sight, and in a large measure the loss of hearing. She bore with meekness and Christian resignation this double affliction, and as a ripe shock was garnered in heaven. She was buried at Forney, Rev. W. B. Douglass officiating at the funeral. Her life was a benediction to many, and well may her friends and relatives be comforted in this blessed fact and the hope of meeting her and her like again. Let us, like her, be faithful to the end and receive a crown of righteousness.

JNO. H. McLEAN.



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LEWIS.—Eliza Elizabeth Lewis was born in South Carolina, May 3, 1838; died in Coolidge, Texas, March 3, 1913; was married December 4, 1856, in Florida, to W. B. Lewis, who survives to mourn his loss. Their children, eight of whom, three daughters and five sons, are living and all present at the funeral except one son. Sister Lewis was a devoted consistent Christian from her youth. Brother and Sister Lewis spent fifty-six years of married life together in the service of the Lord, and their lives have been a benediction and a blessing to the Church and to the entire community. Sister Lewis had been sick for some months and suffered much at the last, but showed a calm and sweet spirit unto the end. She gave a beautiful testimony during her last hours of consciousness. She loved the Savior, and we say in his words, "She hath done what she could." C. W. MACUNE.

DENNEY.—Little Clyde Martin, a sweet little child of Clarence and Missouri Denney, of Agnes, Texas, was born February 16, 1910; died September 24, 1912. The stay of little Martin was short, as he was only with us a little over two years, and was then taken away to that beautiful home above. He was just beginning to talk, and the sweet little smiles on his face as he would try to speak the words were so sweet to his parents and grandparents; it was so sad to give him up. But that fatal disease, diphtheria, took him away. While his suffering here was very great, we know he has gone to dwell with his little sister in that "home over there," where there is no more pain and suffering. Weep not, dear parents, your little ones are not dead, but gone on before. Live so you will meet them again in "the sweet by-and-bye." God knows best, so let's say, "Thy will be done." GRANDMA.

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Quarterly Conferences

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

- Greenville District—Second Round.
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.
Ford Mis., April 13, 14.
Merit Cir., at Antioch, April 19, 20.
Fairlie Mis., at River, April 26, 27.

Wolfe City Sta., April 27, 28.
Kingston Mis., at Kingston, May 10, 11.
Caddo Mills, at Hendrix, May 17, 18.
Greenville Mis., at C., May 24, 25.
C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

Gainesville District—Second Round.
Bonita Cir., at Starkey's Chapel, March 22, 23.
Denton Sta., March 23, 24.
Broadway Sta., March 27, 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 Bolivar, at S., May 3, 4.
Houston Cir., at Hardy, May 10, 11.
Montague Cir., at Dye Mound, May 17, 18.
Dexter Cir., at Dexter, May 24, 25.
J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Bowie District—Second Round.
Burkhead, at Bass, March 22, 23.
Iowa Park, City View, March 23, 24.
Henrietta Sta., March 27, 3 p. m.
Blue Grove, New London, April 5, 6.
Bellevue, April 6, 7.
Bowie Sta., April 12, 13.
Kinggold, Belcher, April 19, 20.
Nocona, April 20, 21.
Byers, Valentine, April 26, 27.
Petrolia, Petrolia, April 27, 28.
Megargal, Amerene, May 3, 4.
Archer City, May 3, 4.
Post Oak, Buffalo Springs, May 10, 11.
Vashli, Vashli, May 11, 12.
Craffon, Park Springs, May 17, 18.
Sunset, Dry Valley, May 24, 25.
Dundee, Dundee, May 31, June 1.
District Conference at Henrietta, March 27 to 29, inclusive.
T. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round.
(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.
Eways, April 16.
Abney, 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.
O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

Bonham District—Second Round.
Bonham Cir., at Edhuie, March 22, 23.
Bonham Sta., March 23.
Rock Point and McCraw, at McCraw, March 29, 30.
Dodd Cir., at Lannius, April 19, 20.
Bailey Cir., at Pleasant View, April 26, 27.
Trenton Cir., at Blanton Chapel, May 3, 4.
Leonard Sta., May 4, 5.
Brookston, at Annville, May 11, 12.
Telephone, May 18, 19.
Forest Hill and Belts, at Belts, May 26, 27.
Ravenna Cir., May 31, June 1.
Windom Cir., June 7, 8.
O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

Decatur District—Second Round.
Argyle, at Garza, March 22, 23.
Krum and Ponder, at Krum, March 23, 24.
Alford, at Alford, April 5, 6.
Chico, at Chico, April 6, 7.
Decatur Cir., at Sand Hill, April 12, 13.
Decatur Sta., April 13, 14.
Rhodes, at Annville, April 19, 20.
Greenwood, at Sheldell, April 26, 27.
Bryson and Jermyn, at Jermyn, May 3, 4.
Jackshoro Sta., May 4, 5.
Boyd, at Garvin, May 10, 11.
Bridgport Mis., at Sand Flat, May 17, 18.
Willow Point, at Gibtown, May 24, 25.
Mexican Mis., May 26.
Oak Dale, at —, May 31, June 1.
Jackshoro Mis., at —, June 1, 2.
Bridgport Sta., June 7, 8.
Justin and Roanoke, at R., May 17, 18.
S. C. RIDDLE, P. E.

McKinney District—Second Round.
Princeton, at W. C., March 22, 23.
Allen and South McKinney, at S. M., March 23, 24.
Leawille, March 29, 30.
Richardson and Vickery, at Rogers Chapel, April 5, 6.
Plano, April 6, 7:30 p. m.
Prosper, at E. R., April 12, 13.
Frisco, April 19, 20.
Weston, at Roseland, April 26, 27.
Cedina, May 3, 4.
Wylie, at St. Paul, May 10, 11.
Plano, at 7:30, May 11.
Renner, May 17, 18.
McKinney, at 7:30 p. m., May 10.
Josephine, May 24, 25.
Nevada, May 25, 26.
Farmersville, May 31, June 1.
Cartellon and F. B., at C., June 7, 8.
McKinney, at 7:30 p. m., June 8.
Blue Ridge, June 14, 15.
McKinney Cir., June 28, 29.
CHAS. A. SPRAGINS, P. E.

Terrell District—Second Round.
College Mound, at Morrow's Chapel, March 22, 23.
Elmer, 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 20, 21.
Pleasant Mound, at Rose Hill, April 26, 27.
Quinnan, 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.

Sherman District—Second Round.
Waples Memorial, March 22, 23.
Bells 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.
Saller 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.
R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Paris District—Second Round.
Rexton, at Oklahoma, March 22, 23.
Centenary, March 23, 24.
Woodland, at Kanawa, March 29, 30.

Detroit, March 28-30.
Annona, at Coleman S., April 5, 6.
Clarksdale, at Liberty, April 6, 7.
Emerson, at R. P., April 12, 13.
Blom, April 13, 14.
McKenzie at Jolietown, April 19, 20.
Bogata, at Rosalie, April 26, 27.
Lamar Avenue, April 27, 28.
Avery, at Henrietta, May 3, 4.
Bazwell, at Liberty, May 4, 5.
Paris Cir., at Hopewell, May 10, 11.
Deport Cir., May 17, 18.
W. F. BRYAN, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Second Round.
Mount Vernon Cir., at Saltillo, March 22, 23.
Cumbo and Miller Grove, at Cumby, March 29, 30.
Ben Franklin and Pecan Gap, at R. F., April 5, 6.
Lake Creek Cir., at Lake Creek, April 12, 13.
Klondike Cir., at Tranquil, April 13, 14.
Reily Springs Cir., at Parks Chapel, April 19, 20.
Como and Forest Academy, at F. A., April 20, 21.
Yowell Cir., at Pean, April 26, 27.
Sulphur Springs Mis., at Wesley Chapel, May 3, 4.
Brashear Cir., at Gafford's Chapel, May 10, 11.
Winnsboro Sta., May 17, 18.
Sulphur Bluff Cir., at Sulphur Bluff, May 24, 25.
Birthright and Tira, at Tira, May 25, 26.
Purley Cir., at Pleasant Hill, May 31, June 1.
Sulphur Springs Sta., June 1, 2.
R. C. HICKS, P. E.

Central Texas Conference
Gatesville District—Second Round.
Copperas Cove, at Fidoake, March 22, 23.
Killeen Cir., at Reece Creek, March 29, 30.
Nolanville, at N., March 31, 11 a. m.
McGregor, April 5, 6.
Jonesboro, at Union Grove, April 12, 13.
Evant, at Cox Chapel, April 16, at 11 a. m.
Fairy and Lanham, at L., April 19, 20.
Hamilton Cir., at L. und, April 26, 27.
Hamilton, April 27, 28.
Crawford, at C., April 30, 2 p. m.
Gatesville Cir., at Winfield, May 3, 4.
Oglesby, May 10, 11.
S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Hillsboro District—Second Round.
First Church, Hillsboro, at F. C., March 23.
Covington and Osceola, at O., March 29, 30.
Itasca, at Itasca, March 30, at 7:30.
Brandon, at Bynum, April 3.
Abbott, at Belle Springs, April 4.
Huron Cir., at Huron, April 5, 6.
Whitney, at Whitney, April 5, 6.
Penelope, at Mesquite, April 10.
Hubbard, April 11.
Kirk, April 12, 13.
Orelia, April 13, 14.
Peoria, April 19, 20.
Lovell, April 26, 27.
HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round.
Fifth Street, March 23.
S. Bosque and Hours, at Harris, March 29, 30.
China, at Coyote, April 5, 6.
Kiesel and Astell, at Astell, April 12, 13.
Mt. 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.
W. R. ANDREWS, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Second Round.
Brooklyn Heights at Sycamore, March 22, 23.
Diamond Hill, March 23, 24.
Arlington, March 26, 8 p. m.
First Church, March 30, 31.
Kennedale, at Kennedale, April 3, preaching 11 a. m.
Central, April 6, 7.
Mission Ave., April 13, 14.
Mulkey Memorial, April 20, 21.
FEROME DUNCAN, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round.
Pardon 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.
Wortham and Richland, at Richland, April 19, 20.
First Church, April 20, 21.
Corsicana Ct., at Eureka, April 26-27.
Stephenville, at Cotton Gin, May 3, 4.
Mexia Sta., May 4, 5.
Kereus and Powell, at Powell, May 10, 11.
Big Hill Ct., May 17, 18.
Thornton Sta., May 16-18.
J. N. NELSON, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round.
Stephenville Cir., at Rock Falls, March 22, 23.
Stephenville Sta., March 23, 24.
Bunyan, at Lingleville, March 29, 30.
Huckabay, at Pigeon, March 31.
DeLeon Cir., at Morton's Chapel, April 5, 6.
DeLeon Sta., April 6, 7.
Duffau, at Shipper, April 12, 13.
Iredell, at Oden's Chapel, April 13, 14.
Hico, April 15.
Carlton, at Lamkin, April 19, 20.
Proctor, at Graham Chapel, April 20, 21.
Bluffdale, at Acre, April 26, 27.
Tolar, April 27, 28.
M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round.
Holland, at Wilson's Valley, March 22, 23.
Belton Cir., at New Hope, March 29, 30.
Bartlett, April 5, 6.
Granger, April 5, 6.
Florence, at Wesley Chapel, April 12, 13.
Georgetown, April 13, at 8 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.
Gorman, March 22, 23.
Gordon, at Mt. Zion, March 29, 30.
Kising Star, April 5, 6.
Pioneer, at P. Valley, April 6, 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.
C. E. LINDSEY, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round.
Wingate, at Darsco, March 22, 23.
Winters, March 22, 23.
Glencove, 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.
Gouldsbnk, 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.
J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Cleburne District—Second Round.
Godey, 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.
W. W. MOSS, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round.
Aledo, at Ben Brook, March 22, 23.
Couts Mem., March 29, 30.
Weatherford, March 29, 31.
Whit Cir., at Peasey, April 5, 6.
Loving, at Loving, April 12, 13.
Graham Mis., at Rocky Mound, April 15.
Graham, at Graham, April 16.
Eliaville, at Murray, April 19, 20.
New Castle, at True, April 26, 27.
JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round.
Ovilla, at Onward, March 22, 23.
Maypearl, at Auburn, March 29, 30.
Red Oak, at Boyce, April 12, 13.
Mansfield, April 15.
Midlothian, April 16.
Forreston, at Colliers Chapel, April 19, 20.
Sterling, at Itasca, April 20, 21.
Bethel, April 25, 26.
Italy, at Lakeview, April 26, 27.
Bardwell, at Avalon, May 3, 4.
Italy, May 4, 5.
J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

West Texas Conference
Cuero District—Second Round.
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.
Runge, April 6, 7.
Lavernia, at Sutherland Spgs., April 12, 13.
JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round.
San Benito, March 22, 23.
Brownsville, March 23, 24.
Hargenes, 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.
Llano Sta., March 22, 23.
Cherokee, at Cherokee, March 23, 24.
San Sabu Sta., March 25.
Richard Springs, at Lockett, March 27.
Lometa Cir., at Bend, March 29, 30.
San Sabu Cir., at Colony, March 30, 31.
Mason, April 5, 6.
Fredonia, April 6, 7.
I. W. COWAN, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round.
Seguin, March 22, 23.
Belmont, at Mill Creek, March 25, 26.
Leesville, March 27, 28.
Waelder and Thomsonville, at Thomsonville, March 29, 30.
THOMAS GREGORY, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round.
Sonora, Mar. 22, 23.
Eldorado, at Eldorado, Mar. 29, 30.
Olzon, Apr. 5, 6.
Sherwood, Apr. 12, 13.
Sterling, at China Valley, Apr. 19, 20.
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.
Liberty Hill and Leander, at L. H., March 22, 23.
Walnut, March 29, 30.
St. Luke's, March 30, 31.
First Church, April 6, 7.
South Austin, April 11, 12.
Ward Memorial, April 12, 13.
V. A. GODBEY, P. E.

Uvalde District—Second Round.
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.
S. B. BEALL, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round.
Boerne Cir., at Comfort, March 23.
Alamo, March 23.
San Antonio Cir., at Oak Island, March 30.
Government Hill, March 30.
Bandra, April 6.
Medina, at M., April 6.
S. H. C. BURGINS, P. E.

Northwest Tex. Conference
Sweetwater District—Second Round.
Blackwell, at Hylton, Mar. 22-23.
Lorraine, Mar. 27, at 3 p. m.
Snyder Sta., April 6-7.
Colorado Sta., April 13-14.
Colorado Mis., at Plainview, April 19, 20.
Fluennata, at Crowds, April 26-27.
Sweetwater Mis., at Ada, May 3-4.
J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Abilene District—Second Round.
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.
Ovalo, at Jim Ned, April 12, 13.
Cross Plains, at Cotton Wood, April 19, 20.
Nugent, at Hamby, April 26, 27.
Putnam, at Moran, May 3, 4.
Raid, May 4, 5.
C. N. N. FERGUSON, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round.
Quanah Sta., March 21.
Quanah 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 27.
Crowell Sta., May 7.
W. Hall Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p. m.
J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Stamford District—Second Round.
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.
Avoca and Bethel, May 10, 11.
J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round.
Mowette, at Mobeetie, March 22, 23.
Cataline, at Gageby 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.
Quail, at Quail, April 5, 6.
Canadian, April 13, 14.
Groom, at Groom, April 19, 20.
Clarendon, April 27, 28.
J. W. STORY, P. E.

Plainview District—Second Round.
Lockney Mis., at Roseland, March 22, 23.
Lockney Sta., March 23, 24.
Dimmitt, at Otlen, March 29, 30.
Silverton, April 5, 6.
Turkey, at Whiteflat, 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.
Cahona, at R. Bar, March 22, 23.
Plains, March 30, 31.
Brownsville, at Gomez, April 5, 6.
O'Donnell, at T. Bar, April 8.
Taboka and Slaton, at Slaton, April 12, 13.
Post, afternoon, April 14.
Lamesa, April 19, 20.
W. H. TERRY, P. E.

Hamlin District—Second Round.
Rule, at Rule, March 22, 23.
McCaullay, at M., 8 p. m., March 27.
Rotan, April 5, 6.
Sylvester, at Lovelace, April 12, 13.
Jayton, at J., April 19, 20.
Sacerston, at S., April 26, 27.
Spur, May 3, 4.
Knoos Cir., at O'Brien, May 10, 11.
Rockester, at Juds., May 17, 18.
Peacock, at P., May 24, 25.
Vera, May 31, June 1.
G. S. HARDY, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Pittsburg District—Second Round.
Nash, at Red Springs, March 22, 23.
Texarkana, Central (preaching), March 23, night.
Queen Cir., at New Hope, March 29, 30.
Atlanta Sta., March 30, 31.
Redwater, at Maud, April 5, 6.
Winfield, at Bridges Chapel, April 12, 13.
Mt. Pleasant (preaching), April 13, night.
Boston Cir., at Old Boston, April 19, 20.
New Boston and DeKalb, at N. B., April 20, 21.
Hardy Memorial (conference), April 21, night.
Texarkana, Central (conference), April 22, night.
Linden, at Wells Chapel, April 26, 27.
Douglasville, at Cedar Grove, April 27, 28.
Winnsboro, at Shady Grove, May 3, 4.
Hughes Springs, at Hughes, May 10, 11.
Daingerfield (conference), May 11, 1:30 p. m.
Cookville, at Maple Springs, May 17, 18.
Mt. Pleasant (conference), May 19, night.
Dalby Springs, at Dalby, May 24, 25.
Pittsburg Cir., at —, May 31, June 1.
Pittsburg Sta., June 1, 2.
Cornett, at Dalton, June 7, 8.
Naples and Omaha, at Naples, June 8, 9.
O. T. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Marshall District—Second Round.
Laneville Cir., at Redland, March 22, 23.
Harleton Cir., at Smyrna, March 29, 30.
Rosewood Cir., at Marvin's Chapel, April 5, 6.
Gilmer Sta., April 6, 7.
Langview, April 13, 14.
Harrison Cir., at Rock Springs, April 19, 20.
Marshall First Church, April 20, 21.
Beckville Cir., at Allison's Cha., April 22, 23.
Elysian Fields Cir., at Bethany, April 26, 27.
Marshall Summit Sta., April 30.
Kilgore Cir., at Cross Roads, May 3, 4.
Henderson Cir., at Good Springs, May 10, 11.
Church Hill Cir., at —, May 13, 14.
Kellyville Cir., at —, May 17, 18.
Jefferson, May 18, 19.
Havillville Cir., at Lagrone's Ch., May 24, 25.
Bettie Cir., at Soule's Ch., May 28.
F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

Tyler District—Second Round.
Big Sandy Cir., at Starrville, March 22, 23.
Tyler, Marvin Church, March 23, 24.
Colfax Cir., at Oakland, March 29.
Garden Valley Cir., at Sand Flat, March 30.
Whitehouse Cir., at Noonday, April 5, 6.
Quitman Cir., at Salem, April 12, 13.
Wills Point Cir., at Cragleville, April 19, 20.
Grand Saline, April 20.
Murchison Cir., at New Hope, April 26.
Edom Cir., at Edom, April 27.
Tyler Cir., at Center, May 3, 4.
Tyler, Cedar Street, May 4.
Mt. Sylvan Cir., at Mt. Sylvan, May 10, 11.
Lindale Sta., May 11.
Alba Cir., at Alba, May 17, 18.
Mineola Sta., May 18.
Edgewood Cir., at Small, May 24, 25.
J. B. TURRENTINE, P. E.

San Augustine District—Second Round.
Pine Hill, at Jumbo, March 22.
Garrison, March 23.
Corrigan, at Moscow, March 28.
Burke, at Dibell, March 29.
Luftin, March 30.
Kenward, at Kenward, April 12.
Center Cir., at Sand Hill, April 19.
Center Sta., April 20.
Shelbyville, at Sardis, April 26.
San Augustine, April 27.
Gary, at Tennessee, May 3.
Carthage Sta., May 4.
Mt. Enterprise, May 10.
McDross, at Elm Grove, May 17.
Hemphill, May 20.
Geneva, at McMahan's Chapel, May 24.
Livingston Cir., May 31.
Appledy Mis., June 7.
Nacogdoches, June 8.
J. W. MILLS, P. E.

Navasota District—Second Round.
Groveton Sta., March 22, 23.
Trinity Sta., March 23, 24.
Huntsville Cir., at Blackjack, March 29, 30.
Conroe Sta., March 30.
Midway, at Greenbrier, April 5, 6.
Madisonville Sta., April 6, 7.
Graptland and Loveland, at Percella, April 11.
Augusta Cir., at Liberty Hill, April 12, 13.
Montgomery Cir., at Stoneham, April 20, 21.
Crockett Cir., at Letexo, April 26, 27.
Crockett Sta., April 25 and 27.
Cleveland and Shepherd, at Fostoria, May 3, 4.
Cold Springs, at Point Blank, May 10, 11.
Oakhurst Cir., at Dodge, May 11, 12.
Bryan Mis., at Steep Hollow, May 17, 18.
Bryan Sta., May 18, 19.
Wills and New Waverly, at El Mina, May 24, 25.
Huntsville Sta., May 25, 26.
E. L. SHETTLER, P. E.

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Beaumont District—Second Round.
Wallsville, at Analauac, March 22, 23.
Liberty, at Liberty, March 29, 30.
Dayton, March 30, 31.
Sour Lake and China, at S. L., April 5, 6.
Kirbyville, April 12, 13.
Burkville, at Pineland, April 13, 7:30 p. m.
Jasper Mis., at Camp Ground, April 19, 20.
Newton, at Farr's Chapel, April 26, 27.
Call, at Bessamy, April 30, 7:30 p. m.
Batson and Saratoga, at Batson, May 3, 4.
Warren, at —, May 10, 11.
Woodville, at —, May 11, 12.
Port Bolivar and Stowell, at Stowell, May 17, 18.
Nederland, at —, May 24, 25.
Port Arthur, May 25, 26.
E. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

Brenham District—Second Round.
Chapel Hill, March 22, 23.
Caldwell, March 29, 30.
Brenham, March 30.
Tanglewood, at Pleasant Hill, April 5, 6.
Walker, at Kirby's Chapel, April 12, 13.
Hemphill, April 13.
Hendon Florida, at Iago, April 19, 20.
Bay City, April 20.
Bellville, at Buckhorn, April 26, 27.
Sealy, at San Felipe May 3, 4.
Rosenberg, May 4.
Brookshire and Patison, at P., May 10, 11.
Lane City, May 17, 18.
Wharton, May 18, 19.
Wallis and Fulshear, at Wallis, May 24, 25.
Richmond, May 25.
S. W. THOMAS, P. E.

Jacksonville District—Second Round.
Neches, at Pleasant Grove, March 22.
Geney Church, Palestine, March 23.
Mckays, at Kellys, March 26.
Jacksonville Cir., at Dialville, March 29.
Overton and Arr, at Arr, March 30, afternoon.
Troup, at Troup, March 31.
Jacksonville Sta., March 31.
Gallatin, at Gallatin, April 2.
Bullard Sta., April 6.
Busk Sta., April 6.
Alto Cir., at Atoy, April 12.
Alto Sta., April 13.
Mount Selman, at Mixon, April 16.
Elkhart, at —, April 19.
Cushing, at —, April 26.
La Rue, at —, April 29.
Brushy Creek, at —, May 3.
Huntington, at —, May 9.
J. T. SMITH, P. E.

Houston District—Second Round.
Pasadena, March 22, 23.
Washington Ave., March 23.
Humble, March 30.
McKeese Sta., March 30.
Texas City, April 6.
Grace, April 6.
Cedar Bayou, April 13.
Alvin, April 16.
Houston First Church, April 20.
Genoa, April 29.
Brazoria, April 27.
Angleton, April 27.
Iowa Colony, April 27.
Arcadia, May 4.
Woodland Heights, May 4.
Katy, May 11.
Columbia, May 18.
J. KILGORE, P. E.

Marlin District—Second Round.
Davilla, at Davilla, March 22, 23.
Buckholts at Buckholts, March 22, 24.
Maysfield, at Maysfield, March 29, 30.
Cameron, March 30, 31.
Galbert, 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 Leona, April 26, 27.
Fairfield and Dew, at Mt. Zion, May 3, 4.
Teague, May 4, 5.
Winchlock, at Edge, May 10, 11.
Bremond, at Beck Prairie, May 17, 18.
Hearne, May 18, 19.
Kosse, at Alto Springs, May 24, 25.
Milano, at —, May 30.
Travis, at Sneed's Chapel, May 31, June 1.
Rosebud Sta. and Bohannon Mis., June 1, 2.
I. F. BETTS, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE
Pecos Valley District—Second Round.
Odessa, March 22, 23.
Pecos, March 29, 30.
Hope, April 5, 6.
Dayton, April 12, 13.
Artesian, April 19, 20.
Portales, April 22.
Roswell, April 26, 27.

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We print this week the names of preachers, subscribers to S. M. U., whose names were omitted from the list published last week. This list was compiled several months ago by a young lady who left off a number of names. Brother Knickerbocker gave us a rush call for the preachers who had subscribed and we ran the list in without rechecking it.

We will add additional names as the corrections are made:

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**S. M. U. RALLY.**

Presiding Elder O. S. Thomas and District Commissioner I. S. Ashburn, of the Bonham District, are planning a special S. M. U. Rally Day for the 10th Sunday in March for their dis-

trict. The following is the arrangement for speakers:

Bonham, Sunday Morning Dr. R. S. Hyer.  
Ladonia, all day, Frank Reedy.  
Honey Grove, Sunday evening, Dr. Hyer.

Dodd City, Sunday evening, C. O. Shugart.  
Lannius, Sunday morning, C. O. Shugart.

Gober Sunday morning, E. H. Coburn.  
Marvin Church, Sunday morning C. P. Combs.  
Windom, Sunday morning, C. H. Buchanan.

Bells Chapel, Sunday morning, R. P. Buck.  
Ravenna and Mulberry, all day, R. L. Ely.

Leonard, Sunday morning, H. A. Boaz.  
Trenton, Sunday evening, H. A. Boaz.

McCraws, Sunday morning, O. S. Thomas.

**KNICKERBOCKER  
"SPECIALLETTES."**

The conductor is in Meridian, Texas, this week holding a revival meeting and incidentally boosting the interests of our splendid school there, Meridian College. He finds it a little difficult to run the train and a revival on one and the same track. But one is a flying machine and the other a mogul engine, and by wireless connection he has avoided a collision so far.

**New Passengers.**

Passing through McGregor on our way up to Meridian we dropped into the bank of that genial, generous gentleman, Dr. J. E. Brown, and most smilingly he exchanged his slow train ticket for a thousand dollar coupon and he is now riding with us, with a title to all the privileges of my great excursion. There are many others who ought to swap tickets right away. The fact is, that the tune was pitched too low in the beginning by scores and scores. We can't reach the high C of

\$200,000 without many sounding the tuning fork and coming up to a \$1000 note, even if they have to sing falsetto to do it. The above figures may be mixed, but you all know what I mean. I'm hoping Henry Jackson, of San Angelo, will swap his ticket next week. Then there are others—many others. Of them more anon!

**Telegraph Me at My Expense.**

If any man anywhere suddenly makes up his mind to get aboard, let him telegraph me at my expense. I need some electric messages bad, and I need 'em instanter. I'll send the ticket by mail at once.

**When My Flying Machine Lights.**

As soon as I light with my flying machine I expect to make sixty miles an hour with my train. There are a whole bunch of passengers just starting to run for the next flag station.

H. D. KNICKERBOCKER.

**BROTHER YOUNG REPORTS.**

Since my last report appeared in the columns of the Advocate I have been on the go and so very busy that I have not had time to write even a short note for these columns.

I have spent three days in the Dublin District campaigning with the District Commissioner, Rev. F. E. Singleton, in the town of Dublin. Notwithstanding their church was burned in November, and the further fact they are making decided improvements upon the building at an expenditure of several thousand dollars, the good people of Dublin very generously responded to the claim of Southern Methodist University, and to date our books show a subscription totaling approximately \$2000. Brother Singleton is making things hum as a District Commissioner, also as a pastor. Dublin District will be well to the front with her report at the Rally Day in Dallas.

From Dublin I went to Temple. Conditions were very peculiar in the town of Temple. More than a year ago their magnificent church burned to the ground entailing a total loss. But the loyal and heroic people that compose the membership of First Church rallied to the call of the pastor, and have projected an \$80,000 church building, which is now nearing completion. I had the privilege Sunday morning of presenting the claims of Southern Methodist University to the membership of this great Church in the recently finished basement of their new

church. Brother H. D. Knickerbocker arrived Sunday afternoon on the "Knickerbocker Special" and occupied the same pulpit at the evening hour, delivering his stem-winding sermon lecture, "A Broken Box and a Flying Eagle." The next day we canvassed quite a good many of the Temple Methodists, taking aboard some on the Knickerbocker Special and other subscriptions of smaller denominations. At present the S. M. U. books show a total of more than \$5000 from Temple, with possibly two or three thousand yet to follow. Under the condition we think these subscriptions from Dublin and Temple have been exceedingly liberal, and mean much both to the people and the cause of Christian Education. Reverends E. A. Smith and E. V. Cox, the pastors in Temple, are both in very high favor with their people. Of course it is needless to say that the Commissioners had the most cordial support and co-operation of Play Downs and A. F. Bentley, both of whom have taken passage on the Knickerbocker Special. During the past week I visited the Lufkin District Missionary Institute and delivered an address to a crowded house, and found enthusiasm on all sides. From Lufkin I visited the Weatherford Institute at Mineral Wells, delivering an address and also planning for the "every-member campaign." Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, the District Commissioner, has things moving out his way. We expect a great report of the Weatherford District at the Rally Day in Dallas.

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1,951,000 head of sheep	5,530,000
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