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## The North Texas Conference

This body, the last to be held in Texas this year, met in Clarksville, Wednesday, the 3rd of December. Bishop Mouzon in the chair. This is the first time that an Annual Conference met in this little city, and it was an event of more than ordinary interest. Clarksville is in Red River County, and properly in East Texas. It is near the northeastern boundary of the Conference territory, some 35 miles east of Paris and 60 miles west of Texarkana. It is a place of 5000 population and one of the oldest towns, not only in the Conference, but of the State also. It has a thrifty and a progressive population, and we see many indications of wealth. It has a moral citizenship, where local option has prevailed for several years, and the people are happy and industrious.

To Methodists, Clarksville is both historic and sacred. It is near here where old Dr. J. W. P. McKenzie located many years ago and projected the first school of note in all this section of Texas. For years his school was a famous resort for the youths of the country and many of the leading men of a former generation came from its walls. We cannot do better than quote from the News some data concerning him, his school and its influence in the long ago. Some of his students, now old men, are still prominent in Church and State, and his name is still a household word in the homes of many Texans.

"On exhibition in the church building where the Conference will be held are a number of relics that once belonged to Dr. J. W. P. McKenzie, whose good deeds and works will always adorn some of the most valuable pages of Texas history. In 1836 Dr. McKenzie was sent from Tennessee as a missionary to the Choctaw Indians. After working among this tribe three years he was appointed to a circuit, which extended from a few miles east of Texarkana to Preston Bend, in Grayson County. In the territory which this circuit included there are now six presiding elders' districts and about 100 preachers with pastoral charges. After the failure of his health, Dr. McKenzie, being forced to retire from duty as a circuit rider, located his home about four miles from Clarksville, which he named Itinerant Retreat. Here he established a small school with sixteen pupils. This school grew and flourished and became known as McKenzie Institute and McKenzie College, successively. In this institution and under Dr. McKenzie's tutelage were educated many ministers, doctors, lawyers and business men who became prominent and influential in Texas. Among the relics on exhibition are the old Bible and hymn books which Dr. McKenzie carried in his saddlebags, when he taught and preached among the Indians and while riding his circuit."

It is meet and proper that the new church in which the Conference is being held and which was erected a few years ago when Rev. J. M. Sweeton was pastor should be known as the

McKenzie Memorial Church; and it is doubly proper that the striking portraits of the old Doctor and his good wife should adorn one of the large art glass windows. To look into those two faces is to read great character and dominant personality. They have a son, now well advanced in life, living at the old homestead, some three miles in the country. But the old buildings are mostly gone and there is not much left to remind one of the days when "Old Master" strode

plur Springs, with Bishop McTyelre presiding and W. C. Young, Secretary. During these passing years one hundred and five of its ministers have died and passed to their reward, so that its heavenly membership is a large one. If old Dr. McKenzie could get up out of his grave and look upon the Conference of today he would doubtless say: "What hath God wrought."

It was the hope of all that the weather would put on its best behavior; but this hope went to pieces on Tuesday before the body met. The rains came down in torrents and when several belated trains east and west

came forward and called the roll, and the great majority of the members answered to their names. Rev. R. G. Mood was unanimously re-elected Secretary and good corps of helpers were given him and the Conference was ready for business.

Rev. S. C. Riddle read a list of the committees for the Conference and they were elected. Connectional communications were referred to the several committees. A number of transfers from other conferences were announced and introduced.

The names of the presiding elders were called. They made their reports at length and their characters

buildings, 3 new parsonages and 2 others rebuilt and renovated. Great meetings at many places. About 800 additions to the Church. Fifth Sunday meetings held with fine effect throughout the district. All the preachers have been faithful under adverse conditions and all salaries practically paid in full. About 90 per cent of the collections paid; \$18,000 raised for Southern Methodist University. All the preachers have been faithful and a year of success and progress has resulted.

W. F. Bryan, P. E., Paris District: Every interest of the Church has moved forward this year. First of all we have had some good revivals. Received into the Church 1016 members. A net gain for the year 713. We have 61 Sunday Schools and 48 of these are organized into missionary schools. There are 14 Epworth Leagues in the district and many of them are contributing to missions. We have 11 W. H. M. Societies and some of them have the foreign department, all doing good work. Eighty-three per cent of the Conference collections and 97 per cent of the pastors salaries will be paid. Some of the charges have paid in full that have not done so before in years. Three new churches and two new parsonages have been built. We have raised \$22,000 for Southern Methodist University. This splendid showing is made possible because of the faithfulness of the pastors.

O. S. Thomas, P. E., Bonham District: We have had a year of progress notwithstanding adverse conditions. Our section of the country suffered more, especially the black land district, from boll worms than any other part of the State, some of the best lands taking eight to ten acres to make a bale of cotton, yet in spite of this our collections are in advance of last year. We have had one good revival, but not what we hoped for. About five hundred conversions and accessions to the Church. Have organized several Woman's Missionary Societies and Epworth Leagues. A large increase in subscriptions to the Advocate; finished building two elegant brick churches and rebuilt another; dedicated one church and have two others ready for dedication. Nearly all debts have been paid on church property. Have built two beautiful and comfortable parsonages and purchased another. Have raised more than \$15,000 for education. Our Sunday Schools have grown in numbers, interest and efficiency during the year. These things have been accomplished by the energy and devotion of as consecrated and self-sacrificing set of men as can be found in any district. They have wrought well. Their labors have been abundant and not without results. We have lost two great laymen by death—Young Burgher, a patriarch in Israel, at the ripe age of 92 years, yet his interest in the Church never waned; often a member of the Annual and General Conferences; the other, J. B. Jones, one of our most efficient Sunday School workers—both dying in great peace.

S. C. Riddle, P. E., Decatur District: A prosperous year in spite of drouth in the summer and excessive rains in the fall. There have been about six hundred and fifty conversions and about five hundred and eighty additions to the Church and more than half of the charges paid salaries and assessments in full. Three gracious revival meetings have been held in many places and the membership have generally grown in grace under the ministry of a faithful and efficient band of preachers who have as a rule held their own meetings. Sooter, of Argyle Circuit, had a successful year and reports a parsonage debt paid off; Wilson, Alvord, fine meeting, net in-

## Christmas Once ∴ Christmas Still

By PHILLIPS BROOKS

The silent skies are full of speech  
For who hath ears to hear;  
The winds are whispering each to each,  
The moon is calling to the beach,  
And stars their sacred wisdom teach  
Of faith, and love, and fear.

But once the sky the silence broke,  
And song o'erflowed the earth;  
The midnight air with glory shook,  
And angels mortal language spoke,  
When God our human nature took  
In Christ the Savior's birth.

And Christmas once is Christmas still;  
The gates through which He came,  
And forests wild and murmuring all,  
And fruitful field and breezy hill,  
And all that else the wide world fill,  
Are vocal with His name.

Shall we not listen while they sing  
This latest Christmas morn,  
And music hear in everything,  
And faithful lives in tribute bring,  
To the great song which greets the King  
Who comes when Christ is born?

with authority on that campus. His bones are sleeping near the old haunts and his grave is a sort of Mecca where pilgrims go to stand silently by the spot and muse for a season over memories of long gone days.

It was one of the anticipations of the members of the Conference, and one of the dreams of the citizens, to see to it that this entire body visit the old place and spend an hour amid the sacred environs. But this was only a dream. The rains soaked the earth for two or three days and nights and the black, deep, sticky mud forbade all transportation to the place. This was a keen disappointment.

The North Texas Conference is the smallest in territory of all the Texas Conferences, comprising only about 20 counties. But nearly all these counties are densely populated and this gives to the Conference a large membership. The Conference has 223 clerical and 44 lay members, giving a total of 267. It has a total of 63,000 communicants. It has in its membership many leading ministers, such as Gibson, Harris, Morris, Barcus, the Aldersons, Porter, Whiteside, Hamilton, the Pierces, Andrews, Harless, Gober, Mood, Thomas, Bryan, Hicks, and others. It has cities and towns, such as Dallas, Sherman, Denison, Paris, Wichita Falls, Bonham, Bowie, McKinney, Gainesville, Sulphur Springs, Greenville, Terrell and many others worthy of mention. It has 1 presiding elder districts.

The North Texas Conference was organized forty-six years ago at Sul-

phur Springs, with Bishop McTyelre presiding and W. C. Young, Secretary. During these passing years one hundred and five of its ministers have died and passed to their reward, so that its heavenly membership is a large one. If old Dr. McKenzie could get up out of his grave and look upon the Conference of today he would doubtless say: "What hath God wrought."

At 9 o'clock promptly Bishop Mouzon took the chair and announced the hymn, "Children of the Heavenly King," and Rev. Ed Barcus led the Conference song and the volume of song rose like the noise of many waters. We have never heard the North Texas Conference engage in such singing. It was perfectly inspiring. Every mouth was open and every voice attuned to melody. The Bishop led in a soul-uplifting prayer. After another hymn he read a lesson from the Psalms, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," and he delivered a most delightful and clearly thought out message to the Conference. He was given an undivided hearing and when he was through a spiritual glow rested upon the entire Conference.

Rev. R. G. Mood, former Secretary.

were passed. Their reports are given in brief below, and it will be seen that good work was done during the year. These reports are as follows:

J. F. Pierce, P. E., Gainesville District: A year of fine revivals, reaching almost the entire district; conversions 1242, accessions 955, net gain 582. A few charges failed to pay out in full, still we bring up the best financial report in our history. Two churches dedicated, three others paid off indebtedness and are ready for dedication. One parsonage built, 8 Leagues, 18 Woman's Missionary Societies, 44 Sunday Schools. One, Denton Street, Gainesville, paying more for missions than any other in the State per statement of Dr. Pinson. Children's Day collection \$294.74, an increase of 100 per cent over last year.

C. M. Harless, P. E., Greenville District: Beginning with the first Sunday in December we had 14 bad Sundays in succession, in the first half of July we had two floods, followed by a drouth, which was broken on the first Sunday in September by rains, which have with short intervals continued until this day. But owing to the faithful and efficient service of the pastors and the hearty co-operation on the part of the people and the blessing of the Head of the Church, the district has made good progress on all lines. There have been about 600 conversions, 850 accessions, one parsonage built, one church rebuilt, several churches and parsonages repaired, over \$17,000 raised for S. M. U. over \$40,000 raised for Wesley College. Salaries are well up and the Conference assessments about 75 per cent.

A. L. Andrews, P. E., Terrell District: 1300 conversions, 5 new church

# We Have Seen His Star in the East---The Babe of Bethlehem

## Christmas As We Grow Older

Christmas comes but once a year," says one of the old poets, intimating that it is one of the happiest of our holidays, and so full of good cheer that we ought to enjoy it all we can. Indeed, Christmas occupies the foremost place among all our holidays, and it has bound about its brow a chaplet of very hallowed associations, and we can almost as readily count up our years by Christmases as we do by birthdays. If Christmases come but once a year, it comes quickly. It seems but yesterday we saw the forests ablaze in their coat of many colors, and the same wind along the fence like a band of fire, while the roadsides were lined with asters and gentians, and the meadows were aglow with goldenrod, and today the world lies still, the fields are covered with snow, and the Frost King is abroad in the land. We pile high the fuel on the fire, so that we may have it warm within even though it be cold without.

Let us throw more logs on the fire,  
We have need of a cheerful light;  
And close round the hearth together,  
For the wind has risen tonight."

There is no season or holiday that unlocks the memory as this, or makes a heart so tender. Even the flinty heart of old Scrooge, says the great novelist, grew soft, though it had been hard as adamant, as he remembered the Christmas carols sung at his bedside the night before, and which caused him to slide his hand into his pocket to feel for his wallet. If there is one day of the year when neighbors think kindly of one another, or when a gleam of sunshine steals over the winter's heart, it is this. There seems to be in the atmosphere the spirit of the song, "Peace on earth, good will to men." The old grow young, the poor rich, the hardened tender, and the hearts of all beat high with expectation.

The Christmas that yet shall be,  
Of unending joy in that tasteless land,  
Where shall fall no tears through the  
countless years  
That are at the King's right hand."

It has come again. Not the Christmas of long ago, but Christmas still, and we will celebrate it. We will sit by the fire, and let the tide of thought roll in upon our hearts. We will think of the Christ Child who came so many years ago, and is even now knocking at our hearts for entrance. We will share in the festivities with glad yet sad and tender hearts, as we think of the departed friends who in other years made bright the happy Christmas-time. They are not forgotten. Forgotten? No, for today, as we look out upon the quiet place of graves where they sleep so peacefully, they come marching before us, and we link their names and memories with Him who came as a precious gift to their glad hearts. They are not forgotten. They sit by our side. They sing the old songs, they speak the well-remembered, tender words, and their memory will always be fresh in our hearts.

Whatever the day may be, we never lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. It must ever rest as a background to all our joy and festivity. Let Christmas come. Let it be enjoyed. Let the home be bright and cheerful, and, above all, let the heavenly glow of a Christlike feeling shine in our hearts so that friend and stranger will see that we have the kindly spirit of the great Savior who loved us. Though we may be homeless here, though no kind roof will admit us under its shelter to share its Christmas cheer, yet we know that beyond the snow-covered graves, beyond the stars which shine so tranquilly, we shall walk with the loved ones who visit us in our waking thoughts, and who come to us in our dreams. Thank God for this day! And it by our words we have cheered some soul, and have brought it into harmony with Him whose day it is; if we have caused some kindly feeling to arise in any heart, and have taught it that all is not selfish in this world, our own Christmas will be the happier for it.—United Presbyterian.

## Christmas Memories

By Justinian

The Christmas season is not only in the nature of its associations a time for joy and soulful mirth, but it should also be made a time of thankful memories. As I sit and ponder on the soon to come morning of glad-

ness, the morning that has come and gone so many times since.

In the beauty of the lily,  
Christ was born across the sea."

these words of one who looked forward, not backward as we, came to my mind: "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me." These shall be our motto for some thoughts in the anticipation of the Christmas tide.

We have no conception of spiritual existence without the power to think. It is the divinest of all things, whether clothing the finite or the infinite, because in its highest expression it is the imperial prerogative of the only divine mind in the universe. To feel, is to enjoy the rich fullness of all things that appear, to drink, to feast, to rejoice; but to think is to create, and thus open up new fields for the soul's delight and enlargement. Human thought at one time seems a maddled giant assailing the crystal battlements of truth, scaling the heights of immortality, and forcing with resistless hands the barricaded doors of wisdom's treasure-house. Again, it seems a trembling thing soaring on dove-like wings through enchanted worlds, or through ruin's waste hearing the olive branch of peace and love. It reveals itself in civilizations, empires and laws, and breathes itself in art and song. Thought is a precious thing, not only because it is the crown and insignia of human greatness, but because it is the one power by which man hopes to attain "ultimate being," and the one capacity which fits him to enjoy its eternal blessedness. Some English philosophers a few years ago sought to explain the phenomenon of thought upon the same basis as that of light, sound and motion. They supposed that as the brain is only a network of innumerable nerves, thought is simply the result of nervous agitation—a material product. Ah, there is nothing in thought, that subtle, invisible fire that burns through all barriers and consumes all opposition, to suggest so low an origin. It can be nothing less than a divine emanation falling upon the mirror of the soul and glancing off in effulgent, though often bent and broken, rays. Thought can never perish. All things earthly shall pass away—the loftiest pile, the most venerable scroll; but the thoughts that be behind them are as immortal as the God-given souls that gave them being.

Tis but in that which doth create  
Duration can be sought,  
A worm may waste the canvas. Fate  
Ne'er swept from time a single  
thought.

But there is a sense in which thoughts are precious above their significance and origin, and that is in the tenderness of the sentiment they convey. The thoughts of love and devotion born in the lowliest breast are more precious than the thoughts that vault through wide creation or bridge the abyss of the un-ensured to "mingle with the universe" beyond. If this be human thought, what must God's thoughts be? Oh, the depth, Oh the wealth, the preciousness of his thoughts! How past finding out!

The highest and only true conception of God is that which is afforded by a study of his thoughts. Every man has his own mind-image of the Divine Personality. But at best our conceptions are narrow and contracted. We measure God with reference to time and space, as it were with the tape line of human measurement. The true standard of measurement is his thoughts. The gauge of mind is what it creates—what it thinks into being. The great men of the world are the "shadowy men;" only their thoughts remain. God, out of his infinite fullness, is eternally giving himself to man in his thoughts, and, to us, he has no other existence. A conception of him reached on any other basis is necessarily narrow. David endavored to measure God, and so he filled the universe with his presence: "If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, thou art there; if I ascend up into Heaven, thou art there, and if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there." But after all, space, above, beneath, was instinct with God, he had measured no part of the divine fullness, and so cried out: "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain unto it." It is interesting to trace the God-idea in its growth from its beginning until men came to read God in his thoughts. At first he was the God of a single family, then of a whole nation, then of all alike. And now men with angels are striving to realize the full meaning of those wonderful words:

"Christ, the firstborn of every creature." God's thoughts are precious because of their exalted substance, quality and characteristics. The mind must be elevated to a lofty plane, before it can think lofty thoughts. God's mind is always in the lofty atmosphere of his own truth, and feeds only upon itself. How altogether holy are his thoughts. Our thoughts at best are strangely mixed with impurity. Our best impulses are scarcely without the taint of evil. It is a lamentable fact that some of the finest compositions of modern as well as ancient times are so grossly marred and disfigured by the presence of impure expressions as to shock our better sensibilities; but the thoughts of God are as light quarried from "the mines of the sun" for heavenly purity. They are, moreover, infinite thoughts. It is impossible that an infinite thought should be less than perfect. God shall stamp sin and error out of his universe, and the one holy thought of his truth shall prevail. God's thoughts are precious because of their blessed purpose and objectivity. They are about his children. "No man careth for his soul," is a cry hushed in the compassionate love of the Man of Sorrows. How many wayfarers of earth have asked: "I wonder if they think of me at home—if they miss me?" It may be that on earth there is no place where they miss you. No mountain home, no vine-clad cot beyond the sea, or mansion 'mid the city's din, may be less cheerful on account of your absence. But, son of God, if thou hast wandered from the Father's home thou art missed, and they think of you there. In the ages ago God's thoughts were about you, and those thoughts were Christ and his atoning blood. God's thoughts are for our study. Nothing is a mystery when it is understood that this is the training place of man for his immortal existence beyond. But God's thoughts are not attainable by a single effort of the mind, or by the mind alone—they must be lived up to. Have you ever striven with mighty effort to comprehend the thought of some song inspired? After days of earnest contemplation you awoke to consciousness of its meaning, and were lifted by it above your former self. It is so with God's thoughts. They grow upon us, and we grow into them by holy living. But at the last God's thoughts are most precious because of the blessed medium of their revelation—Christ. As long as time shall be that name will be a precious truth and a bond of union in the world, and in eternity it will still quiver on the lips of archangels and thrill the redeemed spirits of God's children. God's thoughts come to us also through his people. Holy men and holy women, help us to see Him.

## Christmas and Bethlehem's Babe

By Rev. Sam M. Chase.

Christmas! What gems of fact and truth cluster about that word, giving it a coronet bedecked with precious pearls. Oceans of misery and tortures of trouble should flow at its mention. From its hallowed precincts the Angelus still rings "glad tidings," and proclaims the reign—"peace among men."

The sanctified life authorized by this divine proclamation, from amid the debris of human wreckage, as I broken character round about, points to the "star in the East" and the Bethlehem Babe as the source of its existence and hope. He who has lifted man to this sublime height, and made possible this glad season was not ushered into the great arena of life unheralded, and without due preparation.

Six hundred and three years previous to His natural birth, Daniel said: "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." For four hundred years Abraham and his family were subjected to Egyptian slavery, that they becoming acquainted with all the details of monarchical government, should be prepared to receive the Prince of Peace, cradled at Bethlehem. At the time of His birth the Roman Empire extended from Parthia on the one side to Britain on the other, and was known as "Ferratum Orbis Imperium," and there was little of the civilized world but what was under its control.

Jerusalem was taken by Pompey about 69 years previous, who granted the government of the Church to one Hyrcanus, thus drawing to a vital point the fulfillment of prophecy, and

closing up the period of time allotted to the Bethlehem Babe, who should prove to be the authority for the reign of the—

"Stone from the mountain—  
Cut out without hands,  
Becoming a Kingdom,  
To free all the lands."

It is not a difficult matter to account for most men, for they are born of influences and circumstances which precede them.

"The wild robber spirit of the East makes possible an Alexander; the devotion of a nation to the glories of war necessitates a Napoleon; the intellectual activities of the sixteenth century culminate in a Shakespeare." But I can see no law of heredity, no conjunction of circumstances, save the sins of a lost world, that satisfactorily accounts for Christ. There were no antecedents in the visible earth large enough for his coming, no earthly parentage lofty enough for such a Son; uncounted thousands, yea, millions have been born, but the skies have kept silent; the only music accorded swelled from the harps of earth. Heroes have appeared, philosophers have stepped upon life's sage, patriots have lived to wage the warfare of justice; philanthropists have ignited the spirit of human selfishness, and set it ablaze with the golden flame of charity, until the civilized world has learned that man does not live by bread alone. But never at the coming of these champions of religious warfare, did the angels gather above either birthplace, and turn midnight into glory, and silence into sacred symphonies. This glad scene was reserved for Bethlehem's Babe. It is the song of songs, and story of stories, that has rolled through the ages, and swept over continents, verily fulfilling the word in its spread of peace among men, and the "glory of the Father," in the uplifting of earth's race.

"No more let sin and sorrow grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow—  
Far as the curse is found."

Christmas! Christ and mass a holy season of feasting. How perverted of the modern idea of Christmas! That word suffers misnomerism in this age. It means much that is activating and helpful to mankind. Many there are who are made better for this glad week. Many there are who take advantage of this sacred retreat, and turn loose in awful flood-tide the combined forces of their evil nature, submerge themselves and others, in a sea of awful revelry, and general debauchery, thus changing the vestibule to noisier aspirations and holier living into hell's auditorium where the pandemonium of living will claim control.

## AN OLD CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Oh, wake ye, little children,  
And be of goodlie cheer,  
You sun so high along the sky  
Hath shone two thousand year,  
And once I saw a little child  
In manger lying undefiled,  
And all about the cattle mild  
Did lovingly draw near,  
So wake ye, little children,  
And be of goodlie cheer.

Oh, wake ye, little children,  
And let each heart be gay,  
Good will to Men they caroled then,  
And why should ye delay?  
Awake, awake, and rise and sing,  
And greet ye every living thing,  
For man and beast did greet your King.

On that first Christmas day!  
Then wake ye, little children,  
For this is Christmas Day,  
—Everybodys.

## Song of the Angels at the Birth of Christ

By Bishop Simpson.

What an interest centered in that babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger at Bethlehem! Prophets were interested, angels were interested, the ages have been most deeply interested since. The shepherds had, perhaps, some premonition. The seventy weeks of Daniel's prophecy were about fulfilled. It may be, at that very time, they were talking of the coming of Christ. Suddenly their attention was arrested by a strange sight in the heavens. It grew brighter and took the form of an angel, and then they heard a voice announcing the birth of Christ as glad tidings for all people, not to the Jews only. Then suddenly the air was filled with angels singing, as if they had come right out from the air. We know not their

wonderful song, but part came to mortal ears, "Glory to God in the highest," etc. I know not who those angels were, but I fancy they were the redeemed. Adam was there, Eve was there. Eve, who in her maternal earnestness, declared at the birth of her firstborn, "I have gotten a man from the Lord," hoping that that was he who should bruise the serpent's head. Now, in the fullness of time, she had come to witness the birth of the babe who was to be the Savior of her race. David, Elijah, Moses, the patriarchs, I believe, were with that heavenly host. I think, if I had lived before the birth of Christ and been in heaven when Christ left his throne to come to earth, I would have asked permission to come down, etc.

This song reveals three things:  
1. The glorification of God through the incarnation. God has glory through his vast work in nature, his providence building up and casting down nations, etc. In the incarnation there was special glory. It was glory to God in the highest. Highest, in that it extended to all time and in that it wrought such wondrous good.

2. The great results to the earth. It would result in peace. Strifes, thorns and thistles were abounding. The earth was torn and bleeding by constant contention. With Christ came peace. The result would be universal peace.

3. The effect on the individual man. "Good will toward men," from one another, from God. Out of this good will would finally spring peace on earth and glory to God in the highest.

These results are obtained by certain stages.

From what a small beginning the work started. It is illustrated by a mustard-seed, a bit of leaven, a little stone cut from the mountain-side. When Christ came, the event made little commotion. He came as a little babe, in an obscure country, among a despised and conquered people and a poor family. A star showed the interest of the universe, the singing angels the interest of heaven, in the birth of that babe. On earth there was but a brief commotion. A little potentate was made jealous for awhile. Then all is quiet for thirty years. Kings and governors changed. Most of those who remembered anything of the shepherd's story and the massacre of the little ones at Bethlehem had died. At last an unknown man came for baptism at the hands of John and a voice was heard from heaven and then the marvelous work of Christ began. Opposed on every side, crucified at last, and his few disciples scattered, Christ's death gave the triumphant illustration of this good will. The world is no longer an orphan—God is the Father.

Another stage in reaching peace on earth and the glory to God in the highest is in this; if a man has good will, he begins to act good will. Christ never showed ill-will to an enemy, even. If Christ is in us, we will love all. Now, I tell you from God, on the eve of the Christmas day, that he who hates his brother is a murderer. No matter where your name is written on earth, in Church-book or class-book, if you bear ill-will to anyone, it is not written in heaven.

Then the Holy Spirit is given, which works in men universal good-will.

Now, when this good will is perfect, you have a basis for lasting peace. Permanent peace can come in no other way. Recognize every man as a brother and war must cease. Then every babbling tongue will sing, Glory to God in the highest.

Let us learn to do good to all people.

## Christmas Day and Other Birthdays

At the time of it the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem of Judea was regarded as a joyous event. It is true, there was a strange indifference on the part of men. They took small note of that event from which time itself is now reckoned. But the angelic hosts were awake and aware that night, and filled the heavens with a song of joyous praise, and their song thrilled the shepherds who heard it with wonder, and the shepherds found the mother of the babe in a manger yet tremblingly happy, pondering in her heart the meaning of what had occurred in her humble but highly honored life.

Through nineteen centuries that which happened in an obscure corner of a paltry province of the Roman Empire has been looked upon as the most profoundly significant and joyous event that has ever come to pass—the long history of men upon earth. We celebrate the day and the joy of it in our Christmas festivities. Though the methods of our celebration are only too often alien, bizarre and irreverent, yet the thought that the event we celebrate was somehow a joyous occasion is never quite lost

sight of. However little we may realize it, we believe that Christmas means good cheer and hope. At Christmas-tide

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

"There's a tumult of joy O'er the wonderful birth, For the Virgin's sweet boy Is the Lord of the earth. Aye! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king!"

Yet Bethlehem was a prelude to Calvary. The shadow of the cross was on the manger, though it did cradle a King. The Babe that was born that happy morn was destined to be a "man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." Men hid their faces from him, and in their mad hatred against him exposed all the infamy of their own wicked hearts. In the light of the awful tragedy of his life it might seem as though it would have been better for him and for the men of his day if he had never been born. Of course, we do not say that, and in the blackest hours of pessimistic gloom that ever come over us we do not believe it. But why? Simply because we believe that his life was a good and blessed life, though he felt the touch and burden of the world's sin and sorrow as no other ever did or could feel them. Notwithstanding all that he suffered, he lived a life which was eminently and eternally worth while. We read in the simple gospel story the brief yet clear record of the joy that heaven and earth took in his lowly birth in Bethlehem's manger, but we are not tempted to regard the joy unreal or its manifestation unbefitting though we do quickly come in the course of the same simple story to the yet more extended accounts of the gloom and anguish of Calvary. The birth of Christ into a world of sorrow to die on the cross and uncover the sinfulness of men, was nevertheless a joyous event fitly celebrated then by angels and men, and now celebrated in joyous festivities. For his was a victorious and redemptive life. It was

not a life of ease or luxury, of softness and needless self-indulgence. It was a bare and meager life measured by the standard of material comfort unto which many have attained in these days, and after which thousands are anxiously and madly striving as though their very life depended upon it. Nor, on the other hand, was it a life nourished and sustained by the proud consciousness of self-denial, or the fanatical virtue of religiosity. But it was a life of faith and love, which found both joy and sorrow in the fellowship of God and men. He declared that "life is more than meat," and he proved conclusively that life in its fullness can be gained, not simply in spite of the worst that can happen to us in a world which is all out of joint, but rather in and through such an experience. The issue of his life, so far from casting doubt upon the reality of the joy with which it began, only the more fully justifies the manifestations of joy which were then made, and the celebration with joy of that event which profoundly changed the whole aspect of man's life in the world and may completely change its character.

Now a birth in a home in Christian lands is ordinarily looked upon as a joyous event. Yet how often is such an event but the prelude to distress and sorrow—the beginning of a tragedy! Indeed, among primitive and heathen peoples so vivid is the anticipation of what will come to pass in the life of some born into the world that the very birth itself is regarded as a calamity at the time of its occurrence. But this is because these births are not seen in their relation to the birth and life of Jesus Christ. Though his birth was the beginning of a tragedy it was a tragedy through which life was gained, not only for himself, but for men, and since Jesus came every birthday may be celebrated as a joyous occasion, because every life may become related to his life as every child of man may come into fellowship with him. Christmas Day sheds its radiance of meaning and hope over every other birthday. Because he came and lived and suffered, a good and blessed life may be lived in this old world even as it is. This is the Christmas message which

Christian people are bound to give to men everywhere, to the end that all birthdays may become joyous.—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

Our Christmas Cradle

THE COMING OF THE CHRIST CHILD.

By Lillian Sherlock Huggett.

The Christ Child is coming tonight! O the world was so weary with ages of woe, So saddened with strivings and sin When that first Christmas eve in the dim long ago Came the Christ Child to Bethlehem's inn, And a glimpse of God's glory he brought with him then To brighten forever the dark hearts of men.

The Christ Child is coming tonight! Though years have passed by since the world first received That message of peace and good will, There are sorrows uncomforted, ills unrelieved And dissensions that sunder men still. Yes, we long once again for the tidings sublime That gladdened the earth in the first Christmastime.

The Christ Child is coming tonight! The song of the angels is borne from above As thrilling and sweet as of yore. Let us open our hearts to its blessing of love, And welcome the Christ Child once more: That the burdens we carry may vanish away In the light of his presence, this glad Christmas Day. Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 1, 1913.

CHRISTMAS: WITH CHRIST LEFT OUT.

Miss Benedicta McCann.

She was very tired—mind and body, with nerves all aquiver under the high pressure and strain. For she was a business woman, with days crowded with work, leaving little time for rest and leisure. And now for weeks past she had been filling every moment she could call her own, early morning hours, lunch time, and even late at night, with preparations for Christmas. Such a list of people to be remembered, such a limited portion of her little income to cover the gifts—gifts so different from those her heart would prompt—and now here it was the afternoon before Christmas, and O, how tired she was, and heartsick as well! For that very afternoon at

so many shop windows she had seen little children, shivering in the keen air, with pinched, hungry faces, pressed close against the great plate glass barriers between them and the wonderful array of childish treasures within. The pathos of that last pair—would she ever forget it?—a thinly clad little lad and a tiny girl.

"My," said the little chap, "don't I wish I had a bike like that! Wish this Santa Claus guy knew us fellows, don't you, Mame?"

"O, don't I, Jimmy! Just see that beautiful doll with real teeth and hair, and that little bed for it—O, dear, wouldn't I like it, though!"

"Ah, come on, Sis, what's the use or lookin'! That kind of stuff is what Santa Claus takes to the swell kids on Fifth Avenue. You'll get a little doll maybe at the mission and I'll get a one-bladed knife, I guess. Come on home, this Christmas business wasn't meant for poor folks."

"Christmas—wasn't meant for poor folks!" How those words rang in her ears even now, and under her throbbing temples seemed pounding into her brain. She laid her head back in the little easy chair and glanced up with tired eyes into the Face hanging over her mantel that had often helped and inspired her—Hofmann's picture of the Christ.

"Not meant for poor folks," she murmured, "and he was so poor he was born in a stable meager than the poorest home in this big city."

And then the tired eyes must have closed. Such a wonderful voice—she could not see the face of the speaker, but the voice was so sweet, so full of music, and yet the tones were so full of regret and sorrow:

"How they have misunderstood Me—even my own—for they call themselves followers of the Meek and Lowly One. They celebrate the festival of my birth, they hail it as the most blessed season of all the year, and they fill it with feasting and mirth. They call it the season of giving—they do it in commemoration of the gifts that were brought to my manger cradle, but they have gone far and wide from the path of giving that I trod. They call it giving to pay off old obligations, to curry favor and esteem, to gain position and reputation, to keep pace with extravagance and foolish waste. They exchange equal values, they choose by intrinsic worth, and then they think they keep Christmas."

"O, how my people have misunder-

stood it all, how they have made the holy season of the Christ Child's coming into a riot of heartless, selfish barter and trade. And my little ones to whom this festival belongs more than to any others, my poor little ones like unto the shelterless babe of Bethlehem in their poverty and lowliness—to them the Christmas-tide brings sore hearts and hungry longings as they watch through tears of disappointment the rich gifts for those of high degree. True it is that warm, loving hearts prepare for them good cheer and comforting gifts, but O, how many forgot and neglect them, and how many more have made it a meaningless sham. O, that the eyes of my people might be opened and that the true Christ Spirit might come into their hearts and rule in their lives to make this a season of peace and good will among men, a scattering among aching hearts and starved lives of the love that seeketh not her own, that preferreth one another, and that instead of this mad rush and foolish extravagance there might dawn a Christmas-tide where not so much the gift but the spirit—and the thought might go from life to life and heart to heart, and when high and low, rich and poor might kneel again with kings and shepherds of old in sincerity of living at the feet of the One whose birthday they now keep—is it for themselves or for Him?"

The tired little woman opened her eyes with a start. The room was dark—what was it? Had she been asleep when she had so much to do before bedtime—all those packages to tie up. O, she was so glad it was so nearly over and she did hope the things she had prepared would please. Anyway it was the best she could do, and she really had spent more money than she could afford but she couldn't leave anyone out. Well, she must get to work and finish up and then deliver her little bundles. It was with tired eyes she read the story of the shepherds at midnight and then crept into bed to think over the wonderful dream, and say at last:

"It is all wrong, I know, but then what can you do when nearly everybody does it?"

In the gray dawn she heard the bells ring out from the near-by steeple and she wished she could go to sing the carols she loved in the church all decked with holly and where shone the star in light above the altar. But she was so tired, so tired out indeed, and tomorrow was a working day, so she must get some rest.

"Is it so that we've misunderstood, my friends, Is the meaning of Christmas so dim; The day that brings heaven bending close to earth— Do we keep for ourselves or for Him?" —The New York Observer.

CHRISTMAS AND CHILDHOOD.

Christmas furnishes a rare opportunity for making profound and lasting impressions upon children, and parents and Sunday-school teachers should not fail to seize and make the most of it. They ought, in the first place, to see to it that the Christmas festival is clearly associated in the minds of the children with the event which it celebrates. They should not only explain in general terms why we celebrate Christmas, but should rehearse all the known circumstances connected with our Lord's birth and childhood, taking pains to make the story as vivid as possible by the use of maps and pictures—pictures of Bethlehem, ancient and modern, of the Church of the Nativity, of the Wise Men, of the shepherds, and of the Holy Family. Children have vivid imaginations, and readily catch the spirit of any occasion, when its circumstances and meaning are made clear to them. Along with the story thus illustrated, therefore, should be no effort to set the deeper theological meanings of the Incarnation. These are beyond the comprehension of the child mind, and any attempt to teach them is likely to result in injury rather than benefit. But even a small child may be made to feel that the gift of Christ is an expression of God's love for and goodness to us, and an appeal to us to render him love and obedience in return, and to be kind to all his children.

And the generous emotions awakened in the responsive young heart by the recital and interpretation of the Christmas story should be given an opportunity for appropriate expression. It is entirely proper to make Christmas an occasion for the mutual exchange of tokens of affectionate regard between friends and between the members of the family; but children should also be encouraged to celebrate it by a giving prompted by pure, unselfish kindness. It is to be feared that both in the home and in the Sunday School the Christmas season is often observed in a way which tends rather to encourage selfishness than to develop the spirit which all the as-

BAD COLDS Some colds are worse than others, but they are all bad. Let your doctor decide the medicine. If he orders Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, remember we have been making it for 75 years.

ociations of the occasion ought to awaken and foster. To lead children to think of it as a time whose chief interest and significance for them lie in what they expect others to do for them, instead of in what they mean in the Master's name to do for others, amounts almost to a prostitution of the sacred festival.

Especially ought Christmas to be made for children a season of joy, this is all the more necessary because of its religious significance. The Christmas message is a message of gladness. It was fitting that the announcement of the advent of the Prince of Peace should have been accompanied by a burst of joyous music from the heavenly chorus, and it is fitting that we should welcome the day which celebrates the wondrous event in the same spirit. By so doing we commend our religion to the hearts of the young by associating it with the bright and joyous. It is a matter of no small importance to make a boy or girl feel that the gladdest day in all the year is at the same time the day to which belongs the profoundest religious significance, and about which are gathered the most sacred associations. For this the thought of religion comes to be associated in his mind with that which is bright and winsome and attractive, instead of with that which is solemn and repulsive. It will be an easy matter to so impress the child with the sacred meaning of the occasion that even its festivities may be pervaded by a becoming seriousness, a spirit of awe and wonder and reverent gratitude. Happy is that man to whom the Christmas festivals of his childhood are at once a radiant and a holy memory.—Sunday School Magazine.

KITTY KING'S CHRISTMAS.

Kitty King trudged along the mile-and-a-half road from school, thinking about what Nancy Beckwith had told her of Christmas. Nancy lived in the village and was going to have a Christmas tree. Kitty was full of questions when she reached home. "Mamma, can I have a Christmas tree?" she asked eagerly.

"A Christmas tree? For what?" "Why, for presents," Kitty answered, a little abashed. "Why can't we have Christmas presents, same as Nancy's folks do?"

"Because we haven't any money to spend that way. Nancy Beckwith's father is rich."

Mrs. King was busy piecing down one of Kitty's dresses.

"I never saw a Christmas tree," said the little girl.

"Nor I," returned her mother. "I wish we could buy you more, but we can't. So be thankful that you have enough to eat—there's some that do not have."

Kitty's mother was not unkind, but she had been mourning that very afternoon all to herself because she couldn't make Kitty a Christmas present, and Kitty's questioning had reached a sore spot in her heart.

When Mr. King returned from the postoffice that night he brought a letter.

"It is directed to you, little girl," he said, tossing it into Kitty's lap.

"For me?" squealed Kitty. "Why-ee! Who do you s'pose it's from?"

"It is postmarked Hartford, so I guess it is from some of your cousins."

There were five sheets in the envelope, each folded separately.

"This is from Cousin Jim," Kitty said, reading one. "He just says, 'Do come!' What does he mean?"

"Perhaps the others will tell," said her mother.

"Oh, this is from Olive! Why mamma, she wants me to come to Hartford and stay all Christmas week—oh, may I, mamma, may I?"

"Why, I can't tell in a minute, child! See what the other notes are."

"This is from—" Kitty began, and then puckered her forehead. "Who is it from, papa?"

Mr. King laughed. "It is signed 'Obbie' 'Obbie.'"

"That means little Robbie," explained Mrs. King. "Aunt Helen wrote me that he called himself so."

"Yes," cried Kitty, reading another letter. "Claire says she held Robbie's hand, so's he could invite me, too. Isn't that cute? And Claire wants me to come, mamma—she wants me awfully! They're going to have a Christmas tree and everything, May I, mamma?"

"Perhaps; but read the other one."

"Oh, Jessie printed this, and wants me, too, mamma! Isn't that splendid—five invitations?"

Kitty watched her mother's face

as she read them all and she waited breathlessly for the answer.

"You haven't very nice clothes to wear to Hartford," mused Mrs. King.

"Make her a new dress then!" nodded Kitty's father. "There's time enough, isn't there? I guess I can stand that much. It has been a pretty good potato year."

Kitty went to bed in a whirl of wonderful thoughts. Only this afternoon she was grieving because she had never seen a Christmas tree, and now she was going to the city, to be right in the middle of a Christmas good time—tree and all!

Kitty had to take the journey by herself, but her cousins met her at the station, and such merry children she found them!

Kitty's days were packed with pleasures.

"If only papa and mamma were here, too, to see the things!" she thought. "And mamma has never seen a Christmas tree!"

But on Christmas eve a very astonishing thing happened. The Christmas tree was to be stripped of its fruit at 7 o'clock, and at 6 who should walk in but Kitty's father and mother! This was Aunt Helen's surprise for the whole family, and Kitty's Christmas was complete.—Exchange.

MAKE THE BEST OF IT.

The children lived in a little cabin home, and all three of them—Neil, Rob and Lizzie—were taking a gay "make-believe" ride on an old locomotive. Fido jumped and barked as if he enjoyed the fun as much as anybody.

A gentleman who was passing down the road stopped and laughed at the gay time the children were having.

"Good morning, little folks. That is rather slow riding. Wouldn't you like a horse and carriage?"

"Yes, sir," said Robbie, "but we haven't any, and so we are getting the most fun we can out of what we do have."

"Was not that a wise answer? How much pleasanter this world would be if all the idle people and the big ones, too—would stop fretting about the things they cannot get and make the best of what they have—Little Ones."

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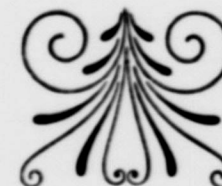
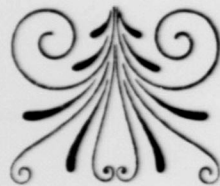
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crease in members, and all claims in full: Barnett, of Willow Street Mission, has wrought nobly against adverse circumstances, and had two good meetings: Bounds, Bridgeport Mission, proved very acceptable and did his cheerful best on a new work; Smith had almost phenomenal success on Greenwood Mission, reporting a much better parsonage in healthier location; Moreland had a truly great meeting at Bridgeport, eighty-four additions, large addition to the church building, all claims in full: Gray was faithful, though denied the pleasure of seeing large fruits to his labors; Sullivan rounds out four years on Decatur Circuit, loved and approved by all; L. A. Thomas early in the year lost his devoted wife and also his health and was relieved from Paradise Circuit; Porter, as usual, was in labors abundant at Bryson and Jermy, and but for the drouth would have maintained his record for full collections (salary paid); Gomez did splendidly with his Mexican brethren at Bridgeport. All claims in full and good increase in membership; Cannon, Boyd Circuit, preached well and gave promise of great usefulness in the future; Nash made an enviable

report at Decatur: all claims in full, members contributing \$30 per capita, and has a handsome \$25,000 church more than half finished; Stillman reports claims paid on Chico Circuit; Shawyer had fine meetings at Krum and Ponder with all claims met; Crandall rejoices over successful meetings at Justin and Roanoke and full collections. Roanoke has built an elegant parsonage and is advanced to a three-fourth station; Agee reports sad effects of the drouth in Oakdale Circuit, but tells of the loyalty of his people; Jacksboro Station has had a better year than last year under Alderson; Jacksboro Mission with T. J. Durham as pastor had one good meeting, but salary and benevolences much behind. District on better vantage ground than last year and hopeful.

R. C. Hicks, P. E., Sulphur Springs District: Reported a good year throughout the district. About 800 conversions and the same number of accessions to the Church. Two churches have been built and a third one made over, almost amounting to a new one; three parsonages have been built. Two young men have been licensed to preach. Some of the charges have not paid salaries and collections in full, but more money has been raised than during any previous year. Salary assessments were increased nearly \$1500 over the previous year, and a general spirit of progress prevails. Something over \$15,000 pledged to Southern Methodist University.

O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E., Dallas District: Every pastoral charge in the district reports an advance. Twelve charges pay pastors in full and ten pay all conference collections. Something over one thousand members have been received into the Church. The debt on Ervay Street and Bethel have been paid and the buildings dedicated. The debt on Grace has been reduced. One church building, at Wheatland, has been greatly enlarged and is one of the best arranged country churches I have ever seen. There is peace among the Churches and the spirit of brotherly love has reigned among the preachers. No worthier and hard working set of men can be found. The City Board of Church Extension and Missions has been reorganized and its functions greatly enlarged. Our Church has

been handicapped by the rapid growth of the city, but large plans have been laid and prospects are good for a forward move.

C. A. Spragins, P. E., McKinney District: This has been by far the best year of the three. The preachers have all been at their post and faithful to the trust committed to them. Their reports will show a good increase in all departments of Church work. There have been a number of most gracious revivals, resulting in a large number of additions to the Church. One parsonage has been erected, a number have been improved; two churches have been dedicated, three more will be ready for dedication early in 1914. The district has raised more than \$25,000 for S. M. U.

R. G. Mood, P. E., Sherman District: We have had a pleasant and harmonious year on the Sherman District. The preachers have all done faithful work and the results have been gratifying. Have had four hundred conversions, seven hundred and seventy-seven additions to the Church with a net gain of five hundred and eighty-one. Four churches paid out of debt and dedicated, one new parsonage built, and a good deal of repairing, repainting and otherwise improving of our plants. The old debt on the district parsonage has been paid and the old parsonage sold and a new and much more commodious and comfortable home for the presiding elder has been purchased in a part of the city which is much more accessible. All departments of the Church work are in good condition. Our Leagues have in many places taken on new life and are engaging a host of our young people in Christian service, while our Sunday Schools and Women's Societies are in flourishing condition. Have a large list of subscribers to the Texas Advocate and about \$12,000 subscribed for S. M. U. D. K. Porter had a fine year at Travis St., 230 additions, 76 being on profession of faith. Departments of the Church in fine condition. Church now engaged in campaign to pay their church debt. Finances all in full. At Key Memorial, Bro. Kirk has been a tireless worker and has built up the congregations splendidly and paid a good amount on the debt on the church. Salary in full. Bro. Ownby at Pilot Grove has had a good year.

Nothing unusual, but a good year of quiet, steady work and the charge is in good shape. Bro. Wheeler has made a splendid record at White-wright. Some 65 additions, finances all in full and some excess. Promise of some advance in salary for another year. Wheeler is a tireless worker. Bro. Holmes at Van Alstyne reports all finances in full, salary advanced \$200, good year, everything in splendid shape. Kerr has done a hard year's work at Collinsville and one of the best that has been done there for a long time. Charge progressing along many lines and promise of much further development. Trinity, Denison under the pastorate of Bro. Maness, is rapidly developing. All finances in full, splendid growth along all lines, and the Church is becoming a strong organization. A new parsonage will soon be built and other improvements made. At Whitesboro, Bro. Cohen has continued his reputation for aggressive work. Church paid out of debt and dedicated, parsonage overhauled and made more comfortable and attractive. Salary in full and collections nearly so. Egger has had a fine year at Maples Memorial. No more popular pastor in North Texas. Finances all in full, good net gain in membership, everything moving finely and that Church wants to entertain the next Conference. Bro.

Clifton has had a good year on Sherman Circuit. Rains and bad roads have interfered much, but he has met the demands faithfully and has a good report. Bro. Hanson wrought well at Bells in the early part of the year till he went to the College, when Bro. Frank Richardson took the work and closed out the year in good shape. Salary in full. Bro. Fuller closes his second year on Howe Circuit with a good report. Church at Howe paid out of debt and dedicated. Salary in

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Rev. T. H. Morris, P. E. Bowie District: There has been conducted within the bounds of the Bowie District during the year seventy-six revivals, resulting in 1153 conversions and reclamation, 1069 accessions. We have dismissed 510 members. This makes a net increase of 550 members. Despite the fact that this section of country has undergone great financial depression on account of crop failures for several years in succession, yet we report more than ninety-five per cent of the pastors' salaries paid. We have built three new churches and have two in process of construction. We have remodeled two other churches and made improvements in four others. We have raised and paid off heavy indebtedness on three churches. We have built one parsonage, including fences, barns, outhouses and digging well. We have purchased a six-room parsonage and six acres of land. We have sold one parsonage and re-invested in a seven-room building more advantageous to the work. We have improved three other parsonages. The expenditures for churches and parsonages, including liquidation of debts, will exceed \$23,000. Our conference collections will be considerably in arrears, owing to the shortness of the cotton crop in this section. The pastors have made strenuous efforts and the people have responded as far as their ability extended. But they did not have it, and could not pay it. Both pastors and people have done well.

G. C. Rankin made a personal privilege talk to the Conference. The Bishop called the names of all the elders and each presiding elder announced that there was nothing against any of them and their characters were passed. Inasmuch as the presiding elders in their reports gave an account of the work of all these elders, no one of them found it necessary to make any further statements concerning the work done. This method is a great saving of time and is a great help in expediting the business of the session.

The names of the old guard were called and some of them spoke feelingly of their experiences and hopes and the brethren heard them gladly. Others of them were not able to be present, but the brethren spoke in their behalf. Rev. Isaac Crutchfield, known as "Uncle Ike," made a most unique and humorous talk, interspersed with touches of pathos and spiritual fervor. All the brethren love Uncle Ike. By the time the session adjourned a vast amount of the business of the session had been transacted. We have never seen quite so much of it finished in one-half day.

In the afternoon there was no religious services, as the time was wholly given over to committee work. But at night, despite the continued downpour of rain, a good audience assembled and listened to a good service by Dr. C. M. Bishop. He always edifies and instructs when he stands before a congregation. He thinks and has something of importance to deliver when he enters the pulpit. He is never commonplace, but fresh and suggestive.

Thursday morning the rain was still pouring down. The weather was never on such behavior at a Conference, so far as moisture is concerned. But the brethren were on hand, filling the house, and when the Bishop announced the hymn, "Come thou fount of every blessing," it was sung with earnestness and power. Rev. J. W. Hill led the opening prayer. The Bishop read for the morning lesson the 121st Psalm, and his comments were of unusual interest and were heard profitably. He is a pungent expounder of Scripture and he speaks understandingly. To hear him is to get instruction and inspiration. At the close of the address the Conference sang, "Guide me, O Thou Great

Jehovah," and Dr. J. H. McLean led in a devout prayer. These exercises put the Conference in a very fine religious mood and the business moved off with facility.

Rev. W. T. Henderson and Bro. Cummins, of the Little Rock Conference, were introduced and given a welcome. M. L. Hamilton was placed on the Board of Missions instead of Rev. J. A. Old, transferred.

A report of the North Texas Female College from Mrs. Kidd-Key was read by the Secretary. The school is in fine condition and the report was received with pleasure, and it was filed with the Educational Board.

Dr. J. H. McLean presented to Bishop Mouzen a beautiful gavel made of a piece of wood taken from the only remnant of the old McKenzie homestead, and the Doctor made a most interesting speech, reminiscential in character, and filled with many personal incidents concerning the school master. Sixty years ago Dr. McLean traveled in a wagon from Marshall to Clarksville, and entered McKenzie College as a student; and in that school he spent six years, where he was prepared for his life work. He knew old Dr. McKenzie better than any man now living, and his address was intensely interesting and called forth applause. Bishop Mouzen accepted the gavel in a very strong address on the work of Dr. McKenzie and the work and mission of Christian education; and this closed a very happy incident.

Rev. C. A. Spragins read a report indorsing the action of the Bishops and the stand of a minority of the Board of Trust, touching the million dollar offer of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, and it was unanimously adopted, amid applause.

Mrs. John D. Hammond was presented and spoke in the interest of our colored school in Georgia, and a collection followed amounting to \$799.65.

M. C. Sooter did a good work and reported 32 Advocates.

T. E. Cannon: Finances a little short, several good revivals and 29 subs to the Advocate.

E. F. Brown: Good year under difficulties.

J. A. Wheeler: Good meetings, finances in full and 25 subs to the Advocate.

J. W. O'Bryant: Good year and reports excellent.

E. V. Cole: Good meeting, 30 conversions, finances full and the Advocate in favor with the people.

A. T. Bridges: A gracious year, but conditions not good, dry weather, paid up very well.

Alexander Hubbard: A large number of conversions and 23 accessions.

R. N. Huckaby: Had a good year, but health not good during the year.

J. B. Davis: Net gain of 69, and 34 subs to the Advocate.

J. W. Bowman: 25 conversions, 35 accessions, and 40 subs to the Advocate.

E. B. Jackson: 65 conversions, 58 accessions, finances full and a good list of Advocates, one new church.

W. E. Dale: 85 conversions and a net increase in membership and 22 Advocates.

A paper expressing the full appreciation of the purpose of Bishop Mouzen to move his residence to Dallas was adopted by a rising vote. There was not a dissenting vote, and it was received with enthusiasm.

In the afternoon Rev. Claude Simpson preached to a good congregation, and his sermon was good to the use of edifying.

At night Rev. John M. Moore preached. Dr. Moore is our connective man, being Secretary of our Home Mission work. He is one of our able men and a fine preacher and worker.

Friday morning the rain was still falling and the earth was flooded; but the Conference room filled up with the brethren and when the

Bishop announced the hymn, "My Faith looks up to Thee," the welcome of praise drowned the patter of the rain on the outside.

Dr. C. M. Bishop led the opening prayer.

The Bishop read for the morning lesson from the 27th Psalm, then the hymn, "Lord in the strength of grace," was sung, and the Bishop made a pointed talk on the lesson read, and all that he said was refreshing.

Rev. Ely T. Curtis was received from the Methodist Protestant Church.

The names of the old men were taken up and called until they were all passed and referred.

Rev. J. H. Reynolds struck fire when he told of his hopes of heaven. He is 82 years old and as bright and as happy as a boy. Everybody loves "Uncle John," and his presence is an inspiration.

Rev. O. P. Thomas has been in the itinerant ministry 52 years, and while his health is feeble, he was at Conference, and the brethren were delighted to greet him.

A beautiful letter of brotherly love was read from Rev. J. E. Vinson. He is now in Mississippi.

Rev. S. L. Ball has served the Church a great many years, but he is not able to go in and out before the brethren as of yore.

Rev. C. C. Williams is one of the veterans and the brethren love him.

Rev. A. W. Gibson looks feeble, but he did a good deal of work during the year.

The class of young men to be admitted into full connection were called and the Bishop addressed them wisely and seriously, and his words made a deep impression. The young men are: I. S. Ashburn, J. W. O'Bryant, E. V. Cole, A. T. Bridges, Alex Hubbard, M. C. Sooter, T. E. Cannon, J. V. Davis, J. W. Baughman, E. B. Jackson, and W. E. Dale.

Bishop Mouzen is very felicitious in his addresses, but never more so than in speaking to this class. The whole Conference heard him with pleasure. All twelve of these young men are promising and well equipped for their work. They were voted unanimously into the membership of the Conference.

**A Few Mouzonograms.**

"I will not talk about woman's dress, but I want to talk about woman's undress."

"It is now popular to be a poor mother, but a great thing to be a suffragist."

"If I were a woman I would rather be a good mother than a famous president of a club."

"I would rather preach the gospel than to preach on divorce courts."

"If you want to cure your young people of frivolity do not turn them out of the Church, but go to see them and talk to them like a father talks to his daughters. It is not the fault of the 16-year-old girl that she does it, it is the fault of her foolish mother."

"I never punish my children on the front porch; I do that in private when there is nobody present but me and the child."

The first ballot for delegates to the General Conference was taken and the tellers retired to count the vote.

Who are admitted on trial? was asked, and Clark N. Russell, E. F. Lancaster, S. E. Pritchett, F. C. Adams, R. T. Breedlove, Frank M. Richardson, A. I. White and John J. Cooper were received. One notable thing in the committee reports concerning those young men and that is only one of them uses tobacco, and he only occasionally. They were otherwise well reported of.

Rev. J. D. Scott was introduced and



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spoke to the Conference on the work of the San Antonio Rescue Home, and he was given a good hearing.

The first ballot for lay delegates was announced and it resulted in the election of N. P. Doak and J. M. N. W. Oliver: 13 net increase and a good revival.

Who remain on trial? Rev. R. B. Curry, collecting a little short, but a splendid year.

T. F. Huffstutler: A good year and matters well up.

J. J. Mason: Good year.

G. F. Jones: Organized one church, net gain of 34 and built a new parsonage.

E. M. Jones: Finances well up, spiritual condition good, \$2000 of debts paid.

H. C. Hand: 155 conversions, all collections in full.

J. W. Cannon: 26 conversions, finances good and getting ready to build two churches.

M. A. Stout: 29 additions, collections good, 72 subscribers to the Advocate.

W. W. Barnett: 32 additions, collections well up and things in good shape.

J. D. Cunningham: Remodeled one church paid out another and a good year.

W. E. Barbersee: Fine year.

C. M. Clark: 18 conversions, and good accessions and finances up.

J. W. Brown: 100 conversions and reclamations, new furniture in parsonage and finances good.

cleaned up Church roll and 21 additions.

The deacons of one year were called. H. B. Chambers: 35 conversions and raised for all purposes over \$3000. A good year.

H. M. Cowling: 64 conversions, built a parsonage and finances in full.

J. D. Thomas: 35 conversions, 35 accessions and money to build a new church.

K. R. Isbell: Raised \$2500, collections in full, 97 conversions and work in good shape.

C. L. Bowen: 49 conversions and 70 accessions, 61 subs to the Advocate and three new churches. A good year.

E. H. Crandall: 150 conversions, 100 accessions, new parsonage and collections in full.

W. F. Davis: 45 conversions, 80 accessions, improved our church to the amount of several hundred dollars and the work well up.

W. R. Kirkpatrick: 85 conversions, finances good and the Church in good condition and 32 Advocates.

W. B. Martin: Several good meetings, 125 conversions, organized and built a church and repaired others.

The tellers for clerical delegates reported and G. C. Rankin 116, Rev. A. L. Andrews and Rev. C. M. Harless 100 each, were elected. A second ballot was taken and there was no election. A third ballot was taken and J. M. Moore was elected. A fourth ballot was taken and there was no election. A fifth ballot was taken and Rev. L. S. Barton and Dr. John H. McLean were elected, completing the

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**A Woman's Appeal**

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# Our Letter From Mexico

By Rev. Jackson B. Cox.

Since my last letter to the Advocate was written I have had some rare experiences. The first week of August was spent in Mexico, the second at Corpus Christi, and the remainder of the month with my family who at present are in Waco. When President Wilson issued his call to the Americans to come out of Mexico I was at Fort Worth. Shortening my visit I hurried back to Monterey in order to be with the workers of my district to share with them the burdens and responsibilities of the work during these trying times.

Most of the month of September was spent in Monterey acting as interpreter in our hospital, visiting the sick and in doing the work of a pastor for our Mexican congregation. Our hospital has opened up a wonderfully beautiful field here in this city.

The political situation had grown so desperate at Tereon that on September 25 a special train was started from that city to this loaded with Americans and other foreigners. Ordinarily that run can be made in twelve hours, but because of hindrances, fore and aft, burnt bridges, dead engines, destroyed track and other difficulties, they were fourteen days making the trip. The American Consul General, R. C. Hanna, at Monterey, having been appealed to for help, decided to send out a relief train to work its way to them over burnt bridges and other obstacles. Dr. E. W. Ryan, a special agent sent out from Washington, needed some one to accompany him, and the Consul General honored me by asking me to make the trip with Dr. Ryan. The rebels had burned a bridge ahead of us the day before, but this was repaired in a few hours and we soon came in touch with the refugee train.

During those fourteen days one American child had died and a little daughter had been born to our missionaries, Rev. J. P. Lancaster and wife who were making their way from Tereon to the States. There were two cases of typhoid and one of scarlet fever aboard, but a baggage car had been converted into a hospital so that the sick were kept reasonably comfortable during those trying fourteen days.

On the afternoon of October 22, Dr. J. G. Harrison, the superintendent of our hospital, and I decided to run out to Topo Chico on the street car, about five miles away, for a few hours' rest. Just back of the town there is a mountain from which a hill runs off to the right. When we reached the town a battle back of the hill was raging. In order to hear better we went to the foot of the hill where the boom of the cannons and popping of the small arms could be heard so distinctly that our curiosity was only the more aroused. A five hundred yards' climb would take us to a point in full view of the battle and in the rear of the main body of the Federal Army, where three Federal sentinels were stationed.

Some one proposed that we climb the hill, but I objected on the ground of danger. However, I gave in and up the mountain we went with a white flag in hand until we stood beside the sentinels. There stretched out in full view before our eyes only a few hundred yards away the two armies, in combat with modern arms. It reminded me of a moving picture battle. The charges and counter charges, riderless horses, the movement of ammunition wagons, cannons, rapid fire guns, the flanking movement of the rebels, the confusion, the retreat and the final routing of the Federals could be seen from our hill top.

Finally the head sentinel announced "We have lost," mounted his horse and together with the other two sentinels ran violently down the hill toward the village. Up to that time we had heard only a few bullets whistling uncomfortably near us. There was no time to be lost, for the rebels would soon be upon us. As we rushed down that hill I was convinced that it was the thorniest spot in North America. We had gone only a short distance on our wild run when another very serious danger developed. The rear guard of the Federal Army, which was posted on both sides of our pathway, opened fire on us. This naturally tended to accelerate our motion. That was the danger I had anticipated when I went up the mountain in case the Federals were to lose.

Unfortunately for me, I ran into a

cactus bush and filled my right leg and foot full of thorns. This was too much for me, so, under fire, I stopped and "rendered first aid" to my thorn-punctured leg. My companions, either having been more fortunate than I in missing the thorns, or disregarding them, soon left me behind. Fortunately for me my companions, who had left me behind, drew most of the fire on themselves. At one point, however, I was exposed to the Federal fire in a lane for about a hundred yards in full view of them while they were shooting in my direction. At last we reached a stone house in the center of the town where we took refuge until the Federals retreated.

Before the rebels entered the town we decided to make an effort to reach Monterey on foot, as the street cars had ceased to run. When we reached a point where we were in full view of the Federal rear battery a screaming shell came almost directly toward us and burst most distressingly near us. To the brush in a rush we went. Again we started toward Monterey. Again the screaming shell came our way, bursting near us, scattering shrapnel in every direction. Again we hid, but again we came out and started for Monterey. For the third time the screaming demon came our way, bursting near us.

Convinced by this last one that we were in real danger, we decided to return to the stone house in the center of the town. By this time the rebels had reached the right side of the town, while a few Federals yet remained on our left. Here we were, caught between two fires. Hiding ourselves in grass-covered hut we remained there until the firing had calmed down. Again we started for the stone house, but we had scarcely entered the street when we were fired upon. We most unceremoniously entered a vacant plank house where we remained until after dark. By that time not a mortal was to be seen or heard in the village. We then stole across the backyard where of a small stone house nearby where we were given permission to spend the night. With a quilt on the brick floor for a bed, without supper and without covering five miles from home, I dropped off to sleep wondering what would happen next day.

Next morning we found that the town was literally filled with rebels. They told us that a part of their army was already in the outskirts of Monterey and that they would attack the city in a short while. To undertake to reach home under these conditions would be folly, so we went out on a hill nearby and watched the Rebel Army move toward Monterey. The Federal Army had steadily retired ahead of the Rebels so that by 2 o'clock that afternoon we decided to make another effort to reach the hospital. A few miles' walk brought us to the outer edge of the city and into the danger zone, for the battle was still raging.

Night came and still we were unable to go forward. Through the kindness of an Italian family we were permitted to spend the night in a stone building. I have been through one anti-American riot, one anti-Government riot, twice when the train was held up by rebels and once when it was shot into by them, have seen two Texas cyclones, have been in a light storm at sea, have stood at the foot of an active volcano, and have gone through several earthquakes, but am sure that it has never been my lot to witness a more imposing thing than the raging fires of that night. Just back of us the big roundhouse and hundreds of cars, over six hundred all told were burning, while in front of us many houses were on fire. The most spectacular part was when the coal oil cars would burst and the flames would literally shoot hundreds of feet into the air. Looting by the poorer class of citizens was going on before our eyes on every side.

Under these conditions we retired for the night still three-quarters of a mile from the hospital. Personally I was not molested by anyone all that day, but Dr. Harrison was worried by a drunken rebel who concluded that he was a rich man in hiding and desired to kill him.

Through the kindness of the Rebels who permitted us to pass all their lines we were able to reach the hospital next morning before that day's battle began. Dead men and dead horses were in evidence here and there—all along through the streets. One soldier lay dead against our gate. We had scarcely entered the hospital when the battle, which lasted all that day, broke out again. We were between the lines of the contending forces all that day, but were in comparative safety—thanks to our stone walls and a kind Providence.

That afternoon the Federals were reinforced and that night the Rebels withdrew to the outer edge of the city.

Next morning it was reported that the Rebels were being reinforced and would soon attack the city again. It

fell to my lot to secure provisions for the hospital. The gas and electric supply had been interrupted, and we needed wood, coal, candles, oil, bread, matches, fruit, milk, meat, lamps and such like. Ordinarily there would have been plenty of hacks, carts, street cars and men at one's service, but not so that morning. I shall not even forget that bushel basket loaded with provisions which I carried from the market on my shoulder to the hospital more than a half mile away.

After supplying the hospital I made a hurried visit to the homes of our Mexican members who lived in the most dangerous parts during the battle. Not a member had been hurt. When night came I was most thoroughly exhausted, but took my turn with Dr. Harrison in guarding the house all that night, as I had done the night before.

None of the mission force were hurt during those dreadful days. Two shells penetrated our school building, doing but little harm, while the rest of our properties were uninjured. It was about two days before all the dead horses and men were picked up off of the streets. I am glad to have seen a battle, notice the tense I use, but I would not give a nickel to see another one.

It would be perfectly natural for one to ask, what can a missionary do under such conditions? Every appointment in my district on this side the Rio Grande, except Saltillo and Monterey, is wiped out for the time being. At Saltillo our Church is doing nicely in spite of the fact that our school is closed out. Last Sunday our Mexican Sunday School had seventy-four present, which is a good showing for these times. Our school, with Rev. N. E. Joyner at its head, is doing well for war times. We have no pastor for the Mexican Church, so that I am acting together with a young Mexican helper. The American congregation is small for lack of Americans.

To the sorrow of many, our hospital has closed and Dr. Harrison has gone to his home in Georgia. This is a serious blow to our work at this time. No money, what can one do but close down?

I send a message of love to my many friends in Texas.

### AN ASTONISHING MEMORIAL.

The Central Texas Conference, at its recent session, memorialized the next General Conference to so change our law, for the support of conference claimants, as to create a "Board of Support" composed of seven preachers and seven laymen, and a General Secretary to be elected by the General Conference.

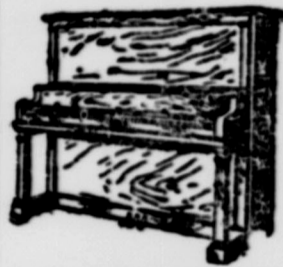
I will not attempt to discuss the memorial, as a whole, except to say that such a method is likely to divert men, called of God to preach, from their Divine mission to become financial agents and that the expense of such an administration is liable to cost the conference fund more than it yields; besides, it removes, in part, the careful consideration of individual cases from the Joint Board to the General Board of Support that cannot give the necessary time for this, when the whole number of claimants must be considered. Is it not a fact, so far as this conference is concerned, we are doing more than ever before? Our assessments for this exceeds the assessment for foreign missions; besides, what may be derived from proceeds of Publishing House, individual bequests and donations, and the Superannuate Endowment Fund. If we compare what we paid these claimants thirty years ago with what is paid now, I am sure the increase per capita is greater than the increase of pastors' salaries, for the same period of time; and if that be so, are we not making too much of mere sentiment?

It seems to me that the endowment idea is predominating in the plans proposed for our Church to such extent that we are in danger of forgetting our "marching orders," and becoming absorbed with making arrangements for material comforts and laying up treasures on earth. We are practically denying that we are looking for and expecting the coming again of our Lord Jesus Christ, and saying, "My Lord delayeth His coming."

The one item of this memorial, to which I wish to call special attention, is the plan to create a "Superannuate Annuity Society," which is to include all the traveling connection, except such as the conference may excuse, with an initiation fee of twenty-five dollars, and annual dues of \$10 each. If any one ceases to be a member, for any reason, "he shall forfeit all rights of membership," (see paragraph 6.)

I have no objection to individuals forming a mutual benefit society, with such regulations as may seem right to them, but to force men into membership, and require initiation fee and dues, except such as may be excused by their conference, is a violation of the rights of an American citizen.

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to say nothing of the rights and liberty of a citizen of God's Kingdom. I don't think there is much danger of such a rash proposition ever becoming a law, but I regret that our conference has proposed such unreasonable and extravagant legislation. The writer tried to get the floor when the memorial was before the conference, but the Chair did not recognize him, and put the vote before he could say a word against it. It was not unanimous, and some that did vote for it regretted it when they knew the contents of the memorial. It is true, it was submitted one year before, and was laid over one day of our last conference, for consideration, but very few seemed to have gone over the whole paper for careful examination on account of its great length. I suppose, some say they voted for expecting the General Conference Committee to eliminate all the objectionable features.

I suggest that the Joint Board of each conference can consider this important matter more wisely and promptly and these claimants will not have to wait until all the conferences report, and the new board can pass on the whole number of them. Why not let the present arrangement stand?  
R. F. DUNN.

### THE CLOUDS ARE THE DUST OF HIS FEET.

(Nahum 1:3.)  
In the older days men so magnified the divinity of Christ that they virtually dehumanized him. They so emphasized the glory and majesty of Jehovah that men could not see in him a father. In modern days men so magnify the humanity of Jesus that his divinity becomes insignificant, and so fatherly God that they take him from the throne of majesty.

While we should never forget the humanity of Jesus and the fatherhood of God, we should ever remember that Jesus is God and that Jehovah is glorious and majestic.

Reverence is an absolute necessity for true worship. If Jesus is just a man and God is a father just a little better than other fathers, then there is no place for worship. We cannot worship a being who is no better or just a little better and greater than ourselves.

Nahum, in speaking of the greatness of Jehovah, declares: "The Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet."

The clouds are to us the harbingers of our greatest temporal blessings and the messengers and instruments of our greatest disasters. The clouds convey the unspeakable blessings of the rain, and protect us from the cold of winter and the heat of summer. The clouds convey those marvelous and terrible destructive forces which sweep the ships to the bottom of the seas and carry havoc and desolation to our towns and cities.

The clouds, then, represent the most powerful forces of nature, and, yet so great is God that the clouds are no more to him than the dust which we scatter with our feet is to us. How great is God! How insignificant are we! Marvelous, glorious, majestic is Jehovah! Down, down upon the knees of your heart before him!  
E. P. WILLIAMS.

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#### BISHOP MOUZON AT THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

For the third time in succession Bishop Mouzon held the North Texas Conference. He was in fine health and in splendid spirit. In the chair, in the social circle, in the pulpit and on the platform he measured up to all expectation. He was kind to everybody and very considerate of the rights of all. True, he made a great many changes in the appointments, but not until after due consideration. He is a fine parliamentarian, quick and clear, a splendid expounder of the Scriptures, an accurate judge of law and a bright conversationalist. It is the consensus of the opinion of the brethren that his work was wise and generally satisfactory. He left the conference with the good will of the whole conference.

It was greatly regretted by him and the conference that he was compelled to close the conference and read the appointments hurriedly on Sunday afternoon. This was caused by a wire message from his home in San Antonio that his son, Edwin, had undergone a relapse in a typhoid fever case from which he was thought to be recovering, and the presence of the Bishop at the bedside of his boy was necessary. Resolutions of sympathy were offered by the conference and the prayer that the illness may be of short duration and that health may come back to that home. Also resolutions were adopted expressing the appreciation of the purpose of the Bishop to change his residence from San Antonio to Dallas, and a cordial welcome was extended to him.

#### SOME LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS.

In three counties the antis are very sad. We brought on a fight in Caldwell County last week. We have been trying for several years to oust the saloons from that county and each time we reduced their majority, but failed to get their scalps. But last week we cleaned them out by more than a hundred majority. That makes our list of dry counties 178. In Potter County the antis brought on an election and made a strenuous fight, but last Saturday the election came off and the antis were beaten nearly two hundred majority, and they are wearing blue countenances. They also brought on an election in Titus County, but last Saturday the pros only put them to sleep with a majority of nearly 700. All they got for their trouble and expense is a penitentiary penalty now when they violate the law. Before this election it was only a misdemeanor. Next! On with the battle!

## North Texas Conference Notes.

Oh, how the weather did misbehave, but it was neither the fault of Clarksville nor the members of the conference. It just simply forced itself upon us and we had to grin and bear it. It rained and it rained and the mud was something ugly. But the good people of the town did everything in their power to make the entertainment of the conference cordial, open hearted and full to the brim. They left nothing undone and no town could have done better. Rev. J. H. Griffin and his lay helpers laid themselves out day and night to serve us and it was done splendidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hocker threw open their magnificent home to a host of the members of the conference and their entertainment was up to the high water mark of old-fashioned Methodist hospitality. Among the many they had as guests were Bishop Mouzon, Rev. O. P. Thomas, Dr. R. S. Hyer, Frank Reedy, Rev. Claude Simpson, Mrs. John D. Hammond, this writer and others. Beside these some six or eight were lodged who took meals out. Then, too, nearly every day some invited guest or guests were present. Mrs. Hocker is the accomplished daughter of Rev. W. W. Graham and he, too, was a member of our circle. It was good to be there and none of us will ever forget it.

The conference was, in many respects, the most delightful we have ever attended. The preachers and the laymen were in the best of humor and the social feature was fine. It was also a religious conference. Occasionally there was an episode that varied the monotony of the proceedings but the sun invariably shone afterwards and the result was safe and satisfactory. This conference is bold and outspoken and members often expressed themselves with plainness of speech and earnestness of manner. But the little ripples were only on the surface. The great deep of the occasion was steady and true. Bishop Mouzon held the reins with a firm, but brotherly hand, and the proceedings, at no time, jumped the track.

Were there many changes made? Well, read the appointments. But we heard but little complaint as the brethren dispersed. Of course some of them will experience heavy expense and some hardship in moving, but it seems that it could not be helped. Only the Cabinet knows why many of these changes had to be made, but doubtless there were good reasons, unknown to us on the outside why it was necessary to make them. But from one-half to two-thirds of the brethren are now on the move. It will take them till Christmas, nearly, to get settled and adjusted to their several stations. But not one presiding elder will be forced to change, for the time of no one of them was out.

The love feast, conducted by Dr. McLean, is said to have been deep in its religious spirit and wide in its flow. A conference love feast is always a great occasion. No one wants to miss it. It was largely attended and the deep fervor of, at times, broke over the bounds of quietude and order. It was a religious service from beginning to close. Yes, it was a baptism of power and refreshment.

The preaching was good to use of edifying and the services were crowded, notwithstanding the rain and mud. The town has good cement sidewalks and the church was the center of constant attraction. No preacher tried to show his great preaching ability, but each one spoke in the power of the Spirit. They were preaching to help people and the result was wonderfully spiritual.

Rev. D. F. Fuller, after a term of successful service at Howe, goes to Carrollton and Irving. It is a good appointment and they will have a good preacher. Rev. A. T. Bridges did

a good work there last year, but goes to another field. Brother Fuller is one of the best preachers in the conference. He is studious and hands out substantial from the pulpit. Rev. Frank Richardson who comes of splendid preaching stock, goes to Howe.

Dallas has four changes. Rev. Walter Douglass comes to St. John's, Rev. C. O. Shugart to Tyler Street, Rev. Claude Simpson to Oak Lawn and Rev. L. L. Cohen to Munger Place. These are all strong and efficient men and they will be kindly received by their respective charges. Brother Simpson is the only man from the outside. He was a member of the Texas Conference four years ago and went from there to Kansas City, but now comes back to his first love—but this time to our conference.

Rev. J. B. Davis goes from Tyler St. to Whitesboro. Rev. C. A. Long, McKinney and Rev. J. A. Old, Oklahoma. Rev. O. T. Rogers goes from Cedar Hill to Crandall, and Rev. J. H. Averitt to Sherman Circuit. These two brethren did faithful work, and we have no better and more efficient preachers than they. We are sorry to see them leave the district, for they often dropped in on us because they were so near by. But we welcome their successors.

The election of delegates to the General Conference was a lively episode. Quite a deal of interest was manifested, but nothing unseemly as the event was consummated. Many brethren had their favorites, of course, and voted for them; and many of us were sorry that we could not elect them all, but we were only entitled to six clerical and six lay delegates and many of us had to be disappointed.

The first ballot elected two lay delegates, Judge N. P. Doak and Judge J. M. McCormick. They are both leading lawyers and splendid men. In the following ballots Charley Dial, whom everybody loves, C. H. Morris, a successful banker and a man who loves the preachers, R. S. Hyer, the distinguished educator, and Judge J. Q. Adamson, of Sherman, went in. These are all exceptionally strong men and they will add strength to our great quadrennial body.

On the first ballot Rev. G. C. Rankin went in with a vote of 116, Dr. C. M. Harless and Dr. A. L. Andrews with 100 votes each. Second ballot brought forth no election. The third resulted in the election of Dr. John M. Moore. Two ballots followed without result, and the next one elected Rev. L. S. Barton and Dr. John H. McLean. Only two of the delegates, Rankin and Harless, were members of the last General Conference from this conference. Dr. Hyer was a member from the old Northwest Texas Conference.

Rev. C. A. Spragins, Rev. W. F. Bryan and Rev. C. M. Bishop were elected clerical alternates; and B. M. Burgher, Epps G. Knight and Dr. Sid Bass were the lay alternates. Dr. McLean violated precedents, and "came back" to use a common phrase. He was ill when the delegates were elected four years ago and not at the session of the conference. But he had been in all preceding General Conferences from the time the memory of man runneth not back to the contrary. He is now advanced in years and the brethren determined to honor him again. It was meet and proper and we are all glad.

Rev. W. D. Mountcastle, after nearly forty years of continued service, has yielded to the inevitable and taken a nominal relation. No member of the North Texas Conference has done better and more valiant service than he. He has always been a sound, conservative and level headed as a pastor and as a presiding elder. His health is still reasonably good, but he felt that he was entitled to an honorable

rest and so asked this relation. He is as true as steel and as noble as they make them. Rev. F. A. Rosser, another splendid man, did likewise. He has a slight affliction and hopes to fully recover and take his place again in the active ranks. We have no truer and faithful man than Brother Rosser.

Rev. R. F. Bryant, after one year of strenuous service at Lamar Street, Paris, where he led in the building of a splendid parsonage, now goes to Commerce where he will have another fine field for work. Rev. E. H. Casey, who spent two useful years at Commerce, goes to Winnsboro. Rev. P. C. Archer, who did four years of good work at Winnsboro, goes to Farmersville, and Rev. C. B. Fladger, one of the truest men, after splendid service at Farmersville, goes to Honey Grove.

Rev. C. C. Young, one of the most popular young men in the conference, goes from McKinney, after two years of splendid service, to Kavanaugh, Greenville; and Rev. J. Sam Barcus, who has endeared himself to our brethren, goes from the latter place to First Church, Bonham. Rev. W. T. Whitesides, who was greatly beloved at Bonham goes to Lamar Street, Paris. The big wheel worked with facility. Rev. W. C. Howell did a good work at Bowie, but this year goes to Roysse; Rev. T. J. Beckham, who had a good term of service at the latter place, goes to Broadway, Gainesville.

Rev. T. M. Kirk did magnificent service at Key Memorial, Sherman. He put things in fine shape in that charge. But he was lifted out and dropped at Bridgeport and Rev. R. B. Moreland, who had much success at the latter place, goes to Key Memorial. Rev. George French, who went from us a few years ago to Oklahoma, has returned and goes to Terrell. He was a boy preacher when he left us, but now he is a matured and strong man.

Rev. W. H. Brown is our Conference Evangelist and he is a good one. He dropped out of the conference some years ago and devoted himself to evangelistic work most successfully, but came back into the conference one year ago; and now under the jurisdiction of the conference he will devote himself to that line of work exclusively. Rev. R. N. Huckabee becomes district evangelist for the Greenville and Paris Districts, and Rev. T. G. Whitten for the Dallas District. These brethren will give themselves to revival work.

Rev. F. A. Crutchfield, of Bellevue, goes to Henrietta after a splendid term of service in the former charge. He is a chip off the old block and comes of preaching pedigree. There is a long line of Crutchfields in the ministry and they are all dependable and devout men.

The proposed change of the name of the Church scarcely got into the running. It went down a-borning. Only seventeen voted for it, as we remember. The laity rights question did not come before the conference, but the good women distributed several pounds of drastic literature on the subject for the enlightenment of the brethren. Just what the result would have been had it come before us, we know not; but it is a subject that will not stay in the background. The sisters fully appreciate the art of agitation.

We had no Connectional men with us save our own Dr. John M. Moore. They gave us a wide berth. Well, it is true that we missed them, but we managed to wag along after a fashion without them. We are always glad to see them, however, and whenever they can reach us the doors are open and their welcome will be cordial.

Mrs. John D. Hammond visited the conference as she did the Texas Conference in the interest of our school for colored people at Augusta. We have been supporting that institution for years and Dr. Hammond is its

president. His good wife knows how to appeal to white people, for she is a Southern woman and knows the Southern heart. At the Texas Conference she raised in cash and subscriptions over \$800 and at the North Texas more than \$700. Yet some of our good people "up yonder" think we have no interest in the negroes morally and religiously.

Rev. J. L. Pierce had one of the most prosperous years of his ministry at Denton Street Church, Gainesville. He received a large number into the Church, had all his collections in full and the spiritual state of his people is fine. Harmony and brotherly co-operation prevail in all circles of his membership and they are devoted to him. It was a happy arrangement when Bishop Mouzon appointed Brother Pierce to that charge two years ago.

The educational report stirred up a small sized breeze. There was an amendment offered to knock out all reference to Polytechnic College and the debate was lively. Rev. R. G. Mood led the fight for the amendment and Dr. Alderson opposed it. Others took part in the discussion, but when the vote was taken the amendment was largely defeated and the recommendation of the Educational Commission was adopted.

Major Lessene, the veteran correspondent for the Galveston-Dallas News, was present at all the sessions of the several conferences and made fine reports of the proceedings. We have come to regard him as a member-at-large of all these bodies and it would not seem like conference without him. All the conferences asked the News management to send him to Oklahoma City to report the proceedings of the General Conference for those two splendid papers.

#### A FEW PICKED-UP REPORTS.

C. C. Childress: The Anna charge has paid all its old indebtedness, improved its parsonage and had seventy-five additions to the Church with a net increase of sixty-five members.

H. B. Johnston: We have had 45 additions to the Church, finished paying off debt on pews, have paid \$5000 on church debt. This is our third year on work.

H. H. Goode, Telephone Charge: Parsonage has been improved until it is a comfortable four-room home with necessary outbuildings. The conference collections are in full, and over, the first time in its history. Salaries a little short. Advocate subscriptions have been doubled.

Rev. J. Leonard Rea: Had a fine year at Cumby, eighty conversions, fifty additions, new parsonage built and paid for, \$800 spent on remodeling church, over forty new subscribers for Advocate. Cumby paid \$800 to pastor and promised \$900 for another year.

J. C. Gibbons: We have built a new parsonage at Lake Creek, valued at \$1500, and moved a church and done other improvements; very good revivals; raised for all purposes \$2889.95.

C. P. Combs of Bailey reported a solid brick church with modern Sunday School facilities, completed and dedicated. The Advocate is in high favor on his work.

A. P. Hightower, Allen and South McKinney: Had a year of good results, more than thirty subscribers to Texas Christian Advocate.

Cedar Hill and Duncanville: Raised and expended \$1250 the past year in improving and furnishing church and parsonage property, one item being the building of a permanent tabernacle at Duncanville, which the presiding elder, Dr. Sensabaugh, declares to be the best he has ever seen.

E. L. Stillman, Chico Circuit: Repaired church, organized two Epworth Leagues with sixty members and increased membership of Woman's Missionary Society fivefold.

N. C. Little, Mt. Vernon: Sixty conversions, fifty accessions, thirty-eight Advocates taken, eight infants baptized, all the benevolences paid in full



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Como: The Church during the quadrennium of Rev. W. L. Tittle, pastor, has made the following growth: 150 per cent net increase in membership, 400 per cent in amount assessed and paid for support of ministry, 500 per cent increase in amount paid to benevolences.

J. W. Slagle, Era: Raised \$1510 for S. M. U., \$31.50 for Children's Day, a net increase of forty-seven in membership, salaries in full.

Ector Circuit, C. O. Shugart, pastor: Small surplus on salary and benevolences, built five-room parsonage, one church extensively repaired, held all meetings himself, with forty-four accessions and a net gain of fifty-four members.

Broadway Station, John E. Roach, pastor: Lost our church building by fire in June, have adopted plans for a new and better building. The plans will be modern in every particular. In addition to cash on hand have secured about \$7000 in subscriptions to carry out plan. Have had hundred conversions, seventy-seven additions, all collections in full, Junior League of ninety members, largest Sunday School in Gainesville, great missionary interest, one young man sent out to China, one other at Vanderbilt in preparation for service, two volunteers waiting time to go. One young man licensed to preach.

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list of clerical delegates to the General Conference.

A ballot for three alternate delegates was taken and Rev. W. F. Bryan and Rev. C. A. Spragins were elected. On the next ballot there was no election. The next ballot elected Dr. C. M. Bishop. This completed the list of alternate clerical delegates.

S. L. Habern: A good year, good meeting and things in good shape.

Rev. F. A. Rosser: After years of good service was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

In the afternoon the clouds rifted and the sun struggled through. Even this slight change in the attitude of the weather was thankfully received.

At the afternoon session Rev. E. L. Egger led the opening prayer. There was a full attendance and the balloting was continued for General Conference delegates. A list of local preachers were elected to deacon's orders.



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W. L. Tittle: 30 conversions, 47 accessions and all collections in full and large increase in finances.

T. W. Preston: Membership increased, nearly one hundred accessions and good progress in all departments.

F. A. Crutchfield: A good revival, fine prayer meeting, doubled the Advocate list, and finances in full.

L. E. Conkin: Gracious revivals, 300 conversions, 217 accessions, dedicated and built new church and built one other one, and bought a parsonage.

L. F. Tannery: Built a new parsonage, had good meeting.

Edward L. Harris: Had a fine year and reported progress in all departments.

Rev. R. P. Shuler, of the University Church, Austin, spoke in the interest of that Church as a Church in which all Texas Methodists are interested and he was heard with interest.

Rev. Walter Douglass read Report No. 1 of the Epworth League Board.

Rev. G. M. Gibson read the report on the San Antonio Rescue Home.

A resolution by Rev. M. L. Hamilton, asking that the Bishops hold the session of our Conference hereafter not later than the middle of November was adopted.

The Temperance Committee made a stirring report on that question and it was adopted. It sounded no strange note on that issue.

Conference adjourned.

At night the Educational Anniversary was observed and Dr. Hyer and Bishop Mouzon delivered the addresses and collection for the endowment of the McKenzie Chair of Philosophy was taken, amounting to nearly \$3000.

Saturday morning came in with a crisp air, a clear sky and a burst of glorious sunshine. This is the first day that the Conference has seen a bright morning. It was invigorating and full of life. Everybody was in smiles and good humor.

The Bishop called the Conference to order and announced the hymn, "Jesus, lover of my soul," and all hearts and voices swung into melody.

John M. Moore led the opening prayer. The Bishop read for the morning lesson the 23rd Psalm, and his comments were pertinent and illuminating. "This is the nightingale psalm," as Mr. Beecher used to call it. It is good to be the sheep of a good Shepherd, but it is better to be God's guests. And this is the true meaning of the passage. Fellowship with God is as natural as the child's fellowship is with its father. The world is vast with its storms and pestilence, and we need the presence of a good Father. He careth for us amid all these perils and in His arms encompasseth us." The morning message was devotional, tender and deeply spiritual. The emotions of the audience were greatly stirred and while the song, "Oh, how I love Jesus," was sung, an old-fashioned Methodist hallelujah meeting and the scene was more like an old Methodist hallelujah meeting than a business Conference. We have rarely witnessed such a scene at the opening session of any day of Conference. It was a genuine baptism of power.

The minutes were read and the business proceeded.

B. M. Burgher, acting teller, reported a grand total collected of \$52,343.55. This includes all Conference collections coming under the head of general collections ordered by the Conference.

Reports came in rapidly and the most of them were read and adopted without discussion. Some of them were spoken to at length. The Committee on Books and Periodicals reported through the Secretary, Rev. Lawrence Cohen.

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Curtis Ward, age 4.  
(Dictated.)

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Lotie Rainis, age 6.

Santa nort pole i want you to give me a little dog in my stoking, and bows and a doll, and a dress some beads to ware on my neck, and a doll cane. I want some canie some eke, with all my love to my dear santa claus.

Georgie Caldwell, age 3

Dictated to her older sister age 6 and written by her.

The above tell their own stories. Our little ones are just little children big with the idea of a big-hearted spirit abroad in the land at this Christmas-tide

Surely big-hearted Methodism will come across with a big-bagged Christmas for these your little ones.

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Waco, Texas, Dec. 6, 1913.

Let every good man and woman read the above, wipe the tears from their eyes and remember these little orphans.

EDITOR ADVOCATE.

The Editor of this paper was accorded a hearing.

The vote on the change of the name of the Church was taken and it resulted in 13 votes in favor of the change and 164 against.

Rev. C. E. Lamb, one of the aged veterans of the Conference, was in his seat for the first time, and he spoke beautifully. Also Rev. J. P. Sherwood was present and spoke feelingly to the brethren.

Rev. J. H. Griffin read the report on Church Extension and it was adopted.

Bonham, Denison and Terrell were put in nomination for the next session of the Conference. These three places were represented by their appointed advocates. The vote was taken and Denison won by a good majority.

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held, the appointments read and the session passed into history.

#### MINUTES

On the Forty-Seventh Session of the North Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Clarksville, Texas, beginning December 3, 1913, ending December 7, 1913: Bishop E. D. Mouzon, President; R. G. Moad, Secretary, Postoffice of Secretary, Sherman, Texas.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Clark H. Russell, E. Frank Lancaster, S. E. Pritchett, F. C. Adams, R. T. Breedlove, Frank M. Richardson, Harvey L. White, John J. Cooper, C. German.

2. Who remain on trial? R. N. Huckabee, R. B. Curry, J. L. Huffstutler, J. J. Mason, G. F. Jones, E. M. Jones, H. C. Hand, J. W. Cannon, M. A. Stout, W. W. Barnett, J. D. Cunningham, W. E. Barber, C. M. Clark, J. W. Brown, Geo. R. Slagle.

3. Who are discontinued? None.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? I. S. Ashburn, J. A. Wheeler, J. W. O'Bryant, E. V. Cole, A. T. Bridges, Alex. Hubbard, M. C. Sooter, T. E. Cannon, J. V. Davis, J. W. Baughman, E. B. Jackson and W. E. Dale.

5. Who are readmitted? None.

6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? D. B. Doak, elder, Northwest Texas Conference; Geo. C. French, elder, East Oklahoma Conference; W. W. Johnson, in class first year, East Oklahoma Conference; J. W. Glance, class of first year, West Oklahoma Conference; Ira C. Kiker, deacon, Northwest Texas Conference; Gordon B. Carter, elder, Northwest Texas Conference; Claude M. Simpson, elder, Texas Conference.

7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? Eli T. Curtis, an elder, Methodist Protestant Church.

8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? None.

9. Who are the deacons of one year? H. B. Chambers, M. W. Oliver, H. M. Cowling, S. D. Thomas, K. R. Isbell, C. L. Bowen, E. H. Crandall, W. F. Davis, W. R. Kirkpatrick, W. B. Martin, S. L. Habern, L. F. Tannery.

10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? M. C. Sooter, T. E. Cannon, J. V. Davis, J. W. Baughman, E. B. Jackson, W. E. Dale.

11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? M. C. Sooter, T. E. Cannon, J. V. Davis, J. W. Baughman, E. B. Jackson, W. E. Dale.

12. What local preachers are elected deacons? H. C. Hand, R. N. Huckabee, J. D. Cunningham, F. U. Stroud, William J. Baker, C. T. Jones, T. L. Huffstutler.

13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? H. C. Hand, R. N. Huckabee, J. D. Cunningham, F. U. Stroud, William J. Baker, C. T. Jones, T. L. Huffstutler.

14. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? W. L. Tittle, C. A. Long, T. W. Preston, F. A. Crutchfield, L. E. Conkin, E. L. Harris.

15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? W. L. Tittle, C. A. Long, T. W. Preston, L. E. Conkin, E. L. Harris, P. S. Warren.

16. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

17. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

18. Who are located this year? L. O. Rodgers, H. H. Google, at his own request.

19. Who are supernumerary? L. E. Wood, E. L. Spurlock, W. D. Mountcastle, H. A. Bourland, S. L. Ball, H. M. Cosby, J. W. Tinsler, A. W. Gibson.

20. Who are supernumerated? I. W. Clark, J. W. Blackburn, B. A. Thomasson, G. H. Adams, J. R. Allen, G. F. Boyd, R. N. Brown, S. Crutchfield, J. N. Crutchfield, W. A. Coppidge, W. F. Clark, W. A. Edwards, R. S. Gosline, W. H. Hughes, L. W. Harrison, B. T. Hayes, J. N. Hunter, J. H. Hunter, M. B. Johnston, J. A. Kerr, C. E. Lamb, Jas. McDugald, J. B. Minnis, S. W. Miller, J. W. Murphy, John Moore, H. M. Pirtle, L. F. Palmer, J. P. Rodgers, J. H. Reynolds, J. W. Randle, J. F. Sherwood, Lee Sanders, H. E. Smith, O. P. Thomas, J. E. Vinson, J. C. Weaver, E. S. Williams, B. H. Webster, E. B. Thompson, C. C. Williams, F. A. Rosser.

21. What preachers have died during the past year? M. H. Neely.

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

23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 187; members, 65,590.

24. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 755.

25. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2672.

26. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 140.

27. What is the number of Epworth League members? 5370.

28. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 462.

29. What is the number of Sunday School officers, and teachers? 4389.

30. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the conference year? 49,666.

31. What was assessed by the last conference for the supernumerated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$9996.

32. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$2808.12.

33. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$11,590.08; domestic, \$12,163.33.

34. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$631,911.

35. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$865.84.

36. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$28,370.59; preachers in charge, \$160,647.52.

37. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$2308.98.

38. What is the number of societies and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 556; number of houses of worship, 448.

39. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$1,633,271; indebtedness, \$107,773.28.

40. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 191; number of parsonages, 185.

41. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$437,700; indebtedness, \$4750.00.

42. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 7; amount of damage, \$11,717.00.

43. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$735,560.00; losses sustained, \$508.05; premiums paid, \$6269.08; collections on losses, \$6078.95.

44. What are the educational statistics? — 45. Who is elected Conference Leader? Epps G. Knight.

46. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Denison.

47. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See Appointments.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

BONHAM DISTRICT.  
O. S. Thomas, Presiding Elder.  
Batley Circuit—J. R. Atchley.  
Bonham Station—J. Sam Barcus.  
Bonham Mission—E. H. Colburn.  
Brookston and High—J. S. Ashburn.  
Doak Circuit—J. L. Johnson.  
Ector Circuit—W. J. Palmer.  
Honey Grove Station—C. B. Flagler.  
Honey Grove Circuit—R. P. Buck.  
Ladonia Station—J. M. Sweeton.  
Leonard Station—J. F. Alderson.  
Pocahontas Mission—J. A. Wheeler.  
Trenton Circuit—M. C. Dolbs.  
Telephone Mission—R. T. Breehove.  
White Rock and Petty—A. P. Hightower.  
Windom Circuit—B. B. Hall.  
District Commissioner of Education—J. S. Ashburn.

BOWIE DISTRICT.  
T. H. Morris, Presiding Elder.  
Archer City—J. R. Wages.  
Bellevue Station—J. W. Beck.  
Blue Grove Circuit, W. R. Kirkpatrick.  
Bowie Station—W. J. Tittle.  
Kingwood Mission—P. S. Warren.  
Byers Circuit—J. L. Sullivan.  
Burk Burnett Station—W. F. Davis.  
Burk Burnett Mission—W. H. Vail, supply.  
Craffon Circuit—S. M. Owenly.  
Dundee Mission—G. R. Slagle.  
Electra Station—W. R. McCarter.  
Hensetta Station—F. A. Crutchfield.  
Iowa Park Circuit—H. B. Johnston.  
Megargel Mission—A. Wall, supply.  
Neocoma Station—N. R. Stone.  
Petrolia Circuit—J. D. Thomas.  
Post Oak Mission—W. R. Arnold, supply.  
Sunset Circuit—R. L. Patterson, supply.  
Vashti Circuit—E. Tannery.  
Wichita Falls Station—J. W. Hill.  
President Southwestern University—C. M. Bishop. (Wichita Falls Quarterly Conference.)  
District Commissioner of Education—F. A. Crutchfield.

DECATUR DISTRICT.  
S. C. Riddle, Presiding Elder.  
Alvord Station—W. J. Wilson.  
Argyle Circuit—M. C. Sooter.  
Byson and Jerry—W. A. Thomas.  
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### STATE NOTES.

Following a canvass of the members of the State Cabinet and the Program Committee, it appears that the sentiment is unanimous in favor of a July date for the 1914 Encampment of the Epworth League, and the time from July 16 to 26 has been tentatively designated for the meeting. Of course the final decision will rest with the Program Committee when it is called together, and this committee will be governed largely by the progress of the plans by the Board of Trustees regarding the new site of the Assembly, but, judging from past experience in matters of this kind, it appears that all arrangements can be perfected for the Encampment to be held at the time stated, July 16-26. At a recent session of the Board of Trustees, a generous allowance was made for the program, and it is planned to make the 1914 session one of the most attractive ever held. A meeting of the Program Committee will soon be held to shape the details of the work to be undertaken.

The San Marcos Epworth League has issued a very attractive folder containing the topics for the devotional meetings, with names of leaders and assistants. On the last page of this folder is given what purports to be the League pledge, but which is not the duly authorized form, although its spirit is reflected. The correct form of the pledge, if we may be allowed to quote it as a matter of general information, is: "I will faithfully observe the Rule and Constitution of the Epworth League, attend its meetings and take some part in them." The Rule of the Epworth League is the application to daily life of our motto: "All for Christ."

### NOTICE TO EPWORTH LEAGUE BONDHOLDERS.

As a preliminary to the closing up of the final papers in the transfer of the title papers to the property of the Texas State Epworth League at Epworth-by-the-Sea, near Corpus Christi, a sale of said property having been bargained and contract entered into, it has been arranged between the special Bondholders' Trustee and the Board of Trustees that all outstanding Epworth League bonds be now called for payment, and notice is hereby given directing that all such bonds shall be immediately forwarded to Mr. Clark Pease, President City National Bank, Corpus Christi, Texas, who is to act as custodian and hold same until on or about January 1, 1914, when it is the purpose of the Board of Trustees to pay off each and every one of said bonds. A complete detailed statement is being prepared by the special Bondholders' Trustee, showing the amount due on each respective bond to the date of January 1, 1914, in accordance with which statement settlement will now be made.

The Dallas City Epworth League Union will meet in annual business session on December 19, when a full complement of officers to serve another year will be elected. President John A. Rogers, who has filled the office so efficiently for two terms, will almost assuredly be again re-elected. The Union has averaged an attendance of almost five hundred for the year and its programs have been of an unusually meritorious class. A loving cup was instituted as an attendance trophy early in the year, and, in a final award, went to Tyler Street Epworth League, Oak Cliff, one of the younger chapters of the city and also, now, one of the most promising.

The Knights of Ezelah, the new boys' order, is now an established institution in the Epworth League. The Central Office at Nashville has prepared a complete series of pamphlets explaining the work and same will be promptly forwarded to those who write requesting it. The boys' work is perhaps our most difficult and it is thought a solution has now been reached. We have received the plan but have not had time to carefully study it. We shall, however, and will then give a more extended notice to same.

December 14 is to be special Cuba day throughout Leaguedom and voluntary mission pledges will be the order of the day. It is hoped Texas will sustain its reputation and come up liberally with its financial support.

The General Conference which meets in Oklahoma City next May will probably be besieged with petitions and importunities, following the custom of former sessions, to legislate regarding the Epworth League.

Trinity Epworth League, Dallas, the League Editor's home chapter, paid a very much deserved compliment to Mrs. S. D. Thruston, its retiring Fourth Vice-President, recently, presenting, in recognition of four continuous years' service, a beautiful gold mounted cameo pin, the affair coming at the close of the regular missionary program on the fourth Sunday night in November. Miss Ruby Clark, chapter historian, read resolutions; Mr. E. B. Doggett, member of the missionary committee, spoke, and Mrs. Anna Carlington, chairman of the Ruby Kendrick Memorial committee, presented the token. Mrs. Thruston was taken completely by surprise and could scarcely speak her acknowledgment. Miss Sadie Cannon, a former State Cabinet officer, takes up the active duties of the fourth department, while Mrs. Thruston remains a member of the committee, although removed to such a distance from the church as to make her attendance a matter of infrequency.

Few of our Leaguers seem to understand that it is now incumbent upon the First Vice-President of the local chapter to see that there is organized and maintained, wherever there is a senior, a junior chapter. This brings the juniors into still closer relationship with the seniors and adds to the duties of the First Vice-President an obligation of very great importance.

Have you a communication for the Question Box? If so, send it to the League Editor. The Question Box plan has now been adopted by the Epworth Era and all connectional papers. Its value lies in the use that is made of it, so if we are to derive benefit there must be frequent and regular contributions to the "Box." Any problem in League work may be

appropriately presented. Let us hear from you. G. W. T.

Senior Epworth League of Trinity M. E. Church, South, Denison, Texas, met in a business meeting August 5th, and elected the following officers: President, C. H. Thrall; First Vice-President, Miss Grace Shilling; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. T. McGrew; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Claude Deness; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. W. B. Freeman; Publication Agent, Will Gilbert; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Thrall.

We have officers ready and willing to do their part, and we are expecting a good year in the League work this year.

MRS. C. H. THRALL,  
Secretary.

### SANGER JUNIOR LEAGUE.

The Junior Epworth League at Sanger is doing excellent service. There are twenty-two active members, all of whom take part in the service. There are also twelve associate members. Since Mr. O. L. Hamilton, President of the North Texas Conference, met with us in September and enthused our young people, explaining to them what was expected of them, not only by the North Texas Conference, but by the Methodist Church as well, and submitting the proposition the conference officers are making in giving two handsome souvenirs next June for the best attendance and largest amount of League dues paid into the North Texas Conference. Not a one of our active members has missed a single meeting, and we have sent the Secretary-Treasurer, at Paris, \$2.50, and expect to lead in this as well as regular attendance from now until the North Texas Conference meets at Greenville in June.

I consider Sanger Junior League the best in the conference, and the chapter who beats us will have to make a better record than President Hamilton has yet had.

Let us hear from the other Junior Leagues in the conference.

MRS. JULIA McMURTRY, Supt.

### SUPREMACY OF CHRIST.

Christ, it seems to me, is our final authority. Rome says the Church has final authority. Protestantism lodges final authority in the Bible. A most respectable company of most excellent people find it in the Christian consciousness. But the Church has no authority apart from Christ, the Bible sets its right over us from his presence in it, and the Christian consciousness is worthy only because it is Christian. He is the final expression, the authoritative utterance for both God and man. He alone possesses invincible supremacy. Charles Lamb and his friends were playfully debating what they would do if certain famous dead men should come into their presence. They had decided as to Homer and Shakespeare, when someone said: "But suppose Jesus Christ came in!" Instantly Lamb's manner changed and he stammered out: "That, you see, would be different. If Shakespeare came in we must all rise but if He came in we must all kneel." So the verdict of the world would say. It recognizes his invincible supremacy.—W. F. McDowell.

### CHRIST'S COMING.

The natural human heart is like that inn at Bethlehem—no room for Christ! Every true saint of God for four thousand years had been gazing out into the future, looking and listening that they might hear the footfall of the Coming One. Bible students think that when Eve brought forth her first-born and said: "I have got a man from the Lord," she thought he was the Promised One. And right on for four thousand years the mothers in Israel had been looking for that Child. And now the time has arrived. He appears on earth; and the first thing we read is that there is no room for him!

He came on no secret mission. He tells us what he came for, "to seek and to save that which was lost." He came to get his arm under the vilest sinner and lift him up to God to bind up the broken-hearted and to comfort those that mourn. And yet from time to time it was announced in Jerusalem that he had come, until he was put to death on the cross, the sword was not put back into its scabbard until it had pierced the very heart of the Godman.—D. I. Moody.

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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.

#### CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I have appointed Mrs. J. H. Stewart, of Brownwood, Texas, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department, to fill the place made vacant by the removal of Mrs. M. L. Woods to California. Please send your reports to Mrs. Stewart.

Executive meeting will be held soon. MRS. J. W. DOWNS, Conference President.

#### TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

I am wondering if that word "Conference" does not mean more to women than to men—particularly at this time of the year?

As a rule, our Church work brings us into such close touch with the pastor and his wife.

We have, as our part especially, the making of the home—the furnishing, decorating, replenishing, etc., and sometimes give the last welcoming touch of a vase of flowers and a set table and a few ready "eats," as the young folks call it. Their personal joys and sorrows we women make so much our own until conference changes mean such a mingling of tears and smiles to us and our emotions have such a duplex phase to them on demand, it is a wonder we ever survive our Methodism. The men finish up the collections, buy a new suit for the pastor and say, "Good-bye. What's your hurry?" and "Hello, glad you came," and that's all to their emotion in ninety per cent of them.

These pastors ought to acquiesce to anything the women want.

Our President, Mrs. O. H. McKnight, our Secretary of Foreign Department, Mrs. Geo. Call, our Treasurer, Miss Hill, and Mrs. Whitehurst, our Second Vice-President, all attended Conference at Nacogdoches. Some of the rest of us expected to be there and the disappointment was great to us.

The last month of the last quarter is here. What have you done? Bad, worse, worst, or good, better, best? Are you living up to your ideal as an officer, or as a worker? Every ideal lost or lowered marks the line of decay. Let us wake up at once. There are a lot of hours in this last month for endeavor and conquest and results. Publicity Superintendent, please do send in clippings, news items and reports.

How much of that splendid November Bulletin did you get or give out? How did you help in our week or prayer?

What of the proposed State religion for China?

Whose fault is it that anything but the Christian faith and religion is being suggested?

What are you doing about the King's Messenger and subscribers? It cannot live without you, nor you well without it. MRS. W. T. SPENCER.

Publicity Superintendent Texas Conference.

Mrs. Wilson, Lufkin, sends this good item:

On the last fifth Monday our president asked Mrs. Edna Evans with her Brigade to entertain and instruct the members of the Woman's Missionary Society at their usual hour of meeting.

The press and telephones were used to secure a large attendance with the result that we had to leave our room for the auditorium of the church. To accommodate the unusual crowd recitations, etc., was most successfully carried out, followed by an earnest appeal from Miss Evans, asking the co-operation of the mothers in the children's work.

We are a society of about seventy members and this year have expended more than \$800 locally, having put special stress on this phase of the work.

We are hopefully looking forward to 1914 as a great year for the Master. MRS. W. T. SPENCER.

#### OUR WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE MISSIONARIES.

(Read at the San Antonio District Meeting, and published by request of the auxiliaries of this district.)

Webster defines a missionary, as one who is sent upon a mission. Our West Texas Conference Missionaries have been sent to bear the glad tidings of salvation. To make known to those who sit in heathen darkness that wonderful truth. "That God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but

have everlasting life." Our great Stat of Texas, with its five conferences, has sent to minister to the girlhood and womanhood of foreign lands twenty-nine missionaries, and one missionary teacher. Truly a small army of Christian soldiers from so great a State. But who can measure the influence of these valiant soldiers of the cross? Reports from the lands across the seas tell us that their service has been one of loving sacrifice, and has borne fruit a hundred fold. It is a wonderful task that has been given our missionaries. But "chosen and appointed," they are proving loyal ambassadors and are bringing the coming of Christ's Kingdom into the hearts of many of His children who sit in heathen darkness.

Our Central Texas Conference has led in the number of missionaries sent out, for it has sent ten. Our Texas Conference has sent six and one missionary teacher. Our North Texas Conference has sent six, our Northwest Texas Conference, two, and our own West Texas Conference, five. To tell of these five, whom we are pledged to support is my subject this morning. They are Miss Nannie Holding, of Laredo; Miss Annie Churchill, of Mexico City; Miss Lillie Reed, of Songdo, Korea; Miss Margaret Beadle, of Soochow, China, and Miss Virginia Booth, of Guadalupe, Mexico.

Miss Holding was accepted by the Board as a missionary and assigned to Laredo in 1883. Thirty years of her life has been given to the work in Laredo Seminary. She was born in Kentucky, and educated there, and for some years engaged in teaching in her native State. The daughter of a Methodist preacher, she has always held the chief purpose of a Christian life was to make Christ known in the hearts of his people. Gentle in manner, firm in purpose and persistent in carrying forward any measure she regarded right are the main characteristics that have made her so much beloved. She, more than any other of our missionaries, has helped to plan for and extend our work in Mexico. Quoting from her own report given in the last Council session, she states: "A complete record of the number of pupils, who have gone out from the seminary prepared to take up life's duties, it would be impossible to give, as the main records were lost in the cyclone which devastated our building some years ago. But from memory, we can count over four hundred—teachers, stenographers, telegraph operators, bookkeepers and clerks; and as far as we can follow them they are all doing their part nobly in the battle of life. Truly, hers has been a wonderful influence to have touched for the Master's service and trained for life's duties over four hundred."

Miss Annie Churchill is also a Kentuckian by birth, but in her early girlhood moved to Burnet, Texas, and received her education in the public schools of our State. Early in life her decision was made to become a missionary, and it was while she was teaching in one of our mission schools in Mexico that our Woman's Board accepted her as a missionary, which was in June, 1897. She has taught in our schools in Saltillo, in Laredo Seminary and is now in our Mary Keener Institute in Mexico City. She tells us her work is mothering the girls and teaching five Bible classes daily. She is Superintendent of the Home Department and Cradle Roll of the Sunday School.

Margaret Beadle is one of our very own. She was born in a Christian home near Clarksville, Texas. The one sorrow that darkened her young life was the loss of her mother, but God, in providence, gave her a home with kind and loving relatives. She completed the public schools and upon her graduation from the High School, she taught four years, and her life dream for a University education was realized. She speaks of the four years in the University of Texas as happy and fuller years, because she had worked and waited for them. She was fortunate, in being able to build the foundation for her life-work still more broadly by a summer school in Chicago University. Thus splendidly equipped, she returned to teach in her native State. But through all these years of educational life, the spiritual growth had kept pace with the mental growth. She recalls as one of the chief of her many spiritual blessings her connection with the Y. W. C. A. which gave her a conception of her own need, and the needs of the world. It was while attending a Young Woman's Christian Association Conference that she sur-

## Texas Was Not Bought

(In the Texas exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1904 there was a little sign—a very modest little sign—consisting of these words, "Texas Was Not Bought." This little sign and the sentiment conveyed by it gave inspiration for the following poem. It is reproduced here because of the love of Masons for freedom, justice and fraternity.)

Her freedom, NOT PURCHASED by SILVER NOR GOLD—  
Was the price of the LIVES of her HEROES of old,  
Whose deeds are a heritage bequeathed to the world,  
Whose hearts were undaunted; whose flag was ne'er furled.  
Her sovereignty rested with patriots brave,  
Who pledged life and fortune their country to save;  
The threats of the tyrant by them brought to naught—  
All nations forget not:

"TEXAS WAS NOT BOUGHT!"

'Twas not filthy lucre unfettered HER hands,  
But the BLOOD OF HER MARTYRS unshackled the bands  
That held her a slave to oppression and spite  
And won for her liberty, justice and right.  
Her sons had declared the despoiler's mailed hand  
Should be lifted forever from their beloved land.  
This lesson to tyrants of all nations was taught:  
The oppressed to relieve. Nay—

"TEXAS WAS NOT BOUGHT!"

GOLIAD! SAN JACINTO! The blood-stained Alamo!  
Tell the story of freedom from chains of the foe;  
How TRAVIS, and CROCKETT, and BOWIE—yea ALL—  
Showed a courage and valor no foe could appall;  
For on Liberty's altar their lives paid the cost,  
And the blessings they gained us shall never be lost.  
'Twas for THESE that they bled, that they TOILED, that they wrought;

Let her children remember,

"TEXAS WAS NOT BOUGHT!"

DeWITT McMURRAY.

rendered her young life "To go," and her final training and testing came in a two years' course at Scarritt. She is now doing a splendid service at our Davidson Memorial School in Soochow, China. She writes of her work there that the people are loving and responsive and she feels she is making her way into the hearts and lives of the people of China. Her letters to friends in the homeland fairly glow with gratitude for China's victories, and she begs the Church at home to be ready to meet China's need and call for the gospel. While Margaret Beadle is one of our own West Texas Missionaries, the women of Austin Methodism deservingly claim her as their own special missionary for they nobly contribute her full salary.

Miss Lillie Reed is another of our own Texas daughters, having been born in Terrell, Texas. Her education was through the public schools here, and then she completed the teachers' course in the North Texas Normal at Denton. After this preparation, she spent some delightful years in the school room watching young lives develop under her training. It was through leading a mission study class that she was brought to a realization of the eagerness of those across the seas to be taught, and realizing the need, her answer was "I'll go and teach them." After two years of earnest preparation in the Methodist Training School at Nashville, she was accepted by the Woman's Council at their annual session in St. Louis, Mo., April 19, 1911, consecrated as our missionary to Korea, and received appointment to our Holston Institute at Songdo. She speaks of her joy in service here. Her work is heavy, as she does all the correspondence and office work, visits with the Bible women and teaches in the three Day Schools. She tells us the need for these schools is great, that at Songdo four more could be opened and carried on if there was only money to pay the teachers. She supplies the salary of one teacher from her own salary. Lillie Reed is proving herself one of our strongest young women and West Texas Missionary women should be proud to claim her and support her.

Virginia Booth is also one of our own, a sister of Rev. Cullom Booth of Laurel Heights Church, and your pastor here, at West End Church. Her advantages have been many, and are varied. She was born in a minister's home and is a graduate of the Alabama State Normal College at Florence, Ala. She took special work later in the University of Texas. She has also had eight years of teaching, largely in the High School, a splendid preparation for the life

work of a missionary. Her Christian life dates from her earliest childhood. And she tells us that it was while listening to a missionary sermon preached by her own brother, Rev. Cullom Booth, that the definite call "to go" to the fields white unto the harvest came to her. She responded to that call, and is now stationed in Guadalupe, Mexico, with Miss Massey and Miss Varner. Miss Massey says of her, "It is a joy and a pleasure to have Miss Booth with us. Her daily life speaks for the Master, and before long she will be telling those people in their own tongue of Jesus' love for them." But one short year in the work, she is an inspiration to all who know her.

These five splendid women are our own West Texas missionaries. As they go, day by day, holding forth the words of hope and life to the perishing ones to whom we have sent them out to minister, let us not forget that they are our representatives and need our prayers, and must have our support.

MRS. JAMES H. CRIDER, San Antonio, Texas.

#### The Christmas Dinner.

In spite of the fact that the word dyspepsia means literally bad cook, it will not be fair for many to lay the blame on the cook if they begin the Christmas Dinner with little appetite and end it with distress or nausea. It may not be fair for any to do that—let us hope so for the sake of the cook! The disease dyspepsia indicates a bad stomach, that is a weak stomach, rather than a bad cook, and for a weak stomach there is nothing else equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives the stomach vigor and tone, cures dyspepsia, creates appetite, and makes eating the pleasure it should be. (Adv.)

A clear sense of justice and a love of equity is both the hope and the safety of both the individual and the Nation. Outside of this ark all is deluge and death.

#### Stopped Those Pains

Copper Hill, Va.—Mrs. Ida Conner, of this place, says, "For years, I had a pain in my right side, and I was very sick with womanly troubles. I tried different doctors but could get no relief. I had given up all hope of ever getting well. I took Cardui, and it relieved the pain in my side, and now I feel like a new person. It is a wonderful medicine." Many women are completely worn-out and discouraged on account of some womanly trouble. Are you? Take Cardui, the woman's tonic. Its record shows that it will help you. Why wait? Try it today. Ask your druggist about it.

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Bridgeport Mission—Clarence Bounds, supply.
Bridgeport Mexican Mission—Santiago Gomez, supply.
Chico Circuit—E. L. Silliman.
Decatur Station—A. R. Naah.
Decatur Circuit—G. B. Carter.
Greenwood Mission—T. E. Cannon.
Justin and Ponder—C. N. Smith.
Jackboro Station—L. P. Smith.
Jackboro Mission—C. M. Clark.
Krum and Sheld—L. D. Shawver.
Paradise Circuit—W. W. Barnett.
Perrin and Barton—G. R. Green, supply.
Rhome Circuit—J. W. Glance.
Roanoke and Elizabeth—E. H. Crandall.
Willow Point—T. J. Durham, supply.
District Commissioner of Education—L. D. Shawver.

DALLAS DISTRICT.

O. F. Sensabaugh, Presiding Elder.
Cedar Hill—J. T. Bludworth.
Cochran and Maple Ave.—A. B. Chapman, supply.
Dallas—Cole Ave.—J. H. Taylor, supply.
Erway Street—W. D. Thompson.
First Church, G. M. Gibson.
Forest Ave.—E. L. Wright.
Grace Church—J. L. Morris.
Munger Place—L. L. Cohen.
Oak Cliff—E. R. Barcus.
Oak Lawn—Claude M. Simpson.
St. John's—Walter Douglass.
Trinity—New Harris; H. A. Bourland, supernumerary.
Tyler Street—C. O. Shugart.
West Dallas Mission—W. W. Johnson.
Duncanville and Wheatland—C. P. Combs.
Grand Prairie—D. B. Doak.
Editor Texas Christian Advocate—G. C. Rankin. (First Church Q. C.)
Secretary Home Missions—John M. Moore. (First Church Q. C.)
Agency Secretary American Bible Society—J. J. Morgan. (Oak Cliff Q. C.)
Commissioner Southern Methodist University—L. S. Barton. (Oak Lawn Q. C.)
Commissioner Southern Methodist University—J. T. McClure. (Erway Q. C.)
District Commissioner of Education—Walter Douglass.
District Missionary Evangelist—T. G. Whitten. (Tyler St. Q. C.)

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

J. F. Pierce, Presiding Elder.
Aubrey Circuit—H. C. Hand; J. W. Tinscher and I. E. Wood, supernumeraries.
Bonita Circuit—H. M. Cowling.
Denton Station—O. T. Cooper.
Dexter Mission—J. W. Cannon.
Era and Spring Creek—J. W. Clifton.
Gainesville, Denton Street—J. L. Pierce. Broadway—T. J. Beckham.
Marysville Circuit—M. A. Stout.
Meva and Hood—J. W. Slagle.
Pilot Point Station—G. A. Lehnhoff.
Pilot Point Circuit—Earl M. Jones; J. M. Henry, Junior preacher, supply.
Rosston Mission—H. M. Isbell, supply.
Sanger Station—R. E. Porter.
St. Jo Mission—E. V. Cole.
Valley View Station—T. W. Preston.
Woodbine Circuit—J. E. Henderson, supply.
Montague Circuit—S. E. Pritchett.
District Commissioner of Education—O. T. Cooper.
Chaplain State Juvenile Training School—J. A. Stafford. (Denton St. Q. C.)
Commissioner Southeastern University—J. E. Roach. (Broadway Q. C.)

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

C. M. Harless, Presiding Elder.
Caddo Mills Circuit—E. F. Brown.
Campbell Circuit—J. V. Davis.

Celeste Circuit—L. E. Conkin; H. M. Cosby, supernumerary.
Commerce Station—R. F. Bryant; A. W. Gibson, supernumerary.
Fairlie Mission—J. B. Adair.
Floyd and Salem—L. L. Naugle.
Greenville, Kavanaugh—C. C. Young.
Lee Street—N. W. Weeks.
Wesley—E. W. Alderson E. L. Spurlock, supernumerary.
Greenville and Cash Mission—C. H. Russell; Willie McGaw, Junior preacher.
Lone Oak Circuit—W. H. Wright.
Merit Circuit—W. R. Gouletlock.
Quinlan Circuit—N. W. Oliver; Harrison Baker, Junior preacher.
Wolfe City Station—J. H. McLean.
Conference Secretary of Education—E. W. Ahlerson.
District Commissioner of Education—C. C. Young.
President of Wesley College—D. H. Aston. (Kavanaugh Q. C.)
Commissioner of Education for Wesley College—C. L. Bounds. (Lee Street Q. C.)
District Missionary Evangelist for Greenville and Paris Districts—R. N. Huckabee. (Wesley Q. C.)

McKINNEY DISTRICT.

C. A. Spragins, Presiding Elder.
Allen and South McKinney—R. D. Curry.
Anna and Melisa—C. C. Childress.
Blue Ridge Circuit—C. F. McKinney.
Carrollton and Farmer's Branch—D. F. Fuller.
Celina Station—J. F. Archer.
Copeville Circuit—J. J. Cooper.
Farmersville Station—P. C. Archer.
Frisco Station—Ira C. Kiker.
Josephine and Laxon—W. E. Barberee.
Lewisville Station—Minor Bounds.
McKinney, First Church—A. L. Long.
Nevada Station—J. O. Davis.
Plano Station—Rex B. Wilkes.
Prosper Circuit—R. L. Ely.
Princeton and Wilson Chapel—J. D. Cunningham.
Reiner Circuit—J. E. Short.
Richardson Circuit—G. F. Jones.
Roseland and Cottage Hill—W. E. Kirby.
Weston Circuit—E. F. Lancaster.
Wylie Station—C. B. Goslon.
District Commissioner of Education—C. A. Long.
Agent for Homes for Superannuates—F. O. Miller. (First Church Q. C.)

PARIS DISTRICT.

W. F. Bryan, Presiding Elder.
Annona Circuit—K. R. Isbell.
Avery Mission—J. J. Mason.
Blossom Station—A. F. Hendrix.
Bogota Circuit—W. E. Dale.
Clarksville Station—J. H. Griffin.
Clarksville Mission—W. A. Pritchett.
Detroit Station—T. W. Lovell.
Depot Station—H. E. Andersson.
Depot Circuit—A. D. Hill, supply.
Emberson Circuit—J. D. Hudgens.
Paris, Bonham Street—W. J. Bludworth.
Centenary—M. L. Hamilton; W. D. Mountcastle, supernumerary.
Lamar Avenue—W. T. Whiteside.
Paris Circuit—I. M. Woodward.
McKenzie Circuit—J. W. Baughman.
Pattonville Circuit—J. W. O'Bryant.
Roxton—C. L. Bowen.
White Rock and Williams Chapel—J. W. Beckham.
Woodland and Kanawha—F. C. Adams.
District Commissioner of Education—H. E. Andersson.
Field Editor Texas Christian Advocate—E. S. Hursey. (Centenary Q. C.)
Conference Missionary Secretary—M. L. Hamilton.

SHERMAN DISTRICT.

R. G. Mood, Presiding Elder.
Bells Circuit—Frank Richardson.
Collinsville and Tioga—R. S. Kerr.
Denison, Waples Memorial—E. L. Egger.
Trinity—E. A. Maness.
Mission—W. A. Fleming, supply.
Hagerman Mission—D. W. Grounds, supply.
Howe Circuit—G. W. Whisler.
Pilot Grove Circuit—A. T. Bridges.
Pottsboro and Preston—M. R. T. Davis.
Sherman, Key Memorial—R. B. Moreland.
Travis Street—D. K. Porter; S. L. Ball, supernumerary.
Sherman Circuit—J. H. Averitt.
Saller and Gordonville—J. D. Whitehead.
Van Alstyne Station—J. F. Holmes.
Whitewright Station—F. B. Wheeler.
Whitesboro Station—J. B. Davis.
North Texas Female College—Business Manager, L. A. Hansen. (Travis Street Q. C.)
Financial Agent, J. M. Binkley. (Travis Street Q. C.)
District Commissioner of Education—F. B. Wheeler.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT.

R. C. Hicks, Presiding Elder.
Brusher Mission—J. S. Hughes, supply.
Cooper Station—S. M. Black.
Como and Forest Academy—J. H. Scrimshire.
Cumby Circuit—J. Leonard Rea.
Klondike Circuit—H. L. White.
Lake Creek Circuit—J. C. Gibbons.
Mount Vernon Circuit—S. C. Little; W. J. Baker, Junior preacher, supply.
Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin—W. B. Byars.
Purley Circuit—W. B. Martin.
Reley Springs Circuit—To be supplied.
Sulphur Bluff Circuit—C. W. Glanville.
Sulphur Springs Station—J. B. Gober.
Sulphur Springs Mission—Alex. Hubbard.
Winnboro Station—E. H. Casey.
Yowell Circuit—S. L. Habern.
District Commissioner of Education—J. H. Scrimshire.
Conference Missionary Evangelist—W. H. Brown. (Sulphur Springs Q. C.)

TERRELL DISTRICT.

A. L. Andrews, Presiding Elder.
Chisholm Circuit—E. G. Roberts.
College Mound—E. L. Harris.
Crandall and Seagoville—O. T. Rogers.
Elmo Mission—I. A. Thomas.
Fate Circuit—A. C. Sterling.
Forney Station—L. A. Burk.
Garland Station—O. E. Moreland.
Hutchins and Wilmer—J. P. Humphreys.
Kaufman Station—W. A. Stuckey.
Kemp and Becker—M. H. Read.
Lancaster Station—S. T. Francis.
Mabank Mission—E. B. Jackson.
Mesquite and Pleasant Mound—T. L. Huffstutler.
Mesquite Circuit—J. W. Brown.
Rockwall Station—C. W. Dennis.
Royce Station—W. C. Howell.
Scurry Mission—H. B. Chambers.
Terrell Station—G. C. French.
District Commissioner of Education—W. C. Howell.
TRANSFERRED—C. P. Martin to Los Angeles Conference; C. Pugsley, to East Oklahoma Conference; J. A. Old, to West Oklahoma Conference; H. H. Liles, to Northwest Texas Conference; C. A. German, to West Oklahoma Conference; C. H. Buchanan, to East Oklahoma Conference.

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

To the President and Members of the North Texas Annual Conference—Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your Joint Board submits the following report:

Superannuate Endowment Fund.

A communication from Rev. J. R. Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer of this sacred fund, brings us the glad tidings of an increase in loans and cash for the past year of \$45,334.55. The cash assets now are above \$275,000. The sum for disbursement this year more than \$8000. We recommend the same assessment for next year. Received during the year from charges \$ 40.50 Received from Conference Teller 809.10 Total collected for this fund \$849.60

Bishop's Fund.

Received during the year for this fund \$182.00 Sent Smith and Lamar 121.00 Balance on hand \$61.00 Received from Conference Teller \$2316.00 Amount on hand \$2377.63

The assessment for our Conference next year for our Bishops \$2871.00

While we do not endorse every feature of a memorial paper presented by the Central Texas Conference bearing upon a fundamental revision of our Discipline with reference to the maintenance of our conference claimants, yet we do favor the general principle involved, and recommend that Dr. J. H. McLean prepare a paper upon that subject and submit it to our delegates and upon their approval present same to the General Conference. We have received during the year \$ 13.50 Balance from last year, with interest 1173.60 Received from Teller 280.30 Total Collected \$1467.49

Conference Claimants.

We estimate the amount necessary for our claimants next year \$12,000.00 There was left in the treasury for contingent purposes, after all appropriations were made \$ 245.15 From this was paid to Mrs. Neely 75.00 Paid to J. W. Blackburn 75.00 Paid to S. C. Bergin 21.85 Leaving a balance \$ 73.30 Received from J. E. Vinson 50.00 Received from J. D. Gillespie of Dallas 60.00 Received during year from charges 226.57 Received interest from Superannuate Endowment Fund 285.60 Received from L. Blylock 169.40 Received from Pub. House 325.00 Received interest on Lynn bequest 800.00 Colvin fund for widows and orphans 20.00 Received from Teller 7935.04 Less ten per cent for reserve fund \$ 995.91 Whole amount to be disbursed \$9944.91

After the most careful and prayerful consideration, we have made the following appropriations:

Rev. R. A. Brown \$225.00
Mrs. D. T. Brown 150.00
Mrs. M. A. Black 100.00
Mrs. W. B. Bayless 150.00
Rev. G. F. Boyd 125.00
Mrs. S. S. Cobb 75.00
Rev. W. F. Clark 175.00
Rev. W. A. Coppedge 175.00
Mrs. W. R. Davis 75.00
Rev. I. N. Crutchfield 250.00
Mrs. P. A. Edwards 100.00
Rev. W. A. Edwards 225.00
Rev. J. H. Hunter 200.00
Mrs. Emma Hawkins 100.00
Mrs. Anna Haislip 100.00

Table listing names and amounts: Rev. B. T. Hayes 175.00, Rev. L. W. Harrison 75.00, Rev. R. S. Gosline 175.00, Rev. M. B. Johnston 250.00, Rev. M. A. Lewis 100.00, Rev. L. P. Lively 50.00, Rev. J. C. Simpson 125.00, Mrs. Mattie Smith 175.00, Rev. E. S. Williams 125.00, Rev. H. E. Smith 125.00, Mrs. W. H. Stephenson 100.00, Rev. B. H. Webster 125.00, Rev. C. C. Williams 125.00, Rev. J. B. Minnis 250.00, Rev. B. A. Thomasson 50.00, Mrs. J. H. White 200.00, Rev. J. C. Weaver 150.00, Rev. G. H. Adams 50.00, Mrs. M. H. Neely 50.00, Mrs. T. R. Pierce 200.00, Rev. J. W. Murphy 75.00, Rev. S. Crutchfield 50.00, Mrs. J. M. McKee 50.00, Rev. C. E. Lamb 225.00, Mrs. Geo. T. Nichols 25.00, Mrs. S. W. Miller 50.00, Mrs. Sallie Peel 155.00, Rev. J. N. Hunter 50.00, Rev. I. F. Palmer 250.00, Rev. J. R. Randle 150.00, Mrs. R. G. Rainey 150.00, Mrs. W. M. Robbins 100.00, Mrs. Henrietta Reed 100.00, Rev. Jas. McDugald 175.00, Mrs. T. E. Sherwood 100.00, Mrs. W. C. Pryor 25.00, Mrs. H. H. Vaughn 175.00, Mrs. W. R. Jacobs 100.00, Rev. J. C. Moore's children 50.00, Hugh Moore 50.00, Miss Virgie Moore 75.00, Rev. Lee Sanders 225.00, Mrs. W. R. May 100.00, Rev. J. H. Reynolds 100.00, Rev. J. P. Rodgers 225.00, Mrs. A. P. Saffold 125.00, Rev. F. W. Sherwood 100.00, Mrs. Samuel Weaver 250.00, Rev. J. A. Kerr 125.00, Rev. I. F. Sherwood 200.00, Rev. I. E. Vinson 125.00, Rev. H. M. Pirtle 75.00, Miss Rebecca Wyatt 75.00, Rev. I. W. Clark 200.00, Rev. F. A. Rossier 200.00, Rev. J. W. Blackburn 200.00. Leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hand for contingent fund, \$169.90.

A CORRECTION

Not for my own sake but for the sake of old Fifth Street Church I wish to make this announcement: In some way or other I made a mistake in the payment of my conference collections. Brother Winfield, who was in my home a few days ago called my attention to the matter, and I looked into it to find the mistake. Since the error is mine, and mine alone, I do not want any of the causes represented to suffer, so I have this day sent checks covering the entire shortage. Let me say that I collected every cent and carried a full report to conference but the mistake was made in the applications. Allow me also to say that there are now no financial difficulties in this great old Church. It is good for any amount put on it. It is thoroughly on its feet and paying more for all purposes than at any time in all its splendid history. ASHLEY CHAPPELL. Waco, Texas.

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Greenville 77,597 4.4
Waco 72,771 4.14
Austin 154,188 8.7
Corpus Christi 149,000 8.5
Albuquerque, N. M. 53,429 3.04
Total 2,482,330 141.08

GREAT FLOOD DAMAGE.

Never in the history of the water courses of Texas has there been such wide-spread damage to property and loss of life as recently. For several days we had a great downpour of rain on all watersheds of the Brazos, the Colorado and other streams traversing the State and by the time these accumulations of rainfall reached Southern Texas the face of the earth for miles was covered with several feet of swiftly flowing water. Thousands of people were cut off from land and huddled together on the high places until relief could reach them. More than 160 lives have been reported as lost, and many others cannot yet be accounted for, and the suffering experienced has been frightful to contemplate. Property losses will run into the millions and much of it will be sustained by the poor people of the flooded districts. From all over the State help is being rushed to the needy and everything is being done within the reach of a sympathizing people.

SUNDAY WITH THE AVERY PEOPLE.

Saturday night of conference I ran up to Avery, fifteen miles beyond Clarksville, to spend Sunday with Rev. C. L. Bowen and his people. We had good communion in his parsonage home. Sunday morning came in rather threatening, but it turned out to be a norther without rain. Avery has a population of about seven hundred people and it is a good town in the edge of the sandy country. So the mud was not very forbidding. We have a good new church building and a fine membership of good people. They have a good Sunday School, under the management of Brother Tisdale. I was present at the close of the morning lesson, and the children through their superintendent, remembered me with a kind token of appreciation. I appreciate their remembrance. Brother Bowen had put about sixty copies of the Advocate among his people, and of course I was very much at home. The occasion of my going there was to dedicate the new church, which is a credit to the town. It was built at a cost of \$1400, but much of the material in the old house was used and it is worth over \$2000. It is a handsome framed structure and of good design and taste. The house was full of people and the service was delightful. They only owed \$160 and we secured that in a few minutes and the house was set apart to the worship of God. It was an impressive occasion and I greatly enjoyed being with those people. I dined with Brother and Sister Alexander Baker, two of our dear old people. They have been taking the Advocate over forty-five years. I was also with the good family of Brother Medford.

Rev. C. L. Bowen has just closed a

McGRAW SORE,

Christy Matthewson Says, After the Giants Lost Two to the Cubs.

He was not in good humor, anyway, laid up at his Hotel with Stomach trouble. A Bad Stomach and Torpid Liver are responsible for many of the losses and crosses of life. Liver-Stomach Trouble (they go hand in hand) are the most common, widely-spread and misery-causing of ailments. Liver-Trouble is the fore-runner of Gall-stones, all sorts of Gall-Troubles and Digestive tortures. After McGraw recovered the Giants began another winning streak that landed the pennant. Wonder if he didn't have another attack during the world's series. Even with his great ability, McGraw was a chronic sufferer the Giants would hardly be one-two-three. For none of us can do our best or succeed according to our real ability if we are hindered by Stomach or Liver Trouble. It makes us cross and irritable, but that doesn't win any games in life, nor friends, nor money. Are you winning your games? Or how much are you losing every day, hindered by Stomach or Liver misery? Write me to-day and I will send you something that will help you start a winning streak in your work or business, if you are held back by poor health. Address Gallstone Remedy Co., Dept. 637, 219 S. Dearborn St., Chicago.

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LET'S KEEP THE ORPHAN CHILDREN WARM.

Dear Friends: We are pulling hard toward the first half of the needed amount. When the first half is secured I shall then change the head lines to read: "Keeping the Orphan Children Warm." That will be better, won't it?

Those who want to see the change made come on with your donations. Brother Pastors: Let's take a collection for the Orphanage on Christmas Sunday, out of which pay our assessment and all over and above LET IT GO ON THE ORPHANAGE FURNACE FUND.

This will be all right with Managers Burroughs and McCain. We can wipe out our assessments and finish paying for the heating plant during Christmas week if we only will. Let's do it and thereby make ourselves, the Orphanage and everybody else happy.

Previously reported \$1328.59.

For this week as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Donor Name and Amount. Includes Home Department, McGregor Sunday School, Mrs. Lou A. Rone, Paris, Sunday School, Ft. Davis, N. M., Brookston Church, Brookston, W. W. Kimball, Camden, Woman's Miss. So., Atlanta, Mrs. W. G. Perry, Bremond, Mission Society, by D. F. Welch, Cleburne, J. L. McReynolds, Canyon City, Hearon Adult Bible Class, Temple, J. G. Callens, Hereford.

Total for the week \$125.32 Grand total to date \$1453.91

Who will be the next? Yours in the name of one hundred and sixty orphan children.

A. D. PORTER, Morrow St., Waco, Texas.

OUR SAINT VIRGINIA.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, whom all Texas Methodists love and honor for her own sake and for the sake of her work, is again able to be out after a long illness, and she delighted us as much as she surprised us by presenting herself in our sanctuary this week with the statement: "You are not going to get to write my obituary for a while yet." To say that we were delighted to greet her after her tedious illness is but to express it mildly; and when we say this we voice the sentiments of thousands of good people throughout the Church. Long may she live, as our Saint Virginia, is our earnest prayer.

G. C. R.

Virtue is immortal and he lives on in memory and influence who died in noble cause.

Beaumont District—First Round. Kountze, Dec. 13, 14. Kountze Mis., Dec. 15, 16. Dayton, Dec. 20, 21. Kirbyville, Dec. 27, 28. Call, Dec. 28, 29. Jasper Mis., Jan. 3, 4. Jasper, Jan. 4, 5. Burkville, Jan. 6. First Church and City Mis., Jan. 7. Newton, Jan. 10, 11. Orange, Jan. 11, 12. Port Bolivar, Jan. 17, 18. Ratson and Saratoga, Jan. 24, 25. Salabee and Buna, Jan. 25, 26. Woodville, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Warren, Feb. 1, 2. Nederland, Feb. 7, 8. Post Arthur, Feb. 8, 9. Roberts Ave., Feb. 11. Wallaceville, Feb. 14, 15. Sour Lake and China, Feb. 21, 22. Liberty, Feb. 22, 23. The District Stewards will please meet at First Church, Beaumont Tuesday, December 23, at 10 a. m. I am anxious that every steward shall be present. E. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round. (In Part) Bonita Cir., at Bonita, Dec. 20, 21. St. Jo. Mis., Dec. 21, 22. Woodbine Cir., at Spring Grove, Dec. 27, 28. Montague Cir., at Montague, Jan. 3, 4. Marysville Cir., at Marysville, Jan. 10, 11. J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Vernon District—First Round.

Vernon Cir., Dec. 10, at 11 a. m., Wesley Ch. Chillicothe Sta., Dec. 13, 14. Tolbe Cir., Dec. 15, at 11 a. m., Tolbert. Quannah Mis., Dec. 19, at Quannah, 11 a. m. Lazore Mis., Dec. 20, at 11 a. m., Lazore. Quannah Sta., Dec. 21. Vernon Sta., Jan. 5, at 7:30 p. m. Estelline Cir., Jan. 9, at 11 a. m., Estelline. Childress Mis., Jan. 10, at 11 a. m., Childress. Childress Sta., Jan. 11. Tel. Mis., Jan. 12, at 11 a. m., Tel. Dumont Mis., Jan. 17, at 11 a. m., Dumont. Paducah Sta., Jan. 18. Kirkland Cir., Jan. 19, at 11 a. m., at Elba. Margaret Cir., Jan. 23, at 11 a. m., at Margaret. Crowell Sta., Jan. 24, 25. Odell Cir., Jan. 26, at 11 a. m., at Odell. District Stewards are called to meet in Vernon, Texas, January 6, 1914, at 1 p. m. Let the District Stewards from every charge in the district try and be present. Let all of the officials try and be present at their respective Quarterly Conferences. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Marlin District—First Round.

Hearne, Dec. 20, 21. Calvert, Dec. 21, 22. Reagan, at Reagan, Dec. 27, 28. Marlin, Dec. 28, 29. Marquez Mis., at Oneville, Jan. 3, 4. Franklin, Jan. 4, 5. Durango, at Durango, Jan. 10, 11. Lott, Jan. 11, 12. Travis and Chilton, at Travis, Jan. 13, a. m. Rosebud Cir., at Powers Ch., Jan. 14, a. m. Rosebud Sta., & Bohemian Mis., Jan. 14, p. m. Bremond Cir., at Bremond, Jan. 17, 18. Centerville Cir., at Centerville, Feb. 8, 9. Mayfield Cir., at Mayfield, Jan. 24, 25. Cameron, Jan. 25, 26. Gause Cir., at Gause, Jan. 27, a. m. Davilla Cir., at Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Buckholts, at Buckholts, Feb. 1, 2. Leon Mis., at P. Ridge, Feb. 7, 8. Celeste Cir., at Celeste, Jan. 25, 26. Normangee Cir., at Normangee, Feb. 14, 15. Jewett Cir., at Buffalo, Feb. 15, 16. Fairfield and Dew, at Dew, Feb. 21, 22. Teague, Feb. 22, 23. Wheelock Cir., at Wheelock, Feb. 28, Mar. 1. District Stewards will meet at Marlin, Friday, December 19, at 7:00 p. m. Every District Steward is earnestly requested to attend. I also urge all the stewards of the district to begin early with their collections. A late start means trouble all through the year. Let the preachers begin early with their collections and push them until all are secured in cash or good subscription. A forward movement in every charge is the watchword. Last year was a year of success. Let us make his a still greater one. Brethren, I am ready to serve you in any way I can. Command me. I. F. BETTS, P. E. 510 Chambers St., Marlin, Texas.

Sherman District—First Round.

Whitewright Sta., Dec. 13, 14. Sherman Cir., at Pecan, Dec. 20, 21. Collinsville and Tioga, at C., Dec. 27, 28. Pilot Grove Cir., at P. G., Jan. 3, 4. Howe Circuit, at Howe, Jan. 10, 11. Pottshoro and Preston, at Pottshoro, Jan. 17, 18. Hagerman Mis., at H., Jan. 24, 25. Travis Street Station, Feb. 1, 2. Bells Cir., at Bells, Feb. 7, 8. Denison Mis., at Harless Ch., Feb. 14, 15. Trinity, Feb. 15, 16. Sadler and Gordonville, at G., Feb. 21, 22. Waples Memorial, March 1, 2. Whitesboro, Robertson Memorial, March 7, 8. Van Alstyne, March 14, 15. Key Memorial, March 21, 22. The District Stewards will by special invitation meet at Waples Memorial Church, Denison, on Tuesday, December 16, at 1:30 p. m. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round.

Campbell Cir., Quarterly Conference at Campbell at 10 a. m., Monday, Dec. 15. Preaching at Shady Grove at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m., Sunday, Dec. 14, and at Campbell at night, Dec. 14. Jones-Bethel and Wesley, at W., Dec. 20, 21. Lee Street, Dec. 21. Quinlan Cir., at Quinlan, Dec. 27, 28. Wesley Sta., Dec. 28. Lone Oak Cir., at Lone Oak, Jan. 3, 4. Kavanaugh St., Jan. 4. Greenville and Cash Mis., at Cash, Jan. 10, 11. Caddo Mills Cir., at Caddo Mills, Jan. 11, 12. Fairlie Mis., at Center Chapel, Jan. 17, 18. Commerce Sta., Jan. 18, 19. Merit Cir., at Merit, Jan. 24, 25. Celeste Cir., at Celeste, Jan. 25, 26. Floyd and Salem, at Floyd, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Wolfe City Sta., Feb. 1, 2. The District Stewards will please meet in Wesley Church, Greenville, at 10:30 a. m., Monday, December 22, and the preachers and trustees of the district parsonage are requested to meet with them. C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

Cleburne District—First Round.

(Revised) Barleson, preaching at B., Dec. 7. Quarterly Conference, Dec. 17. Barnesville, at B., Dec. 13, 14. Alvarado, Dec. 14, 15. Grandview Cir., at Watts Ch., Dec. 20, 21. Brazos Ave., Dec. 21, 7 p. m. Lillian, at Lillian, Dec. 27, 28. Venus, Dec. 28, 29. Grandview Sta., Jan. 4, 5. Cresson, at Waples, Jan. 8. Granbury Mis., at Membrino, Jan. 10, 11. Granbury Sta., Jan. 10, 11. Godley, at Bono, Jan. 17, 18. Joshua, at Egan, Jan. 18, 19. Walnut Springs, Jan. 24, 25. Morgan, at Kopperl, Jan. 25, 26. Glen Rose Sta., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Glen Rose Mis., at Buck Creek, Feb. 2. W. W. MOSS, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round.

(Revised) Santo, at Brazos, Dec. 13, 14. Millsap, at Millsap, Dec. 14, 15. Weatherford Cir., at Bethel, Dec. 20, 21. Aledo, at Aledo, Dec. 23. Azle, at Azle, Dec. 27, 28. Joshua, at Egan, Jan. 18, 19. Walnut Springs, Jan. 24, 3. Weatherford, Jan. 31. JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round.

(Revised) Harmony, Dec. 13, 14. Dawson, Dec. 14, 15. Corsicana Cir., Dec. 17. Corsica Cir., Dec. 18. Emmett, Dec. 20, 21. Frost, Dec. 21, 22. Corsicana, First Church, Dec. 28. Kervan and Streetman, Dec. 30. Big Hill and Odds, Jan. 3, 4. Thornton and Steels Cir., Jan. 4, 5. Chatfield, Jan. 8. Barry, Jan. 10, 11. Blooming Grove, Jan. 11, 12. Wortham and Richland, Jan. 17, 18. Wortham Mis., Jan. 19. Corsicana, 11th Ave., Jan. 20. Mexia Sta., Jan. 25, 26. R. A. SMITH, P. E.

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POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

Rev. A. A. Kidd, Jacksonville, Texas. Rev. A. C. Biggs, Hearne, Texas.

The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart.—Mencius.

Christmas Holiday ROUND TRIPS. Birmingham, Ala. \$26.65. Gadsden, Ala. \$29.00. Montgomery, Ala. \$26.65. Opelika, Ala. \$29.35. Tuscaloosa, Ala. \$24.40. Washington, D. C. \$50.00. Jacksonville, Fla. \$39.40. Miami, Fla. \$55.30. Tallahassee, Fla. \$35.55. Tampa, Fla. \$47.20. Atlanta, Ga. \$33.30. Columbus, Ala. \$30.45. Marietta, Ga. \$33.30. Savannah, Ga. \$40.25. Chicago, Ill. \$37.15. Fulton, Ky. \$23.55. Glasgow Junction, Ky. \$30.30. Guthrie, Ky. \$27.30. Athens, Miss. \$21.80. Biloxi, Miss. \$24.60. Grenada, Miss. \$21.20. Jackson, Miss. \$16.65. St. Louis, Mo. \$25.55. Asheville, N. C. \$40.95. Statesville, N. C. \$44.15. Abbeville, S. C. \$38.85. Spartanburg, S. C. \$40.95. Chattanooga, Tenn. \$31.15. Knoxville, Tenn. \$35.60. Memphis, Tenn. \$18.75. Nashville, Tenn. \$27.95. Roanoke, Va. \$46.80. A few of the principal points to which we have tickets on sale Dec. 20, 21, 22, final limit to return Jan. 13, 14. We reach all points in the Southeast through three gateways, via Memphis, Shreveport or New Orleans. Three fast trains daily to Shreveport. Two fast trains daily to St. Louis, Memphis and New Orleans. The Cannon Ball Saves a whole night's ride to the Southeast—Leaves 8:25 a. m. 21 hours 40 minutes to Birmingham 25 hours 40 minutes to Chattanooga 27 hours 40 minutes to Atlanta. The Louisiana Limited Leaving 11:45, carrying coaches, chair cars, standard electric-lighted sleepers, observation car and diner. EARLIER ARRIVAL MEMPHIS of the "PACEMAKER." Leaves 7:40 p. m., arrives Memphis 4 p. m. ASK US City Office, 1300 Main St. Phones Bell Main 636, Auto Main 3410

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**BEACH.**—Wm. A. Beach was born in Venona, Ohio, March 3, 1842, and died in Gonzales, November 25, 1913. Brother Beach moved to Texas and located in Gonzales in 1872; married to Miss Belle Lingenfelter in Mt. Carmel, Illinois, twenty-two years ago the 12th of November. To this happy union two children were born. One is now deceased, and the other, a daughter, is living. Brother Beach joined our Church several years ago during the ministry of Rev. New Harris. He was a faithful, consistent Christian, a devoted, loving husband and father, and an honored citizen. His last few weeks of illness were filled with much suffering, but in it all he was hopeful, cheerful and submissive. He was prepared for the final summons, and died in the triumph of the Christian's faith. The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the home of the deceased. May the God of all grace comfort and keep the sorrowing wife and daughter. A. B. DAVIDSON, pastor.

**CHESHER.**—John A. Chesher was born January 16, 1830. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when he was about fourteen years of age, since which time he has been a faithful Christian and a loyal member of the Church he loved so well. The home life of Brother Chesher as related by those who knew him best, was beautiful and inspiring; always gentle and considerate of those about him. As a friend and neighbor he was of the very best type, as a citizen, faithful in the discharge of any duty imposed upon him, when his service was needed. He was one of the many men who bravely championed the cause of the South in the sixties. For nearly seventy years he was a faithful soldier of the cross and died November 23, 1913, in the full assurance of faith in the Savior, near Berclair, Texas. His last illness was characterized by his cheerfulness and patience which is a result of a life of obedient service and submission to God's will. May a loving Father comfort the bereaved companion and children.

E. A. POTTS.

**MITCHELL.**—Mrs. Mary M. Mitchell (nee Brown) was born in Warren County, Tennessee, February 7, 1833; departed this life from the home of her parents, S. L. Brown and wife, at Midway, near Belton, Texas, November 16, 1913. She was the wife of Senator F. P. Mitchell of Tennessee, to whom she was married January, 1905. She leaves a husband and two children. The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the home of her parents November 16. The body was shipped to McMinnville, Tennessee. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, from childhood. A loving daughter, a kind wife and Christian mother. She is gone, but loved ones know where to find her. C. G. SHUTT, Georgetown, Texas.

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### REMAINS OF MISS LIDA WOOD LAID TO REST.

**WOOD.**—Called to rest and peace with her Savior on the morning of Oct. 27, 1913, after many years of patient suffering, the remains of Miss Lida Wood were consigned to their last resting place in the Masonic Cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services were held at Wood Lawn, the family residence in the northern part of the city, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. A. B. Davidson, pastor of the Methodist Church, of which decedent was a member, conducted the services in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends of the family. The hymn, "Asleep in Jesus," was softly rendered as the family assembled about the casket. In his talk, Rev. Mr. Davidson dwelt upon the beauty of her Christian life, the patience and fortitude with which she bore physical affliction of some thirty-five years' standing, and her strong faith in God that never wavered, citing them as an example to others. A very sweet feature of the service was a quartet, "Nearer My God to Thee." At the conclusion of the service the acting pallbearers, Messrs. W. F. Robertson, W. M. Fly, W. W. Johnston, W. P. Waldrep, Tom Batts and J. S. Douglass, bore the casket to the hearse, the procession then formed and proceeding to the cemetery where the services were concluded and the last sad office performed for the dead. Her last resting place was rendered very lovely with numerous beautiful floral offerings, exquisite expressions of sympathy on the part of the many friends of the family who are among the oldest residents of Gonzales. While loved ones will sorely miss the daily presence of the invalid to whom they have been wont to minister they have the precious assurance that she is now safe with Him who doeth all things well, that her earthly sufferings are at an end. A FRIEND.

**ARMSTRONG.**—Assenath, or Sena, Armstrong was born in Williamson County, Tennessee, October 30, 1832, and died September 29, 1913, in Dallas. She came to Dallas County with her parents, James and Mary Armstrong in 1845. They settled at Farmers Branch, but after some years moved to White Rock, where deceased lived until the home was broken up by the death of the mother, the father having died many years before. After the death of the mother she made her home with her sister, Mrs. R. M. Cook for many years. After the sister's death she made her home with her nephew who had lost his wife, and cared for his two little boys until they were able to do without her and no mother could have been more willing to do for them than she was. She loved children and never forgot her old friends. She professed religion when twelve years old, under the ministry of Rev. William H. Biggs in the home of J. B. Webb, the meeting then in progress having been moved from the little log schoolhouse nearby to his house on account of bad weather. The funeral was preached by Rev. W. H. Hughes, assisted by Rev. New Harris. Many old friends were there to see her for the last time on earth. The flowers were beautiful. If faithful to our Lord we will see her again.

SARAH C. SHAW

Dallas, Texas.

**CHRISTOPHER.**—Miss Bessie Mae Christopher, the oldest daughter of L. G. and Annie Christopher, was born in Cooke County, Texas, November 12, 1895. She came to Miami, Texas, with her parents when a child, and continued to reside here till the day of her death, August 29, 1913. Miss Bessie was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when a child, and a truer, more devoted Christian girl I have never known. She was faithful in the Sunday School, prayer-meeting, and in fact in all the Church services. She had just completed her high school course, and was preparing for her life work. For one of her age, she was strong in Christian character, kind and gentle in spirit and disposition, loved and esteemed by everyone who knew her. For eight weeks previous to her death she suffered constantly, yet patiently, till the end came. She gave her loved ones unmistakable assurance of her faith in Christ, and of her hope in the future. The funeral service was held in the Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. R. F. Jackson, her Sunday School Superintendent, on August 31, 1913, and her body was tenderly laid to rest to await the resurrection morn. J. P. LOWRY, Pastor.

**COX.**—Sister S. A. Cox was born in Anderson County, Texas, August 23, 1842. She was happily married to Thomas J. Cox in the same county, January, 1868. Her husband died some thirty years ago, leaving her with five children, all girls, to raise up and educate. One of these died a few years ago. The other four are living, one a widow with one child, the other three have several children and it was very affecting to witness the tears and sighs of these grandchildren. I think all the children are members of the M. E. Church, South, and endeavoring to follow their mother in the way to heaven. Sister Cox professed religion when a girl and joined the M. E. Church, South, and remained a faithful member until death, which sad event occurred at her son-in-law's, Charley Davis, November 20, 1913. She was a woman of great energy and perseverance, not seeming to know what failure was in anything she undertook. I was her pastor for eight years; have heard her shout the praises of her Savior in the public congregation. For the last several years she has lived with her children. When she kept house her home was a place for the preacher to rest and find a welcome. Many will rise up and call her blessed. May the good Lord bless all the children and grandchildren so they may at last make an unbroken family in heaven is the prayer of her old pastor, Keltys, Texas. J. M. MILLS.

**SPURLOCK.**—William G. Spurlock was born in Jackson, Tennessee, April 8, 1837, and died of apoplexy, July 6, 1913. In his young manhood he began the study of medicine in Nashville, Tennessee, but his studies were interrupted by the War during which he served in the 7th Tennessee Cavalry. In 1864 he was married to Mrs. Jane Marsh, who died in 1896. Of their seven children, six survive the parents. He was again married December 24, 1900, to Miss Laura Blair. Two little girls were given to this union. Coming to Hunt County, Texas, in 1869 he soon after built the home near South Sulphur, where he died. At that time there was no Wolfe City nor Commerce, and Greenville was only a village. He had a wonderful memory and his mind was stored with events of those early days. His conversion occurred in the early seventies, at Mt. Carmel, under the ministry of H. M. Neely, now deceased. And later when Wesley Chapel was built he became a charter member, serving as trustee of the church property for many years. Raised by a strict Presbyterian mother his walk in life was exemplary and his reputation among business men was without question. Regular in his attendance to church and Sunday School and devoted to his home and family. And we who miss his love and cheerfulness can look up in our loneliness and sorrow, knowing that death is only a dark curtain whose somber folds we each must lift aside ere we can view the gates of pearl beyond. MRS. W. G. SPURLOCK.

**MURR.**—Mrs. Maggie Violet Murr (nee Steele) was born on July 8, 1882, and died at 10 o'clock p. m., November 8, 1913, Azle, Texas. She was converted to Christianity and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the old Slover Chapel, in 1895, under the ministry of Rev. Rowland. She leaves her aged father, her husband, two little children, one sister and one brother. Sister Murr was a devoted wife and mother, a faithful daughter and sister, and best of all a true Christian. She testified a short time before her death to the reality of her religion and said she was ready to go. She was bedridden for several months before death, much of the time suffering intense pain, but thank God, in heaven where we hope to meet her, there will be no more suffering or sorrow or separation. She was laid to rest in the Azle Cemetery on Sunday November 9, 1913, there to await the resurrection morning when shall come the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. J. M. BOND, JR.

**PEDDY.**—Mrs. Mary J. Paddy was born in DeSoto County, Mississippi, September 30, 1841. Her parents were Wesley and Annie Weeks. She came to Smith County, Texas, with her parents in 1851. In 1867 she was married to David Alexander. Two children were born to them, both of whom are dead. She was later married to T. W. Paddy. They lived together for twelve years, when he died. There were born to this union two children, a son and a daughter, her son survives. Grandma Paddy had been a member of the Methodist Church for more than forty years; was religious and liberal beyond her means. She lived for some years in the oil field, near Braumont, and made her living by taking in washing. She died not long since, a triumphant death, and leaves to mourn her departure, a host of friends with her loved ones. The writer can never forget her golly life and kind deeds. Her pastor, L. J. POWERS.

**KENNON.**—Lawrence Kennon was born in Henry County, West Tennessee, March 12, 1868. His father died when he was eight years old. In 1884 he came to Grayson County, Texas, thence to Hall County, in 1891, where February 17, 1892, he was married to Miss Mattie Alexander. He joined the Church when twenty-three years of age. In 1909 he settled in Swisher County, near Vigo Park, where, August 27, 1913, the Lord called him to be with his firstborn son who went away when an infant. A wife, two sons, three daughters and three brothers mourn their loss of his association. Bro. Kennon was a true friend and neighbor, devoted husband and loving parent. His careful watchfulness of his children was admired by many. His funeral was largely attended by relatives and friends. A. E. BUTTERFIELD, Plainview, Texas.

**CURRY.**—Lawson, the only son of W. C. Curry and wife, was born October, 1908; took typhoid fever and later pneumonia from which he died December 2, 1913. His body was laid to rest in the Rocky Cemetery near Blanket. Lawson was a bright child and the joy of parents, sisters and grandparents. We are glad that Jesus has taught us that "their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." He is not lost, but you may meet him in that land that is fairer than day, where sickness, sorrow and separation never come. WM. T. JONES, P. C. Blanket, Texas.

**BOYD.**—Miss Jane Boyd was born in Pike County, Alabama, January 2, 1840, and after lingering illness of some months she departed this life November 17, 1913. She was a charter member of the Methodist Church at Dripping Springs and was a faithful friend and an earnest Christian through all the many trials of her life. She never complained; she was faithful unto death. She leaves one maiden sister and a host of friends to mourn her death. May we all live so that we may meet her in the better world. H. S. GOODENOUGH

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## Notes From the Field

Somerville.

Following a faithful service of the past two years as pastor of the Somerville Methodist Church, Rev. I. W. Campbell will take his leave tomorrow for his new field of labor as pastor of the Grace Methodist Church at Palestine, Texas. The appointment of Rev. Campbell and his transfer to Palestine is a merited promotion and is complimentary to this min-

ister of God who has labored so faithfully among his flock in Somerville, and the members of his congregation feel his loss keenly but all rejoice in his advancement at this time. He will carry the best wishes of his old congregation to his new field of endeavor and their prayers will accompany him for success. At the recent conference of his Church the Board of Stewards voted to a man to return Rev. Campbell to Somerville, but owing to the personal request of the Rev. Campbell, he was transferred to his new pastorate. While

Ozona.

On November 20, 1913, Dr. and Mrs. Wallace M. Crutchfield issued invitations to a banquet to be given on the evening of Thanksgiving Day at the parsonage at Ozona. The banquet took the form of a stag party and every married man in Crockett County was invited. A whole multitude came and the rest would have been present but for heavy rains which made it all but impossible for autos to travel. For an hour and a half the men partook of the seven-course dinner served by the minister's good wife. It was a typical

resident of Somerville, Rev. Campbell demonstrated to the citizens here that he was a capable preacher, organizer, Sunday School specialist, commander of men and one that gained their highest respect. During his two years of service he was responsible for the enlargement of the present church building and also of having the salary of the pastor raised and is leaving Somerville among the leading appointments of the Brenham District. The presiding elder of the Methodist Church is authority for the statement that Rev. Campbell has led the district in missionary enterprises of the Church.—The Somerville Tribune, Dec. 5, 1913.

Brazos Avenue, Cleburne.

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Thanksgiving dinner with everything good to eat that can be mentioned at that season of the year. After all had eaten to perfect satisfaction, cigars were served and good fellowship widened from what had been enjoyed at the single tables to the entire company. Lawyers, doctors, merchants, ranchmen, school masters, ministers and others vied with each other in relating the oldest jokes known to man and also some of the newest ones. At ten-thirty the party broke up and went home, each man saying that he had had the time of his life. This is the third occasion of this kind that has been enjoyed by the men of Ozona and Crockett County during the pastorate of Dr. Crutchfield.—Tom Nolen.

Nacogdoches.

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Red Oak Charge.

Conference has come and gone, and we are settled down to our accustomed routine of work. We had a good, and I trust, a profitable time on the Ovilla charge last year. Many were the kindnesses shown us during the year, and it was with regrets that we left the good people over there. But leaving them, I was glad to leave my former charge in the hands of so worthy a successor as Bro. C. V. Oswalt. He is on the ground and has already made a good start and good impression on the people. There are no better people anywhere than are found on that charge, and I predict a great year for them. Well, this is the first time in a ministry of twenty-three years that I have taken the back track. But the powers that be said for me to come back and we are here. Already the people of Red Oak have given us a liberal pounding and many have been the words of welcome from many of the friends who were here when we left six years ago. I have been one round already and I find a great change in many respects. Many of the people have moved away and some have passed to the beyond. Many of the people have moved to town and the land owners have, in many instances, put negroes on the farms. The Churches have been weakened and I find much to be done to

keep the congregation together and to build up and strengthen the things that remain. Rev. Josephus Lee, my predecessor, wrought well and has left a good name, and did a work that will abide. The Red Oak charge has some as good people as can be found anywhere. They will hold up the hands of and help the pastor in every good work. We expect a great year.—I. E. Hightower.

## WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE, ATTENTION.

We hope it will be convenient for the pastors of the West Texas Conference to use December 28 as Rescue Day. Preach on the subject or some phase of the social evil and take collection and send in as quickly as possible the assessment for this work.

The Home must have a new roof, be repaired and overhauled generally. This work should not be longer delayed. We are getting liberal responses to our efforts, but the ready cash is needed for the daily current expenses.

If previous arrangements prevent using December 28, use the Sunday before or the first Sunday in January, 1914.

We hope the pastors on circuits will preach and take a collection at every point on his charge. It will be out of the question for me to visit all the charges. With all Texas opened to me I can only hope to reach a small per cent of the many places. Don't be satisfied with getting only your small assessment. Let's give this too long neglected work a fair chance and a square deal. Yours in the work of rescuing the perishing. J. D. SCOTT.

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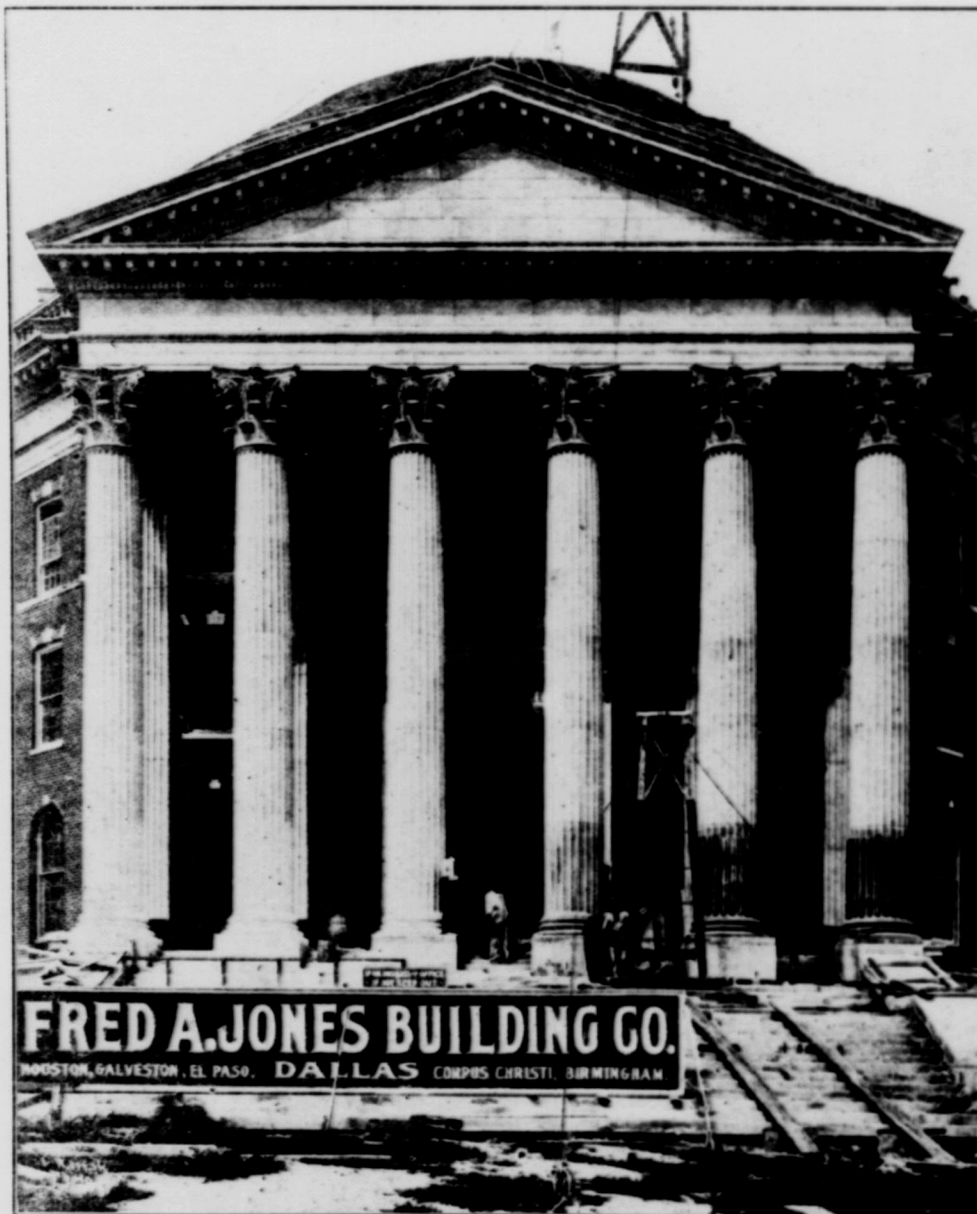
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