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THIS is a question to which we have long given some thought, but upon which we have felt a hesitancy in giving expression to such thoughts. But the General Conference is approaching and this is the time to call attention to something along this line. In doing so we make no criticism of our Bishops or of their established usage on the subject. They are only doing what the Church has sanctioned during the entire period of its work in foreign lands. But is our plan of Episcopal supervision in our Far East the wisest and the most efficient in its results? We do not think so, and many in the Church do not think so.

What has been and what is our plan of Episcopal supervision in this field? Well, usually to assign a Bishop annually to these fields, and if convenient let the Bishop visit said field once or twice a quadrennium and then report the results of his visit or visits to the Church. But how long does a Bishop stay in these fields? How long does he stay in China, Japan or Korea? Only a few months at most. Maybe in the recollection of this writer one Bishop remained in the Far East about one year. He usually makes the trip in the summer and he is back in the winter or spring. It takes a great deal of time to

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go and to come and it costs a great deal of money to defray the expense of the visit.

What does the visiting Bishop learn about those far-off fields by one or two visits of this sort—flying sort? At best he can only gather a few elementary facts and get a sort of survey of the general trend of things but he does not and cannot enrich his mind and heart with the great principles of his work in those lands. Any man who has ever made a trip around the world, stopping here and there for a few weeks at a time, knows that when he returns home he feels like he was simply waking from a dream. He has learned but little of a substantial and valuable character. We hardly think a Bishop is any exception to the rule. True, he sees much, he hears much, and he learns much from his association of a few weeks with the missionaries on the ground; but at most his real knowledge as to actual conditions is meager and tentative. He can gather but little that is authentic and valuable.

What is a visit of six or eight months to the Far East worth to the Church, with millions of people scattered over thousands of miles and the organized mission

works few and far between? Does the Church really get from such Episcopal visitation to that far-off field the full worth of the money that it pays for the expense of the visit? We do not think so. A new Bishop spending six months even in Texas, only learns enough to know that he knows but little of the State and her people. But when you come to China, to Japan and to Korea, with multiplied thousands of miles between us and with multiplied millions of people of different races, tongues and nationalities, what can a Bishop learn of them in six months or even twelve months? And yet under our present plan a Bishop is expected to make a flying trip of a few weeks or a few months at most and learn all about the needs of those fields and of the condition of our work as at present organized! It is preposterous. A Bishop is worth more, and a great deal less expensive at home. We do get some real service from him here; but his importance and influence in that foreign field are reduced to a minimum. He has merely been to China, Japan and Korea and returned home! He tells us about his visit and we get just about as much out of it as we do out of a

book of travels—with the addition of a wise man's observation and experience.

It has long seemed to us that we ought to change our usage or law on this question in such a way as to assign a Bishop to that far-off field and let him spend the most of his quadrennium there on the ground, like the Northern Methodists do, and then he will have an opportunity to study conditions, to investigate needs, to acquaint himself with those people and their customs, and thus make himself of active and abiding service to the Church in that part of the world. Else, if not this, we had better take the money that is thus spent each quadrennium and put it to some better use and learn the facts of that far-off land from those in the field.

Why not require the Bishop sent to that field to spend a quadrennium there as a resident Bishop, or elect some man now on the field who will live there and give personal supervision to the work? By such an arrangement we will save money to the cause and serve the Church to very much larger advantage. We have tried the "flying visit" plan for all these years and we have demonstrated its impotency as an effective method of Episcopal supervision in that field. At least the suggestion, while a trifle radical, is worthy of consideration.

Prohibition In The State Of Kansas

NOT long since when Senator Sheppard introduced into the Senate a bill authorizing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in our Nation, which resolution is intended to come before the States of this country for their action, he made a most eloquent speech in behalf of National prohibition. Following him was Judge Thompson, of Kansas, who paid a glowing tribute to prohibition in that State. And since Kansas has been long held up as a failure for State-wide prohibition by the antis of Texas, we want to reproduce on this front page some things said by Senator Thompson:

As this is a question in which Kansas has had longer and better experience than any other State in the Union, I desire to say a few words in support of the resolution.

We have had State-wide prohibition as a part of the Kansas State constitution longer than has existed in any other State in the Union. The Kansas Legislature in 1879 voted by joint resolution to submit to a vote of the people an amendment to the State Constitution forever prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and scientific purposes. This amendment was adopted by the people at the general election in 1880. During the 33 years since that time the law has not been repealed, nor has the constitutional amendment on which it is based been resubmitted to the people for their affirmation or rejection. If there is any one question which is permanently settled in the minds of the people of Kansas, it is the prohibition ques-

tion. In my judgment, the question will never again be submitted to the people or seriously attempted to be resubmitted by any organization, political or otherwise. If it should be resubmitted, prohibition would carry by a larger vote than any other proposition that could be presented to the people of Kansas. It has been entirely eliminated from politics, and the people are practically a unit on the question of retaining it as the fundamental law of the State. After this long trial and experience with the law fully 90 per cent of the people would vote for its continuance and are favorable to its extension throughout the Nation. Our firm stand for the law is proof of the strength of character of our citizens and a constant example in practical reform to all the States of the Nation.

The closing of the saloons and joints in the State has had a most excellent effect upon the morals as well as the material interests of the people of the State, so much so that no one with the best interests of the people and the State at heart desires to go back to the old order of things under the saloon. Among the most beneficial results of the operation of the law are better homes, happier and wealthier families, higher standards of education and intelligence, and a large reduction in crime. These are the natural and inevitable results of prohibition wherever effectively enforced. But the best result of all is in the fact that of the half million boys and girls in Kansas only a very small proportion have ever seen an open saloon. Children are growing to manhood and womanhood without the temptation or evil influence of the saloon.

During the 33 years of prohibition the illiteracy of our people has been reduced from 49 per cent to 2 per cent, and this trifling amount is almost entirely among

the foreign element in the mining section of the Southwest. With 105 counties in the State 87 of them have no insane, 54 have no feeble-minded, 96 have no inebriates, and what few there are come from the cities which defied the law until recent years. There is only one pauper to every 3000 population, and there are 38 county poor farms which have no inmates. In July, 1911, 53 county jails were empty and 65 counties had no prisoners serving sentence. Since the establishment of prohibition the population of Kansas has increased more than any of the surrounding States, and her wealth has increased until it has become the richest State in the Union per capita. Although we suffered one of the worst droughts in the history of the State last summer, recent statements from the banks show that in the 930 State banks there is on deposit belonging to the people of Kansas about \$120,000,000, and on deposit in the 213 National banks about \$90,000,000, making a total of

\$210,000,000, or about \$123 for every man, woman and child in the State.

Until 1909 Kansas permitted drug stores to sell whiskey and other intoxicating liquors for medicinal purposes. This privilege was grossly abused, and the State Legislature, in 1909, passed a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor for any purpose whatever. The State bank deposits of the State which had theretofore been gaining gradually only about a million dollars a year made a sudden increase of \$14,000,000, or from \$83,000,000 to \$97,000,000 at that time. In addition to this the increase in wealth within the past 10 years has been at the rate of \$120,000,000 per year. The assessed valuation of property for taxation is sufficient to give every man, woman and child in the State \$1700, while the average wealth in the Nation is only about \$1200. Is it not reasonable to believe and fair to say that 33 years of prohibition has had something to do with this grand result?

President Wilson On Modern Preaching

WHILE President of Princeton University Woodrow Wilson said: "I have heard a great deal of preaching with disappointment. So many preachers whom I hear use the gospel in order to expound some of the difficulties of modern thought."

The great mind, as well as the mind with meager cultivation, dislikes the class of preaching of which Mr. Wilson complains. Men of learning are greatly disappointed when the preacher seeks to harmonize Moses and Darwin.

Mr. Wilson continues: "Only now and again does a minister direct upon me,

personally, the raking fire of examination which consists in taking out of the Scriptures individual, concrete examples of men situated as I suppose myself to be situated and searching me with the question, 'How are you individually measuring up to the standards which, in Holy Writ, we know were exacted of this man?'"

The bigot is a self-centered man. He has no capacity for breadth and expansion. He knows it all and can not be taught anything else. He necessarily becomes intolerant and unsafe. The eminently good man is broad, fraternal and not easily provoked.

Evolution

By REV. JOHN ADAMS, D. D., Tyler, Texas.

In the supplement of the Dallas News of December 28, there is an imposing presentation of a very remarkable theory of evolution, consisting of a large picture of six skulls and their restorations, or reconstructions of their heads, and an article by Mr. Geo. MacAdam describing that remarkable theory; and a preface of considerable length written by some one connected, I presume, with the News, and over all this, in large attractive headlines, the words: "Life After Death—Scientist Holds That Evolution Proves It." In that preface the following statement occurs: "Dr. J. Leon Williams, fellow of the Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, who has spent his life in the study of the family tree of pre-historic man, and who has followed it down to a Simian trunk, gives a great message to mankind in his conclusions." It is said also in the preface that "The following article by Geo. MacAdam is not only interesting because it reflects the views of so great and conservative a man as Dr. Williams, but it contains the germ of a greater hope for scared hearts and bereaved ones, for it proves, to the satisfaction of this great scientist, the existence of life beyond death."

The final conclusion reached in that article is given in the following words: "The bearing of all this, as may clearly be seen, is on the direct continuity of life after what we call death." This conclusion is a non sequitur. "The bearing of all this," is not on the direct continuity of life in the case of anyone who has died. For the theory of evolution described in the article precludes the possibility of life for the dead. In the processes of evolution the parents die and the fittest of their children live a while and die, and so on, indefinitely. Both life and death have always been, and always will be, in the process of evolution, if the theory is true—life of the genus or species and death of the individuals. And when an individual dies his "life impulse" dies and his life ceases to exist. For Dr. Williams, the author of the theory, says, "That which we call life cannot be something that exists outside of and apart from the material which it uses to express itself." This excludes the possibility of life for the dead; consequently, the countless generations of pre-historic anthropoids and their descendants. Men that have died, are extinct, if Dr. Williams' theory is correct. And during the millions of generations since evolution began, there never has been more than one generation of anthropoids, or of men living, at any one time—millions of generations dead and one generation living! Dr. Williams says: "We must go back more than a million years to find the purely anthropoid ancestor of man, if evolution has taken place, according to the Darwinian theory." When other millions of generations of men shall have died there will be but one generation living, if evolution goes on in the future as Dr. Williams says it will. He says: "There is no division, no break in the continuity of the universe—one realm—the realm of nature. And he declares that "there is a vast accumulation of evidence going to show that these processes which are grouped under the common name of evolution will continue indefinitely to be operative in the higher regions of mind and matter. The one fatal mistake any thinker can make is to suggest bounds or limits to the activities of these forces." These are wonderful words. What do they mean? For one thing, they mean that the processes of evolution will continue to be operative in the higher regions of the mind and matter. That is to say that in those higher regions the parents will die, as they do here, and their children will live and die, and so on indefinitely. Those words mean also, that it is a fatal mistake to suggest bounds or limits to the activities or processes of evolution and therefore they will go on forever. This, if true, excludes forever the possibility of an undying life, even in those higher regions. For as long as the processes of evolution continue to be operative, the parents will live and die and their children will live and die generation after generation.

But, how could it be possible for "this great scientist," Dr. Williams, or even Mr. MacAdam, to say that "There is a vast accumulation of evidence going to show that the processes of evolution will continue to be operative in the higher regions of mind and matter?" There is no such evidence.

Again, an ape-man is an utter impossibility, for the reason that apes and men do not amalgamate. When intercrossed, or intermarried, they can have no offspring; consequently there never has been such a mongrel

as an ape-man, or an ape-woman that is, a woman part ape and part human. And yet, notwithstanding this undeniable fact, Dr. Williams and Mr. MacAdam claim that in 1891 there was found in Java the top of a skull with a brain capacity which placed the creature of which it was a part "about midway between the highest apes and the lowest human beings heretofore known." It is called the ape-man. In this connection, the fact should be considered that there are many abnormal skulls under ground and above ground, such as the skulls of idiotic hunchbacks, dwarfs and imbeciles. It is believed that the five skulls which Dr. Williams claims belonged to ape-men in pre-historic times, millions of years ago, could all be duplicated now in almost any large crowd of white people and negroes and Indians. Those five skulls represent the best that the evolutionists have done, by way of finding "connecting links," since Darwin's great work, the Origin of Species, appeared more than fifty years ago. And they have searched the earth diligently. The truth is that there are no such connecting links. For even the highest apes and the lowest human beings do not amalgamate. Again, Mr. MacAdam, in his article, says that "it is perfectly well known that the human embryo in its development passes through the entire evolutionary process of the vertebrates." This means that the human embryo is at one time like a fish, at another like a reptile, at another like a bird, at another like a beast—a cat, or cow, or horse, or dog, or monkey, etc. But, Herbert Spencer, one of the great evolutionists and biologists of the last half century, says: "This is not the fact. The fact as established is that, up to a certain point, the embryos of a man and a fish are similar, and then difference begin to appear and increase—the one embryo approaching more and more toward the form of a fish, the other diverging from it more and more." Nothing but a fish can come from the embryo of a fish; nothing but a human being can come from the embryo of a human being; nothing but an ape can come from the embryo of an ape. Here again we see that an ape-man is an utter impossibility. Indeed, such a creature is unthinkable. We cannot form any definite idea of its form or mental endowments or language or habits.

Again, according to the first paragraph of the article in question, "it may be said that man has always existed." That means that there is no Creator, no First Cause of man's existence. Another paragraph of that article reads: "Throughout the whole long course of evolution there are no known facts which exclude the idea of purpose if that idea is not associated with the dogmatic theological idea of purpose exercised by a purely personal intelligence." I do not know what this means. It seems to deny the existence of a personal God. But, in the next paragraph Dr. Williams, after stating that in the evolutionary process, chance is unthinkable, speaks of the workings of an Infinite Intelligence. He uses the expression, "such Infinite Intelligence." Elsewhere he speaks of the triumph of mind over matter in the evolution of man. He does not mean that either mind or Infinite Intelligence created man, for as we have seen, he believes that man has always existed. And he speaks of the life impulse working in the first organic forms, and leading straight on to man. And he says that "life is vitally inherent in all the instrumentalities that express it"

From all this, it is evident:

1. That according to the theory in question, the life which is in a man is inherent in his body and can not exist outside of or apart from it.
2. That man has always existed; that is, he existed as a latent germ of life until he took on the first form of organic life, and then the evolution of his mind and body began, the life impulse working in him and leading through millions of generations straight on to man.
3. That the workings of "an Infinite Intelligence," and the workings of "the life impulse" in the evolution of man are identical.
4. That the idea of purpose exercised by a purely personal intelligence is not in the process of evolution.
5. That the processes of evolution will continue to be operative forever in the higher regions of mind and matter, and consequently, in those higher regions men will continue to live and die, generation after generation, just as they do here.

The tendency of such teachings is to weaken one's sense of his accountability to God, and to his family and neighbors, and country, and thus de-

grade and ruin him. Evolution ruined Darwin and his coadjutor, A. R. Wallace; and it has ruined many a fine man. The words of Ruskin are in my thoughts, and like Banquo's ghost will not down at my bidding. In a lecture on Natural Science, he said: "But very positively I can say to you that I have never heard yet one logical argument in favor of Darwinism."

and I have heard and read many that were beneath contempt."

But we know that the Son of God is come, and has given us an understanding that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true (that is, we believe in him that is true), even in his Son, Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. —1 John 5:20.

Pastoral Visiting

By REV. R. W. NATION, Hico, Texas.

(This article is written at the request of the Pastor's Conference of the Ciburne, Dublin, Gatesville and Waco Districts.)

This is a subject that interests each one of us, for each of us does more or less of pastoral work among our people.

So the first question we ask is, What is pastoral visiting?

The answer may be given: The preacher in the homes of his people. But is that all there is to pastoral visiting? I may be in home after home and yet not do the work of a pastor.

Let us define it this way: Some years ago while at Dawson I had typhoid fever and called as a physician Dr. Hill. Time after time he came through the thirty days that I was sick. He would come to my room and bring me a breath of sunshine and talk as becomes a personal friend until I looked for his coming as that of a personal friend. He would say but little of medicines, etc., but when he left he always left me better and gave such advice as was necessary.

Then I said our visiting in the homes of our people should be without professionalism, but full of personal friendship and love, and carry to the life of those we visit a breath of sunlight from our Father's world.

The next question may well be: When shall I visit, and what time shall I devote to it?

I believe most men have a rule to visit in the afternoons, and some pastors give each afternoon to this kind of work. But there are a great many circuits in which a man can not go from his home to see some of his people and make them a visit in the afternoon. Hence, he must take the day for the work. Then there are others in which he must not only take the day, but must go and spend the night in order to do the work that in his heart he believes he ought to do. I believe each one of us should have a rule by which to do our work, and a time in which to do it, and then follow as closely as we may the plan of our work.

Then there comes the suggestion of how long shall I stay in the homes of my people? Again, I do not think there can be any fixed rule—sometimes ten minutes, sometimes an hour—that all depends. I confess, some men far exceed me in the number of visits made. I heard one man say that he could make from eighteen to twenty visits in a day. I have never been able to do that. I find very often that an undue haste in leaving a home offends more than the visit helps. Then, on the other hand, there is danger of staying too long and wasting our time and theirs. I believe every man's sense of propriety will largely govern in matters of this kind.

The purpose of pastoral visiting is manifold:

First: To get acquainted. A pastor on a new charge wants to meet his people and to know them in their homes. He can not minister to them intelligently or sympathetically until he knows the conditions under which they live and the influences that surround them. To know these he must be perfectly familiar with their home life and understand the problems with which they have to deal. Then there are always new people that move into his charge. He must keep on the lookout for these and make them know they are welcome. Cultivate their friendship and confidence that he may help to relieve the embarrassment of being a stranger.

Second: To promote interest and attendance in the regular service. It is an observed fact that the people we visit during the week are most apt to be in their place on Sunday morning. There is no place where we can interest parent and child alike in the Sunday School as we can by going into the home and talking to them about this work. And as he goes from place to place trying to keep his people enlisted in some department of Church life he proves to them his continued interest in their well being. A man said to me on one occasion: "I don't want a preacher around when I'm sick that does not come when I'm well." A lady once said, when she had been sick for some days and I called to see her and found her better: "If I had

died, I meant to have some one else to bury me." I asked her why. Her answer was that I didn't "seem to have an interest in her while she was sick." The thing our people want to know is that we have an interest in them and the preacher they want in time of sorrow and sadness is the preacher that has ministered unto them when the sun was shining and all was well.

Third: Creating a revival interest. Before a meeting begins, there are always certain people in every place that we want to see and enlist them in various phases of the work. We want, if possible, to enlist them in a particular part of the work as a leader or otherwise. We can't do this from the pulpit, because of personalities, etc. No place like seeing them privately and talking to them personally about it, secure their promise, or it may be remove some difficulty that stands in the way, or possibly to give them assurance and confidence.

Fourth: In the revival. This is one of the times that it looks like every preacher needed to conserve his strength and yet it is the time of all times when he must be on the go. No time at all to stop. On his leadership now depends largely the results that are to follow. Somebody offended, needs help. Somebody interested in the salvation of a soul, needs advice. Somebody cold, needs to catch the spirit of a true revival. Somebody in need of Christ. We must take to them not only the wisdom of God in how to save a soul, but all the tenderness and sympathy of a loving heart.

Fifth: Conserving the results of a revival. Just here every pastor knows is one of the difficult problems. Here often the place of visiting swings from "house to house" to "office to office" or place of business.

During the two years at this present charge in the meetings held here, the first year by Brother Coale, the second by Brother Thompson, sixty or more young men and boys have come into the Church following these meetings. I have gone from store to gin, from gin to cotton yard, from cotton yard to compress, from compress to office, from office to mill, and where to reach those who had lately come into the Church, and must say but very few, if any, of these have lapsed into their former mode of life. It has been one of the hardest jobs of my ministry and at the same time

one of the most pleasant and profitable.

Sixth: Ministering to the needs of the aged and "shut-ins" and the infirm. When on my first pastoral charge one day I was driving with a doctor. As we passed a home he said to me: "I want you to visit that home some day." In a short while I called at that home and its occupants were an aged mother living with her two daughters, one of whom had not walked a step in years, confined either to her bed or at most a chair. Her hands were all crippled and drawn. When I entered the home, instead of the gloom and despondency one would expect, sunshine and joy, the spirit and atmosphere of a holy love and a living Christ were on every hand, and I left that home not feeling so much that I had left a blessing, but that I had carried one away. Our life is always richer when we come in touch with such as these.

The other day I called to see an aged man of this town that I received into the Church less than two years ago by baptism. He is more than eighty years of age, blind and sick, confined all the time to his cot. I read a short portion of Scripture, talked to him for a moment or two and then had prayer. When we arose to go the tears were running out of his sightless eyes, and across his wrinkled face. He clasped his thin hands together and said: "Thank God, thank God, thank God!" I left that place knowing that after all, the place of service is the place of blessing. Surely Uncle Abe Noah left a blessing in my heart that shall abide many a day.

Again, during the holidays, my wife and I were called to the bedside of a man some miles from town, old and sick and ready to go, he is. He had me read his favorite Psalm, then he had us to pray, then sing that great old hymn, "Nearer, my God, to Thee." And all the while I felt that I was ministering to one not only ready to go, but who I knew in a little while would cross over. And I thought of how sacred must be the thought and how holy the sentiment with which we worship when possibly it will be one of the last things stamped on the memory of the saint of God as he passes from this world into the next. We ought to want at least that the parting memory shall be one that need not fade. Then, something else crept into my mind—it will not away: What must be the message these passing saints will carry from this world to the other for us. Passing they are. They have looked to us in life for help and comfort. They look to us in the parting hour for ministrations. I ask the question: Shall they forget? Then, somehow, out of the depths of my own heart comes the response. It is said that the scientist can depict from the eye of the victim slain, by means of a photograph of the retina, the picture of his slayer. Shall the last impression of this world be less vivid on the soul? or shall spiritual sense be less impressionable than the physical?

This and the Other from Batesville

By C. M. RABE.

After several years of retirement from active ministerial life, due to a stubborn nervous ailment, the writer is again happy in the work of his calling. I desire to say that though God's purposes in human lives are often shrouded in mystery, and his face seemingly turned away from us, yet I am more and more convinced that our lives follow the "tracing of a wiser hand." I have learned many things in solitude which would not have come to me so clearly in the light and activity of the garish day. Among other things I discovered more perfectly the worth and beauty of a wife's affection, whose unflinching trust sustained her husband when all other comfort seemed to fall away; also the genuineness of brotherly sympathy. My brethren of the West Texas Conference were good to me and helped me in substantial ways far beyond my deserts. For this and their thoughtful expressions of sympathy, I wish here to record my sincerest gratitude. Now, all this wealth of love and kindness came ultimately from God, from whom is every good gift and noble impulse. We are now at Batesville, twenty miles south of Uvalde, off the railroad. Though somewhat off the main highways, we have found some as excellent people as can be found anywhere. During a recent serious sick spell of the pastor's wife, these good people showed us marked kindness. Now they are going about making the parsonage more comfortable. Our Sunday School is doing good work and is just now somewhat on the "boom." Recently we called the workers together and started a Cradle Roll, Home Department and contemplate a Teacher-training Class; also, Superintendent W. T. Childress purposes to

introduce the Bible Reward plan, and his name is a guarantee of success.

Our first Quarterly Conference has been held. S. B. Beall, the presiding elder, is the greatest fellow I ever saw to "rattle up" a crowd (the reader will grant me indulgence for that convenient, classical, expression. No, it doesn't appear in Addison, but this is a country of deer and I have merely absorbed some of its technical vernacular). Let me tell you what Beall did. He came, unannounced and unexpected, to hold my delayed conference while I was away at my other appointment. No service was expected at my church. The Baptists, the only other church here, were to have their service and there are just enough folks here, counting all generations, to really fill one church. Beall hit the town like a whirlwind Sunday afternoon. By service time our church was filled to the last seat! Most of the good folks here haven't heard a Bishop, but they don't worry about that as long as Beall preaches to them. Actually, they lean over the bench rests and listen with open mouths. But Beall isn't only a fine preacher, but what is better, a fine and lovable character, and withal the preacher's helper and friend.

My friends will be glad to know that I am getting back to my old preaching self, though I still have need of caution. In fact, in spite of about seven years' silence, I preach about as well as I ever did and possibly I preach more sense. We have fine congregations and fortunately for me, the people seem to think their pastor is "some" preacher. This is a harmless and rather pleasant delusion, so I do not take pains to argue it away. The truth is, however, I have made it my rule to make as conscientious



A GOLDEN WEDDING GROUP

The above is a picture of the golden wedding group of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hall, San Angelo, Texas, and their sons and daughters, as follows: G. W. Hall, Mangum, Okla.; J. E. Hall, Water Valley, Texas; Jesse Hall, Carlsbad, Texas; Robert L. Hall, Will M. Hall, Marvin Hall, James Hall, Mrs. Hoffman and Miss Allie Hall, all of San Angelo, Texas.

Brother Hall was born in Green County, Alabama, nearly eighty years ago. He is one of a family of fifteen children. He, with all his brothers and sisters were dedicated to the Lord in baptism in infancy by the old pioneer circuit riders in Alabama and Mississippi. Those of them who lived to reach manhood and womanhood grew into loyal and true followers of the Christ to whom they were given in infancy. Not one of the large family ever brought shame or disgrace to the good name of their parents or their Church.

Brother Hall and wife are charter members of Chadbourne Street Methodist Church and regular attendants on the services of their Church. He is also a member of the two official boards. In fact, he has been a steward in the Church for thirty-five years, or longer. Several of the children and grandchildren are members of the same congregation, and one son is a member of the two official boards with his father. Two other sons are official members of their respective Churches. The Scriptural method of dedicating children to the Church in infancy has been followed through the years, and as a result all are Christians and members of their parents' Church, with the possible exception of one son, and he has married a religious Methodist girl. Brother Hall has read the Texas Christian Advocate for years and is standing agent for same. He is forever in the fight against the liquor traffic and men who try to ride into office on a bottle of booze. He has family prayer and says amen in Church—two exercises not common among modern Methodists. He entered the Civil War from Mississippi and for four years he fought in the bloodiest battles with the exceptions of the months spent in the hospitals nursing his wounds. He was in the hardest fought battles of Chattanooga and around Atlanta. Twice he received what was thought to be fatal wounds—the second time in front of Atlanta—but recovered each time and returned to the front. And today, in old age but still young in heart, he stands as bravely in the forefront of the battle against the enemies of our Church and State as ever soldier stood before the advancing legions of Grant's army in the sixties. His stalwart sons follow in his train. C. W. HARDIN.

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The time has passed, if ever it was with us, when people will tolerate insipid platitudes or cross violations of good taste in our pulpits. This is a time when education is permeating to the humblest home, when books are cheap and people are reading and thinking, and the preacher, to have a hearing, must be enwrapped with the best thought of the day. The intellectual disparity between preacher and people of a former day is constantly lessening. The pioneer preacher did marvelously well in his day; we have entered on the heritage of his faithful and efficient toil. Yet, his equipment was meager. Opportunities for intellectual culture were scarcer than today. So much the more honor to him for what he accomplished. He made bricks, gathered straw himself as best he could. Still, his method and his equipment will not do the work God expects of his prophets in this generation.

There is today no excuse for slovenly work in our pulpits. A man may be such a "mixer" through the week that his sermon is a "mix-up" on Sunday. The preacher who habitually prepares his sermon Sunday morning before breakfast or on the train to his appointment will eventually bankrupt his mental resources. Even the light of natural genius of the most brilliant will burn itself out without the constant replenishment of the oil of careful preparation. The spider, it is true, weaves from the substance of its own body the delicate tracery and architectural miracle of its web; yet, even here, there is but transmutation of nourishment received. The people wait upon our ministry to be instructed in their ignorance, to be comforted in their sorrow, and their patience with our oftentimes crude efforts has been a standing marvel to me. But woe to us if we habitually bring unbeaten oil into his sanctuary. That patience finally reaches its limit, and the man who thinks he can shake sermons out of his sleeve by vigorously beating the air, or hide the vacancy of his mind by a multiplicity of words, will sometime be disabused of his errors by the stinging of empty pews. Such a man may have the experience of doubtful agreeableness that came to a certain prosy Dr. A. Coming to the steps of the church where he occasionally preached and where he was to preach that particular morning he found a simple old lady, laboriously attempting to climb the steps. The Dr. offered to assist her and the good lady, who was nearsighted and did not recognize her escort, began a conversation with him in the garrulous way of those of her age. Quite innocently she said she was glad Dr. A. would preach, as she was certain of having a good seat.

There never was a great Church without great preachers. And the Church that has elements of permanence is one of intellectual leadership as well as of spiritual power. Never by "foolish" preaching, but by preaching that lays tribute to all the accumulated wealth of the mind as well as powers of the soul if the world is to be brought to the feet of him who said: "Ye shall know the truth

and the truth shall make you free." The truths of divine revelation, while they are spiritually discerned, still rest on the unshakable foundation of reason. If this were not so we should have no right to press them upon the consideration of intelligent men and women. God's truth invites, yea challenges the acid test of investigation. God reasons with men. And it is because of the neglect of the great psychological law that the citadel of the mind must first be scaled before the stronghold of the heart and its affections is permanently gained, that much of our revival work is like a rope of sand. Paul was the greatest reasoner of his age. You will find no weak link in the chain of his argument. As he reasoned before Felix of "righteousness, temperance and judgment to come," Felix trembled. Paul had absolutely torn away ever "refuge of lies" from the Governor's life, and laid for him a foundation of faith which, had Felix planted his feet thereon, neither the storms of this life nor the furies of the judgment could have swept it from under him.

When the reason remains unconvinced, what becomes of the emotion temporarily touched by some passing impression? It passes into nothingness. The impression becomes abortive and the sensibility becomes dulled, finally reaching the state of adamant hardness and hereafter the hardened sinner opposes to every shaft of God's Word "the rocky orb of tenfold adamant, his ample shield." What becomes of the hundred conversions recorded in the revivals of our towns and cities? The Savior answers the question: "But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word and anon with joy receiveth it, yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while; for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended."

Are we not building into God's temple hay, wood and stubble when, as wise master builders, we might build on this foundation gold, silver and precious stones? "Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon." Who is sufficient for these things. Surely not the mental idler. Consecrated scholarship is today laying at the feet of Christ and His Church the choicest fruits of its investigation into Biblical truth. And the books which are the repositories of this valuable store are today cheaper than ever before. Shall we neglect this our splendid heritage? Shall wisdom cry and no man regard? If we must show signs of poverty anywhere, let it be rather in the frayed coat than in the paupered mind.

"Study to prove thyself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly (accurately), Twentieth Century Testament) dividing the Word of Truth." Why do not our people sing more? A great jubilant outburst of hearty song from the lips of our Methodist host would shake the walls of many a Jericho. A songless temple is a deserted temple. It was during Abaz's desecration of the temple that music was banished. It was when Hezekiah restored it that the trumpets and instruments were brought back. "And when the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began." The sight of multiplied thousands of Methodists saved by grace and on the way to glory appearing before their great God

and King, songless and dumb, is enough to make angels weep. "Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise."

People see things differently. To my mind the thoughtful conduct of our beautiful order of worship, even to the last bracket, is a fine aid to spiritual worship, and I find it as little conducive to coldness as the thoughtful reading of the Psalms. Of course, if spirituality is synonymous with confusion, boisterousness and license, or in any wise dependent thereon, this order cannot materially advance it. I love it. I imagine the angels about God's throne worship him in this manner. Such was the stately worship of the temple.

Our glorious Methodism, by her increasing emphasis on a well-prepared ministry her aggressive and far-sighted and splendid work in the Sunday School, that greatest religious institution of modern times, is easily maintaining her rightful place in the "foremost files of time." I have no fears for her. She will continue her triumphant tread through the kingdoms of time and finally waft her way through the portals of glory, the very Bride of her Lord. Amen!

HAPPINESS.

By Hattie Green, Rex Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.

What is it that constitutes real happiness, and how may it be attained? The answers are many and varied. Many persons who are now very unhappy, if asked what would make them happy, will give various answers.

One person believes no real happiness lies outside of great possessions, so he spends his days trying to accumulate wealth. Another desires health, and frets and fumes because of illness, spends vast amounts of money for distasteful drugs, seeking happiness in restored health. While still others look to the formation of various and many friendships as being to them this desired end. Yet another will say love, influence, education, social position, wild pursuit of pleasure, or even the gratification of the appetite is looked forward to by some as the highest pleasure.

According to the nature, age, condition, or environment of a person, various things might give a kind of fleeting pleasure, as frail as the soap bubble that the child tries to pick up. A trivial toy may make the little child temporarily happy; the youth may find the same kind of happiness in sports and games.

But a happiness worthy the name will not pass in a day, a week, nor a month. True happiness is founded on no small thing. Just as the oak cannot flourish in the tiny flower pot, nor the great whale in a tub, nor the eagle in a cage. They demand the earth, the sea, the sky. So man flourishes and is happy only in that large world where he is a co-laborer with God. The happy person is by no means an idler. One who can find pleasure in a difficult task done well, a work that others look on as a great

sacrifice, is to the happy man who does it only an expression of love. Just as the tired mother would not neglect the sick child, but, forgetful of self, labors on and is happy to be near and able to comfort the one so dear to her—so is any work that we are doing if we be co-laborers with God. If we can not find happiness in our work, then we are either doing something our heart does not thoroughly approve, or else we are letting a wrong motive into our labors. We each and every one desire something to do. It takes a man's work to satisfy the man.

Life becomes one round of pleasure to the happy person, and to all those about him. He is able to smile on all. Happiness has no equal for health-giving qualities. It penetrates every nerve and fiber of the being, causing the heart to beat fast, and cleanse the sluggish blood. It brings a pink color into the pale cheeks, and a cherry twinkle into the eye. It is a wonder-working power in preserving mental faculties. It is not the happy, contented person who goes insane; but he who gives way to melancholy. It is the unhappy man that allows some unforunate business transaction to worry him into insanity or suicide.

Picture, if you can, a great wide world in which every man, woman and child is thoroughly happy. Then you see the man who can throw off an attack of despondency and smile in the presence of disaster. In this world of happiness, many of our present institutions would pass away. Crime would cease and the scaffold would become kindling wood and the electric chair unknown. The prisons and jails would become grocery stores filled with plenty. Our poor farms and insane asylums would become schools and colleges for industrial and agricultural training.

Happiness comes as a reward of effort and exercise of the will. One who never seeks to adapt himself to circumstances will never find happiness thrust upon him as a drill fastens on the helpless oyster and refuses to be shaken off. We get it as we desire it: for it requires courage to be happy. He is no coward who can smile at adversity or disaster and begin at the bottom, with glowing cheeks and cheerful heart, rebuild his ruined fortunes. Fidelity to his task will involve suffering, which he will avoid only by being false to every trust and destroying his divinest faculties. Happiness is found in the concentration of his power on a task that challenges his manhood, without which he would be as a headless arrow, or an un-freighted ship.

This condition in which satisfaction or pleasure is predominant, in which joy exceeds all pain, may not be purchased in the markets for paltry gold, nor can it be found by the most careful searching; but it is a quality of heart that each may possess, be his conditions what they may. It is foreign in every heart and home? For what goal of the human life.

Why then should not happiness reign in every heart and home? For one and all the earth spins, the sun shines, even the very stars in their course fight for us. Changes like darkening shadows will come into our lives; but these, we know, are for our benefit; for, every law of God, we know, is good. True happiness is a thing never to be forgotten; for it must endure even through eternity. For it no substitute can be found. It is founded on love and an unselfish life, and these, in turn, are founded on God; for "God is love."

THE MODE OF BAPTISM.

Now and then letters evidently intended for the Pulpit and the People contain inquiries of such a nature that suitable response to them demands more space than can be assigned to any one writer on the page devoted to that department. This will explain the appearance of the accompanying letter in the editorial section of the paper:

"Will you be kind enough to answer the following questions: (1) Does either Wesley, Calvin, Chalmers or Dean Alford, in any of his writings, teach that immersion was the only primitive mode of baptism? If so, please refer me to the quotation. (2) Is it not a fact that immersion was practically unknown in the early Church until the Barbarian invasion of Rome, when it was introduced, along with other pagan rites?"

"J. P. CUMMINS.

"Beason, Ill." The questions proposed by our correspondent were referred to Dr. John Alfred Faulkner, Professor of Historical Theology in Drew Theological Seminary, who kindly took the trouble to send us the subjoined response:

The Answer.

In answer to your correspondent who asks if Wesley, Calvin, Chalmers and Alford teach that immersion was the only primitive mode of baptism,

I would reply in brief as follows: Wesley says that "immersion was the custom of the first Church and the rule of the Church of England" (Journal, February 21, 1736), and he baptized sometimes by that mode and sometimes by pouring or sprinkling (the same, February 21, 1736, March 21, 1759). In his early High Church days he baptized by immersion, later he used both modes. Though he uses these words in his Notes (Romans 6:4): "Alluding to the ancient mode of baptizing by immersion," he acknowledges in his Treatise on Baptism (1756) that "Baptism is performed by washing, dipping, or sprinkling the person," and argues strongly against the exclusive meaning of immersion or dipping (Works, London volume xiv, edition 10, pages 188-190). While Calvin admits that the "word baptize signifies to immerse, and it is certain that immersion was the practice of the ancient Church," he distinguishes between an outward form which is not essential and the things which made baptism what it is, and which must be retained. Therefore he says: "But whether the person who is baptized be wholly immersed, and whether thrice or once, or whether water be only poured or sprinkled upon him, is of no importance. The Church ought to be left at liberty in this respect, according to the differences of countries." (Institutes, book 4, chapter 15, section 19; substantially the same in his commentary on John's Gospel 3:22-23 and Commentary on Acts 8:38.) He calls the mode a "small difference of ceremony" (Acts 8:38, page 364, Edinburgh Edition), even though the "men of old put all the body into the water."

Chalmers took the same ground as Calvin. He says that the "original meaning of the word baptism is immersion, and though we regard it as a point of indifference whether the ordinance so named be performed in this way or by sprinkling, yet we doubt not that the prevalent style of administration in the apostles' days was by actual submersion of the whole body under the water" (Lectures on the Romans, Lecture 30, on Romans 6:3-7, in Select Works I, 397). Alford says that proselyte baptism was the immersion of the whole person—this being the method of John's baptism (On Matthew 3:6, in Greek Testament, seventh edition, page 21). Baptism is the burial in the water of the old man (On Luke 12:50, page 570).

Your correspondent also asks whether immersion was unknown in the ancient Church until the Barbarian invasion of Rome. Oh, no, it was thoroughly well known. In Church history this is how the matter stands. Our New Testament sources do not prove any one mode as exclusively used, much less as exclusively valid. In the second, third and later centuries we find immersion as the common practice, with recognition of pouring in the case of sickness or lack of water. The idea that all modes are absolutely invalid except one did not exist in the ancient Church. That is a modern invention.

We feel sure that many readers besides the correspondent who asked the questions treated in this valuable contribution will be grateful for Dr. Faulkner's painstaking reply.—New York Christian Advocate.

FRIENDLY TIP

Restored Hope and Confidence.

After several years of indignation and its attendant evil influence on the mind, it is not very surprising that one finally loses faith in things generally.

A N. Y. woman writes an interesting letter. She says: "Three years ago I suffered from an attack of peritonitis which left me in a most miserable condition. For over two years I suffered from nervousness, weak heart, shortness of breath, could not sleep, etc.

"My appetite was ravenous but I felt starved all the time. I had plenty of food but it did not nourish me because of intestinal indigestion. Medical treatment did not seem to help. I got discouraged, stopped medicine and did not care much whether I lived or died.

"One day a friend asked me why I didn't try Grape-Nuts food, stop drinking coffee and use Postum. I had lost faith in everything, but to please my friend I began to use both and soon became very fond of them.

"It wasn't long before I got some strength, felt a decided change in my system, hope sprang up in my heart and slowly but surely I got better. I could sleep very well, the constant craving for food ceased and I have better health now than before the attack of peritonitis.

"My husband and I are still using Grape-Nuts and Postum."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest. (Adv.)

Notes From the Field

Olney.

Our Sunday School is full. The preacher has been pounded in due and ancient form. The Epworth League is one of the best in the district, the Woman's Missionary Society as busy as a beehive; an advance in the preacher's salary. The above are the features of the Olney Church. Received twelve members since January 1.—H. Lee Vincent.

Welch, Okla.

Last Wednesday night we closed the greatest meeting that was ever held in this part of the State. Our town has been stirred from center to circumference. Men who were gray with years were converted. Boot-leggers, pool hall keepers and the like, gave their hearts to God. The meeting was great for the number of men who were converted. And we are not discounting the children and young people for most of them were already in the Church. God has been wonderfully good to us. We have a new town and a new Church. We did not keep count of the number of conversions. Twenty-nine men have joined our Church with others, making a total of sixty-eight. We were assisted by Brother and Sister Buchanan and Brother and Sister Ed Phillips and our presiding elder. Brother Sweet rendered us able service in preaching two great sermons. We had a great day Sunday—preaching to a crowded house. Our helpers were well paid by a free-will offering. The pastor received as a token of brotherly love a fine gold watch of the best make. We are rejoicing in the Lord. To him we give all the praise.—A. F. Johnson.

Rochester.

I am beginning my seventeenth year as a traveling preacher. I am yet among the lower limbs, the place where so many preachers spend their days. It's the proper place for most of us. Rochester is a sandy town, high as well as low; it's a country town on the Orient Railroad, fourteen miles west of Weimert, another country town located on the W. F. R. R., my former charge. Rochester is a good town in many respects—has 300 enrolled in the public school. One night a crowd of some seventy-five persons, representing all the Churches in town, took charge of the parsonage and we had a good, friendly time. The friends finally left and we were some \$25 better off on edibles. The folks have repaired one of the parsonage rooms and built a nice study room to the church, and some other improvements. So I am contemplating remodeling some of my sermons and making some other needed improvements along the line.—R. D. Steward.

Mesquite Circuit.

We have gotten moved to our new home and settled down to work. On our arrival at Mesquite we found that there was no parsonage there for us. But our faithful stewards had secured a house at Lawson. They came in their wagons, bought new furniture and furnished the house. So we are located at Lawson. We have a very grateful people to serve on this charge. Good things have been coming in all along, but last Friday the real pounding came. They would bring a load and return after another. I'll not attempt to enumerate the articles brought, for those Lawson people certainly know how to pound a preacher and his family. In the pounding they didn't forget our faithful old buggy horse (Old Bess). Friday night our Wylie people gave us a reception, which was enjoyed by the pastor and his family very much. The program consisted of songs, prayers and recitations by the little folks. After which we were served with refreshments, followed by a pounding. Such tokens of love and appreciation make a pastor more determined to do his best. We are expecting a great year.—J. W. Brown.

Bonham, Second Church.

Just at this time we desire to let our friends know what we are doing. Things have "did about" here since conference. We have a brand new presiding elder, and he is a good one, who is busy now oiling up things for the year's run. Brother Thomas made good last year and we are glad to see him in a field of larger usefulness. Brother Watts—starting off well—we love him. Our Church here, so much known as South Bonham, has since Christmas moved from half time to full time. We are now doing some needed repair work on our church building, such as recovering, repainting and repapering, all at a cost of near \$300. This will give us a good start and in a year or two we expect a larger growth and consequently larger equipment. We had a good year here last year, and our start is good for a much greater year this year. Our good women are organized now and are ready to help the pastor in every good work. Our Church name now is Bonham Second M. E. Church, South.—E. H. Coburn.

Oklahoma Letter.

Seven years ago I came from the West Texas Conference, in session at San Angelo, to Oklahoma. Often I have had it in mind to write a few lines back to the Advocate, in my mind the best paper in our Connection. Perhaps my failure to write for so long will have some bearing on saving this writing from the wastebasket. When I came here this was the Indian Mission Conference, but was soon changed to the Oklahoma Conference and then divided into the East and West Oklahoma Conferences. Both conferences are developing

rapidly and the opportunity for heroic service at the salary of loving sacrifice in order to permanently plant our Church is indeed great. The problem for the Church here is a complex one. Many foreigners are at work in our midst. Capitalists, numbers of whom care nothing for the Church, are flocking into our oil fields. The rural populations are very unsettled. Public sales of moving farmers are numerous every fall. I am now assisting in a meeting at Allen, a new oil town, in a church which I built in a country place one hundred miles from here four years ago. All the members where we organized and erected the church have moved elsewhere, and the building and furnishings brought here. Methodism easily leads all Churches here in their work, as our itinerancy adjusts itself to the field as no other Church government can do. A great many preachers transfer here and seem to stay just long enough to find the work very difficult and trying and are soon gone to other fields. This fact is not strengthening to our Conference organizations or the faith of what settled membership we have. We use a large number of supplies every year, and by far the larger part of the preachers move every year; but the Methodist preacher is to be found on the ground wherever you go. I came here just as these important and helpful changes were taking place: Territorial conditions gave way to Statehood regulation. Republicanism surrendered to Democratic leadership, and open saloons closed to the demands of a prohibitory law. In this connection let me say that prohibition has made greater strides towards the goal of its purpose than any other law of the State has in the same length of time. My candid opinion is that the State will never have a legalized saloon in it. The first three years here I spent in the pastorate and the last four in the evangelistic work of our Church, and, as I see it now, Methodists have everything to encourage them. We are much pleased with our new Texas Bishop and some of us are guessing on another one from that State soon, whose initials are W. D.—D. A. Greig, Meeker, Okla.

Carlton.

At the last session of the Central Texas Conference we were read out for the Carlton charge. We said good-bye to our Pipe Springs friends, among whom we had labored for two years and where we found some of the truest friends any pastor and his family ever knew, turned our faces toward our new charge with a prayer and determination to make this the best year possible in the Master's cause. We have been cordially received by the good people of the charge. The pounding came in due time and has been coming ever since. We have in our charge two honored superannuates of our conference, Brothers J. C. Carter and C. E. Gallagher. Their faith, courage, interest in the Master's cause, have been an inspiration to this pastor. Our Quarterly Conference was held here the 17th and 18th inst. Our new presiding elder, Rev. S. J. Vaughan, captured our people from the first service. His able sermons, wise counsel and the care with which he looks after every interest of the Church indicates his fitness for the responsible position he occupies. Our great need is a great revival throughout the charge. We are trying to lay the foundation for the same. Already interest is being manifested along this line in the Church and among the unswayed.—O. A. Morton.

Somerville.

We arrived in Somerville on December 12, on almost the first train after the flood. For eight days we were delightfully entertained in the home of Brother and Sister J. D. Giddings. This is a splendid town of about three thousand population, on the main line of the Santa Fe. People have been kind and we expect to make this the best year in the history of this Church. Eleven hundred dollars was assessed for the support of the pastor and to be paid monthly. Our conference assessment of \$450 is already provided for and is being paid. Congregations are good. The Sunday School attendance has increased each Sabbath and is now right at 200 actually present. Have made about 130 visits, received eight members by certificate and two on profession of faith since conference. Three stewards do not take the Advocate, but will soon be on the list and we hope to send a good list of new subscribers here.—C. M. Myers.

Jonesboro.

In spite of rain, mud and roads, I arrived on the scene of action a few days after conference. The black, sticky mud and rain made it impossible for the men employed to haul our household goods to complete the trip through the country, so amid the November showers they unloaded at the homes of kind neighbors, where our books and all our worldly possessions must remain until the middle of January. We made use of the very first opportunity of finishing the task, as our wagons were the first to move over part of the roads to be traversed, and when we did get moved and opened up the sight was one deplorable to behold! I had often heard that three moves were equal in consequence to one burn, but I was impressed with the fact of this one being worse than a burn from some viewpoints, as it is usually a custom when a brother gets burned out in a great many instances he has insurance and other sources to fall back on, but here I was with no insurance for recourse and hardly a word of sympathy to encourage or cheer when mildew and

water had damaged our library and household affects to a very great extent and at the same time involving a heavy financial burden which I was not able to assume. My wife came in last week from her mother's, Mrs. Jennie E. Melugin, at Polytechnic, Texas, where she has refused since the floods set in, and we have just about got straightened out in the parsonage. My predecessor, Rev. J. W. Whiteley, finished moving out of the parsonage yesterday, his wife having been and is still dangerously ill ever since a couple of weeks before conference. I have been on my work preaching and visiting and doing the part of a preacher in charge all the while. Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Levita Thursday, December 18. Our presiding elder, the preacher in charge and a large representation of officials were present to hear Brother Little preach and hold Quarterly Conference, which was carried out in full orthodox Methodist style, with a sumptuous dinner on the ground. The stewards made a very good report and assessed a fairly good support for the preacher. The assessment was a raise of \$25 on this part of the charge; however, somewhat less than the assessment for the entire charge of last year. The Bishop and his advisors having relieved the oneshoro charge of one of its most important points and supplemented nothing in the way of additions or missions to make up for the loss. We are serving a loyal people who love the Church and have a real interest in the kingdom. It is our purpose and prayer that we may be able to be a blessing to the Church and the means of reaching the large number of unswayed throughout this country. The Advocate is in high favor with our people who read it and the Bible for instruction and information. Our presiding elder has made very favorable impression upon our people. His sermon during the Quarterly Conference occasion has received many commendations. Our charge has suffered very great losses during the past two or three months from deaths and removals with but very few coming our way. We hope to bring the charge up to the standard in every respect during the year.—M. L. Lathan.

Edith.

Edith Circuit is a newly organized work of four appointments—Moon's Chapel, Edith, Wild Cat and Tennyson. Three of these appointments are situated in the Colorado Valley, about thirty-five miles north of San Angelo, the other on the divide between the Colorado and Concho Rivers. Strange as it may seem there is a very kind feeling existing between the Wild Cat, Edith and Tennyson. With the best farming country in this part of the State, together with a progressive and substantial citizenship, Edith Circuit bids fair to develop into one of the best works of the San Angelo District. In fact, it is already ahead of some of the older works in point of salary and convenience. Since conference we have visited nearly every home we have on the charge, and have been received kindly. The pounding began when we first came and still continues. We are grateful to our people for their kindness and happy over our appointment. If the weather permits, by another month we will be comfortably housed in a new parsonage which will be a credit to the people who are building it. We will have some more good things to report soon. We ask the prayers of our brethren for the success of the work.—Jno. C. Campbell.

Wylie.

The Bishop read us out for Wylie, and on Thursday night after conference we came into Wylie and was met by Brother D. E. Willis and escorted to his home, where wife and children and I were delightfully entertained until Friday evening. Our reception has been very cordial—pounded does not express it—"barreled" is the way Wylie folks do it. And those sausage and ribs, etc.! and the preacher and family have had an invitation out to dinner every Sunday, and many other expressions of kindness have been shown us. Our first Quarterly Conference came on. Our beloved Brother Spragins was with us and gave us a fine sermon Sunday night, to the delight and edification of all who heard him. Monday morning our Quarterly Conference was held and a little over one-fourth of the salaries were paid, and that in less than a month after conference! The congregations have been good and are increasing as the roads get better so the country folks can get over them. And as the weather cleared up Sunday School has renewed itself and is taking on new life. The W. H. M. S. is doing good work (selling hot tamales, about \$9 worth in a day). We have here a fine bunch of noble women who love God and his Church. We have received six members and baptized two babies since conference. The outlook for a good year is bright. We never saw a better Board of Stewards than we found at Wylie.—C. B. Golson.

Durango.

We started on a 260-mile move, from Cushing, Texas, to Durango, Falls County, December 4, just in time to be held up by the washouts on the railroads. So we did not reach our new charge until December 17. The car containing our household goods, livestock and one of our boys was delayed and did not arrive until December 24, having traveled about 600 miles. Brothers Farmer and Jordan met us at the depot and conveyed us to Brother Farmer's home, where Sister Farmer had a good, hot dinner waiting for us. We were cordially welcomed and kindly cared for by the good people of Durango until we were comfortably settled in the parsonage. The pounding began the first day we were here and continued every day until December 31, when it reached the climax. They came in a body—men, women, girls and

boys all smiling and happy, and when they repaired to the church to engage in a watch night service, the dining table resembled a miniature grocery store. Brother Betts was with us on the 10th and 11th of January, preached three splendid sermons and held our first Quarterly Conference. Our people love Brother Betts and are always glad when he comes. Each appointment was represented. We had a very pleasant session of the conference. The salary was raised \$100. We have reorganized the League at Durango, and made some changes in the Sunday School. These black land roads have been so bad that the work at the other points has been hindered, but now that the weather is fine we expect to advance along all lines. We have a good people and are hoping and praying for the best year in all of our ministry. I am trying to place the Advocate in the homes of the people. Pray for us.—S. W. Lowe.

Smithville.

Last Sunday was the occasion of our first quarterly meeting and was a great day in Zion. There were six additions to the Church, nineteen subscriptions taken for the Texas Christian Advocate, presiding elder and preacher in charge were paid in full to date. Brother Wilson, Commissioner for Southern Methodist University, was with us on the 11th inst and secured \$500 for that institution. Smithville is fast becoming one of the best charges in the conference. Our presiding elder, Dr. V. A. Godbey, is in great favor with the people. He is a live wire, doing the things that are worth while, preaching great sermons, looking after all the interests of the Church and you may look for the greatest report next fall in the history of the Austin District.—F. A. White.

Bellville.

We have been kindly received and sufficient evidence has been given that assures us that we are welcome and appreciated. The pounding began before conference—in this way: Mrs. M. Crump, of Sempronius Church, began the work and soon it was going on all over the charge, and before I knew what was happening, \$25 had been brought in for the purpose of buying the pastor a new suit of clothes for conference. I haven't space to mention all the many things that have been given us since conference—sweet potatoes, fresh meat, cornmeal, corn for our faithful horse. A kind merchant sent \$25.00 worth of groceries for a new year's gift. W. F. Tottenham (the most wide-awake steward a preacher ever had) came to Quarterly Conference with a hog salted down in a box and asked permission to leave it at the parsonage. I found out what it contained and asked what I owed him. The reply was, "It's complimentary." Our Quarterly Conference convened January 24 and 25. Our beloved S. W. Thomas was on hand, preaching and presiding to the delight of every one. Our people are much pleased with Brother Thomas. A representative from each Church was present. The eighth question was very well provided for. The stewards advanced the pastor's salary \$50 over last year. We feel confident the cause of Christ is succeeding, some at least, on Bellville Circuit. Last year the Church paid all its assessments in full. The attendance at preaching is gradually improving. A good spirit exists at each appointment. This being the third year for us, we shall work and pray to make it the most successful.—G. C. Cravy.

Maysfield.

We arrived at Maysfield December 19, about 8:30 p. m. We spent the first night in the hospitable home of Brother J. C. Tyson. We began at once to take a general survey of the work to be done and found plenty. We have organized one new Sunday School that bids fair to do good work. We have met most of our people and find them to be big-hearted folks. The good edibles keep coming. Our Quarterly Conference convened Saturday, January 24. Rev. W. D. White and daughter, Miss Pearl, accompanied our presiding elder, Brother Betts. Brother White preached an interesting sermon at 11 o'clock. Brother Betts preached at night and Sunday morning. All services were very inspiring. Most of our stewards were present; some remained for the Sunday service. We are planning and praying for a revival at each point. We feel that we need it. Brethren, remember us in your prayers.—S. A. Weimer.

Temple, First Church.

"When I was presiding elder of the Fort Worth District" I had such a load of dignity to "tote" it made me sick. Three weeks ago the Doctors ordered me to a sanitarium to rest. I am all right again and as I have nothing to do in Temple but to scrape my feet and work, I expect to be in the Campbell class by conference. We have only \$40,000 indebtedness, with about \$15,000 more to raise for art glass windows, pipe organ, floor covering, etc., but that's not much when you say it quick. Had 675 at Sunday School Sunday, Auditorium full and gallery half full Sunday night.—H. W. Knickerbocker.

Edom and Chandler Charge.

Our first Quarterly Conference is past. It was indeed a great occasion. Brother Smith preached and directed the business of the conference as only he can. The stewards assessed \$65 more for the preacher in charge and \$15 more for the presiding elder than the whole Edom Circuit paid last year, and this in spite of the fact that a large and strong part of the circuit had been cut off. The answer to question eight was also satisfactory, Chandler paying over a fourth of her assessment and the other places coming up well for the time

of year. We have also raised about \$65 to improve and furnish the parsonage. These people do things.—Eustace P. Swindall, January 25.

HOUSTON METHODISM.

E. A. Konken, Bering Memorial: Largest Sunday School in history of Church.
H. K. Morehead, Brunner Avenue: Fifty chairs brought in at night. Five additions.
I. F. Key, McKee Street: 157 at Sunday School; 150 at Church in the morning, 175 at night. Eleven accessions.
J. O. Coppage, Washington Street: Church nearly full morning and night.
H. M. Whaling, Jr., Woodland Heights: Over 200 at Sunday School. Large congregations morning and night. Three infants baptized.
W. F. Smith, Trinity: 216 at Sunday School. Full houses morning and night.
E. W. Potter, Grace: 316 at Sunday School; 290 at morning service, 450 at night for musical program.
S. R. Hay, St. Paul's: Great Sunday School; classes overflowing. House packed in morning. Crowd at night.
C. S. Wright, First Church: Sunday School nearly doubled. By actual count 1791 at morning worship; 1350 at night.
H. M. WHALING, JR., Sec.
January 26, 1914.

SAN ANTONIO METHODISM.

The Methodist Preachers' Conference of San Antonio met Monday morning, January 26, with Dr. J. E. Harrison in the chair. The meeting was largely attended.
Barton: Fine day. Largest congregation since conference. Three reclamations and one addition.
Hawk: Good day. Large congregations, 465 in Sunday School and one new member.
Reed: High day in Israel. Largest congregations to date. Last night an old man was convicted under the preaching of the Word, came forward and gave his heart to God.
Johnston: Great day. High water mark so far at Sunday School; 280 present. Congregation good and four accessions.
C. H. Booth: Good prayer-meeting. The ladies of the Missionary Society gave a luncheon at the St. Anthony. Hereafter this will be an annual affair. Best congregations since conference. Both morning and evening congregations are improving.
James: Had with us yesterday morning Dr. J. E. Harrison and seventy-five of his college girls. Last night the Epworth League had charge of the service. Mr. Hunt, Assistant State Secretary of Y. M. C. A., spoke at this service. Four accessions. Rector will hold a Sunday School institute Friday and Saturday. As to the Sunday School, we touched high water mark.
L. E. Booth: Splendid day. Every class in Sunday School was full. We haven't room to accommodate our Sunday School. We must have an annex before the end of this year. In the afternoon I preached at the "Mission Training School."
Phillips: Fine day; large congregation at night. We have twenty-five in our Young Men's Sunday School class.
Hartsfield: Fine services. Large Sunday School. We had a special service last night. The congregations were much larger than usual. Five new members.
Jackson: Fine day. Services well attended and one accession.
Batchelor: Good services and three accessions.
Dr. J. T. Curry, President of Marshall Training School, spent yesterday in Seguin. Dr. Burgin, the presiding elder, was out of the city holding Quarterly Conferences.
GASTON HARTSFIELD.
January 26, 1914.

CLEBURNE, DUBLIN, GATESVILLE AND WACO DISTRICT PASTORS' CONFERENCE.

The Pastors' Conference of Cleburne, Dublin, Gatesville and Waco Districts convened in Meridian, Texas, Monday night, January 12, 1914. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. S. G. Thompson, pastor at Dublin. The regular program, which had been previously prepared by the presiding elders of these four districts, was followed, beginning Tuesday morning and continuing throughout the day and Wednesday, closing at night. There was not a dull moment from the first subject on the program till its close. The first number was a debate. Subject: "Resolved, That Modern Sunday School Methods Are Preferable to Former Methods." Rev. E. L. Lloyd affirming and Rev. A. D. Porter denying. Then there followed the discussion of such interesting subjects as, "What Is the Matter with the Epworth League?" "Do the Times Demand New Methodists in Revival Work?" "Who Shall Hold the Revival?" "The Preacher and His Bible in Revival

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Work, "The Relation of the Pastor to the Benevolent Claims," "The Call and Preparation for the Ministry," "Pastoral Visiting," and many others. With such men as Thompson, Howard, Knickerbocker, Irvin, Shuler, Campbell, Matthews and others of the many able preachers and pastors of these four districts, there was no lack of interest at any point throughout the entire sessions.

There were in attendance the four presiding elders, fifty-four pastors, three evangelists, two visiting pastors from Georgetown District, two college presidents, a Commissioner of Education, and our Agent for Superannuate Homes, making an attendance of sixty-four preachers, besides a goodly number of laymen. Not only were the discussions interesting and practical, but the Spirit of God was there to the comfort of his children. On more than one occasion the congregation did burst forth in songs of praise to God, and the presence of God was manifest. Twice each day, at 11 o'clock and at night, preaching services were had. The congregations filled the house, and these services were deeply spiritual.

In the four presiding elders' districts represented at this pastors' conference, there are 27,133 members of the Methodist Church, in seventy-six charges. They have 184 houses of worship, valued at more than a half million dollars, besides other property which runs the total up to \$769,105. So you see that this was by no means an insignificant gathering. It was also important for the reason that it brought to the home of Meridian College, which is the common property of these districts, the pastors and others, some of whom had not before seen our school. And they were all well pleased with the conditions which they saw, and with the outlook for the future. That the pastors believe in Meridian College is seen by the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That this conference approves the plan of the Board of Trustees and the President of Meridian College, to build a new dormitory, and we pledge ourselves to cooperate with our presiding elders in carrying out the plan, as far as possible." Meridian entertained the conference royally. Notwithstanding the fact that many of the homes of Meridian are filled with boys who are attending the college, still there was plenty of room for all visitors. As a token of its appreciation of the entertainment given by Meridian, the conference unanimously adopted the following resolutions of thanks:

"Resolved, That we, by a rising vote, tender our thanks to the good pastor and the kind people of Meridian for their hearty, whole-souled and hospitable entertainment of this conference. We express our thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

W. J. MAYHEW, Secretary.

WATCH HER GROW!

According to the plan mapped out by the several Annual Conferences, the campaign for the University Methodist Church is to be in the hands of the presiding elders. Already the districts are beginning to "mill about" with the note of victory sounding everywhere. The subscriptions already taken to be payable April 1, 1914, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Amount. Includes Waco District (\$1050.00), Austin District (650.00), San Marcos District (540.00), Waxahachie District (455.00), Georgetown District (400.00), Sherman District (319.00), Cleburne District (222.00), Corsicana District (210.00), San Antonio District (200.00), Gainesville District (148.00), Hillsboro District (90.00), Fort Worth District (25.00).

This makes a total of \$4309.00. Now watch her grow! R. P. SHULER.

The Passing Day

The House Committee on Mines and Mining will conduct a Congressional investigation of the strike of the Colorado coal mines and Michigan copper mines. This was agreed on last week at a caucus of House Democrats by a vote of 149 to 17. Representative Foster, of Illinois, is Chairman of the Committee on Investigation.

A fire originating from sparks from a passing locomotive burned 4500 bales of cotton stored on the platform of the Trinity Compress at Fort Worth, Thursday. Before the conflagration could be checked twenty frame dwellings and fifty freight cars were also burned. The total loss amounted to \$400,000, divided as follows: Trinity Compress plant, \$50,000; 4500 bales of cotton, \$270,000; dwellings, \$30,000; freight cars, \$50,000. The efficacy of the Fort Worth Fire Department in the handling of the fire in the face of a very strong wind was the subject of much favorable comment.

The Emperor of Germany has decreed that henceforth no army officer is to take the arm of his wife or any other woman when walking. If there is to be any holding of arms the woman must do it. The new order is inspired by the Emperor's belief that leaning for support on the arm of a woman companion is not conducive to manly bearing.

The first essential in the avoidance of tuberculosis of the lungs, or consumption, is to keep the lungs strong, so that if the germs are breathed they can do no harm. One of the most important things in keeping the lungs strong is to keep the chest wide open so that the lungs can be properly used. If the body

is drooped or stoops, or if the shoulders are allowed to drag forward (round shoulders), or if the head is carried forward instead of well back over the shoulders, the chest must be flattened, the breathing must be shallow, and the lungs, not being freely used, become weak. It is in this type of chest that tuberculosis usually begins. The consumptive is usually narrow-chested, with drooped shoulders and with the head craned forward. While the development of a strong, well-formed chest is one of the most important factors in preventing tuberculosis, the same thing is to be desired if the disease has once started. Not only should we live in the open, but we should stand up straight and learn to "throw a big chest," so that the lungs can grow strong and the fresh air be taken in. The runner, the singer, or any one who is obliged to make sustained effort is taught to stand and sit with chest high so that the lungs can be used to the best advantage, and if every one would do the same thing there would be less tuberculosis because there would be fewer weak lungs.

A decision of great importance to the Churches of Texas has just been rendered in the case of the State of Texas vs. the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Lampasas, before the Court of Civil Appeals. The question at issue was whether the parsonage property, occupied by the pastor of the Church was subject to taxation. The case was tried in the District Court at Lampasas last April and the court held the property not to be subject to taxation. The higher court affirms the decision of the lower court.

A novel procedure was enacted in the Twenty-sixth District Court at Austin last week. In the action of the Crosbytown and South Plains Railway against the Railroad Commission to restrain the latter from enforcing its order directing the company to establish and maintain a spur track at Ralls, by agreement the case was tried without Judge or jury. Judge Wilcox was called to Georgetown on account of the death of a relative and counsel agreed to proceed with the testimony and then file written arguments. The testimony was filed with the arguments and Judge Wilcox will later review same and render a decision.

The Daughters of the Confederacy have won out in their contention with the Governor and Superintendent of Public Building and Grounds at Austin. Superintendent Coaley attempted to oust the Daughters from the quarters they had long occupied in the Capitol Building in order to make accommodation for the State Fire Insurance Commission. The Daughters refused to be ousted. Coaley sought, through the courts, to have them vacate the room, but the Supreme Court has affirmed the title of the Daughters to the room which they used for a Chapter room and for historical purposes.

Because butter will travel 12,000 miles from New Zealand to this country is no indication that said butter is overly strong. It merely shows the effect of the new tariff on the commodities of life. The reduction on butter from 5c to 2 1/2c a pound has induced a Chicago firm to enter into contract for 300,000 pounds to be shipped this year and it will be placed on sale in Chicago and other cities.

In his annual report filed in New York, Julius J. Dukas, President of the Hebrew Free Loan Society, of that city, said that in the twenty-two years of the Society's existence the loss had been less than one per cent. Mr. Dukas believes most people are honest, at least that has been his observation. The character was the only collateral demanded for loans to its members.

Washington's segregated district will soon live in memory only. The so-called red light bill of Senator Kenyon, already passed by the Senate, and proposing to eliminate the segregated district in the capital, was passed by the House without amendment or opposition. The bill, framed by Senator Kenyon and modeled after an Iowa law, provides that the use of any property in the District of Columbia for immoral purposes may be enjoined. The bill now goes to the President for his signature and then becomes law.

J. C. Nance, aged thirty-nine years, an engineer employed at the Murray Company in Dallas, was run over and instantly killed by a Missouri, Kansas and Texas freight engine Sunday evening. The accident occurred at the Alamo Street crossing, when Nance attempted to cross in front of the moving train.

During a nuptial celebration in Aurora, Illinois, and while the guests were in the midst of a "tango," a stairway collapsed, carrying with it a part of the floor. The guests were precipitated to the floor below and barely escaped death. The bride and groom were severely injured and were transferred to a hospital, where fears are entertained for the recovery of the bride. Twenty guests were more or less injured, three ladies quite seriously.

Owing to the rapidly increasing numbers of automobiles used for business as well as pleasure purposes, every State should require that all applicants for a license to drive a motor vehicle pass an eyesight test. All railroads and many electric car-line companies require such a test. Yet, in the great majority of States, the prospective driver of an automobile need only affirm in his application that he has no physical or mental infirmities. When one stops to consider that a railroad engineer drives over a steel track, guarded by signals and watchmen, and over a route with which he

is thoroughly familiar, whereas the autoist drives over any road he chooses, not protected by lights and signals, and in some cases traveling almost as rapidly as a locomotive, it is plainly imperative that he possess as good sight as the man in the engine cab. If one eye is highly defective the field of vision is greatly impaired and the driver less able to maneuver his car in an emergency. Paris, Munich and other European cities, have seen the necessity of an examination of the eyes of all taxi-drivers and are strict in the enforcement of this protective measure. It is more than likely that defective vision is next in order of frequency to the overuse of alcoholic drinks as a cause of automobile accidents. We can, and should, protect pedestrians and drivers of vehicles from injury to a much greater extent than we do. Each applicant for a license to drive a motor vehicle should be required to give satisfactory proof of at least moderately good vision.

The Cross of the Legion of Honor has been conferred on Mme. Sarah Bernhardt. "No dramatist or poet," says the Le Petit Parisien, "has done so much for the diffusion of the French language and dramatic repertoire which is its pride. Racine, Migo, Musset, Dumas and Richepin all owe their international renown to her. Today this actress who has had an opportunity to amass millions, finds herself poor. It is for this reason that the cross, which had been refused to her so often, is now pinned to her breast."

A fire of unknown origin was discovered in the Clerk's office of the Probate Court in the Dallas County Courthouse Sunday night. Valuable records and papers, including wills, estates of minors and persons mentally incapacitated, were destroyed. The complete indexes to the dockets of the County Court were among the books, which will probably prove a total loss, as were the county liquor dockets. These books, however, can be replaced from the docket of the court, which were kept in an adjoining room and were undamaged. The most valuable papers, among them records of several large estates and wills not yet recorded, were kept in a metal filing cabinet, which lined one side of the room. Many of these papers, investigation showed, are not irreparably damaged, their sides and covers only being scorched. But in many of the drawers opened the papers had been reduced to cinders, and it is feared that among these may be documents of which no record is available. The damage to the office amounted to several thousand dollars.

High speed motor craft, power cruiser yachts, sloops and launches in all about thirty and valued at \$250,000, were destroyed by fire at Port Washington, L. I., on Sunday. Among the speed boats lost is the Bullet which cost its owner \$50,000 to build. The Bullet developed a speed of thirty-six miles an hour at a trial last summer.

Sir Oliver Lodge, one of the world's foremost authorities on physics, has declared that he would regulate the weather by placing a copper ring around the earth at the equator. In commenting on the declaration Prof. Cox, Chicago Weather Forecaster, is credited with saying: "That's too deep for me, but if Sir Oliver Lodge said so I cannot question it." Others are at a loss to explain the ring system of weather control.

While Mrs. Al Krest, residing on Trinidad Street, in Dallas, was on the front porch of her home Sunday, giving a mother's soothing solace to her frightened baby who had just narrowly escaped being run down by an automobile, a fire broke out in the rear. Before it was finally extinguished the five-room cottage with its belongings was almost completely consumed.

Official reports of the aliens who entered the United States for the year ending June 30, 1913, shows the population of the United States from this source to have increased 1,427,227. Of this influx from foreign shores, Italy leads with 318,519; Polish is next with 185,207, and then follows Hebrews, 105,000; Germans, 101,000; English, 100,000. In the tabulation nearly every nationality on earth is represented. The smallest number of any being the Pacific Islanders, who contributed only 27 of its sons and daughters to Uncle Samuel's domain.

Edward Guinn, publisher and philanthropist and to whom credit is most given for the World's Peace Foundation, died at his home in Cambridge, Massachusetts last week. In his will, filed Monday, he provides for the continuance of the work inaugurated by him. He leaves \$800,000 the income of which is to be paid to the Peace Foundation, and expresses the hope that some time there will be established an International Supreme Court of Peace.

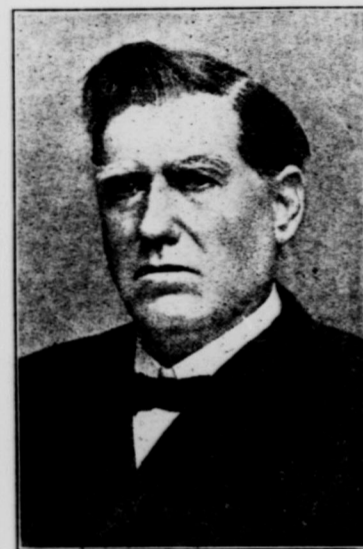
For violating the eight hour law by refusing to put the firemen and police on eight hour shifts, Mayor H. C. Albee, of Portland, Oregon, was arrested last week. The warrant was issued at the instance of State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff, based on a recent decision of the Supreme Court holding that the law applied to all public institutions in Oregon.

J. Ogden Armour, the Chicago packer, is quoted as saying, "The business outlook is rosy indeed. The manufacturers will be busy and money will be easy. The present looks like a good time to 'go ahead.'" The above in brief is a summary of the views expressed by a number of bankers, manufacturers and merchants interviewed in Chicago by a leading

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My Dear Brother,—I have just finished reading your "The Story of My Life," and hasten to say to you, in all candor, I think it one of the very best books of the kind that I ever read. And I have many of that kind. I truly wish every young preacher in our ministry could read that book, and especially the first part of it, giving account of your early difficulties, and how you came up in spite of them, and led on to your great success. Man must learn to conquer difficulties and not to be conquered by difficulties. I thank you a thousand times for writing that book, and that I had the benefit and pleasure of reading it. I shall see that each one of my boys read it—especially the preacher boys. ALONZO MONK. Hot Springs, Ark.

morning paper. Among the points advanced as indicating an active business year are: The seeming certainty the railroads will be granted an increase of 5 per cent in freight rates. More plentiful supply of money and lower rate of interest. Coming inauguration of the new system of regional reserve banks, which is counted on "to make panics impossible" and a better understanding between business men and the Wilson Administration.

Mr. T. Thorne Butler recently gave an interesting lecture before the British Royal Society of Arts on electricity and radium in agriculture. He said that a great deal of experimental work was going on now with radioactive material, which gave in some cases such remarkable results that radium must be taken into serious consideration from an agricultural point of view. The residues resulting from radium extraction, which contained only a milligram or two of radium to the ton, and were at present regarded as of negligible value, were sufficiently active to produce marked effects on germination and greatly to increase the size of the plants and crops. In some cases an increase of 300 and 400 per cent had been obtained. The stimulating effects of a new type of combined high-frequency and positive electricity apparatus on young chickens was also described. Not only was the loss of the very young birds during the first few days after hatching in incubators minimized but the chickens grew at more than twice the normal rate, thus costing less than half the usual amount to grow. The address is reported by the London correspondent of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

Kibble Crystal Palace, an extensive conservatory in the Glasgow botanical gardens, was destroyed by a bomb last week. The destruction is believed to have been the work of militant suffragettes. Footprints and remains of food found in the bushes near the conservatory indicate that the perpetrators had hidden for some time, awaiting an opportunity to set the fuses on the bombs. Officers of financial institutions throughout the State of New York have been subpoenaed by District Attorney Charles S. Whitman to furnish him the documents necessary to show the accounts of Charles F. Murphy, Tammany leader, and James E. Gaffney, Murphy's political and business associate. The wholesale requisition plan, aimed at the alleged graft

system involving State highway and barge canal contracts, includes the examination of the accounts of Murphy and Gaffney for five years back. This phase of the inquiry was undertaken as a result of testimony adduced recently at the John Doe inquiry and before the Grand Jury.

Strawberries grown in the vicinity of Tyler have been on the market continuously since November in quantities more than sufficient to supply the demands there, many crates being shipped to other points. The berries are large and of fine flavor. The marketing of berries this time of the year in such large quantities is out of the ordinary and the growers claim that with the present weather condition the berries will keep on growing until the plants bloom out in the latter part of March.

Point Isabel, on the coast twenty-two miles from Brownsville, has been selected by the United States Navy Department as a location for a wireless station. There is now an application of \$50,000 for the station, but it is believed before the contract is let an additional \$70,000 will be added. The proposed station will have three towers 300 feet high, constructed of steel. The station is to be completed and in operation before the opening of the Panama Canal.

The Alaskan Railway bill passed the Senate Saturday by a vote of 46 to 16. Three Democratic Senators being among those voting nay. These were Williams of Mississippi, Hoke Smith and Bacon of Georgia. The Republicans and Progressives who voted with the Democrats were Brady and Borah of Idaho, Bristow of Kansas, Colt of Rhode Island, Cummins and Kenyon of Iowa, Fall of New Mexico, Gronna of North Dakota, Jones and Poindexter (Progressives) of Washington, McLean of Connecticut, Norris of Nebraska, Perkins and Works of California, Smoot of Utah and Sterling of South Dakota.

The Bloomfield Academy, an Indian school for girls located near Kemp, Oklahoma, was destroyed by fire Saturday. It was one of the first Indian schools established in the old Indian Territory. There were eighty-five young ladies attending the institute and all

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Our Letter From New York

War on the Saloons—Can a Church Combine with Sin and Consistently Preach Religion?—Mr. Bryan Polled 6,500,000 Votes—Eight Thousand Islands all Prosperous—Fiendish Assassinations—Our Presidents Assassinated by Catholics—The Molly Maguires Were Catholics—The McNamara Brothers are Catholics—War on the Sa'oons—No Liquor By the Glass.

There are differences of opinion among people who favor prohibition and the restriction of the saloon evil. Saloons are crime breeders and they encourage dissipation among men and loafing among boys. Would it not be well to have laws compelling all liquor manufacturers to put their products up in sealed bottles, under Government control, to make sure it is pure, and with revenue enough to make it a luxury? All other restrictions might be removed so that wines and liquors could be sold by druggists and grocers. The law might make it a criminal offense with heavy fines or prison penalty for anyone to keep a place and sell liquor by the glass. Such a law would do away with the crime-breeding saloons. That would take the saloons out of existence as well as out of politics, and deprive the Roman Catholic Church of its political side partner.

Can a Church Combine With Sin and Consistently Preach Religion?

It seems flagrantly inconsistent to see a Church go into politics and persistently form combinations with liquor men, gamblers, toughs and loafers to carry elections. Are not people judged by their associations, the company they keep and by their motives? Can good government and honesty be obtained by reckless, scandalous combinations with vicious law-defying men? When such a combination succeeds and such scandals and robberies as have been exposed in this State, going back three years, does it not follow that all the parties to the combination are jointly responsible for what has taken place? All the daily papers charge that this State has been robbed of many millions during the last three years, and we know that a number of the thieves have been convicted and others indicted. If the Catholic Church forms the larger half of the Democratic vote in this State, is it not responsible to a great extent for the plundering of the people by the rascally politicians it helped to nominate and elect? In plain English, is there any religion, decency and morality in robbery, liquor selling and gambling? Did not the same combination oppose the candidacy of Gov. Hughes both times that he ran on the race track issue and more freedom for the saloons? Where do we find religion, among law-abiding, moral, decent people, or among violators of the law, saloon men, gamblers and bums? And when a Church forms a partnership with such disreputable people, is it any better than they are? Can it consistently preach Christianity? Is it in politics to do good or for selfish un-Christian-like purposes? There can be but one answer.

Bryan Polled 6,500,000 Votes.

Mr. Bryan got the largest vote of any man who has ever run for President on the Democratic ticket—6,500,000. It is claimed there are 15,000,000 Catholics in the United States, but to get that number, men, women, children and babies, all who have been baptized, are counted. On that basis there are three million Catholic voters, practically all are Democrats. Add to this the vote of the saloon men and gamblers who are not Catholics and the vote is brought up to fully one-half of the total Democratic vote in the whole country. In Texas the Catholics, whiskey men and gamblers form one-half of the Democratic vote and defeated the moral prohibition half of the party. If that percentage is true in Texas, the whiskey Catholic vote must be larger in the North, where there are more and larger cities, more saloons and more Catholics. Now, if the National Democratic party is burdened with such elements, what is going to be done about it? Had we not better side-track other issues that are half-sidetracked already and form new party alliances to meet the issue of Rum and Romanism? The moral Protestant element in the Democratic party would profit more by such an alliance than the Republican party in the North would, because it is not so burdened. I would like to see this matter discussed in the Advocate by others and editorially. Now is the time to do it while the Wilson administration has so

courageously and patriotically started out to divorce the Democratic party from Rum and Romanism, and from Irish Boss rule by men like Boss Murphy, of New York; Boss Guffey, of Pennsylvania; Boss Taggart, of Indiana, and Boss Sullivan, of Chicago, etc. The Advocate and myself need the valuable assistance of Texas ministers in this important work—this big job of waking up the politicians and the daily press.

8000 Islands—All Prosperous.

Uncle Sam now has under his possession, according to a report just made by the National Geographic Society, exactly 8,000 islands, supporting a population of over 10,000,000, or more people than the entire United States had a century ago. This tells the story of the remarkable development of these islands since the American flag was unfurled over them and the guiding hand of Protestantism wrested them from strife, ignorance and Catholicism. The report shows that their commerce exceeds \$300,000,000, or more than that of the United States in any year prior to 1850; American capital invested in them aggregates approximately \$400,000,000; they ship to the United States \$100,000,000 of their products every year and take in exchange products of about equal value.

The feature of the report is the marvelous development of Porto Rico, Phillipino and Hawaii Islands. Spain controlled the Porto Rico and the Phillipino Islands and the Catholic Church ruled Spain. The report shows that when Porto Rico came under American possession fifteen years ago there was but one building in the island erected for school purposes, while today there are 1200 such buildings. There were 25,000 pupils enrolled in the public schools in the first year of American administration, now there are 175,000. Where Protestantism predominates there is freedom, enlightenment, development, business and employment for the people. Where the Pope, the priests and Catholicism dominates everything, there ignorance, poverty and superstition prevail to an alarming degree. Can such evil-retarding influences be arrested in this country? Are we to give the right-of-way in this country to the things that have blighted and cursed other nations, or shall we assert ourselves and continue our own affairs the way they were started on the broad road that has brought this country to the proud leading position it occupies in the Nation's of the earth?

Fiendish Assassinations.

In order to rouse people up to the true meaning, vindictiveness and blood-thirsty inclinations of Catholics towards Protestants it is necessary for some people to deal in very strong language and to point out the assassinations that have been committed in this country by Catholics, and the lawlessness that has been resorted to that eventually resulted in the loss of life through the "Molly Maguire" organization in the coal regions of Pennsylvania forty years ago, and in the riots and strike troubles that have taken place in all parts of this country before and since that time. Who were the "Molly Maguires?" They were Catholic Irish reeking their vengeance against other foreigners who were slaughtered because they wanted some of the work in the coal mines. But the Catholic Irish wanted all the work, hence the war on the mine owners and the miners, and the heavy loss of life and property.

And who are the strike-promoters and the organizers of mobs and riots? Almost without exception they are always and everlastingly Irish Catholics. Not an Orangeman of Irish blood among them. Not an American, not a German or a Swede or a Hollander of Protestant faith among them. These are plain cold facts that cannot be denied. They need to be stated that the American people can get down to the bottom of things and plan for a drastic and, if absolutely necessary, a sanguinary remedy. All Americans, all Protestants, love peace and order, justice and fair play. They love right so much that they will fight to get it if they have to. Persuasion, appeals and argument amount to nothing with Irish Catholics who love strife and feast on violence. There are exceptions, but they are not numerous. Organization in the way I have suggested will remove the necessity of meeting strife with strife—violence with violence. The Catholic Church and the saloons have forced the issue and it will have to be met. Let the moral elements, Democrats and Republicans, and all anti-Catholics get together and settle the question with their votes once

and forever. Let us find out whether fifteen million Catholics and ten million saloon men and gamblers are going to dominate this country, or whether the seventy-five million other people are going to run the government. In the good old days decency, morality and patriotism prevailed. That was before Rum and Romanism went into partnership and politics and became a menace to this government.

The McNamara Brothers.

And now we come to the McNamara brothers and their associates—the vicious, heartless scoundrels who blew up the Los Angeles Times building and other establishments all over the country. Who are the McNamaras? Irish Catholics. Who is Dunn, of Chicago, just convicted of complicity with the McNamaras and of being the treasurer and bill payer for the hellish deeds of the Catholic gang of murderers and horse wreckers? Why he is an Irish Catholic. And so were all the others. Do we need still more information to show the true inwardness and wickedness of Catholics? I have it. Who shot Mayor Gaynor and caused his death two years ago? An Irish Catholic. Who said Gaynor, who had ceased to be a Catholic, was in hell shovelling coal? A Catholic priest. Who impeached Governor Sulzer, a Protestant with a Jewish wife? Boss Murphy, of Tammany Hall, an Irish Catholic. Is this enough? Possibly I had better give a little more.

Who Assassinated Our Presidents? Catholics.

Wilkes Booth, who assassinated President Lincoln, was not a Catholic, but Mrs. Surrat and those who plotted the assassination with her were Catholics. And the assassins of Presidents Garfield and McKinley were both Catholics. Shoud President Wilson be assassinated the assassin would certainly prove to be a Catholic. Protestants never resort to such cowardly wickedness.

The only way to get peace, law and order and to make the lives of our presidents and other officials safe, and life and property everywhere safe, is to strangle Romanism and Rumism—the breeders of crime, ignorance and idolatry—the twin brothers of iniquity and the worshippers of a frail old man in Rome called a Pope. E. H. QUICK, New York, Jan. 25, 1914.

EPISCOPAL EVANGELISM.

It might not be a bad idea for the next General Conference to make a law requiring our Bishops to each help some pastor, once a year, in a revival campaign, lest the Church suffer from misplaced emphasis.

Our Bishops seem ready to head various kinds of campaigns, but who, of late years, ever heard of one of them heading a soul-winning campaign?

Who ever heard of one of them preaching a sermon or closing a service with any expectation of a conversion? Did their election to the Episcopacy absolve them from the responsibility of soul-winning, or justify them in abdicating the imperative duty and high privilege of seeking and saving the lost—of leading dying sinners to the Savior of men? I trow not!

Is the function of a Bishop simply administrative in the Church of God? Are his pre-eminent abilities only to be used in telling others how to preach, and where, so as to win souls? Are our Bishops to simply hold annual conferences, dedicate churches and lift debts? Ought not a part of the Bishop's duties be to set an example in the kind of preaching that will win souls? Such Bishops were Asbury, McKendree and Soule! Would God they had more successors today!

Why are there so few, if any, conversions, today, under the preaching of our Bishops? One of them recently said that soul-winning was no evidence that the preacher is a good man; that it is the truth which he preaches that accounts for his success!

Then, what kind of half-truths, or irrelevant, or un-evangelical truth is it that our Bishops are preaching that they win no souls?

If a Bishop in our Church were to preach to the masses in the open air, in one of our large cities, for the purpose of leading men to Christ, it would surprise all Southern Methodism! But it would make good men and angels rejoice.

If it be said that "they have no time for such (!) work, so complex and multifarious their duties," I answer: The more's the pity! Jesus Christ had time for it. So did John Wesley. The ordination vow of a Bishop makes him promise to "show himself in all things an example of good works unto others." There ought to be more examples set in

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soul-winning by our episcopacy. They need it; the Church needs it; the preachers need their inspiring example. Some of our preachers, following the example of those higher up, seem to think that great preaching should ignore the vital, saving simplicities of the gospel! They swagger in the pulpit like a gosling with the "straddles" trying to walk in high, wet grasses; and they are trying to imitate a Bishop.

Yes, it would not be a bad thing for our next General Conference to pass a law requiring each and all of our Bishops to help the pastors in at least one revival every year!

Put the emphasis at the right place, O servants of God! When the Holy Ghost came upon the disciples at Jerusalem, the emphasis was put upon the necessity of winning souls. They might have put it upon the establishment of a great Christian University, but they did not. They might have put it upon Nation-wide reform, but they did not. They put the emphasis on leading men and women to Jesus Christ! They put it at the right place. Reforms, far-reaching, followed—and so did great universities. Had they put the emphasis in their preaching anywhere else, I shudder to think what would have been the consequences! W. F. PACKARD, Marlin, Texas.

THE MINUTES OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

A copy of the minutes of the Texas Conference reached my den in good time. I have read it with care and interest. I agree with the editor that the arrangement of all the tables of a district on one page is an improvement, and that there is nothing like it in the family of Methodist Conference Minutes. It is a regular Melchizedek. It is just a little large for the room I have to work in.

The Jacksonville District did not show up quite as well as I thought, nor as well as I stated on the conference floor, but I was sure that the minutes would verify my report, and would have done so but for—well never mind. I am still learning. Instead of 1909 additions on profession of faith we had 839 while Marlin came next with 722. The net gains by districts are as follows: Beaumont, 157; Brenham, 278; Houston, 526; Jacksonville, 743; Marlin, 513; Marshall, 433; Navasota, 486; Pittsburg, 142; San Augustine, 559; Tyler, 834. Total net gain, 4693; 1009 more than Bro. Flinn gives in his letter to the preachers.

The following are the assessments and payments, and per cent by districts on conference assessments. Beaumont District, assessed \$6794, paid \$5804, 83 per cent. Brenham, assessed \$6937, paid \$5298, 82 per cent. Houston assessed \$9199, paid \$8548, 92 per cent; Jacksonville, assessed \$7433, paid \$6923, 93 per cent; Marlin assessed \$7749, paid \$7052, 91 per cent; Marshall \$7049, paid \$5941, 84 per cent; Navasota assessed \$7481, paid \$6567, 88 per cent; Pittsburg assessed \$7242, paid \$6938, 95 per cent; San Augustine \$6916, paid \$6541, 94 per cent; Tyler assessed \$6823, paid \$6234, 92 per cent. These figures do not encourage any of us.

We are starting well on Tyler District. We have never met a more cor-

dial welcome anywhere than we are meeting here. Bishop Mouzon has exchanged Rev. J. C. Huddleston, of the Alba Circuit, and Rev. J. R. Ritchie, of the Jacksonville Circuit. Let all concerned note this change of address in each case. I am sending with this the program of the Pastor's Conference. Every one note well, time, place and their part in it. J. T. SMITH, Jan. 15.

WHERE EARTH'S TREASURES ARE.

Of all the things upon our planet, human beings alone are great. Between man in his lowest state and the noblest of the brute creation there is a distance that is immeasurable—a mighty chasm that has never been bridged. Both in his larger and more varied intellectual endowment, and in his possession of a moral nature, man stands apart to himself and is unique. And so sublime are his possibilities that no finite imagination can scale them. "It doth not yet appear what he may be." So when governments, Churches, philanthropists, and individual Christian workers busy themselves in efforts to uplift humanity they are addressing themselves to the task which counts for most. To make wiser and better and stronger a single member of the race is to perform a deed that is worthy of an angel's hand and which will outlive the stars. The real treasures of earth are not in its mines of silver or diamonds, but in the poor and struggling millions of mankind that tread its surface. From among these toiling and suffering ones the Lord will gather many of his imperishable jewels and take them to his heavenly home where they will forever shine. —New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Kansas Woman Helpless

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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.

Our women have sent reports of their Auxiliaries and list of new officers. We have been glad to see the promptness and interest shown and trust that they will still remember the Woman's Page is always open to them. But one thing puzzles us when we looked at the list of subscribers to the Advocate we found very few of the officers' names there. How can you be an intelligent Methodist without taking your Church paper and reading it? There is a great deal in the paper every week that an active Church worker should be interested in, to say nothing of the Woman's Department. Publicity Superintendents, make a talk for the Advocate at your next meeting.

The Nashville Bethlehem House has been in working order since October, 1913. The kindergarten enrolls 56 little colored children. The clubs for boys from twelve to sixteen years of age have enrolled sixty-six boys. The cooking classes, the Camp Fire girls, the Mother's Club—eleven different clubs and classes—already carry a membership of 320. This means that the House is in touch with many colored people.

Exercises at Christmas were held in Mary Helm Hall, at Alameda, California, by the Japanese. The children did well. The decorations were not and excitedly stood during the entire evening.

The Koreans in San Francisco had a beautiful celebration. The program was carried out in their own language. The hall was very artistically decorated and the Christmas tree was a beauty. The attendance was large—all the room could contain—and there were only four Americans there.

The Homen Toberman clinic, Los Angeles, California, showed for one quarter 551 cases treated at clinic, thirty garments given away, \$8.50 in groceries given to needy families, 507 visits made to 300 families. The visits were to 75 American families, 208 Mexican families and 17 Russian, Slavonian and German families.

One Missionary Auxiliary composed of five members raised \$22.50 this quarter and sent two friendly girls to Vashiti. This Auxiliary is in the Mississippi Conference. The Mississippi Conference Woman's Missionary Society has purchased the Wesley House at Biloxi which will be changed and enlarged. The Biloxi Wesley House is a monument to their zeal.

February 25. Don't forget to pray for the spread of the Christian religion in America. No collection is to be taken; Bible study and continuous prayer for the great needs of our country are features of the program. Order the program from Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

The City Mission Board of Nashville, Tennessee, have opened a large and well equipped new Wesley House. The building is worth \$17,000 and is ideally arranged for work. Miss Bessie Allen is Head Resident, and she is ably assisted by Miss Annie Rector and Miss Sue Herrick.

There are about three hundred and eighty thousand Mexicans in Texas. There are about eighty thousand children of school age. About one-fourth of these are enrolled in the public schools. Sixty thousand Mexican children growing up in ignorance—this is our problem. We have three hundred children enrolled at Laredo Seminary. What will we do about those not in school?

SOMETHINGS SOME WOMEN ARE DOING.

Woman has been pushed out into the world as a breadwinner by this modern industrial age. Fifty-nine per cent of the women between sixteen and twenty-one years of age in the United States are engaged in some gainful pursuit. It is interesting to note what some of these pursuits are. There are 239,077 stenographers; 327,635 teachers and professors; 481,159 in various trades; 770,055 engaged in agricultural pursuits; 7300 physicians and surgeons; 7395 preachers; 2193 journalists; 1037 architects, designers and draftsmen; 1010 lawyers; 429,497 women in various professions and domestic work.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

One of our finest conference officers, Mrs. M. L. Woods, Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Department, has gone to California to be with her sick daughter. Mrs. Woods had raised the plane of foreign work throughout our conference and we regretted to lose her. Our President, Mrs. J. W. Downs, appointed Mrs. J. H. Stewart, as Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Department in Mrs. Wood's stead. Although Mrs. Stewart has made as fine Publicity Superintendent as any conference ever had she also knows the entire work of the different departments of our conference from A to Z and is well equipped to fill any office; therefore, we know perfectly well that she will engineer the Central Texas Foreign Missionary train with unerring judgment, and with her "hand upon the throttle"

and her "eye upon the rail" will guide the engine, with its twelve coaches, or districts, safely over all the weak or rough places, around the dangerous curves and into the strong, safe road, which leads to the Crystal Depot in the city of God.

The Central Texas Home Mission train is also engineered by one who has been tested and found worthy and capable, in the person of Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth. Mrs. Downs appointed me to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Stewart of Publicity Superintendent of Central Texas Conference. I feel unworthy to fill this office, but will do my best, and beg of you all to give me the strong support that you gave Sister Stewart, for I need it more than she did. Words cannot express my appreciation of the many encouraging letters I have received the past few days expressing love and wishes for my success in the new office and promising to stand by me. Of course I'll do my best, I could not do less with such encouragement as this and such noble women with whom to work.

The Conference Executive meeting was held on the 16th inst. at Waco. We were most royally entertained by Miss Jackson, deaconess in charge at the Rebecca Sparks Co-operative Home. I will give a longer mention of this home later.

Our beloved President, Mrs. J. W. Downs, presided over the meeting. Her presence is an inspiration and her wise counsel always leads as a beacon light. Minutes were read by our efficient Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Matthews and a beautiful Bible lesson given by Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth. All the officers were present except Mesdames Price, Winne and Cartwright. Resolutions of regret that these ladies could not be present were passed, also that Mrs. M. L. Woods was no longer a member of our committee.

Mesdames W. L. Perry and D. Holvey, Treasurers for Home and Foreign Departments, had their books in perfect condition. Also good reports were given by Miss Sullenburger and others, especially the report of Waco District by Mrs. R. L. Abbott. She is capable and doing a grand work for Waco District. We appreciate the splendid year-books presented us by Mrs. Abbott.

The "man behind the gun" and the "power behind the throne" express the relation to the work, held by our twelve faithful District Secretaries. The work could not be carried on without them. Our missionary, Miss Ivy, paid our meeting a visit, also the President of Federation of Clubs in Waco.

We appreciated Mrs. Perry and Miss Sullenburger's kindness in meeting us at trains and Mrs. Reece and others' delightful car drives.

The annual meeting of Central Texas Conference is to be held at Temple beginning June 16. The Council meeting is to be held in Fort Worth first week in April.

Miss Sue Lanabid left \$200 to be given equally between the Home and Foreign Departments. Each department appropriated the \$100 to a Scarritt scholarship, adding the \$80. From this time on the Waco District will perpetuate a scholarship to be known as the Sue Lambdin scholarship. Mrs. A. M. Graham, of Graham, offers \$375, the one-half support of Miss Webster in Cuba. We were rejoiced also to know that Mrs. Graham had given the scholarship that Scarritt for Miss Sue Brown. Mrs. J. H. Stewart was appointed to borrow \$1000 for Denton Dormitory.

I cannot close without a loving greeting to the Auxiliary Publicity Superintendents of Central Texas Conference. You are my "stars of hope." May heaven's richest blessing rest upon you and your work. May you each let me hear from you promptly.

MRS. S. HUNDLEY, Publicity Superintendent of Central Texas Conference.

MCKINNEY DISTRICT—LITTLE ELM AUXILIARY.

The Little Elm Auxiliary has just closed a very successful year with only fourteen members. While a few are not as interested as they might, but the few that are, are doing real good work.

We get very discouraged at times, but are still pressing on, looking forward to our motto, "All for Christ."

On January 14 we met and elected the following officers for the ensuing year, 1914: President, Mrs. Lee Smith; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. E. Stover. Third Vice-President, Miss Annie Young; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. R. Sims; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Mina Stroup; Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. Newt Allen.

We just have the Home Department, but are trying to take up the foreign also. MRS. S. L. MCREYNOLDS, Corresponding Secretary.

BLANCO AUXILIARY.

We have a united society at Blanco and find strength in unity. We are commencing the new year with more determination to do God's work than ever before. It is not a question for any of us to decide for ourselves when it comes to bettering conditions at home or abroad. There is no here nor there with God, but "Go teach all nations," says the Lord. So let us be up and "about our Father's business," "while it is yet day," for the night cometh when no man can work." At our regular meeting in December we elected officers for 1914 as follows: President, Mrs.

Vorie Ross; First Vice-President, Mrs. Arthur Ross; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Felix Lindeman; Third Vice-President, Mrs. T. J. Alexander; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Etta Ross; Treasurers, Mrs. Vorie Ross and Mrs. R. C. Crist; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. J. Alexander; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ed Byler; Agent for The Missionary Voice, Mrs. C. E. Crist; Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. H. B. Owens.

We have sixteen members and have expended during the year for local work, \$33.85; for Foreign Department, \$13.25, and Home Department, \$22.15, making a total of \$69.25.

The Missionary Voice goes to the homes of most of our members and we wish it could go to all. It is so full of good things that we cannot see how one can be without it. We have ordered the Year Books and will fill out the programs for the year.

MRS. H. B. OWENS, Publicity Superintendent.

MINERAL WELLS AUXILIARY.

The Woman's Missionary Society elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. B. R. Buler; First Vice-President, Mrs. Gus Wickland; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Osce Taylor; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Marianna Mayes; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. W. I. Smith; Recording Secretary, Mr. L. E. Homan; Corresponding Secretary Home Department, Mrs. J. E. Johnson; Corresponding Secretary Foreign Department, Mrs. Melrose Patton; Treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Hill; Agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. J. W. McGuire; Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. A. B. Hitt.

We closed 1913 with a great week. We expect to do greater things for the Master this year than ever before. Frequent letters from our missionary, Miss Webster, in Cuba, keep us in touch with the work and warming our hearts for Cuba.

MRS. A. B. HITT, Publicity Superintendent.

CENTENARY AUXILIARY, PARIS.

The Centenary Missionary Society met Monday, January 12, at the church. This meeting was prefaced by an unusually inspiring devotional session, conducted by Mrs. Holt. Mesdames Bryan, Flemming and L. P. McCuision added to the program by reading very spiritual, uplifting papers, bringing out very forcibly the way in which our gifts should be brought to Christ. After an instructive parliamentary drill, led by Mrs. Wood, the President, Mrs. Mallory, took the chair conducting a short business session, in which she brought before the ladies a more systematic way of operating the work of the society. After presenting each rule to the society, they were deemed such excellent ones that they were all adopted as follows: All meetings shall open promptly at 3:00, lasting only one hour. The first Monday shall be business meeting and payment of dues. Second Monday, information and inspiration day, also lesson from "The Missionary Voice." Third Monday a thirty-minute topical Bible study, also study of minutes, and reading of reports from local committees, presided over by the Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. M. E. Hooks. Fourth Monday, mission study circle, always led by Mrs. A. H. Patrick, at the different homes taken alphabetically. The society has been divided into ten bands, with capable leaders for each, some of whom were volunteers, each leader pledging to raise not less than \$60.00. Most of this money will be raised through cash payments, hoping to invoke a more Christlike way of giving. Our work as planned promises to make us a "baner society." While the attendance has about doubled itself within the past year, still there are many in the Church whose help we need. Come and join us; we'll prove a benediction to you and you to us.

MRS. P. W. COFFEY, Press Reporter for the Centenary Missionary Society, Paris, Texas.

The Home Mission Society at Mt. Zion, Sulphur Springs District, met with Mrs. Effie Brooks, for the purpose of electing officers for the new year, which was conducted by our pastor, Brother Rea: Mrs. Binion, President; Mrs. Hanerwas, First Vice-President; Mrs. Holland, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Green, Third Vice-President; Mrs. Graves, Fourth Vice-President; Miss Myrtle Sanderson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Graves, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Mullenix, Agent for Missionary Voice; Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Holland on Committee; Mrs. Hanerwas, Press Reporter.

We have a small society, but our members are faithful in spite of bad roads. They all attend. We have in the treasury about \$18.00, and as spring opens we hope to do more and better work for our Master.

MRS. C. E. MOORING, Press Reporter.

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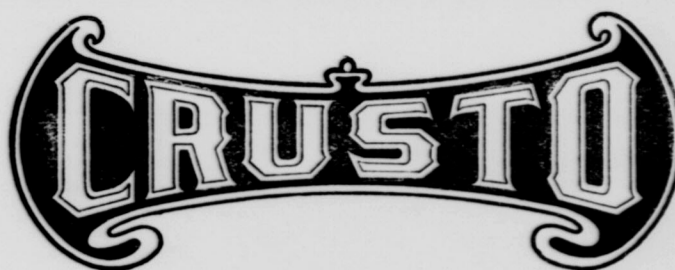
These good ladies have zealously entered into the work of the new year with a determination to make it the best in the history of the Church. In the building and furnishing of a new parsonage they are doing their part. Our auxiliary is small, but all the members are workers and with our corps of efficient officers we expect great things for the year 1914.

MRS. C. E. MOORING, Press Reporter.

THURBER AUXILIARY.

The ladies of the Thurber Missionary Society have just closed a very successful year's work and enter into the year 1914 with new courage and a determination to do more both spiritually and financially than ever before. Last year we met once a month; this year we meet once a week, on Mondays. The first Monday in the month we devote to the Missionary Federation which is composed of the Ladies' Societies of the different churches in town. Missionary work and social service work in our town are taken up and discussed at this meeting. The second Monday is devoted to social and work. The third Monday to business and fourth to Bible study.

We have increased our membership by four, but have to give up one of our charter members and one of the most enthusiastic, Mrs. Alice Frank, who leaves for her new home in Jefferson, Texas, February 1. We regret very much to give her up, but we feel that our



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loss is the gain of the Jefferson Society.

Our deaconess Miss Roberta Baker, with Miss Susie Mitchell, city missionary, and Miss Frances Denton, missionary kindergarten, along with Rev. Louis Pagoni, Italian missionary, are doing successful work among the Italians and Mexicans. They need your prayers in this great work among the foreigners in our midst.

Following are the newly elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. G. W. Terbet; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. E. Milford; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Paul Varley; Third Vice-President, Miss Roberta Baker; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. E. J. Finner; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Gibbs; Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Taylor; Press Reporter and Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. E. M. Wisdom; Local Treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Brown.

MRS. E. M. WISDOM, PRESS REPORTER.

FRISCO MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Missionary Society of Frisco is taking on new life. Interest is being taken in the different phases of missionary work. The following officers for the ensuing year have been elected: President, Mrs. W. M. Smith; First Vice President, Mrs. Daisy Killian; Second Vice President, Mrs. M. L. Eply; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Ira C. Kiker; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. W. L. Saye; Corresponding Secretary Home Department, Mrs. Nora Young; Corresponding Secretary Foreign Department, Mrs. Matt Clark; Treasurer Foreign Department; Mrs. Abbie Allen; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Will Clark; Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. Harry McConnell; Press Reporter, Mrs. Ira C. Kiker.

MRS. I. J. AYERS, PRESS REPORTER.

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MRS. C. E. MOORING, Press Reporter.

PLANO AUXILIARY.

On Monday, January 12, the Home Mission Society of Fanny Harrington Chapel met at the regular hour with Mrs. J. H. Harrington, the first business meeting for several weeks. Our auxiliary being in the country we have not

been able to meet on account of so much rain and had not got to elect officers for the ensuing year until this meeting. Our little society is wide-awake and growing all the time. We hope to do a greater work this year than ever before. Our President is so much loved and appreciated by all that we felt there was no one who could fill her place, so we re-elected her and other officers as follows: Mrs. J. H. Harrington, President; Mrs. S. W. Harrington, First and Second Vice-President; Mrs. R. L. Howard, Third Vice-President; Mrs. W. T. Kennedy, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. T. A. Robertson, Treasurer; Mrs. F. Harrington, Local Treasurer; Mrs. R. L. Bowen, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. F. W. Beverly, Press Reporter; Mrs. W. B. Mathews, Agent Missionary Voice; Mrs. S. H. Lyles, Recording Secretary.

MRS. S. H. LYLES, PRESS REPORTER.

TRINITY AUXILIARY, EL PASO DISTRICT, NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

We have again left the shore-line and are launching out into the deep waters, praying for, expecting, great results during 1914. The evening service of January 4, at Trinity was devoted to our Missionary Society and following a short talk on "The Making or Unmaking of an Officer," a most impressive installation service was conducted by the pastor. The names of the newly elected officers follow: President, Mrs. I. J. Ayers; First Vice-President, H. L. Spence; Second Vice-President, Mrs. G. L. Jones; Third Vice-President, Mrs. C. C. Henderson; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. S. S. Birchfield; Recording Secretary, Mrs. N. W. Shine; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. M. Smith; Treasurer, Foreign Department, Mrs. D. Hurley; Treasurer, Home Department, Mrs. O. A. Danielson; Local Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Sachs; Press Superintendent, Mrs. C.

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Our District Conferences

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

Georgetown, at Hutto.....	Mar. 4
Sweetwater, at Snyder.....	Mar. 27
Cuero, at Victoria.....	Mar. 31
San Marcos, at Luling.....	April 7
Austin, at Austin.....	April 14-18
Waco, at Kiesel.....	April 14
Cisco, at Ranger.....	May 29

THE MINISTERIAL MEMORIAL CHAIR.

The above heading represents a beautiful sentiment and a practical and feasible proposition. The suggestion originated with Rev. J. D. Young, one of the Southern Methodist University Commissioners. The plan proposes to raise \$50,000 for the endowment of a chair in the Theological Department of the University to the memory of one hundred veteran ministers of the great Southwest. Some of these old veterans have crossed over the flood and therefore failed to see in the flesh the accomplishment of the great things for which they labored and sacrificed. Others of them still linger, feeble and infirm. Now we do not know of an enterprise more worthy and commendable than to embalm the names of these splendid old men who wrought not for self, but for others, in a memorial tablet in the University rotunda. A congregation, a grateful beneficiary of their services in other days, or a well-to-do son can take the name of such an honored man and either give or aid in raising \$500 or \$1000 to put the name of such a man on this emblazoned tablet and thus honor him and do the Church a great service. We are not surprised that Brother Young is meeting with large success in the prosecution of this enterprise. May we not depend upon the "old Guard" of the nineties to join hands with the younger and more aggressive young guard of today in pushing this memorial endowment to a successful consummation? We believe that when the plan is properly placed before the men and women of Texas, they will take hold of it with enthusiasm. We want one hundred persons (or several persons of any one congregation) to subscribe \$500 to this memorial fund to the name of some worthy old minister of their own selection, to be paid annually in \$100 installments, with interest, and then place the name of this old minister on that beautiful golden tablet, as a testimony of their love and confidence in the record of his life-work.

Just a Few Things Here and There

Rev. J. Marvin Nichols did some fine work on our special edition of last week in gathering historical items and ranging them in their orderly form. It required no little labor to accomplish those condensed results. By the way, we are glad to state that Bro. Nichols's health has greatly improved of late and he seems to have regained his normal condition.

Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died last week at the advanced age of 87 years. He never ranked as one of their greatest men in his scholarship and mentality; but he was known for his well-rounded ability, his ripe Christian experience, and his amiable disposition. It was our privilege to know him for many years and we had no better man in our American Methodism.

In the death of Judge G. B. Gerald of Waco, last week, there passed from our citizenship a very remarkable man in many respects. He was a Mississippian by birth and training, but came to Texas after the Civil War and located in Waco. He was a man of stalwart form and character, with a mind above the ordinary run of men. He long held public office in his county, had a few notable collisions with prominent men, did not know the meaning of fear, possessed of great probity of life, in civic affairs threw the weight of his influence usually with the moral classes; but he was a man without any religious belief. At his request, before death, his body was taken to St. Louis and cremated, the ashes returned to Galveston in an urn, carried on board a ship into the gulf and scattered to the four winds.

Our worthy brethren of the Northwestern Advocate and the Zion's Herald have had quite a little breezy time over what the latter regarded as a snub to the colored brother at a Methodist Chicago function not long ago. Zion's Herald has appointed itself an advocate and defender of what it regards the social rights of the colored brother, and anything that smacks at his neglect it resents with spirit. This was its course at the time the "Church function" was had in Chicago. But it turned out that the Herald was laboring under one of its usual delusions and went off in an unguarded moment and said things about the Northwestern uncalled for and untrue. The Northwestern made vigorous reply and put the Herald out of commission with the facts in the case, but even yet the Herald refuses to be comforted. The Northwestern is one of our breezy and up-to-date exchanges and understands the art of looking after its end of any emergency.

When the Hon. Thomas H. Ball appeared before the Pro Mass Meeting last Saturday at Fort Worth he received the ovation of his life. The whole meeting went wild. They cheered and cheered him until it looked like he would not get to speak. But finally he got the ear as well as the eye of that throng, and his words were words of wisdom. He spoke like a statesman. He is one of the biggest men among us and capable of filling any position within the gift of the Texas people. And they are again turning to him as the one man capable of uniting sentiment and concentrating interest in behalf of our great cause. No telling what will happen within the next few weeks; but it will happen right! On with the battle!

Dr. Gambrell in his last issue wants us to define just when children become members of the Methodist Church. If he will turn to our Book of Discipline and read the ritual in connection with the baptism of chil-

dren he will find his question answered. It is there made just as plain as the English language can express it, and any restatement of it editorially will not improve its clearness. However, we will say that children are born heirs of the covenant of grace, and as such we consecrate them in baptism and record them as baptized infants. But just as soon as they arrive at years of discretion and are found to be worthy of recognition on their own behalf, and they are willing to ratify and confirm the vow and faith expressed in their baptism, then they assume for themselves these vows and become bona fide members of the Church and are counted as such. But why explain this matter to a Baptist? They can see nothing in connection with the Church until the applicant has been plunged all over in some body of water by a regular Baptist preacher; then he is all right.

That get-together pro meeting in Fort Worth last Saturday did some things. It was a representative meeting in numbers and in men. Among them were men who fought the battles of prohibition for forty years and they were there for business. They had made up their minds that if a few candidates were not willing to submit their ambitions to the wisdom of such men, then a plan would be devised to either bring them to time or rule them off the stage. Fortunately, Messrs. Thomas and Mayes saw the wisdom of the plan and readily consented to it. Mr. Lane persisted in saying that he was in the race to stay, but when he faced that great throng and saw the spirit of the men, he left the rostrum with serious meditation. He was made to realize that he had let the opportunity of his life go by, and if he persists in his obstinacy he will be ignored and the organized forces of prohibition Democrats will push right ahead with their plans and fall in behind one capable and competent leader. It is to be hoped that Mr. Lane will realize the gravity of the situation and fall in with the plans adopted and take his chances among the others to get the nomination later on. The responsibility is with him.

Let the young men preparing to enter the ministry begin now to make up their minds to eschew the tobacco habit henceforth if they expect to become itinerant ministers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; for it is almost a foregone conclusion that the General Conference at Oklahoma City will put this question squarely up to them. Such a law came within three votes of passing four years ago, and that small margin was the result of a blunder. It will most certainly pass the next time, and then no young man will be accepted for the work by any Annual Conference, if he uses the weed, unless he solemnly promises to desist from such habit in the future. The time is now right in front of us when the Church will not tolerate the tobacco habit in its young ministers. We have nothing to say about the older men who are addicted to the habit; but we do protest against the young men falling into such a needless and filthy habit of self-indulgence. We candidly believe that nine-tenths of the delegates from Texas will support such a law at Oklahoma City.

ACQUITTAL OF REV. J. FRANK NORRIS.

During the past several days the trial of Rev. J. Frank Norris at Fort Worth on the charge of burning his own church two years ago occupied the courts of Tarrant County. After the evidence was all in and the Judge had delivered his charge, and the lawyers were ready to continue their arguments before the jury, one of the jurymen was stricken with smallpox. But the other eleven informed

the Judge that all of them were ready to render their verdict and that all the argument to be delivered could not change their minds. So the Judge, rather than tie up the jury until the ill one could recover from his attack, permitted them to render their verdict in writing, which was accomplished unanimously on the first ballot, declaring the defendant not guilty. When the Judge had the verdict read in open court the large audience broke into applause. They gave the Judge and the accused minister a great ovation.

It was a great deprivation to several of the lawyers who prosecuted Dr. Norris, for it deprived them of several hours of abuse of him before the jury and the crowded court room; but it was a relief to the defendant and the audience, as well as the jury. The prosecution utterly broke down in its effort to make out a case against the minister, and had the Judge stopped the proceedings during the progress of the trial and thrown the case out of court he would have been more than justified. It was persecution. But it is to be hoped that we have had the last of that farce and that the Fort Worth grand juries and courts can better employ their time and spend the people's money to better advantage than persecuting and prosecuting Norris. Fort Worth has done herself no credit in the affair, and the general public is more than disgusted. It is time for those county officials to call a halt in their attitude toward this case.

DEATH OF REV. WILLIS E. WASHBURN.

Rev. W. E. Washburn, superannuated member of the Texas Conference, died January 21 at his home near Haskell, of apoplexy. He was born in Monroe County, Ark., October 4, 1862, and his father and mother were John A. Washburn and Ann Washburn. He was converted July 29, 1892, under the ministry of Rev. H. G. Wilson, Montgomery County, Texas, and at once became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was licensed to preach August 14, 1892, by Rev. J. C. Mickle; was admitted into the Texas Conference at Bastrop, November 24, 1896, Bishop Hendrix presiding; was ordained a deacon at the same time and place, and an elder at Huntsville, November, 1901, by Bishop Wilson. Brother Washburn filled the following appointments: 1897, Personville Mission, had thirty-six conversions; Deanneville Mission 1898-99, seventy-eight conversions; Cedar Creek Circuit, 1901-1902, 164 conversions; Leon Mission, 1902, forty-two conversions; Durango Circuit 1903-1904, 128 conversions; raised money for one church and bought a parsonage; Pettyway Circuit 1905-1906, 170 conversions; and 1907, Normangee, eighty-two conversions. Since then he has been on the nominal list. But these figures testify to a useful and devoted life and his record is on high.

THE GET-TOGETHER PRO MEETING.

At Fort Worth last Saturday there was a great mass meeting of Prohibition Democrats from all over Texas, and the object of their meeting was to adopt some plan by which to obtain the consent of all pro candidates for Governor before the primaries next July, to submit their claims to some just and impartial tribunal for adjustment in such a way as to eliminate all but one and make him the standard-bearer of our cause. To this end it was a harmonious meeting and unanimous conclusion was reached. All the pro candidates so far have agreed to it except Comptroller Lane, and it is thought that he will yet see his way clear to enter the arrangement. If not, the plan will go forward without him. The following is the plan adopted:

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 24.—Following is the report of the committee of fifteen on further procedure, made

to the Prohibition Conference here today:

Your committee is pleased to recognize and record the fact that we are making real progress in our unifying process. We confidently hope and expect that very soon prohibition Democrats of Texas shall be solidly united in the support of one candidate for Governor. With such unity of judgment and action there can be no doubt of our complete victory.

We are much gratified that Messrs. Mayes and Thomas, actuated by the spirit of patriotism and of unselfish devotion to the cause of driving the saloon from the borders of our commonwealth, have agreed to submit their candidacy to the judgment of the prohibition Democrats as ascertained and expressed in any fair and proper manner. We sincerely regret that the only other prohibition Democratic candidate now before us—Mr. Lane—has not up to this moment seen his way clear to take similar action. We speak no word of disparagement of Mr. Lane, nor do we pass any harsh judgment upon him. On the contrary, we would record our deep and genuine appreciation for the valuable services he has rendered our cause by the faithful performance of his duties in his present position. However, our appreciation of him and his services does not change our regret that he is pursuing his present course, nor remove the conviction that his failure to ultimately agree to cooperate with his fellow-prohibition Democrats in their efforts and plans for victory in this crucial hour would mean harm both to our cause and to his political fortunes and opportunities for service. We can not but hope, therefore, that ultimately both he and all others who may have thought of making the race on the principles for which we stand shall cheerfully agree to abide by the opinions and wishes of our prohibition forces, composing as they do a great majority of the Democrats of Texas.

The time element is a large and efficient factor in the solution of all serious problems. It takes time for a free people to think and talk themselves together that they may act in full co-operation. We would, therefore, recommend that final action be for the present deferred; that on Saturday, February 14, a mass meeting of prohibition Democrats be held in each county at the county seat to name representatives to a State meeting of prohibition Democrats to be held in this hall one week later, viz., Saturday, February 21; that each of these county mass meetings be required to send as many representatives to the State meeting as they may choose, but that the voting strength allowed each county be on the basis of one vote for each ten votes cast for the State-wide amendment in 1911; that the representatives thus selected meet here at 10 o'clock February 21 to recommend to the prohibition Democrats of Texas a candidate for Governor and to transact any other business that may seem wise and for the good of the cause; that this meeting shall not necessarily be limited to the candidates already in the field, but shall be free to survey the whole State and to make requisition upon any man whose leadership shall seem to them to give the best guarantee of uniting our forces of victory at the polls and of a wise, broad, business-like and efficient administration of our public affairs when in office.

After full and free consideration the foregoing report was heartily and unanimously adopted. This plan will supersede the primary that has been discussed. Every prohibition Democrat in Texas is earnestly urged to attend his county mass meeting and see to it that his county is fully represented in the State meeting. United and harmonious action now means complete victory for our cause and for good government and efficient administration for our great State.

Signed by the committee:

A. J. BARTON, Waco, Chairman;
C. E. GILMORE,

Wills Point, Secretary.

T. B. BUTTREEL, Denton;
JOHN K. WALLACE,

Canyon City:

J. D. STANDIFER, Abilene;

T. N. JONES, Tyler;

LEE BEATY, Lockhart;

W. J. BROWN, Cleburne;

JOHN T. DUNCAN, Lagrange;

T. G. HARRIS, San Marcos;

C. V. TERRELL, Decatur;

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McKinney;

J. Z. MILLER, Belton;

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A. RAGLAND, Dallas.

If every pastor in Texas had spoken of last week's issue to his members and sent two or more subscribers, as some did, the Advocate would go this week to 2000 more homes.

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SOMETHING NEW.

Something new in Methodism was a meeting of all the stewards of the Fort Worth District last Tuesday night at the call of the presiding elder, Rev. John R. Nelson. They met at First Methodist Church in that city and something over one hundred and thirty of those officials gathered for purpose of counsel. There is no authority in the Discipline for this sort of a conference, and yet there is nothing against it. It was a new idea, but a good one. And we presume that this is the first time that many of these brethren ever met each other, even in a friendly gathering. Dr. Nelson announced that he had no program; but Dr. Rice made a happy address of welcome and Judge Speer responded and then the meeting was open for remarks. The best points in the work of stewards were brought out in connection with the different Church organizations and many new ideas as to the best methods of carrying on the work of the stewards were brought out. It was instructive, though informal and every man present learned how the other man was accomplishing the best results. After an hour or so of this sort of discussion, refreshments were served by the good ladies and social time enjoyed. The editor of the Advocate was accorded a welcome and he presented the importance of the steward taking and reading the Church paper. Nearly all these officials take the Advocate. It was a success and Dr. Nelson has reasons for congratulating himself on the felicity and helpfulness of that gathering.

PERSONALS

Rev. J. H. Averitt, of the Sherman Circuit, was to see us last week. He starts off well on his new charge.

Rev. A. M. Martin, of Anson, was a pleasant visitor to this office last week. He is moving off well in that charge.

We had a delightful visit recently from Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Bond, Jr., of Azle. Their work is moving off pleasantly.

Rev. John A. Wallis, of Canyon City, was a pleasant visitor to this office recently. He is a great friend of the Church and of S. M. U.

The parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Marshall, of Travis, has been made glad by the appearance of a new baby boy. He is sound and in good case every way.

Rev. S. W. Miller, of Frisco, was a pleasant visitor this week. He gives a good account of Bro. Kiker, the new preacher up there. The people are delighted with his ministry.

It is with sorrow that we announce the death of the wife of Rev. T. J. Rea, of Kirkland, Texas. She was a good woman, devoted to her home and the Church, but she is not, for God hath taken her.

It is with pain that we mention the fact of Rev. J. M. Sherman's illness in the hospital at Temple. He went down there last week for a serious operation, and after its completion he was left in a very exhausted condition and his condition was serious at

last accounts. Rev. George F. Campbell called us up over the long distance and apprized us of the state of the case. Bro. Sherman is the presiding elder of the Sweetwater District. Let the brethren remember him at a throne of grace.

Rev. W. H. Vaughan, the man whom all Texas loves for his great work for the Orphanage, as well as for his own sake, was a pleasant visitor last week; and we have never seen him looking better.

You will notice that Mrs. W. H. Johnson, in this issue, makes another call in behalf of "Purity Sunday," and gives some latitude in the selection of a day. Read what she says and then act accordingly.

Rev. J. T. Rea, of Kirkland, Northwest Texas Conference, made us a pleasant visit this week. In another personal elsewhere we mention the fact of his great loss in the recent death of his wife.

Elsewhere in this issue it will be seen that Bishop Atkins has appointed Rev. Simeon Shaw, recently pastor at Sweetwater, to the work of Superannuate Homes for the Northwest Texas Conference.

Rev. H. R. Welch, Superintendent of the Cochran Sunday School, is one of the most efficient Church officials in this county. He is also a good steward. He is the preacher's right hand man in the work of the Church.

Rev. C. M. Harless writes us that the Celeste Board of Stewards have raised the salary of their pastor, Rev. L. E. Conkin, to \$1000 and paid one-fourth of it at the first quarterly meeting. We have but one Brother Conkin and his people appreciate him.

Rev. J. H. Reynolds—"Uncle John"—of Sherman ran down to Dallas last week and on Saturday he went over to the Prohibition Council and took part in its proceedings. Any boy who takes Uncle John for "has been" does not understand the meaning of those two words.

Rev. Early S. Cooke and Miss Mary Caperton, of Sweetwater, were married January 14, and they are now at home and at work in their charge at Temple. They are among our first class young people, and the Advocate joins with numerous friends in congratulating them.

In the printed minutes of the North Texas Conference, the address of Rev. F. A. Rosser is Plano, but his permanent address is now at McKinney. His health is improving since conference, and we earnestly pray that Brother Rosser may fully recover his health and strength under proper treatment and a year of rest.

Rev. H. B. Smith, editor of the printed minutes of the Texas Conference, has introduced a new "wrinkle" in the arrangement of the statistical tables of the minutes. Every charge can be seen at a glance, all that it has done in matters of statistics without turning from one page to another. It is a great convenience and worthy of the thought of our other editors of the conference minutes. Brother Smith is learning from experience.

IN SOUTH TEXAS

I have discovered a new country, and would consider myself mean and selfish if I did not announce my discovery to the world. This country is South Texas. It is amusing to hear some people talk about the southern part of Texas. They speak of San Antonio, Houston, Austin, and even places farther north, as being in South Texas, ignoring altogether the great developing country of which I propose to write.

There was once a boundary dis-

"PURITY SUNDAY"

TO OUR MINISTRY

Dear Brethren:

Realizing January 18th came too soon to give you time to preach Purity Day, and knowing there will be disappointment and a real loss to all who fail to hear your message, we will change our calendar until every minister of all denominations has an opportunity to teach the fundamental principles of righteousness on a special day.

February 22 is an anniversary honored by our Nation. Why not crown it Holy Day? Not only that our first President was the peer of any Kingly head that ever wore a crown, but with gratitude that through all our National history no President of the United States has excelled him who now wears its honors. To celebrate this sacred anniversary we honor our Master's cause by reminding the world that this is the 21st anniversary of the Virginia K. Johnson Home, the institution that stands for righteousness.

While gratitude will prompt all ministers to preach, and with gratitude thrilling all hearts that listen, will not a generous outburst of thankfulness bring an offering worthy of our Master, his cause, his Church and Nation?

Yet if for any reason any Sunday before or soon after suits some better, it will be just as acceptable and the privilege of change is yours.

Dear Brethren, we hold credentials signed by every one of our Bishops of two General Conferences, saying, with St. Paul, "We commend unto you our sister, who is a servant of the Church, that ye receive her in the Lord as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you." Our friends do not think it wise for us to travel during winter, as formerly. Our Woman's Council meets with us at Fort Worth, Texas, early in April. We not only must pay off our debt of \$20,000, but put our work in shape to honor our Church. The name of every minister, his charge and the amount of the offering he sends, will be published in the Advocate and The King's Messenger. Some collections are already coming in. We will be just as thankful to the small country or city Churches for giving as God has prospered them, as to the wealthy city Churches. The cause is not ours, but our Master's, who is still sitting over against the treasury and He knows.

Sincerely, your sister in service,

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON,

Financial Commissioner for Virginia K. Johnson Home.

pute between the Republic of Texas and Mexico, and when Texas came into the Union as a State, the dispute was still unsettled. Mexico claimed that the Nueces river was the boundary between Mexico and Texas, while Texas held that the boundary was the Rio Grande. The clash between American and Mexican soldiers in the disputed territory brought on the Mexican war in 1845. The section south of the thirty-first parallel I would call South Texas. Just here I might mention a most interesting and worthy enterprise that has not, so far as I know, as yet been given publicity. The people of South Texas want a State Normal School and are going to ask the next Legislature to give it to them. The one farthest south at present is in San Marcos. Where should the new one be located? To avoid internal wrangling that question is not to be raised for the present. After the fact is decided the place can be left to a location committee. The proposed school is to emphasize the Spanish language and industrial features.

The occasion of my journey was an invitation from Rev. J. H. Groseclose, presiding elder of the Beeville District, to help in a Preachers' Institute at Kingsville. A remarkable district this is—large enough for an Annual Conference and mostly real missionary territory. Not simply in Texas, but elsewhere in our connection, the administration of our missionary enterprises has been full of mystery to me. We are fortunate in having in this rapidly developing section a presiding elder of exceptional good sense, energy and vision. His task calls for rare statesmanship. An interesting phase of the situation is the large number of Northern people in that section; and, by the way, when they are treated generously and with consideration, they make us most valuable members. South of Corpus Christi our preachers cannot afford to use tobacco, if they would conserve the interests of our work.

A more open-minded, sympathetic and fraternal body of preachers would be hard to find. When mention was made of a brother in distress, a spontaneous offering of \$500 was made in five minutes. It was a goodly fellowship. The institute was favored with the presence of Bishop Mouzon throughout. His brotherly attitude, his intelligent interest in every phase of the work, and his willingness to give himself unreservedly to our cause in those parts, made a fine impression on the brethren. Let no one fail to read his papers on "The Revival Method of John Wesley" in the Nashville Christian Advocate, delivered one evening at the institute. Bishop Mouzon's enthusiasm for genuine Bible study is wholesome and inspiring. Rev. F. S. Onderdonk, now one of our Southwestern Commission-

ers, was on hand and favorably received.

Kleberg County, the youngest in Texas, was organized August 27, 1913. Half of the county has black soil and half sandy. The county was carved out of Nueces. Kingsville is the county seat. In 1910 the population was 3450; it is now probably 5000. The town is not more than nine or ten years old. It is thoroughly progressive. The superintendent of schools is Mr. J. N. Bigbee, he and his wife being both from Southwestern. The school facilities in general are worthy of extended mention, but I will confine my remarks to two features. First, I want to quote the beautiful letter of Mrs. King in donating their finest school building:

"To the Honorable Trustees of the Public Schools of Kingsville: "Recognizing the fact that every citizen owes public service, I cheerfully embrace the opportunity to establish in our midst this institution of learning and beg that you do me the honor to accept, in behalf of the dear children of our prosperous little city,

"Living jewels dropped unstained from heaven."

"As I have carefully selected expert house-builders for this work, so I would urge upon you the importance of employing expert character-builders for the work within. Theirs will be the duty of moulding and placing the living stones in mortar of duty and brotherly love in that building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Very respectfully yours, "H. M. KING."

Secondly, I must mention the Mexican building, costing \$15,000, finished and occupied last November. I visited each of the six rooms. Here is a solution of the problem of our Mexicans. That is to say, here is half of the solution. The other half is found in the new church for the Mexicans built not by the Mission Board or the Church Extension Board, but by our own Church in Kingsville under the untiring leadership of the pastor, Rev. O. F. Hatfield.

Bro. Reynolds and Bro. Thacker were on hand looking after the interests of our Mexicans. Is there another town in Texas that can rival Kingsville in its provision for the Mexican population?

I ought not to overlook the Mothers' Club, which I had the privilege of addressing—a most progressive organization, which has put many books in the school library and prints of masterpieces in the class rooms.

I have omitted many details that I wanted to give, but feel that I have a right to ask for no more space. In closing I call attention to the monu-

mental work being done by my old school friend, Rev. T. F. Sessions, in Corpus Christi. I spent Sunday with him. He has just installed a fine pipe organ in his magnificent temple. Oh! it is a delight to find a Church actually doing the thing! Service was down stairs on Sunday, and fifty people were turned off for lack of room. Members are received at every service. The ends of the earth meet in Corpus. JOHN C. GRANBERY, Georgetown, Texas.

OUR 1913 RECORD-BREAKERS.

Rev. I. E. Hightower's name should have appeared in that list last week, as he sent thirty-six new subscribers last year. We do not know that we can call it breaking the record in his case, for his usual record is somewhere near that mark.

OUR BIG ISSUE

The last issue of the Advocate is splendid. Thank you for it. It is worth a great deal to me in my work. T. S. BARCUS, Boulevard, Ft. Worth.

The last issue of the Advocate was a "hammer." Long may the Advocate force wave and never waver. Will send more subscribers soon. P. S. WILSON, Burke, Texas.

I have just read the last number of the Advocate, and it is a splendid number. May God bless your paper. R. W. FISCHER, Boerne, Texas.

The Advocate of January 22 is one of the finest I have ever had the pleasure of reading. It is a concise history of Methodism. It reflects credit upon both editor and publishers of the greatest Church organ of the greatest Church in the world. Yours for thirty new subscribers this year. C. L. BOWEN, Roxton, Texas.

The January 22 issue is simply great. Many have done excellently, but thou excellest them all. I wish to join the 1914 20 Club. G. W. KINCHELOE, Britton, Texas.

If Brother Kincheloe stops at twenty it will be the first time he ever did so.)

I read the Advocate with growing interest and cannot see why every Methodist who is able to afford the price, is not a subscriber to this, to my mind, the best paper published in Texas, and as good as is published anywhere. W. E. OXFORD, McKinney, Texas.

100 PER CENT ROLL.

Rice—Rev. P. M. Riley, Bonham Mission—Rev. E. H. Colburn.

I am doing some good Advocate talk and hope it will bear fruit and think it will. J. I. SMITH, Tyler District.

Rev. F. E. Singleton, of Missouri Avenue, Fort Worth, starts the campaign in that city by sending three new subscribers.

Rev. F. A. White, of Smithville, joined the 1914 20 Club by sending in nineteen new subscribers in one letter. We take it he is just getting a good start.

Here are four more. I hope to be a member of the 20 Club. W. G. CALLIHAN, Moore, Texas.

We are starting on our second year on Tyler Circuit nicely and as one of the encouraging signs I send five new subscribers to your valuable paper. W. A. POUNDS.

I'm talking Advocate and will try to reach the 100 per cent roll. H. B. HENRY, Fairy, Texas.

Rev. C. C. Bell, Groveton, gets half way into the 20-club by sending ten new subscribers at once. His canvass has just begun and the next order will no doubt reach the 20 mark and over.

I find it easy to circulate the Advocate and I think the importance of its being taken and read by our members cannot be overestimated. This is the one great method we have of meeting, checking and preventing the inflow of morally unwholesome literature into the homes of our people. The idea is not to prevent their reading, but to give them the best there is to read. Furthermore, for our pastors to neglect to use this, their right arm of power, to enter in at this wide open door of opportunity for good, is to be sadly lacking in vision or criminally negligent of the needs of his people and of his opportunity and obligation to supply those needs as far as it is possible for them to do so. Yours for a greater circulation of our literature among our people. W. R. KIRKPATRICK, Blue Grove, Texas.

* I have been pushing the interests of *
* the Advocate since I took charge of the *
* Austin District, and shall continue to do *
* so. The pastors will send subscriptions *
* in regularly from week to week. I hope *
* we shall exceed 200 by the District Con- *
* ference next April. V. A. GODBEY, *
* P. E. Austin District. *

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

REV. E. HIGHTOWER, Editor, Weatherford, Texas.

All communications for this department should be sent to above address.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZATION.

We believe every Conference in the State fell in with the plans of the General Sunday School Board and State Executive Committee and appointed District Secretaries and planned to co-operate with presiding elders in effecting thorough organization of district Sunday School work. In at least two conferences these Secretaries will assemble at an early day for consultation. That looks like business. In another conference the Conference Secretary will organize the districts on a plan similar to that pursued with such good results last year in the Gainesville District. There are two men who are necessary to the success of these plans. One is the presiding elder and the other is the District Secretary. Both are busy men. The presiding elder has the care of all the Churches and the Secretary, whether preacher or layman, has his own peculiar burdens and cares. But men usually find time for what they deem most worth while. Let our leaders direct their attention to the fact that on all sides it is conceded that the Sunday School is the most important enterprise in the world; let them take a little time to inform themselves concerning its possibilities and needs, and we shall see district leadership that is both wise and aggressive.

OUR STATE HEADQUARTERS PLAN.

Now that we have come to the end of that row we deem it proper to say a word concerning the fate of the plans submitted to the Conference Boards by the Executive Committee of the State Sunday School Conference. So far as we know all features of the plan, or something similar, were adopted by all the conferences except that part looking to the establishment of State headquarters in Dallas. This proposition carried in it the provision that should as many as three conferences adopt the plan it should become operative, and the further provision that the conferences adopting the plan should assume their proportional part of any deficit in the necessary budget that might arise from the failure of other conferences to agree to the arrangement. The Boards of the West Texas, Central Texas and Northwest Texas Conferences adopted the plan with practical unanimity. The Board of the Texas Conference gave the State Committee's report a respectful reading, but took no action. The North Texas Board gave it careful consideration and finally referred it to their Executive Committee, which decided upon another plan that they deemed more feasible. That left three conferences approving, but with one difficulty; to-wit, the West Texas Conference in endorsing the plan rejected that feature of it requiring that the approving conferences assume the financial burden which might arise from the adverse action of other conferences. That situation left a burden upon the other two approving conferences that might have proved embarrassing to their Boards. As two conferences had not approved the plan, and a third had been unable to agree to a very important feature of it, the State Chairman did not deem it wise to open an office in Dallas. Instead of that an arrangement has been entered into with Mr. Frank Reedy, whereby he will, as far as possible, do the work contemplated by the plan of a State office, without cost to the Boards. It remains for each Conference Board to finance its own internal affairs, and for all Boards and workers to co-operate to the extent of their ability with this department and with Frank Reedy, in advancing all the Sunday School interests of the entire State.

NEWS ITEMS.

We recently noticed a very interesting picture of our Mexican Mission Sunday School at Palacios, Texas. This school was organized by Mrs. Evans about three years ago and under her leadership did most excellent work. When her health failed the work was taken up by Mrs. Spoon, who faithfully carries it on. The school is not large, numerically, but who can calculate the value of such points of light in the midst of the spiritual darkness that envelops our Mexican neighbors? Let us hope and pray that such institutions as our school at Palacios may be the first fruits of abundant harvests. And let us not forget the laborers who face insuperable difficulties to man the lonely outposts of Christian civilization.

Few of our Texas people are in position to realize the deplorable conditions under which many thousands of American-born children are compelled to labor in the mines and factories of the country. For the purpose of improving the condition of such children the National Child Labor Committee was organized in April, 1904. Among its objects are the following: (1) To promote the welfare of society with respect to the employment of children in gainful occupations. (2) To investigate and report the facts concerning child-labor. (3) To raise the standard of public opinion and parental responsibility with respect to the employment of children. (4) To assist in protecting children, by suitable legislation, against premature and otherwise injurious employment, and thus to aid in securing for them an opportunity for elementary education and physical development sufficient for the demands of citizenship and the requirements of industrial efficiency. Stripped of technicalities it is the

purpose of the organization to see that every child gets a fair chance in life. The work is supported by voluntary contributions. Partly as a result of this committee's work since its organization forty-seven States have passed child-labor or compulsory education laws.

The Philaeta Class of our Chadbourne Street Church, San Angelo, have a fine picture of themselves. Following are the officers: Teacher, Mrs. A. J. Cunningham; President, Miss Hattie P. Rowsey; Vice-President, Miss Willie P. Hesker; Secretary, Miss Winnie Wright; Treasurer, Miss Ethel Boone. That this class is part of a very live Sunday School is shown by the fact that while the Church membership at Chadbourne Street numbers only about a hundred and fifty, the Sunday School enrollment is three hundred and forty-five. Is there a school in Texas that can beat that?

In the South Carolina Conference there are three hundred and sixty-two Wesley Bible classes enrolled with the department at Nashville. The Spartanburg District leads with seventy-nine classes. For several years the South Carolina Conference has had an efficient Sunday School Field Secretary in the person of Mr. Way. Is there any relation between cause and effect?

The editor has received the program of the Conference of the Chairmen and Field Secretaries of our Conference Sunday School Boards, which convenes at Hot Springs, Arkansas, February 18-20. It is an excellent program. Many important matters will be up for discussion and it is hoped there will be a full attendance of those entitled to participate.

The Sunday School of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, La., has an enrollment of 1460, and recently the average attendance for ten consecutive Sundays, including several rainy days, was over 882. The Rally Day attendance was 2001. The superintendent is Mr. W. A. McKinnon. Who can even guess at the good that is being accomplished by such a layman?

EDUCATIONAL FADS.

Every now and then some new panacea is brought forward as a specific for all educational problems and difficulties. Just now it is the "Montessori System" for young children. That Madame Montessori has made some valuable discoveries relative to the mental development of early childhood, we do not question. But observation has shown us that the application of her theories by young, inexperienced and over-confident parents is spoiling fine children and developing some little conceited prigs, who are a nuisance to everybody they see except their proud and doting parents. Another fad that is widespread in the educational world of to-day is "sex education." Inexperienced teachers and reformers are proclaiming from every housetop that the cure for the social vices of the age is to teach our adolescent children of both sexes the functions and dangers of sex. There is just enough plausibility in this and some other educational fads to render them extremely dangerous in the hands of inexperienced and impractical persons. While our young people need to be apprised of certain dangers, we should be careful how we expose them to the other danger that is the inevitable result of the offspring rests fundamentally with parents, and should not be delegated to others. Dr. Abraham Flexner, Commissioner of the Bureau of Social Hygiene, of which John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is Chairman, in a lengthy report on this and kindred topics, which he has prepared after years of careful investigation in America and Europe, declares that there is still much to be said on both sides of this subject. "Despite the prevalent notion to the contrary, the subject of sex education is as yet very largely in the realm of theory and controversy." He declares also that it is a mistake to suppose that any great progress has been made in this field in any country in Europe. We doubt the wisdom of so-called sex instruction on the part of many young school teachers, Y. M. C. A. Secretaries and other such people. The most important need of our young people now, as always, is pure home life, presided over by chaste fathers and sensible mothers who are willing to be comrades with their own children. Parents are entirely too much disposed to delegate their responsibility for their children's well-being to professionals of one sort or another. Sympathetic fathers and mothers are the safest guides for their young sons and daughters during the journey over that strange and interesting stretch of life that we call adolescence.

WHAT ONE FAITHFUL TEACHER IS DOING.

Mrs. J. J. Faulk, of Athens, Texas, writes: "I love to read in our Advocate about other schools of our Church, and get many good thoughts and plans for ours from them. I have been trying to teach in Sunday School since 1881. That is a long time, but I did not know how to prepare myself for teaching. But to-day, with our Teacher Training Lessons and our good preachers to help us, also

our instructors in primary work, it is such a pleasure to be a worker in our Master's vineyard, and to ask God to bless our Primary Department every day. If this report will only help some tired, struggling teacher, use it." Following is a report from a daily paper of Athens concerning the Primary Department, which is conducted by Sister Faulk: "A beautiful sight expresses what we saw. The room, one of the coziest we can imagine, was decorated with holly and evergreens and other artificial ornaments. It is well equipped with tables and small chairs to accommodate children from one year old up to seven or eight. But the prettiest sight was the children themselves, who looked so bright and happy and cheerful. Little Percy Larkin had drawn on the board the camels and the wise men on their way to see the infant Savior; also the stars and the star of Bethlehem. And while the work was not that of a trained artist, yet he made his pictures so plain any one could tell what they were intended for. During the exercises about twenty graduates of this department, in charge of Mrs. W. R. Bishop, visited the room and joined in the singing for awhile. Mrs. J. J. Faulk is doing a great work here. Mrs. J. M. Pinkerton is Secretary; Miss Nellie Palmer, Mrs. N. T. Barber, Miss Emma John Pinkerton and Mrs. Will Gilbreath are the teachers."



REV. H. M. GLASS.

This is perhaps the latest photograph of Brother Glass, taken by myself while standing at the front door of the school office a few weeks ago, when he called to collect my subscription to the Advocate. His fervent prayer at the conclusion of the business transaction impressed me so forcibly that I asked for the privilege of photographing him. It has been many a year since a preacher held prayer in my house or my office.

WESLEY PEACOCK.

San Antonio, Texas.

Woman's Department

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Wesley Webdell; Agent "Voice," Mrs. L. Trotti; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. Ross Bryan. The President appointed Mrs. J. Mack Crawford Chairman of the Home Department, and Miss Alice Carre Chairman of the Foreign Department. Our President is greatly loved by our Trinity women and is capable of leading our Society on to greater victory. Truly consecrated, she rejoices in doing the will of the Master. She plans her work and works her plan. Every Tuesday afternoon of the month is devoted to some phase of missionary work. January 29 will be our social and "pledge" day. In February we hope to collect in full our "Conference Expense" fund. In March special attention will be given the "Retirement Fund." In April our "Scholarship Fund," amounting to \$40, will be collected. In this way we hope to avoid the "hurried call" at the close of 1914. The Social Service Committee will hold one open meeting every quarter. These meetings were largely attended last year and we hope to accomplish much good this year through these open meetings. Another splendid feature: Our President has announced that previous to the business meeting the first Tuesday in every month, there will be a fifteen-minute prayer service of the officers of the society. I am sure this would mean much to every auxiliary in our conference. During the past months we have been studying "The King's Business" and are now planning for special Bible study during March, April and May. We are receiving new members at almost every meeting. Many other good things are being planned by our President, who delights in service for her Lord. 1913 was a splendid year, Miss Alice Carre being our President. But we would enlarge our gifts and stand upon a higher plane during 1914.

MRS. C. WESLEY WEBDELL, Press Superintendent.

BLOOMING GROVE AUXILIARY OFFICERS.

The year 1913 proved to be the best year in the history of our auxiliary. We are beginning the new year with an earnestness that may be an improvement over the past. A great deal of our success is attributed to our weekly

coming together. The study class meets every other Monday. We find the King's business very interesting and helpful.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year, 1914: President, Mrs. J. L. Cox; First Vice-President, Mrs. Geo. Brown; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Geo. Mabry; Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. E. Walker; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. J. D. Stokes; Corresponding Secretary for both Foreign and Home Departments, Mrs. Will Jones; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Will High; Treasurer Foreign Department, Mrs. D. C. Hooks; Treasurer Home Department, Mrs. J. P. Willeford; Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. F. H. Simpson; Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. R. A. High.

MRS. F. H. SIMPSON, Publicity Superintendent.

WINDOM AUXILIARY.

Windom Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Texas Conference elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. B. B. Hall; First Vice-President, Mrs. C. P. Conolly; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Dalph Hill; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Palmer; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Culp; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Lee Dowlin; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Maul Longmire; Treasurer, Mrs. Z. M. Maubel; Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. W. M. Moreland; Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. W. R. Evans.

DE LEON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following are the newly elected officers of the DeLeon Missionary Society: President, Mrs. Odum E. Whaley; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. B. Wilson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. B. L. Nance; Third Vice-President, Mrs. F. E. Carter; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. J. D. Ham; Treasurer, Mrs. Magale Morgan; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Will Weaver; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jim Whaley; Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. J. H. Barnett; Agent for Voice, Mrs. M. Z. Stovall.

PRESS REPORTER.

PROSPECT HILL MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

Woman's Missionary Society has just closed a very successful year's work. At their regular business meeting in December the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. E. G. Banks; First Vice-President, Miss Kate Evans; Second Vice-President, Mrs. N. E. Read; Third Vice-President, Mrs. E. A. Christian, Jr.; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. T. D. Barnes; Home Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. K. Tainter; Foreign Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. O. Mallox; Treasurer Home Department, Mrs. N. E. Hayman; Treasurer Foreign Department, Mrs. S. A. Brown; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. R. Harris; Agent "Voice," Mrs. G. H. Cunningham; Press Reporter, Mrs. Ralph S. Jackson.

MRS. RALPH S. JACKSON, Press Reporter.

WHITNEY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Whitney Auxiliary did splendid work during the year just closed and we are beginning the year 1914 with resolutions to try to do more in the Master's cause than we have ever done before.

At the business meeting in December the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Chesley Smith; First Vice-President, Mrs. Victor Eubanks; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Chas. Gollhar; Third Vice-President, Mrs. W. F. Treat; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Carl Bruton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. N. Collier; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. B. Walker; Treasurer, Mrs. P. Greenwald; Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. J. B. Dodson; Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. C. C. Boyd.

We have a Junior Division with an enrollment of eighteen. We have a Mission Study Class of about eighteen members. We meet every Monday afternoon. The first Monday is the business meeting, the second a social meeting, where we use the programs as given in the Missionary Voice, and at this meeting a free will offering is given to go on our pledge. Last year almost the entire amount for the pledge was raised this way. The third meeting is the Mission Study Class. We are studying the King's Business. And the fourth meeting is Bible Study from the King's Messenger.

We hope to make wonderful advancement in all of the work of the Society during the coming year.

MRS. J. B. DODSON, Publicity Superintendent.

ALBUQUERQUE AUXILIARY.

Following is a list of our new officers for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. D. E. Wilson; First Vice-President, Mrs. S. E. Allison; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. D. Emmons; Third Vice-President, Mrs. G. H. Givan; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. C. S. Blackwell; Treasurer Home Department, Mrs. G. V. Mackey; Treasurer Foreign Department, Mrs. I. P. Bacon; Treasurer of Local Work, Mrs. N. M. Cuddeboe; Corresponding Secretary Home Department, Mrs. J. W. Parker; Corresponding Secretary Foreign Department, Mrs. W. Kay; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Thaxton; Agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. F. Brown; Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. I. P. Bacon.

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When opportunity brings together necessity on the one hand and ability on the other, moral obligation is at once created. If the heathen man needs the gospel and the Christian man is able to give it to him, then as long as the Christian has the ability that long is the obligation upon him to supply that heathen man's need.—Western Methodist.

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Life is progress—perpetual adaptation to new conditions. The self-satisfaction which leads a man to be content with the old is the beginning of death. The apparent excellence of a result actually attained, the mistakes and errors involved in imperfect efforts to advance to better results, must not be allowed to obscure our view of this truth.—Arthur T. Hadley.

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TRAMMELL.—My intimate relation and friendship began with Captain G. W. Trammell something more than a dozen years ago. I was presiding elder on the San Augustine District, and the district parsonage was located in Timpson, his home town, and after the marriage of his son and my daughter we came to have a kind of common interest in each other because of our common interest in our children. He was then in about his sixty-third year, but strong in body and mind. I found him to be a man of correct and high ideals, and the more I cultivated his acquaintance the more I was impressed with his character, not only as a gentleman, but as a Christian gentleman. He had long been a member of the Methodist Church, and while in no sense a pretentious man in a religious way, yet he was firm in his intelligent trust in God through Jesus Christ, and was always ready to give his testimony in public or private. Being a good man, and Christian, he could not have been anything but a splendid citizen, and true patriot, and that he was from his youth. When the strife between the North and South, which brought on the war that desolated, and drenched our Nation in blood came, he espoused the cause of his fair Southland, and with thousands of his youthful compatriots he heeded the call to arms, and took his place at the battles' front. He went from Henderson, in Rusk County. He was made Captain of Company G, Tenth Texas Cavalry, Ector's Brigade. Early in the war they were ordered east of the Mississippi River, and became part of the army of Tennessee. While he was a prudent leader, yet his men knew that no braver man went forth to battle than their own Captain G. W. Trammell, and they did not fear to follow him. On more than one occasion when something was to be done or tried, requiring the courage and daring of a Spartan hand it was given into the hands of Captain Trammell and Company G. When the long and bloody conflict was ended he turned his face toward Henderson, Texas, and with the same courage that had marked him as he followed life and drum through the years of the war he returned to build his home and fortune, in which he was eminently successful. On January 30, 1866, he was happily married to Miss Attie Texas Turner. She was a tiny bit of a little woman, but brave and good as her ex-soldier husband, and took her place by his side, became the mother of his children, the partner of his joys and sorrows, and kept step with him till December 10, 1913, forty-eight years, when his long and useful life ended in the Christian's triumph over death. When Timpson was but a baby town he moved his family there and engaged in the mercantile business, and built for himself a prosperous and safe trade. Eight children were born to him and his wife, only two of whom survive him, George W. Trammell, his youngest son, who bought out and succeeded him in business several years ago, and is now one of the leading citizens, and most successful men in Timpson, and his baby daughter, Mrs. J. B. Hawthorn, whose husband is superintendent of our Sunday School, and another of the rising business men of the town. I knew but two of his deceased children. One was Mrs. Lake Motley. She died in the very morning of a beautiful and useful Christian life; the other, Mr. Gus Trammell, whose life promised much to the financial, social and religious life of the town. He left as the fruit of his good judgment, industry and untiring energy, his young wife and four little children well provided for, and they are living to honor his memory. Captain Trammell was born in Alabama, in 1837, and when seventeen years old came with his parents to Texas and settled in Rusk County. For seventy-six years he lived a good and useful life, and when the end came he was not afraid. He desired to see me before he died, and I went to see him, and we took sweet counsel together, and I explained some things to him that gave him great comfort. I left him knowing we would not see each other's face again till we meet beyond the range and light of death, in the land of pure delights. I pray that grace may be given his waiting, patient little wife, and his children, and "when the battle's over" that they may meet and be crowned as heirs of everlasting life. J. T. SMITH. Tyler Texas.

War as a faithful Confederate soldier. For more than fifty years he was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1863. His funeral service was conducted by the writer in his home on Sunday afternoon, January 11, 1914. A large concourse of relatives and sympathizing friends followed the remains to the Riesel Cemetery, where he was buried by his Masonic brethren. Brother Gillespie was a brother of Rev. C. C. Gillespie who was an Army Chaplain and at one time editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, and I think, for a number of years a member of one of the conferences of Texas, and died on December 25, 1879. Rev. H. G. Horton and Rev. B. Harris were one a brother-in-law and the other a cousin. To the aged and bereaved companion, the children, grandchildren and other relatives, my exhortation is: Be faithful to the Christ he served so long, and one glad day you shall meet him again. For he "having served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep" and has gone to join the loved ones on the other side of the river. Riesel, Texas. FRANK HUGHEN.

TURNER.—One year ago the 2nd of this month we laid to rest in Meridian Cemetery one of the greatest characters that this historical old county has produced. Brother George Willis Turner was a native of Mississippi, having been born in Jones County, April 27, 1867. While yet a child, however, he moved with his parents to Bosque County where the family settled near Clifton more than thirty years ago. The family has been an honored family in this county through all these years. The father, Judge R. H. Turner, and his good wife live in Meridian. J. E. Turner, a local druggist and influential citizen, is a brother to the deceased. There are four sisters, Mrs. Belle Arnold, of Rodio, New Mexico; Mrs. Nannie Greenwade, Whitney, Texas; Mrs. Bettie Falkner, wife of Dr. C. F. Falkner, Whitney, Texas, and Mrs. Mattie Golden, Clifton, Texas. The honor and esteem in which Brother Turner was held is attested by the fact of his having been elected County Surveyor five times and County Treasurer twice, and at the time of his death was a member of the County Board of Trustees. In his home life, Brother Turner was very happy. On June 24, 1903, he was married to Miss Maggie Hemphill, of Marlin, Texas. To them have been born two children, Jessie Harrison and Mary Marguerette. These two children are now the comfort and inspiration of this good Christian woman, who is so wisely and strongly meeting the responsibilities of taking care of the estate left by her husband, and the rearing of the children. Blessings upon them. Brother Turner was a product of a Christian school, having been educated in Taylor University at Waco, where he joined the Baptist Church, of which he was a member at the time of his death. Early in the history of Meridian College, G. W. Turner was elected President of the Board of Trustees. This position was filled by him continuously until the time of his demise. It was he who went under the burdens of the institution in its early history and put up his own land as security for funds with which to complete the main building. At different times he also borrowed varying sums of money on his own personal note with which to add necessary equipment. A more self-sacrificing Christian philanthropist it has not been my privilege to know. Now, that the institution is in good condition all feel that his ideal is about to be realized. Sound judgment, patient, kind-hearted and true, Brother Turner wielded a great influence in this section of the State. He believed that the school which he founded was overshadowed by divine leadership and blessing. Among his last words to me were that he believed that God's hand was in the planting of the institution, and that the great Head of the Church would raise up friends that would assist in carrying it on. The memory of such a man inspires us all to nobler living and to a more faithful service. After awhile we will be with him in the university above. G. F. WINFIELD.

SLOAN.—Mary C. Sloan (nee Garland) was born January 25, 1835, in Madison County, Tennessee. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the old Burkhead camp-ground near her birthplace. In 1851 she was married to Robert McCollum. To this union was born one child, Ella McCollum, who died in young womanhood. In 1858 she came to Texas with her parents, and in 1877 she was married to J. W. Sloan, who since her death has also passed away. Sister Sloan is survived by one brother, J. D. Garland, who was of great aid and comfort to her declining years. As a wife she was always loyal; as a sister she was devoted and kindly sympathetic; as a neighbor she was always neighborly and true. Her end was peace. Her answer to the summons was, "I am ready." The battle had been fought for many years and she was just waiting for the call to "come up higher." She was reared in a Christian home and was taught by precept and example to revere God and delight to serve him. She, like Mary of old, did what she could for the promotion of happiness among her friends. She was held in high esteem by all that knew her and she left a heritage of a well-spent life to a host of friends and relatives, whose lives attest her care and sweet influence. From the day of her conversion she has steadily kept her eyes on the goal she has triumphantly reached. She always hailed with delight the coming of her pastor and many a weary preacher found in her home a sweet resting place. Sister Sloan was truly a good woman. For several years she was an invalid, and much of the time was confined to her bed, yet she did not murmur or complain. She expressed a desire to the writer as being will-

ing and anxious to "go home." Why not? She had been on her way home for more than sixty years. The walls of the holy city were rising before her and there her Savior and many loved ones were waiting to greet her. She died at her home in Annona, Texas, December 30, 1913, and was laid to rest in the Garland Cemetery. While we were tenderly laying to rest her body, God and the angels were doubtless giving a heavenly welcome to her spirit as it went sweeping through the gates. The whole community mourns the loss of this good woman. K. R. ISBELL.

FAWKES.—On Sunday, January 18, 1914, the winds seemed to cease from blowing and only the gentle breezes from the south were felt. It was a bright Sabbath day, but at 3:30 p. m. the brightness was turned into gloom, silence was in the community, it was moments of quietude—sadness had come, the message, "Brother Fawks is no more." L. W. Fawks was born April 22, 1832, in Shariton County, Missouri. In 1859 he was born again into the Kingdom this time, of which he enlisted in battle and remained in line of battle unto death. He also spent four years of faithful service for his country in the Confederate Army of the tragedy between the States. In 1881 his face was turned toward the Texas soil, bringing with him his faithful companion whom he had gotten just before the war, and who was continually at his side, even at the hour of his departure. Eight children were born into this home, five of whom are living and witnessed the scene of his death—Mrs. Armstrong, of Blum, Texas; Mr. Fawks and Mrs. Johnson, of Graham, Texas, and the two ever ready ones at home, Miss Alysie and Mr. Will. He was a man with a "stirred spirit," always up and doing his Master's service. He leads the list of the founders of Methodism in Young County, which has been his home since 1883. Up until his health gave way three years ago, Brother Fawks was among the first that were seen on the Sabbath services, with his smiles and Christian influence. He delighted in showing the world the beauty of Christianity rather than telling it. Says he: "If I can't show I am a Christian, why tell any one." We know we will see him again, when we cross life's transient streams, but the next time we meet him, we will also see Jesus as he is. MARCUS M. CHUNN, P. C.

PIERCE.—Jimmie Alexander Pierce was born September 24, 1907, being the firstborn son of J. E. and Mrs. Isabelle Pierce. From about the last of July, 1912, he had been an incessant sufferer from rheumatism and a complication of other ailments. For many long months he bore the fearful pain and agony until at last the angels of God said, "It is enough, come up higher." Death came April 16, 1913, and on the following day the sweet little form was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Mineral Wells, Texas. Farewell, little darling, we miss thee, O, so much! But we will meet thee in the world above where partings are no more. Thank God for the Christian's hope of glory. Thou art free from all suffering, sorrow, sin and death. Bask eternally in the sunlight of God's love and drink at the fountain whence the healing waters flow. We cannot, would not, bring thee back, but we will come to thee. Thy little hand shall be the beacon light to guide us o'er these storm-tossed seas of life into the haven of a never-ending peace. Thou art gone but only gone on before. Peaceful be thy slumber, glorious thy heavenly joy. Good-bye, until we join thee in the sweet songs of eternal deliverance. HIS UNCLE WESLEY.

JARED.—William Bryan Jared was born April 6, 1908, near Leonard, Fannin County, Texas, and died October 8, 1913, near the same place, after an illness of four days. He was such a jolly and obedient child and was a healthy and rosy checked boy until stricken with appendicitis, which wrought so disastrously upon his system that in spite of the best of medical treatment his life slowly ebbed away. The departure of Bryan, as he was affectionately called by his parents, brothers and sisters and all the neighbors, has brought sorrow into our home. His body was buried in Shady Grove burial ground, near his home; his spirit went to God who gave it. We cannot understand all of God's dealings with us. God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform; he plants his footsteps on the sea and rides upon the storm. But may we not be assured that heaven is brighter and more complete because of his presence? For "of such is the kingdom of heaven." May we be reunited in the Father's house that is not made with hands. HIS MOTHER, MRS. A. P. JARED. Leonard, Texas.

WALLACE.—Sarah Coulson, wife of the late Rev. Jno. A. Wallace of the Northwest Texas Conference, was born in Bedford, Tennessee, 1842, the daughter of Rev. David Coulson, a pioneer Methodist preacher. In 1849 she came to Texas, her father taking work in the Texas Conference. In 1869 she was married to Capt. John A. Wallace, a Confederate officer, then in service, afterwards the late Rev. John A. Wallace, called to preach when more than forty years of age. Sister Wallace was the mother of six children, five dying in infancy. Her only living child, Mrs. Violetta Guest, and her sister, Mrs. Ollie O. Spear, were at her side when the end so gloriously came. Sister Wallace had been in feeble health for more than a year. Her daily prayer had been that she might die the first part of the year and that her loved ones be present. Both these requests were answered. On Thursday, after a few brief hours of sickness, she quietly passed away. She was

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All phases of the oil question bearing on the building of a Government pipe line from the Oklahoma fields to the Gulf of Mexico to furnish fuel for the American navy are to be fully investigated by Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and Lieut. Commander Boyd of the United States Navy, composing a commission named to take up the matter. The efforts of foreign Governments to obtain oil supplies for their navies will be carefully looked into, it was announced. Hearings will be held and data collected, both by the Navy Department and the Indian Bureau, which has supervision of the rich oil lands in Oklahoma owned by the Indians.

The State Tax Board has adopted resolutions notifying county tax officials that they must assess property in Texas at its full value or suffer the penalty of law. By order of the board the State Tax Commissioner, A. L. Love, is mailing a copy of the resolution to all County Judges advising that the law must be complied with, and if it is not the matter will be reported to the Attorney General for suit against negligent officers.

Hayti, like a volcano, has erupted again. On Tuesday President Michel Oreste fled from the capitol and took refuge on the German cruiser, Vineta. He was accompanied by his wife. Fighting began in Port Au Prince at 1 o'clock and an hour later the Chief Executive made a good "get-away." Blue jackets were landed from the United States armored cruiser, Montana, and German Cruiser, Vineta. The American and German "Jackies" will guard the lives and property of Americans and other foreigners. The United States battleship South Carolina has been ordered to the Haytian port on a forced run of 500 miles from Guantanamo, Cuba.

The steam yacht Warrior, on a winter cruise in Southern waters is reported haul aground off the northwest coast of Columbia, between Sardinalla and Santa Marta, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt and their guests, the Duke and Duchess of Manchester and Lord Falconer, who were aboard the yacht, were taken off by the United Fruit Steamer Fruitera and transferred to the steamer Almirante, bound for New York. The stranded vessel is 1097 tons displacement and is one of the finest yachts in this country. The vessel is the property of Mr. Vanderbilt and sailed from New York December 23. The yacht's crew is still aboard.

Organization of a permanent Government for the Panama Canal Zone, to supersede the Isthmian Canal Commission, April 1, was authorized by President Wilson Tuesday with the announcement that the nomination of Col. George W. Goethals to be first Governor of the Panama Canal Zone would be sent to the Senate in a few days. Col. Goethals' idea of a "one man" government is carried out in the executive order, which was made public by Secretary Garrison immediately after today's Cabinet meeting. The authority of the Governor will be supreme under the Secretary of War. Official notification of his selection was called to Col. Goethals at Panama. Secretary Garrison, who personally told the Colonel last summer that he would be made the first Governor, said he was confident there would be no question about acceptance. The change in title will mean a loss of \$5000 a year to the head of the Zone, as the Governor's salary will be \$10,000, and he now receives \$15,000 as chairman of the commission.

"Each woman must state her age in years" is the way the instructions read which were issued by the Board of Election in Chicago. Women who desire to register on Feb. 3 in order to vote at the aldermanic election must "fess up." This was not necessary in the case of applying for the position of judge or clerk of elections. There is sufficed to say "legal age," but the law is positive in the case of registration that all must give their exact age. "A woman's voting age, like a man's is 21 years, not 18 as some people suppose. Eighteen years is the common law marriage. It has nothing to do with the election law."

CHURCH EXTENSION AID.

The annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension will be held about May 1. This is the meeting where applications for aid are considered. That those interested may know exactly how to proceed, the following is submitted:

1st. All applications must be made upon the printed form provided by the Board for that purpose. These application blanks may be had without cost by applying to this office.

2nd. After the application has been properly prepared, it should be sent at once to the Secretary of the Annual Conference as the following rule provides:

"Every application for consideration at the hands of the General Board must first receive the approval of the Board of Church Extension of the conference from which it comes, and said approval must be given at the regular meeting of said Board or of its Executive Committee held in the month of March. Said boards or committees shall consider all the applications from their respective conferences and forward such as they approve so as to reach the board's office at Louisville, Ken-

tucky, by April 1 of each year. Each application so approved must have the action of the conference Board written therein, certified by the President and Secretary, and all the applications from a given conference must be, by the Conference Board, graded and marked in the order of their relative importance, and the Secretary is hereby directed not to put on the calendar any application not in conformity with this rule."

3rd. The mid-year meetings of the Conference Boards, or their Executive Committees, are held in March. Do not fail to have your applications in the hands of your Conference Board Secretary by March 1.

4th. Personal representation in the interest of applications by other than members of the board is not permitted, as the following rule declares:

"The board has not time to hear oral arguments or statements in behalf of applicants, and while considering applications for aid, its doors are closed. Representations other than those contained in the application can be made in writing or through members of the board. A different rule would be obviously unfair to applicants too far away or too poor to send representatives."

5th. The demands upon the board have been so numerous and so urgent that over-appropriation has resulted. The fiscal year will close with many unpaid grants on the book which must be taken care of out of next year's receipts. The board at its closing session last May, having knowledge of this fact, adopted the following:

"In view of the fact that the conditions which have confronted the board at this meeting have caused us to make appropriations largely in excess of the amount of money likely to be available during the coming year; and, in view of the fact that the next annual meeting of this board will be the last for the quadrennium for which we were elected to serve; and, in view of the further fact that the board is not a self-perpetuating organization.

Resolved, That we hereby declare our purpose to limit the appropriations at the next meeting to the amount of money that is then reported by our Executive Committee as probably available for that purpose, to the end that the new board, which will be elected by the next General Conference, may not be embarrassed in the beginning of its administration by the necessity of carrying over large grants which have been made by this board.

In order that we may be able to carry out this purpose without injury to the building operations of our Church, we earnestly request our Bishops, presiding elders, pastors and Conference Boards of Church Extension to discourage applications for aid except in cases where serious injury would result from delay.

In view of the fact that 192 out of the 327 applications of this year were by Churches which have heretofore received aid through assurances that the grant would make possible the completion of the enterprise free from debt, be it hereby declared to be the policy of the Board to refuse to make grants in such cases, unless it can be clearly shown that the failure to carry out the assurances has been due to uncontrollable circumstances.

And in view of the fact that we are constantly asked for large sums to relieve emergencies, occasioned by large debts, be it hereby

Resolved, That we urge all in authority to carefully guard against extravagant enterprises, and to enforce more strictly the law provided in paragraph 447 of our Book of Discipline."

For further information, application blanks, etc., address W. F. McMurry, Corresponding Secretary, 1025 Brook Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

THREE MINUTE REVIVAL SERVICE.

NUMBER TWO.

I have shown in my first the vital importance of the would-be-sent sinner getting the worth of the same upon his heart. In the next place he should have a proper insight of the awful degrading and destructive work of sin.

The preacher or worker who covers up or holds in the background, the consequences of sin is too superficial to bring on a great religious upheaval. It is possible for us to go out with a little taffy and heal the heart of the people slightly and leave them thinking well of us, but no deep permanent results are left in the wake of our revival efforts. We get an adequate idea of the enormity of sin when we keep in view who is the offended party. Sin is not simply a misdemeanor. It is a great crime and high handed treason against the highest authority in the universe. One may go out and shoot holes in his neighbor's wash tub or cut up his harness and he pays a misdemeanor fine; but let him cut up the U. S. mail bags, or shoot up the mail boxes along the highway, and he goes to the penitentiary for a term.

Why the difference? The difference lies in the party offended.

In the latter case it was a crime against the U. S. Government. Let us be sure to not depend too much upon ourselves, but first, last and all the time call mightily for Divine help. That is the first mission of Spirit of God in the world, to convince the world of sin. Let us not grieve him then by trying to do all the convincing ourselves, by our arguments, eloquence or manipulation. If we take it



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all in our own hands we need not be surprised if we signally fail. We should see to it that all human impediments should be gotten out of the way.

When Christ stood at the tomb of Lazarus he required human instrumentality as far as it would go. It was after the stone was rolled away that the life giving word was spoken and the dead was raised up and the living Lazarus came from the tomb.

C. G. SHUTT.
Georgetown, Texas.

NOTE FROM BRO. BUTTERFIELD.

After a pleasant year's work with the Kress, Redhill and Vigo Park people I decided to make application to the Anti-Saloon League for work this year. My recommendation to the League was signed by seventy-two of the members of the Northwest Texas Conference. For this kindness I am very thankful to the brethren.

December 12 I relieved my appointment, and on the 13th I was on my way to my field of labor—the Pittsburgh District. Stopping off at Staten I spent the second Sunday with Bro. Galloway. We were delighted to find him in fine favor with his people. They think they have one of the best preachers in the Conference and they are not far from correct.

Monday morning Bro. Galloway and his good people played a joke on me that I am still enjoying very much. They took my old satchel that I had carried more than twenty years and hid it in a new band box. I think Bro. Galloway did this to amend for pulling the slats out from under the bed and letting our bed down on the floor between the rails Sunday night. It takes a solid foundation for Galloway and myself.

At Sulphur Springs I saw a man loan a negro \$3.55 for ten days, charging him 40 cents for the use of it. That is some interest. At another place I was with a man that had sold a negro mule worth \$100 and the negro paid him two bales of cotton last year and one this on the debt, and had not quite paid half of it. The mule will be dead with old age before he is paid for.

I am conscious of being in a great work for State-wide prohibition, but there is no work to me so great as the pastorate.

Many of the brethren have shown me kindness in showing a willingness to plan for me to represent the work of the League in the near future. The pastors have always been the leaders against the saloon, and it will be a good day for the whiskey gang when the preachers are indifferent and discourage the man that is in the fight for the State and home against the destroyer of all that is good.

A. E. BUTTERFIELD.

Living was cheaper in the good old times when people were willing to get along in the winter time without buying ice.—Dallas News.

What Tennessee ought to do is to get the peanut flavor out of her politics.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

A big job we all have now to keep our incomes within the \$4000 limit, unless we are married. — Charleston Post.

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members, and with that habit of financial responsibility and intelligent cooperation which has made its great Boards and Business Enterprises the admiration of many and has given to them the very highest commercial rating.

II. WHAT OUR ANNUITANTS THINK OF THEM.

....., Texas, Nov. 6, 1913.

Dr. W. F. McMurry, Louisville, Ky.

Dear Brother:

I received the check the 3rd inst. Please accept my sincere thanks for your help in arranging this business so satisfactorily to me. It is indeed restful to know that I need not be anxious about how or what to do. Wish I had known of this plan sooner.

With prayers and best wishes for your health, and that of your family and success in your great work for the extension of our Father's Kingdom, I am,

Your sincere friend and sister,
(Signed)

....., Md., July 18, 1912.

Rev. W. F. McMurry,

Dear Sir:

I am glad to have an opportunity to write a word to you on two "counts": one of which is thanks for "filthy lucre" (it is anything but that to me now, Dr.), and the other for the always acceptable literature which I received some weeks ago. In the midst of all your duties you have time to remember me. A few days ago I also received a pretty, bright copy of the new Hand Book of Church Extension in its usual cheering, comprehensive style. We are little, but not unknown.

With good wishes and kind regards,
Very truly yours,
(Signed)

....., Ala., Dec. 22, 1913.

Rev. W. F. McMurry,

Dear Brother:

Thanks for your promptness in sending interest due January 1, 1914. I have been declining in health since October 3rd. May not be here to acknowledge receipts for drafts due July 1st. My sister,, will write if I cannot. I must say I have had great satisfaction in my dealings with Church Extension as regards Annuities. Pray that I may be faithful to the end of life's journey, so that I may have a happy greeting from my Heavenly Father that I have tried to serve many years.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
(Signed)

If you wish further information as to such BONDS, write to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rev. W. F. McMurry, D. D., 1025 Brook Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Great opportunities are easily offended and once snubbed are gone forever.

It takes confidence in the possibility of its permanence to make even love itself sweet.

There is little use to pray for a revival if you are not willing to pay for it also.

A commendation that is extorted only by the death of the recipient is condemnation to the giver.

TAXES ON PARSONAGES HELD INVALID BY COURT OF APPEALS.

I am sure this will be of some interest to many of the readers of the Advocate, and for this reason I write this brief statement of the case. For years, in some parts of the territory of the Texas Conference I have been coming in contact with tax collectors who demanded payment of taxes on our parsonages. I have protested more than once against this unfair treatment and have called attention more than once to the fact that it is only local in its application. Notably has this been done in good old VanZandt County. I have asked for relief there myself, only to be told that it could not be allowed. Last year I went so far as to call the attention of the Attorney General of the State to the fact, only to be informed by him that the tax was just and must be paid. This, notwithstanding the fact, that in 1885 the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, Chief Justice Willie, whom all lawyers revere, had declared the same unjust in the following strong language: "The case was an appeal in the attempt to make the Ursuline Academy, an institution of the Roman Catholic Church, pay tax on the land attached to said academy and used to raise vegetables for the table of said institution. The court said: 'The education of the masses is now recognized as a function of State government. Those who from charitable considerations, to forward sectarian views, or for private profit, have organized or conducted schools, have assisted the State in the performance of a duty it owes to its citizens, which cannot be too thoroughly performed, and which the State has never assumed that it had either the means or the machinery of doing sufficiently without private assistance. The Ursuline Academy is performing its part in this branch of public service, and it should rather be encouraged by aids, than impaired in its usefulness by a tax upon its piffling revenues.' This decision in the 64th Texas Supreme Court report, page 673, was cited to the Hon. Attorney General, but still his decision was that parsonages of Protestant Churches must pay tax, while this great Roman Catholic institution was allowed to go free. It seemed to me that the State was at least as much under obligation to the great Protestant Churches as the Roman Catholics and I have never been able to agree with my learned friend in his construction of the law on that question. I am glad to see that at last some man was found who was willing to make a test of the case, absolutely in point. Last week the Court of Appeals held the very position I have always taken, 'that they were exempt from taxation.' So the point is settled. Let every Methodist congregation remember it. No taxes are due and collectable from the piffling revenues of Methodist Circuits. So mote it be. All honor to the court for this righteous decision. J. B. TURRENTINE.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the Rev. D. E. Carr has served this pastorate well and faithfully for the past fifteen months, and whereas, on account of impaired health, he deemed it best to retire from active work for a time; therefore be it resolved, That we, the Board of Stewards of the M. E. Church, South, do hereby extend to him our sincere regrets that his condition of health will not permit him to continue the splendid work, so successfully begun in this charge, and sincerely hope that God will restore to him his health, that he may resume the good work in which he has been engaged, wherever he may be. Be it further resolved, That we, in this manner, make known to him our appreciation of the wisdom shown in directing the business as well as spiritual welfare of this Church. Be it further resolved, That we heartily commend him to the consideration of those with whom he comes in contact, as being an able minister of the gospel. Be it further resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be presented to Rev. Carr, published in the weekly papers, and a copy spread on the minutes of the Stewards' Meetings. Respectfully, JOE P. GIBBS, DR. T. W. MOORE, WILL SELLINGSLOH, J. B. WILLIAMS, M. B. GRACE, ROBT. R. WOODS, B. G. FOSTER, CHAS. C. DIBRELL.

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SOME CHANGES AND A RECOMMENDATION.

Rev. C. H. Ledger, of the Northwest Texas Conference, has been taken off the Seminoles charge by Bishop Atkins and appointed to evangelistic work, and Rev. J. W. R. Bachman, a supernummate of that conference, has been appointed to Seminoles for the remainder of the year. Brother Ledger has moved to Big Spring and will make that his home for the year. Any of the brethren desiring his aid in revivals, or having occasion to write him, may address him at Big Spring, Texas. He would be glad to make engagements for meetings in the spring at once, as his time will soon all be taken for summer meetings. Brother Ledger is well-known in our conference and I have had him the past two years and can assure any one wanting help that he will do the best of work. Respectfully, W. H. TERRY.

CONSOLIDATION OF RURAL SCHOOLS.

The Bureau of Education has several duplicate sets of lantern slides to illustrate a lecture on the consolidation of rural schools and the transportation of pupils at public expense. These will be loaned as far as practicable, for a reasonable length of time, to rural school superintendents conducting campaigns for consolidation. The slides will be accompanied by an outline lecture and printed material concerning consolidation. Express charges, both ways in all cases, must be paid by those ordering the slides. Persons borrowing these slides must agree to follow carefully the directions enclosed with the slides, to pay for all slides broken while in their possession or in transit on the return trip to the office at the rate of 27 1/2c. per slide. Applications for use of the slides should be made to the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., stating the date or dates on which they wish to use them, and giving the express office to which shipments are to be made. P. P. CLAXTON, Commissioner.

A CORRECTION.

The Advocate made a mistake in last number, in publishing my address. It said Texarkana, Texas. It should have been Texhoma, Okla. J. B. GREGORY, P. C. Texhoma, Oklahoma.

EVERYBODY TAKE NOTICE.

The statement in last week's issue of the Advocate by C. C. Walsh is misleading, through a misunderstanding of what I wished him to do. He gives out the idea that this statement of his shows the amount secured for the rescue work by the Commissioner since conference, whereas this amount he reports is only a small per cent of what has been secured as a special, and only a few of the places from which these specials came are mentioned. These amounts and places could not have been reported by our Treasurer, because he has not received information on these points.

I suppose the amounts he names are all the cash the brethren have forwarded to him. If this is true some need have "their purp minds stirred up by way of remembrance." I do not handle the money of all, but leave the cash and subscription in the hands of our pastors to be sent to our Conference Treasurer, as fast as gathered in hand.

I wish Bro. Walsh to report all the money he receives for rescue work including the amounts on the conference assessments to be collected and reported by our pastors in the West Texas Conference. We asked the pastors to preach on the work and take early collections to help a pressing need and we wish to give credit as fast as the money is reported. Brethren, please do not neglect this. Do it now. J. D. SCOTT.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To the preachers of the North Texas Conference: Dear Brethren—All of you who intend to make application to the General Board of Church Extension for help in building either churches or parsonages, must have such application in the hands of your Secretary, Rev. J. H. Griffin, Clarksville, Texas, not later than February 25. The time and place of meeting of the Executive Committee will be published hereafter; but these applications must be in hand on or before the date above named if they are to get before the General Board in time to be passed upon by the Committee on Estimates.

Be sure to have your applications in due and ancient form. The "trust clause" in the deed to each piece of property upon which a church or parsonage is being erected, must be certified to by the County Clerk of the county in which such property is located, with the seal of the county duly attached. Fraternally, J. W. HILL, President Board of Church Extension, North Texas Conference.

NOTICE.

Brethren: A few days ago I sent notices to all the members of the death of Brother Summy. Should have any of the Brotherhood failed to get a notice, remember it was not intentional. If you have not already sent in the fee, do it now. A. P. BRADFORD, Sec.-Treas. Tex. Conf. Brotherhood, Cedar Bayou, Texas.

APPEAL FOR YOUNG MINISTERS.

May I, through your columns, make an appeal for a number of young men who are studying for the ministry and are greatly in need of a little financial assistance? I have on hand applications from students in the following schools and colleges: Trinity College, Keokuk College, Weaver College, Wofford College, Emory College, Reinhardt College, Young Harris College, Emory and Henry College, Hiwassee College, Millsaps College, Southern University, Hendrix College, Henderson-Brown College, Southwestern University, and Clarendon College. Many of these students will not be able to carry on their work until June unless assistance can be secured. The Department of Ministerial Supply and Training is doing its best to help them, but its funds are exhausted. I want, therefore, to make an appeal to your readers in behalf of these men. Will not some pastor undertake to raise \$50 or \$100 to help some one student? Will not some liberal-minded layman help us to meet this urgent need? Contributions may be made to Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Secretary of Education, or to the undersigned. I shall be glad to give further information on request. Hoping there may be a hearty response to this appeal, I am, Very sincerely, J. L. CUNNINGHAM, Nashville, Tenn.

TO THE PREACHERS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

A number of cards have come to me stating that you had not received the advance copy of our Journal. I had none on hand, hence could not comply with your request. Since then all the Journals have been sent out, and if you did not receive your package, kindly notify me at Trinity. H. B. SMITH, Editor.

PREACHER SECURED.

I have secured the preacher that I recently advertised for and let this be the answer to all inquirers. G. S. HARKY, Hamlin, Tex., Jan. 21.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Bishop Atkins has appointed Rev. Simeon Shaw as Agent for Supernummate Homes of the Northwest Texas Conference. J. M. SHERMAN, Sweetwater, Texas.

IF THE BABY IS CUTTING TEETH.

Be sure to use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pains, cures wind colic, and is the remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

MRS. J. M. ARMSTRONG—A TRIBUTE.

On January 13, the death angel entered our parsonage at Ranger and took from our midst our pastor's wife and one of our beloved members. Brother and Sister Armstrong moved into the parsonage in November, and it had been our privilege to be with her only these two months, but we had learned to love and appreciate her, and we feel that in her passing away we have sustained an irreparable loss. Her quiet Christian life will be an inspiration to all who were privileged to associate with her. We deeply sympathize with Brother Armstrong and the two sons, and pray that our Heavenly Father will comfort them. MISSIONARY SOCIETY, Ranger, Texas.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE, DALLAS, TERRELL AND MCKINNEY DISTRICTS.

The Missionary Institute for the Dallas, Terrell and the McKinney Districts will meet in this city next Tuesday, February 3, and the sessions will be held at First Church, instead of at South Ervay, as was first decided. So the delegates will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

CORRECTION OF MINUTES.

Beckville Circuit reports pastor's salary paid in full. Since conference it develops that one Church, served by a local preacher, fell short sixty dollars. This makes total to pastor \$1140 and presiding elder in same proportion. All else is full. WALTER G. HARBIN.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BISHOP ATKINS.

Waynesville, N. C., Jan. 12, 1914. Dear Bro. Sherman: Rev. Simeon Shaw is hereby appointed as Agent of Supernummate Homes for the North-west Texas Conference, in connection with his work as pastor at Sweetwater. I trust he may have large success in it. We must not let up on that line till all our brethren are comfortably provided for. I think Bro. Shaw will be found admirably adapted for the work and I am expecting good results from his labors. Yours cordially, JAMES ATKINS.

Greenville District—Second Round.

Wesley Sta., Feb. 15. Campbell Cir., at Friendship, Feb. 21, 22. Lone Oak Cir., at Twin Oak, Feb. 22. Onitlan Cir., at Williams Ch., Feb. 28, Mar. 1. Commerce Sta., March 8. Lee Street Sta., March 8. Greenville and Cash Mis., at Bethel, March 14, 15. Kavanagh Sta., March 15. Lone Oak Sta., March 21, 22. District Conference, at Celeste, March 27-30. Celeste Sta., April 5, 6. Jones-Bethel and Wesley Chapel, at J. B., April 11, 12. Floyd and Salem, at Salem, April 18, 19. Merit Cir., at Alliance, April 19, 20. Caddo Mills, at Clinton, April 25, 26. Fairlie Mission, at Olive Branch, May 2, 3. Wolf City Sta., May 3, 4. The District Conference will convene in Celeste, at 2 p. m., Friday, March 27, and continue in session until Monday. C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

Cleburne District—Second Round.

(In Part.) Brazos Ave., Cleburne, Feb. 8. Barnesville, at Green Brier, Feb. 15, 16. Grandview Sta., Feb. 16, 17. Venus, Feb. 22, 23. Grandview Cir., at Parker, Feb. 28, March 1. Alvarado, March 8, 11, 12, 13. Quarterly Conference, March 16, 7:30 p. m. Main St., Cleburne, March 8, 7:30 p. m. Lillian, at P. G., March 14, 15. Cresson, at Fall Creek, March 21. Garbary Sta., March 22, 23. Burleson, at Sycamore, March 28, 29. W. W. MOSS, P. E.

Dublin District—Quarterly Round.

Dublin Sta., Feb. 8. Quarterly Conference Feb. 9, 7:30 p. m. Harbin and Green's Creek, at H., Feb. 11, 11 a. m. Comanche Mis., at Fellowship, Feb. 14, 15. Gustine, Feb. 16, 7:30 p. m. Stephenville Cir., at Midway, Feb. 21, 22. Stephenville Sta., Feb. 28, March 1. De Leon Cir., at Morton Ch., March 7, 8. De Leon Sta., March 14, 15. Bunyau, at E., 11 a. m., March 20. Hunkabay, at Pason, March 21, 22. Comanche Sta., March 27, 7:30 p. m. Comanche Cir., at Sidney, March 28, 29. Iredell, at Claret, April 4, 5. Duffau, Skipper Ch., 11 a. m., April 8. Hico, April 18, 19. Carleton, Spurlin, April 22, 11 a. m. Bluffdale, Marvin Ch., April 11, 12. Tolar and Lippan, at E., April 19, 20. Proctor, April 25, 26. I beg all our Stewards to make the best possible effort to have a good financial report on this round. Please see every member on your list regularly; do not wait till Quarterly Conference to meet the needs of your pastor. Don't fail to attend your Quarterly Conference. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round.

Aquilla, at Ross, Feb. 21, 22. Fifth Street, Feb. 22, 7:30 p. m. West, March 1. Mt. Calm, March 8. Breucville and Eddy, March 14, 15. Hewitt, at Spring Valley, March 21, 22. Herring Ave., March 22, 7:30 p. m. Riesel, at Battle, March 28, 29. Bosqueville, at Mt. Zion, April 4, 5. Clay Street, April 5, 8 p. m. China, at Coyote, April 11, 12. Lorena, at Oak Grove, April 18, 19. Elm Street, April 19, 8 p. m. Austin Ave., April 26, 11 a. m. Moscow Street, April 26, 8 p. m. The District Conference will be held at Riesel, April 14, 15. The opening sermon will be preached Monday night at 8 o'clock, by H. D. Knickerbocker. W. B. ANDREWS, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round.

Bartlett, Feb. 21, 22. Granger, Feb. 22, 23. Weir and Jonah, at Jonah, Feb. 28, March 1. Georgetown, March 1, 3. Onenaville, at Little River, March 7, 8. Belton, March 8, 9. Salado, at Bell Plains, March 14, 15. Temple, First Church, March 22, 23. Temple, Seventh Street, March 22-24. Jarrell, at Jarrell, March 28, 29. Tyrall, at Hare, April 4, 5. Hutto, at Round Rock, April 5, 6. Taylor, April 6. Holland, at Holland, April 11, 12. Florence, at Wesley Ch., April 18, 19. Rogers, April 24. Troy and Penitentiary, at Penitentiary, April 25, 26. Belton Circuit, at Leona, May 2, 3. The preachers and laymen's Institute will convene at Hutto Tuesday at 9 a. m. March 3. District Conference will convene at Hutto, Wednesday, March 4, at 9 a. m. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

TO THE METHODISTS IN TEXAS.

An infirmary in Houston is located within half a block of Tabernacle Church. Methodists from all over Texas come here for treatment. I am allowed to visit them if the physicians permit. If pastors having members under treatment desire me to visit and look after them on the pastor's behalf, drop me a line and I shall take pleasure in doing so. And our League will send flowers. WALTER G. HARBIN.

No man can build for eternity with mud alone.—Dallas News.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

In this department may be advertised anything you want to buy, sell or exchange. The rate is TWO CENTS A WORD. No advertisement is taken for less than 25 cents. Cash must accompany all orders. In figuring cost of advertisement each initial sign or number is counted as one word. We cannot have answers addressed to us, so your address must appear with the advertisement. All advertisements in this department will be sent gratuitously. No display or black-faced type will be used. Copy for advertisements must reach this office by Saturday to insure their insertion. We have not investigated the merits of any proposition offered to us as outside but it is intended that nothing of a questionable nature shall appear. For terms see our advertising contract.

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Opportunity for young dentist; town of at most a thousand and growing. Not a get-rich-quick proposition, but worth investigation. Address Box 213, Bangs, Texas.

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PASTORS desiring my services for winter or spring meetings should write me early. Address GEO. P. BLEDSOE, Gilmer, Texas.

EVANGELISTIC.

OPEN DATES—I have open dates for four or five meetings during the months of February, March and April. Who wants them? Address J. C. WILSON, Alpine, Texas.

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WANTED—Competent woman to attend to all household duties in family of moderate size. One that knows how to German or Swedish preferred. MRS. JAS. A. DORSEY, Cor. 9th and Fleming, Station A, Dallas, Texas, Phone Cliff 265.

NATIONAL CORN EXPOSITION.

The National Corn Exposition, coming to Texas in February, 1914, offers an unprecedented opportunity for a grand State movement for the betterment of agriculture. The dozens of educational features presented by the various State agricultural colleges in their booths in Agricultural Hall at the Fair Grounds will offer suggestions for the farmers whereby better crops can be produced. The Exposition also carries a mission to the merchant, in that he will be brought face to face with the production of farm crops, the quality of corn, and the relative value of different methods of production. The average business man is apparently but little concerned about the welfare of the farmer. In the large cities especially he is so far removed from the activities of rural life and so surrounded by the activity of city life that he gets but little knowledge of how the rural half of the population exists. At best it would take considerable time for the people to fully realize the benefits derived from the National Corn Exposition. The business men of Omaha, Nebraska, are just recently awake to the fact that the Exposition held there in 1908 and 1909 was of real economic value to them. Texas has a golden opportunity in this Exposition to demonstrate her wonderful resources and to assist in the educating of her farmers to the point of better agriculture. This does not mean the raising of more cotton upon more acres of land, nor necessarily the reclamation of unoccupied sections. It does mean, however, that the production of cotton per acre, as well as other crops, must increase, and this increase must not come entirely at the expense of the soil, as has been the custom in the past. Crop rotation and the introduction of live stock, together with better methods of tillage are imperative if the Texas farmer is to keep pace with the agriculture of his State and to make Texas the great agricultural State which she rightly deserves to be. The depletion of humus in the soil has been one of the curses handed down to present crop production. In other words, the farmers have been pleased to grow crops without turning anything in the form of vegetable matter back to the soil. As a result the soils are washing badly, are not producing their full capacities of crops and are much harder to handle than when originally subdued. The plowing under of green manures, the keeping of live stock in adequate amounts to furnish a good application of manure during the cycle of the rotation and the practice of better tillage methods will bring the soil back to a condition very similar to their virgin nature. These things and many others in connection with up-to-date or simplified farming methods will be taught at the National Corn Exposition, not only by the features of the educational exhibits arranged by the State agricultural colleges, but also from the platform by

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GARTSIDE'S IRON RUST SOAP CO., 4054 Lancaster Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. Gartside's Iron Rust Soap (U. S. registered patent No. 3477) removes iron rust, ink and all unwashable stains from clothing, marble, etc., with magical effect. Good seller, big margins. House-to-house agents and store salesmen wanted. The original, 25c a tube. Beware of infringements and the penalty for making, selling and using an infringed article.

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men of reputation and by the many demonstrators who come to explain scientific methods of agriculture. Another opportunity open to Texas is the making of a comprehensive exhibit of her State resources in such manner as to attract settlers. The fact that the acreage of Texas runs approximately ten acres per capita demonstrates fully that many more settlers could easily be provided for. It is to be regretted that the Governor vetoed the bill appropriating \$10,000 for the making of a Texas State exhibit at the National Corn Exposition. The host State in other instances has invariably put on the largest of all State exhibits. It would be nothing short of a calamity if by reason of the lack of a State appropriation Texas would be unable to make a showing of her agricultural resources in comparison with others at the Exposition. The popularizing of the work of the Agricultural College by reason of this Exposition will be of much direct as well as indirect value to the work of the Texas Agricultural College.

A STILL LARGER FAMILY.

Brother and Sister J. P. Ward, of Leesville, Texas, were married June 6, 1852. To them were born ten children. One died in early youth. The living are: Mrs. L. C. Rankin, of Kenody; Mrs. Rucker, of Yoakum; Mrs. C. A. Ryan, of Brant; Mrs. B. G. Myers, of San Antonio; O. R. and S. E. Ward, of Runge; Mrs. Ida Allen, of Ballinger; J. W. Ward and Mrs. Corry Littlefield, of Leesville. To these were born sixty-seven children, only six of them being dead. These grandchildren of Brother and Sister Ward have been blessed with ninety-four children, eight of whom are dead. The total, not counting the sons-in-law, is 173.

Brother and Sister Ward are devout and loyal Methodists and brought their children up in the faith. All are members of the Methodist Church except one, and all the grandchildren that are in the Church are in the Methodist Church but one.

Bro. Ward will be 83 years old in March. He is quite feeble, but attends Church when he is able. Sister Ward will be 82 years old in February. She is active for her age and takes great delight in reading the Texas Christian Advocate. J. D. MAY.

OBITUARIES

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a good man," is the verdict of everyone who knew him. He was devoutly religious, always had family prayers and was always faithful in the discharge of his duties to his Church and family. He lived the religion that he professed to have. We are sure there was no "moaning at the bar when he put out to sea." Sleep on, Brother Keels, and take thy long needed rest. One day God shall call the nations of earth to appear before him and then we'll see thy face again, but not with the expression of pain on it, but peace and joy shall abide in your heart and the pain will all be over and Jesus will call you into wider fields of joy. To his loved ones who grieve after him I commend the love and grace of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

JOHN B. BELL.

RATLIFF—J. H. Ratliff was born December 29, 1849, in Louisiana. He was married to Miss Mary E. Walker, January 15, 1874, who survives him. To this union ten children were born, but two died in infancy. Five daughters and three sons rise up and call him blessed and are living consecrated, Christian lives in every way worthy of such a noble father. His three sons, Milledge, David and Henry, are Methodist preachers, the latter being pastor of our Church at San Benito, Texas. Brother Ratliff moved to Montague County, Texas, in the early 80's and settled near Montague town, where he lived until his death, July 28, 1913. For about twenty years he was a steward in the Methodist Church. And no pastor ever had a more loyal and devoted one. He was never too busy nor the weather too inclement to make his regular round among the members on his list. His pastor always found in him a staunch friend and a wise counsellor. He was, indeed, sparing to a noticeable degree of any criticism of his pastor, and was ever ready to cover with the mantle of charity any faults or foibles that he might possess. With him doing the will of God was no side issue, but a consuming passion. It was my privilege to know him intimately, and I hesitatingly say that he was one of the truest and best specimens of Christian manhood that I have ever known. And I love to think that the influence of his consecrated life will continue to live with ever increasing momentum in the lives of the noble sons and queenly daughters that have come out from that household over which he presided with such princely and Christ-like dignity. And may the Lord deal gently with his lonely companion who has labored by his side through the years of conquest and victory until the lengthening shadows of the evening have gathered, and the last long ascent to the city of God has greeted her vision. The writer, assisted by Rev. T. H. Morris, conducted the funeral service in the Methodist Church at Bowie, Texas.

CHARLES P. MARTIN, Salinas, California.

KELLEY—Jack Hampton Kelley was born in North Alabama, September 6, 1838. In the year 1860, he, then a handsome young man, was united in marriage to a beautiful, brown-eyed girl by the name of Virginia Drake. To this happy union were born nine children, six of whom, along with their mother, survive him. He came with his family to Texas in 1869, and made the State an honorable citizen from that date. Brother Kelley was converted and joined the Methodist Church when about forty years old. He became a faithful member, filling the places of steward and Sunday School Superintendent for a number of terms. The writer of these lines knew him and his good wife for years—was their pastor, has been in their home, ate at their hospitable table, and he is prepared to say that there were not two better, truer, nobler souls anywhere in the realm of his acquaintance than these two dear old people. Brother Kelley was strong in body, mind and heart, a true husband, a worthy citizen, a noble patriot and an humble follower of Jesus. There is no doubt in the minds of those who knew him that, when he left the earth on the afternoon of May 1, he went home to the Father beyond the sunset. A. D. PORTER, Morrow Street, Waco, Texas.

WILSON—John Wesley Wilson was born in Mississippi, August 9, 1852, and departed this life November 12, 1913. He was converted at the age of 14 and joined the Methodist Church of which he has been a consistent, faithful and devout member ever since, serving for many years in the capacity of steward. He was married to Elizabeth Faust, January 29, 1876. To this union were born several children. Brother Wilson was a devoted husband, a kind father and a Christian citizen. He directed the affairs of his home with remarkable skill. He was a patient sufferer for nearly one year. Our Church at Ames has lost a valuable member and the community a most respected citizen. To the bereaved wife and children we would say may you find in Christ that comfort and peace which will afford consolation for all time. M. L. LATHAN.

CANNON—Christmas is a time of much joy, glee and happiness. But Christmas day will hereafter be an occasion of sadness and sorrow to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Cannon and children, with all their connection. Instead of ringing the Christmas bells for joy, the funeral dirge was heard in their home at Menard on December 25, 1913. Little Robert A. Cannon, five years and seven months old, becoming entangled in a rope, was dragged to death by a frightened cow. For five hours he lingered, then went into the presence of his gracious Heavenly Father. Bereaved ones, little Robert is gone—not into a series of

disappointments and failures, but into a celestial city whose maker is God and whose only atmosphere is love. Mourning hearts, look to God for help and succor; he is able to lift you over this great affliction. In his loving arms he will embrace and breathe sweetly into your aching soul. "My child, fear not, it is I." Heaven is only dearer and the celestial abode of the soul only nearer to the consecrated mother and father; yea, to all the bereaved ones whose loved one has made his triumphant exit from this world and glorious entry into the eternal palace of God. One who loved him, MRS. M. O. PERRY, Allen, Texas.

WILLHELM—August Christopher Wilhelm was born in Germany, January 11, 1863; came to America at a very early age; converted and joined the Methodist Church at the age of 15; married to Christiana Williams, January 8, 1885, and died at his home near Ames, January 16, 1914. Brother Wilhelm lived in Coryell County during the past twenty-six years and was a highly respected citizen. He was a Christian and the preacher's friend. The Church could always count on Brother Wilhelm. Six children were born into his home, five of whom, with his devoted wife and a multitude of friends, survive to mourn their loss. I have known Brother Wilhelm only a short while, but to know him was to love him. His end came very suddenly, although he had not been well since our Annual Conference which he attended. Amid a throng of loved ones and friends, as laid his body to rest in the Weaver Graveyard to sleep until the resurrection. M. L. LATHAN.

MURRELL—Amy Sneed Murrell was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Sneed near Levita, March 22, 1872; was married to A. H. Murrell November 24, 1887; died at her home near Jonesboro, Texas, November 15, 1913. Early in life she gave her heart in service to Christ, and joined the Methodist Church, of which she was a devoted member until she was taken to the Church triumphant to be with the angels. She was a devoted wife, a sweet-spirited mother and lived a beautiful life in the community. That vacated chair around the family circle has caused our aching void that can never be filled. Sister Murrell suffered the agonies of a scorching fever for more than two months and yet without complaint. Her courage and zeal were wonderful. To the sorrowing husband, children and friends we extend our sympathy and prayers, and commend them to the hands of Him who said "I will not leave you comfortless." May this providence draw each of her loved ones to follow her to that city whose builder and maker is God. M. L. LATHAN.

REECE—Frances Mahala Reece, wife of W. E. Reece, died January 6, 1914, at her home at Fairview, Texas, where she had lived for a quarter of a century. To Brother and Sister Reece were born eight children, seven of whom survive. She leaves many relatives and friends who mourn her going. She was almost sixty-five years old and had been a member of the Methodist Church almost all of her life, and a more loyal and devoted member would be hard to find. She was always in her place in Church. She had a living faith in Christ which expressed itself in daily ministrations to her loved ones, neighbors and friends. She often expressed her willingness to go to her reward. May the bereaved husband and children find comfort in the same faith which made her life beautiful and triumphant. JNO. W. SHOEMAKER.

BROWN—On Saturday afternoon, January 3, 1914, one of the saintliest women and a pioneer of Chico, passed from earth to her rich reward in heaven. She was Mrs. Saffrona Brown, the Mother of Chico, as she was affectionately called, for she and her husband founded Chico in 1877. She was born in Greer County, Missouri, in 1838, and was married to Jas. T. Brown just as she bloomed into beautiful womanhood. They soon after moved to California, but after a few years, came to Wise County and settled where Chico now stands. God gave them four children, only two of whom are living, J. T. Brown, of Chico, Texas, and Mrs. Wiles, of Los Angeles, California. Her companion died most triumphantly five years ago, and awaited her coming. Sister Brown accepted Christ at the age of thirteen and joined the Methodist Church, and has since lived a devout life. She was wholly submissive and resigned to the Lord's will, as was shown in her patient suffering for the last several years. But the best of all is she left us the assurance that she was prepared for the Master's call. E. D. SILLMAN.

DENVER

DENVER CONFERENCE.

Durango District—Second Round. Flora Vista Charge, at Cedar Hill, Monday Eve., Feb. 9. Farmington Charge, at Farmington, Tuesday Eve., Feb. 10. Durango Charge, at Durango, Wednesday Eve., Feb. 11. Mancos Charge, at Mancos, Thursday Eve., Feb. 12. Aztec Charge, at Aztec, Saturday Eve., Feb. 14. La Plata Charge, at Thomas Chapel, Monday Eve., Feb. 16. D. E. BUNDY, P. E.

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque District—Second Round. Carrizozo, Feb. 1. McAllister Cir., Jordan, Feb. 4. Melrose, Feb. 7. Cimarron, Feb. 11. Tucumcari, Feb. 14, 15. San Jon Cir., Bard, Feb. 17.

Tucumcari Cir., Abbott, Feb. 21, 22. San Marcial, Mar. 1. Watrous, Mar. 4. Gallup, Mar. 7, 8. Magdalena, Mar. 15, 16. Albuquerque, Mar. 21, 22. Clayton Cir., Fairview, Mar. 28, 29. GEO. H. GIVAN, P. E.

El Paso District—Second Round.

Toyah, Jan. 24, 25. Van Horn, Jan. 25, 26. Alamogordo, Jan. 28. Ft. Davis, at Sanderson, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Ft. Stockton, Feb. 4. Abilene, Feb. 7, 8. Lordsburg, Feb. 14, 15. Deming, Feb. 15, 16. El Paso Mission, Feb. 21, 22. Clint, at Ysleta, Feb. 22, 23. Trinity, March 1. Highland Park, March 7, 8. Alta Vista, March 8, 9. Las Cruces, March 14, 15. La Mesa, March 21, 22. Tularosa, March 28, 29. The District Conference will convene at Alpine, April 16, at 9 o'clock a. m. The opening sermon will be preached by W. S. Huggett, of Lordsburg. J. R. COCHRAN, P. E. 1107 E. Boulevard.

Pecos Valley District—Second Round.

Dayton and Lakewood, Feb. 1. Rodgers, Feb. 3, 4. Portales, Feb. 4, 5. Roswell, Feb. 7, 8. Artesia, Feb. 14, 15. Kermit, Feb. 18. Odessa, Feb. 21, 22. Pecos, Feb. 25. Toyah Valley, March 1, 2. Cloria, March 7, 8. Blackstone, March 14, 15. Texico, March 21, 22. Hope, March 25. Edda, March 28, 29. Lake Arthur, April 1. Lovington Cir., April 4, 5. Sacramento, April 11, 12. Hagerman, April 18, 19. Grady, April 28, 29. District Conference will convene at Hagerman, April 16, at our church at nine a. m. At eleven a. m., Franklin Cramer will preach the opening sermon. Will all the pastors see that they are elected delegates to the District Conference and elect their names sent in according to the conference rule. (See minutes, page five, rule nine.) J. H. MESSER, P. E.

WEST TEXAS

Austin District—First Round.

Bastrop, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. First Church, Feb. 2. University Church, Feb. 3. Ward Memorial, Feb. 7, 8. V. A. GODFREY, P. E. Beeville District—Second Round. Jan. 31, Feb. 1, Mathis, at Sandia, Feb. 1, 2, Fallis, at Premont, Feb. 2, Alice, 10 a. m., Feb. 7, 8, Aransas Pass, Feb. 9, Gregory, Feb. 14, 15, Rockport, at Woodshoro, Feb. 15, 16, Calallen, at Odem, Feb. 21, 22, Skidmore, at St. Paul, Feb. 22, 23, Sinton, Feb. 28, March 1, Robstown, at Banquette, March 1, 2, Corpus Christi, March 7, 8, Oakville, at Clarksville, March 8, 9, Beeville, March 13, Kingsville, March 14, 15, Mercedes, March 15, McAllen, at Edinburg, March 16, Mission, March 17, Pears, March 18, San Benito, March 19, Brownsville, March 20, 21, Harlingen, March 22, Riviera, at Raymondville, March 28, 29, Floresville, March 29, 30, Kames City, April 4, 5, Bcarr, at Pettus, April 5, 6, Kennedy, April 15, 19. District Conference at B. shop. J. H. GROSECLOSE, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round.

Victoria, Feb. 7, 8. Goliad, 7 p. m., Monday, Feb. 9. Nursery, at Thonon, Feb. 14, 15. Seadrift, at Seadrift, 3 p. m., Tuesday, Feb. 17. Edna, Feb. 21, 22. Ganado and Louise, at Louise, 3 p. m., Monday, Feb. 23. Port Lavaca and Traylor, at Traylor, Feb. 28, March 1. Yoakum, March 7, 8. Hallettsville, at Rock Island, 9 a. m., Mar. 10. Highland Park and Hemphill, at Highland Park, Feb. 1, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 4, 7:30 p. m. El Campo, March 21, 22. Smiley, at Westhoff, March 28, 29. District Conference will convene at Victoria, 8:30 a. m., March 31. Cuero, April 4, 5. Provident, at Hope, April 11, 12. Runge, April 18, 19. Nixon, 2 p. m., Friday, April 24. Pandora, at Dewville, April 25, 26. Stockdale, 2 p. m., Tuesday, April 28. Laverna, at Sutherland Springs, May 2, 3. JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

Lampasas District—Second Round.

Kempner, at Kempner, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Lometa, at Ogile, Feb. 1, 2. Center City, at Bethel, Feb. 7, 8. San Saba Cir., at Bethel, Feb. 14, 15. Richland Springs, at Locker, Feb. 21, 22. Star, at Knox, Feb. 28, Mar. 1. San Saba Sta., Mar. 7, 8. Llano Sta., Mar. 14, 15. Cherokee, at Valley Springs, Mar. 15, 16. Mason, at Mason, Mar. 21, 22. Fredonia, at Katesney, Mar. 22, 23. Johnson City, at Rockvale, Mar. 28, 29. Marble Falls, Mar. 29, 30. Willow City, at Walnut, April 4, 5. Llano Cir., at Kingsland, April 5, 6. J. W. COWAN, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round.

Lohn, at Lohn, Jan. 31, Feb. 1, a. m. Rochelle, at Live Oak, Feb. 7, 8. Brady, Feb. 8, 9. Eden and Menard, at Menard, Feb. 9, 3 p. m. Miles, at Miles, Feb. 14, 15, a. m. San Angelo Chadbourne St., Feb. 15, p. m. Midland, Feb. 21, 22. Garden City Cir., Feb. 21. Junction, Feb. 28, March 1. Eldorado, March 7, 8. Sonora, March 14, 15. Sherwood, at Knickerbocker, Mar. 21, 22, a. m. San Angelo, First Church Mar. 22, p. m. Sterling City, at China Valley, March 28, 29. Water Valley Cir., March 29, p. m. Edith, at Edith, April 4, 5. Ozona, April 11, 12. Paint Rock Cir., April 18, 19. F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round.

January 31, February 1, Kyle and Buda, Kyle. February 8, San Marcos. Preaching. February 14, 15, Waelder. February 21, 22, Martindale, at Martindale. February 28, March 1, Belmont, at Oak Forest. March 2, Gonzales. Conference.

March 3, Seguin, Conference. March 5, San Marcos. Conference. March 7, 8, Manchaca, at Creedmore. March 14, 15, Lytton Springs. March 21, 22, Staples, at Harris Chapel. March 26, Blanco. March 28, 29, Dripping Springs, at Fitzhugh. April 3, Lockhart. April 4 and 5, Leesville, at Leesville. April 6, Luling, Conference. April 12, Luling. Preaching. Missionary Institute and District Conference at Luling, April 7-10. Opening sermon by Rev. W. T. Kerfoot, 7:30 p. m., April 7. THOMAS GREGORY, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round.

Government Hill, Feb. 1. Alamo Heights, Feb. 8. West End, Feb. 8. Laurel Heights, Feb. 15. Travis Park, Feb. 15. Prospect Hill, Feb. 22. South Heights, Feb. 22. San Antonio Cir., at Oak Island, March 8. Fowerton, at Charlotte, March 1. Kerrville, March 15. Center Point, March 15. Roerne, at Comfort, March 22. Alamo, March 22. Newwood, March 29. McKinley, March 29. Pleasanton, April 5. Jourdanton, April 5. Bandera, April 19. Medina, at Tarply, April 19. Poteet, April 26. S. H. C. BURGIN, P. E.

CENTRAL TEXAS

Brownwood District—First Round.

Blanket, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Coleman Sta., Feb. 7, 8. Brownwood Sta., Feb. 10. J. H. STEWART, P. E. Cisco District—First Round. Cisco Mission, at Rich, Jan. 24, 25. Cisco Sta., Jan. 28, 29. Romney, at R. 11 a. m., Jan. 28. Carbon, at C., Feb. 1, 2. C. E. LINDSEY, P. E.

Cisco District—Second Round.

Breckenridge, at B., Feb. 7, 8. Strawn, at Caldo, Feb. 8, 9. Eastland, at P. G., Feb. 14, 15. Ranger, at R., Feb. 15, 16. Thurber and Mingo, at M., 7 p. m., Feb. 20. Gordon, at Blue Flat, Feb. 21, 22. Rising Star, 7 p. m., Feb. 27. May, at Holder, Feb. 28, Mar. 1. Kolan, at Hargersville, March 7, 8. Wasland, at Gumsight, March 8, 9. Gorman, at G., March 14, 15. Staff, at Grandview, March 15, 16. Desdemona, at D., 11 a. m., March 17. Sipe Springs, at Beattie, March 21, 22. Pioneer, March 28, 29. Serrator, April 4, 5. Cisco Sta., 11 a. m., April 9. Romney, April 11, 12. Carbon, April 18, 19. Cisco Sta., April 26, 27. District Conference will meet in Ranger, May 29-31. Delegates are to be elected this morning. C. E. LINDSEY, P. E.

Cleburne District—First Round.

Glen Rose Sta., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Glen Rose Sta., at Buck Creek, Feb. 2. W. W. MOSS, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round.

(Complete Round.) Zion Rest, 11 a. m., Feb. 1. Corsicana, 11th Ave., 7:30 p. m., Feb. 1. Rice, Feb. 7, 8. Kerens and Powell, at K., Feb. 14, 15. Kivren and Streetman, at S., Feb. 21, 22. Purdon, at Dredden, Feb. 28, March 1. Mexia Cir., at Cedar, March 7, 8. Groesbeck, March 8, 9. Thornton, at Steel Creek, March 14, 15. Big Hill and Odds, at B. H., March 15, 16. Corsicana Cir., at Eureka, March 21, 22. Corsicana, First Church, 8 p. m., March 22. Frost, March 28, 29. Emmett Cir., at E., March 29, 30. Blooming Grove, April 4, 5. Clatfield, at Tupelo, April 11, 12. Harmony, at Alliance Hall, April 18, 19. Dawson, April 19, 20. Corsicana, 11th Ave., 8 p. m., April 22. Barry and Embouse, at E., April 25, 26. Mexia, May 2, 3. Wortham Miss, at Hardin, May 9, 10. Wortham and Richland, at W., May 10, 11. Corsicana, First Church, 8 p. m., May 11. E. A. SMITH, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round.

Kennedale Cir., at Kennedale, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Highland Park and Hemphill, at Highland Park, Feb. 1, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 4, 7:30 p. m. JNO. R. NELSON, P. E.

Gateville District—First Round.

Oglesby Cir., at Oglesby, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round.

Rogers, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Taylor, Feb. 7, 8. Belton Cir., at Midway, Feb. 14, 15. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Hillsboro District—First Round.

Kirk Charge, at Kirk Jan. 31, Feb. 1. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Waco District—First Round.

Morrow Street, Feb. 1, 11 a. m. Herring Avenue, Feb. 1, 7 p. m. W. B. ANDREWS, P. E.

Washachie District—First Round.

Italy, Jan. 25, 26. Milford, Jan. 25, 26. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round.

Loving, at Hawkins Ch., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. New Castle, at Padgett, Feb. 7, 8. Olney, Feb. 8, 9. Eliasville, at Murry, Feb. 14, 15. Springtown, at Agnes, Feb. 21, 22. Whitt, at Pooleville, Feb. 28, March 1. Santo, at Santo, March 7, 8. Millsap, at Garner, March 14, 15. Weatherford Cir., at Lambert, March 21, 22. Aledo, at Benbrook, March 28, 29. Azle, at Peden, April 4, 5. Grafado, April 12, 13. Mineral Wells, April 19, 20. Counts Memorial, Weatherford, April 26, 27. First Church, Weatherford, April 26, 28. JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

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Abilene District—First Round.

Trent, at Cross Roads, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Merkel, Feb. 2. Paul's, Abilene, Feb. 4. Putnam and Moran, Feb. 7, 8. Baird, Feb. 9. First Church, Abilene, Feb. 11. Nugent, at Hanby, Feb. 14, 15. Wagon, Feb. 21, 22. C. N. N. FERGUSON, P. E.

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Amarillo District—Second Round.

Bovina, at Bovina, Feb. 7. Hereford, Feb. 8, 9. Canyon, Feb. 14, 15. Channing, Feb. 21, 22. Dalhart, Feb. 28, March 1. Textline, March 1, 2. Stratford, March 8, 9. Ochiltree, at Plainsview, March 14, 15. Glazier, March 15, 16. Higgins, March 16, at 7:30 p. m. Hansford, March 18, at 11 a. m. Dumas, March 21, 22. Panhandle, March 28, 29. Canyon Mission, April 4, 5. Wildorado, at Vega, April 11, 12. Amarillo, Polk St., April 18, 19. Amarillo, Buchanan Ave., Houghton, April 19, 20. Institute at Canyon City for Bovina, Hereford, Canyon Mission, Amarillo (both classes) at Dalhart, Feb. 27, 28, for Dalhart, Textline, Stratford, Channing, Dumas and Hansford. Will announce for the rest of the district later. District Conference at Higgins, beginning Wednesday, 8:00 p. m., closing Sunday 8:00 p. m. Let the laymen who are elected be sure

to attend. All the school men are invited. Let us make it a great conference.

Big Spring District—First Round. Taboka and Slaton, at S., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Post, Feb. 1, 2. Coahoma, at C., Feb. 7, 8. W. H. TERRY, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round. Memphis Sta., Jan. 25, 26. Canadian Sta., Feb. 1, 2. Cataline Mis., at Dixon S. H., Feb. 7, 8. Moberie Mis., at Moberie, Feb. 14, 15. Wheeler Cir., at Locust Grove, Feb. 21, 22. Shamrock Sta., Feb. 22, 23. McLean Cir., at Groom, Feb. 28, March 1. Miami and Pampa, at Miami, March 7, 8. Washburn Mis., at Fairview, March 14, 15. Claude Sta., March 15, 16. Clarendon Sta., March 18. Lakeview Cir., at Brice, March 19. Newlin Cir., at Salisbury, March 21, 22. Hedley Cir., at Hedley, March 28, 29. Wellington Cir., at Fresno, April 4, 5. Wellington Sta., April 6. Quail Cir., at Marella, April 7. Plymouth Cir., at Lee's Chapel, April 8. Clarendon Mis., at Olive Branch, April 11, 12. Goodnight, April 18, 19. District Conference, at McLean, April 21, 23. Rev. A. L. Bowman will preach the opening sermon Tuesday, April 21, at 8 p. m. J. W. STORY, P. E.

Hamlin District—First Round. Rotan Sta., Feb. 1, 2. Vera, at Vera, Feb. 7, 8. Jayton, at J., Feb. 14, 15. Peacock, at P., Feb. 15, 16. G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Plainview District—First Round. Kress, Feb. 1, 2. Happy, Feb. 7, 8. Lorenzo, at Estacado, Feb. 14, 15. O. F. KIKER, P. E.

Sweetwater District—Second Round. Roscoe, at R., Feb. 7-8. Lorraine, at Champion, Feb. 14-15. Westbrook, at Cuthbert, Feb. 21-22. Colorado Sta., Feb. 28, March 1. Blackwell, at Slater's Chapel, March 7-8. Fluvanna, at Bethel, March 14-15. Sweetwater Mis., at Moody, March 21-22. Snyder Sta., March 26. District Conference, at Snyder, March 27-29. Sweetwater Sta., April 5. Ira, at Sharon, April 11-12. Roby, at Royston, April 18-19. Dunn, at Pleasant Hill, April 25-26. Camp Springs, at Crenshaw, April 27. J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round. (Part 1st.) Vernon Cir., Feb. 7, 8, at Harrold. Tolbert and Fargo, Feb. 28, March 1, at Fargo. Chillicothe Sta., March 1, 2. Ounah Sta., March 8. Estelme, March 14, 15, at Bethel. Kirkland, March 16, 11 a. m., at Goodlett. Lazare Mis., March 21, 22, at Lazare. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

TEXAS

Brenham District—First Round. Wallis and Fulhear, at F., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Brookshire and Pattison, at B., Feb. 1, 2. Somerville, Q. C., Feb. 4. Bay City Mis., at Wadsworth, Feb. 7, 8. Wharton, Feb. 8, 9. Chappell Hill Q. C., Feb. 11. Glen Flora, Feb. 14, 15. Sealy, Feb. 15, 16. Waller, at Waller, Feb. 21, 22. Hempstead, Q. C., Feb. 23, 7 p. m. Lexington Mis., at Pleasant Hill, Feb. 28, March 1. Lexington Sta., March 1, 2. Richmond Sta., March 7, 8, 11 a. m. S. W. THOMAS, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round. Woodville, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Warrea, 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. E. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

Houston District—First Round. Alvin, Feb. 1. Arcadia, Feb. 1. Harrisburg, Feb. 4. Velasco, Feb. 8. Columbia, Feb. 11. Katy, Feb. 15. J. KILGORE, P. E.

Jacksonville District—First Round. Gallatin Cir., at Turney, Jan. 31. Cushing Cir., at Linn Flat, Feb. 1, 2. Larue Cir., at Baxter, Feb. 4. Brushy Creek Cir., at E. C., Feb. 7, 8. Mt. Selman Cir., at Mt. Selman, Feb. 14, 15. Bullard Cir., at Bullard, Feb. 15, 16. Troup Sta., Feb. 21, 22. Overton and Arp, at Overton, Feb. 22, 23. J. B. TURRENTINE, P. E.

Marlin District—First Round. Davilla Cir., at Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Buckholts, at Buckholts, Feb. 1, 2. Leon Mis., at P. Ridge, Feb. 7, 8. Centerville Cir., at Centerville, Feb. 8, 9. 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. I. F. BETTS, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round. Gilmer Mis., at Betty, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Gilmer Sta., Feb. 1, 2. Harrison Cir., at Parsonage, Feb. 4. Beckville Cir., at Pisgah, Feb. 7, 8. Kilgore Cir., at Kilgore, Feb. 14, 15. Marshall, First Church, Feb. 17. Marshall Summit St., Feb. 18. Rosewood Cir., at Fairview, Feb. 21, 22. Bethany Cir., at Bethel, Feb. 29, March 1. F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

Navasota District—First Round. Willis and New Waverly, at Willis, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Huntsville Sta. and Walker County Mis., Feb. 1, 2. Oakhurst and Dodge, at Dodge, Feb. 7, 8. Conroe Sta., Feb. 8. Millican and Stoneham, at Stoneham, Feb. 15. Bryan Sta. and Brazos Co. Mis., Feb. 18. Montgomery Cir., at Montgomery, Feb. 24, 25. Cold Springs Mis., at Cold Springs, Feb. 28, March 1. Cleveland and Shepherd, at Cleveland, Mar. 1. E. L. SHUTTLES, P. E.

Pittsburg District—First Round. Winfield, at Winfield, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Cornett, at Hamill's Chap., Feb. 7, 8. Naples and Omaha, at Naples, Feb. 8, 9. Tomarkona, First Ch., (Con.) Feb. 9, night. Hughes Springs, at H. S., Feb. 12, 13. Canon, at Canon, Feb. 14, 15. Daingerfield, Feb. 15, 16.

Winnboro, at Musgrove, Feb. 21, 22. Pittsburg Cir., at LaFayette, Feb. 28, March 1. Pittsburg St., March 1, 2. O. T. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Timpeon District—First Round. Geneva, at McMahan's Chapel, Jan. 31. San Augustine, Feb. 1. Mt. Enterprise, at Mt. Enterprise, Feb. 7. Melrose, at Melrose, Feb. 14. Kennard, at Kennard, Feb. 16. Appleby, at Prairie Grove, Feb. 21. J. W. MILLS, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round. (Revised.) Edom and Chandler, Jan. 24, 25, at Chandler. Cedar Street, Jan. 25 (Evening). Grand Saline, Jan. 29 (Evening). Edgewood, Jan. 30 (Evening). Willis Point Sta., Feb. 1. Emory and Point, Feb. 7, 8, at Point. Alba, Feb. 8, at Golden. Mt. Sylvan, Feb. 14, 15, at Mt. Sylvan. Murchison, Feb. 18, at Murchison. Mincola Mis., Feb. 20, at Olive B. Quitman, Feb. 21, at Liberty. Tyler Cir., Feb. 28, March 1, at Bascom. Marvin, March 2. Willis Point Cir., March 5, at Myrtle Spgs. Canton, at Canton, March 6. Ben Wheeler, at E. W., March 7. Colfax, at Oakland, March 8. This is a revised list, and it will be noted that several week-day dates appear. This was in order to give stewards and people December in which to rest from the strain of the closing month of last conference year. J. T. SMITH, P. E.

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Bonham District—First Round. Ector Cir., at Ector, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Petty and Whiterock, at Whiterock, Feb. 7, 8. Honey Grove Sta., Feb. 8, 9. Windom Cir., at Windom, Feb. 14, 15. Ringgold, at Ringgold, Feb. 21, 22. Ravenna Cir., at Ravenna, Feb. 28, March 1. Ladonia Sta., March 7, 8. Bailey Cir., at Bailey, March 14, 15. O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round. Bellevue Sta., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Bowie Sta., Feb. 1, 2. Ringgold, at Ringgold, Feb. 7, 8. Nacoma Sta., Feb. 8, 9. Archer City, Feb. 14, 15. Megargal, at A., Feb. 15, 16. Post Oak, at Post Oak, Feb. 21, 22. Vashti, at Vashti, Feb. 22, 23. Crofton, at Park Springs, Feb. 28, March 1. Sunset, Dry Valley, March 1, 2. Dundee, Eagle Bend, March 7, 8. T. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round. Duncannon and Wheatland, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Grace, Feb. 4. Cochran and Maple Avenue, Feb. 7, 8. Cole Avenue, Feb. 9. First Church, Feb. 11. Grand Prairie, Feb. 14, 15. Tyler Street, Feb. 15, 16. Trinity, Feb. 18. Oak Lawn, Feb. 25. Munger Place, Feb. 26. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

Decatur District—First Round. Argyle Cir., at A., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Bridgeport Mis., at Sand Flat, Feb. 7, 8. Chico Sta., at C., Feb. 8, 9. Alvord Sta., Feb. 10. Perrin and Barton, at P., Feb. 14, 15. Willow Point, at W. Pt., Feb. 21, 22. Jacksboro Mis., at Vineyard, Feb. 22, 23. Mexican Mis., at Bridgeport, Feb. 23, night. Decatur Sta., Feb. 25. S. C. RIDDLE, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round. Myra and Hood, at Myra, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Valley View Sta., Feb. 7, 8. Sanger Sta., Feb. 8, 9. Era and Spring Creek, at Era, Feb. 14, 15. Broadway Sta., Feb. 15, 16. Dexter Mis., at Mt. Zion, Feb. 21, 22. Rosston Mis., at Rosston, Feb. 28, March 1. J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round. Floyd and Salem, at Floyd, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Wolfe City Sta., Feb. 1, 2. C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round. Lewisville, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Carrollton and F. B., at C., Feb. 1, 2. Richardson, at R., Feb. 7, 8. Plano, Feb. 8, 7 p. m. Renner, at R., Feb. 14, 15. McKinney, Feb. 15, 7 p. m. Princeton and Wilson Ch., at P., Feb. 21, 22. Farmersville, Feb. 22, 23. Blue Ridge, at Fayburg, Feb. 28, March 1. Weston, at W., March 7, 8. CHAS. A. SPRAGINS, P. E.

Paris District—First Round. Paris Cir., at Hopewell, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Bogata at Rosalie, Feb. 1, 2. Clarksville Mis., at McCoy, Feb. 7, 8. Deport Station, Feb. 15, 16. McKenzie Cir., at McKenzie, Feb. 21, 22. Avery Cir., at A., Feb. 28, March 1. Lamar Ave. March 8. Centenary, March 8. W. F. BRYAN, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round. 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. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round. Winnshoro Sta., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Purley, at Pickton, Feb. 7, 8. Come and Forest Academy at Como, Feb. 8, 9. Brashear, at Sherley, Feb. 14, 15. Sulphur Bluff, at S. B., Feb. 21, 22. Yowell, at Underwood, Feb. 28, March 1. Sulphur Springs Mis. at Harper's Ch., Mar. 7, 8. Klondike, at K., March 14, 15. R. C. HICKS, P. E.

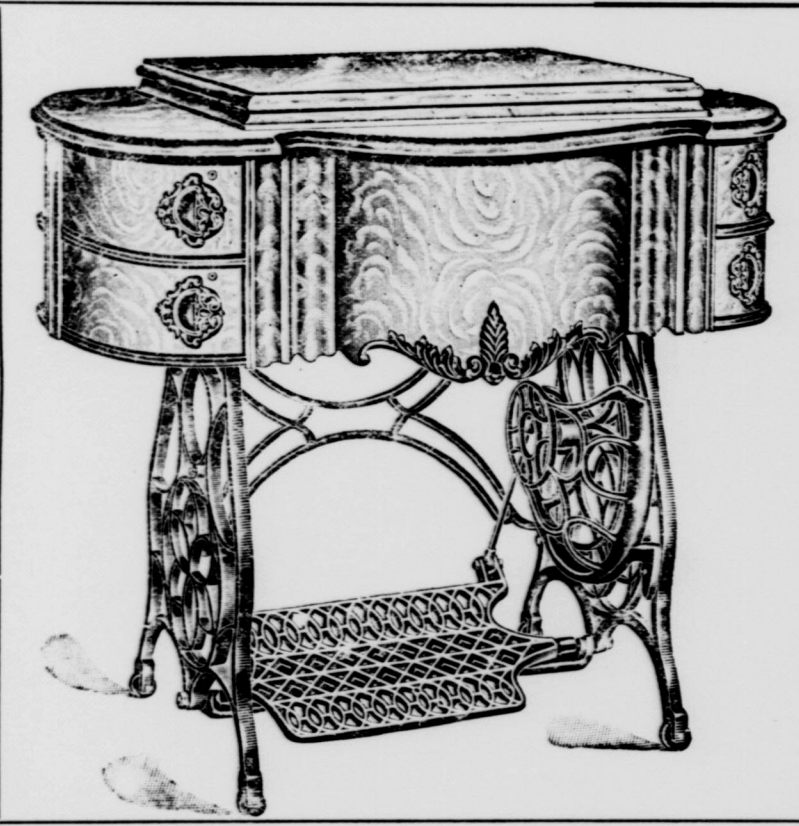
Terrell District—First Round. Mesquite and Pleasant Md., at M., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Forney Sta., Feb. 1, 2. Mesquite Cir., at Montgomery Ch., Feb. 7, 8. Crandall and Songoville, at C., Feb. 8, 9. College Md. Cir., at C. M., Feb. 14, 15. Elmo Mis., at E., Feb. 15, 16. Hutchins and Wilmer at W., Feb. 21, 22. Lancaster Sta., Feb. 22, 23. A. L. ANDREWS, P. E.

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Some Experiences of Successful Men.

THE CONNECTIONAL ENTERPRISE A HELP TO THE CHURCH AT HOME.

I have always believed that great connectional enterprises stimulate and encourage men to do greater things for themselves, and therefore develop the spirit of liberality at home. So it has ever been my practice to open wide the door to connectional officers charged with the responsibility of financing such enterprises, and my faith in the principle stated above has been confirmed by experience.

Of the charges I have served, I remember but two in which there was no special connectional work done (and these were very poor missions, into which the connectional officers did not ask to come), yet I have always succeeded in raising the benevolences—usually with an excess—and in all but three instances the salary has been more than paid, and that without any considerable effort.

In several instances the connectional brother came while we were in the midst of some new enterprise for the home Church. In such cases I invariably gave him a hearty welcome and rendered him such assistance as I could, and in every instance I am sure that they helped rather than hindered the home enterprise.

For instance, at one time the financial agent for our conference school came while we were building a new parsonage. I took him in my buggy, carried him over the circuit and helped him to present his claim. He secured a liberal contribution for the school, and we succeeded in building a \$2500 parsonage on a \$700 circuit.

In another charge while we were building a church that was a credit to the town and membership of the Church, and were planning a new parsonage, both the Commissioner for S. M. U. and A. C. I. came. We managed to arrange special services for them both, in which they made their appeal, and then accompanied them on their rounds next day urging the people to contribute. They secured subscriptions gratifying to themselves, a credit to the charge and that proved a stimulus to the work at home. After these brethren left I made a personal canvass of those whom they had not seen and secured additional subscriptions. The church building went forward to completion, and the people were in a better humor to build a parsonage than when the commissioners came.

I have never yet heard a man plead his subscription to a church school as an excuse for not contributing to the benevolences, to the preacher's salary or to the home church, but on the other hand I have found that those who contribute to these institutions fostered by the whole connection are the ones to be depended on to do the work at home.

Not least among the good results from the building of S. M. U. is the broadening of our horizon, the encouragement to larger liberality and the stimulus to do greater things for our Methodism at home. The success of the enterprise means much to the local Church everywhere; its failure would be almost the greatest calamity that could befall our Zion.

We are learning that to be a Methodist is no mere child's play, but requires service and sacrifice worthy the dignity of a man.

JNO. W. GOODWIN.

AN EMPHATIC STATEMENT.

Does the "Cause of Education" interfere with Conference Claims?

"Most certainly not, is my ready answer. In fact, the very men who gave most liberally to S. M. U. and Stamford paid a great per cent of the collections. You can compare the subscriptions from this circuit and the report of my presiding elder given for it at conference, and it will verify my answer. In fact, I really believe that building the parsonage and the subscriptions for education had more to do with the present condition of this charge than any other.

"My people take the Advocate, read it and verse themselves on the great movements of our Church. Yours,

"JNO. E. ELDRIDGE.

"We'llington, Tex., Jan. 4, 1914."

The raising of money in any charge for any of our connectional causes is a benediction to the charge, a means of grace obtained by no other method.

The pastor who gets in his people's way of contributing to our institutions does them an irreparable injury.

The man who is privileged to have his vision extended "even to the uttermost parts of the earth" sees larger needs at home, feels the responsibility more keenly and is willing to do more for the increase of God's kingdom. You will remember the stand that I took at the Stamford District Conference, when Stamford College was in the balance and it seemed on the verge of ruin, yet I saw that the amount that was planned for S. M. U. must be raised, so I stepped out of the way with the Stamford proposition, placed myself behind the representative of S. M. U. and assisted him in raising nearly \$5000 (and let me say to you here that that was the best work that I ever did for Stamford College, for it gave our people an interest in Christian education and a vision of larger things and made possible the clearing of the debt on Stamford College just a little later).

Our pastors are too prone to see nothing beyond their "little job," encourage their laymen that they need their money at home. This lesson they know by heart and have been reciting it for the last thirty years to my certain knowledge.

I am not favorable to turning everything that comes along loose on my congregation, but when my Church puts its stamp of approval on a cause or on one of our institutions, I am ready to donate and place my people at its services.

In my humble judgment, the raising of \$5,000,000 more for Southern Methodist University is the most important business before Southern Methodism today, and will be until the task is accomplished.

Every Methodist within a radius of two thousand miles of Dallas should have a part in this; it would do them good and would not pauperize any other work, but to the contrary would stimulate interest in all lines of Church work as nothing else could or would do.

Trusting that I have made myself plain on the subject and hoping to see the above amount raised within the next five years, I am yours for S. M. U.,

J. B. McCARLEY.

Matador, Texas, January 14, 1914.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT ENDOWMENT.

The Ministers' Memorial Fund.

One of the number of guarantees that S. M. U. will soon be a university in reality, is the intense demand for the Theological Department. The preachers of three States are rallying to it with great zeal. The vitality of our Church is being registered by this campaign. The General Board of Education of New York stipulated that we found and support our own Theological Department as a condition of their gift. The natural law of sequence is, that when we have done well in this matter will be eligible for new and better gifts? The standard of Methodism and of the other branches of the University will never be any higher than the efficiency of the Theological Department.

But enough said. It will be endowed right away with a minimum of \$250,000—in the least possible time, with the least possible expense, with the greatest amount of enthusiasm, done strictly in Texas Methodist style, the bigger the better, and every effort only the prophecy of a greater one, and success for all of them.

One feature of the Theological Endowment Campaign is the

Ministers' Memorial Fund.

Only a word of explanation is necessary. There is not a community in the State of Texas that does not exist largely because of the unselfish, heroic labors of some pioneer Methodist preacher. All we have is the gift of their self-sacrifice. Our record of them is pitifully limited. We need not be ancestor worshippers but if we would be true citizens and healthy Christians we will prove our gratitude by perpetuating the character and life of these men, who when we had nothing built churches and school houses and camp-grounds, paid for them out of their own pockets, and laid the foundation of the institutions that we now have. This Ministers' Memorial is accomplishing this very thing.

In the splendid Memorial Rotunda of the Administration Building, unquestionably the most beautiful of its kind in the Southwest, will be erected a series of bronze tablets, containing each one hundred names of these de-

ceased heroes of Methodism. These names will be embossed, literally made in the bronze tablet itself, one hundred to each tablet. The cost of putting a name in the tablet is five hundred dollars, to be given by individuals, families, Church or communities. The notes may be made allowing five annual payments, beginning not later than October, 1915, earlier payments are however earnestly urged. The funds are, however, to be invested as soon as collected in the highest class securities at endowment in the Theological Endowment, and the revenue only used for the support of that department. When we have done our duty toward the men who lived and died for us in this way, we will have given our University an endowment for this department that will make us rank among the first in the United States.

It is unnecessary to exhort our people for this campaign. To presume other than that would be a reflection and is belied by an enthusiasm attested by letters that reach the University office daily. Every community in Texas should immediately see to it that at least one pioneer preacher is remembered thus appropriately and permanently.

CHAIR RELIGIOUS PEDAGOGY.

Bishop Atkins Starts Campaign. Letter A.

Waynesville, N. C.

Mr. Frank Reedy, Dallas, Texas.

My Dear Brother Reedy:

The Educational Commission, at its meeting in Fort Worth, September 18, made a request that the Sunday Schools of our Church in Texas should proceed at once to raise a sum not less than \$50,000 for the endowment of a Chair of Religious Pedagogy and Sunday Schools in the Southern Methodist University.

You were unanimously designated as the one to conduct this campaign.

I cannot now speak as to the full scope of this chair, either as to the course of study or the far-reaching outcome of it in the work of the Church further than to say that it will embrace:

1. The Study of the Child.
2. The Laws of Teaching.
3. The Field of Need.
4. The Study of the Bible for the discovery of God's method of approach to men in the various stages of their development.
5. The Study of the Sunday School as the present plan for reaching all ages with appropriate truth. This will, of course, include such themes as the History of the Sunday School, Its Proper Organization, the Training of Teachers, the Training of the Young Life of the Church for the Work to be Done by the Church, the Relation of the Sunday School to the Family, the Church and to the Evangelization and Education of the Race, etc.

This course should be required of all students in the Theological Department and be made available to all lay students in the University.

The purpose of such a chair is that every preacher shall enter upon his work as a pastor thoroughly furnished for rightly appreciating and directing the young life committed to him as found in the family, the Sunday School and the Epworth League.

In addition to the amount necessary to endow this chair a few thousand dollars should be raised for the purchase at the outset of the best library the world affords covering this field of thought.

Will the Sunday Schools do this work? Yes, undoubtedly. My experience with the Texas Methodists has been that they will do with promptness and enthusiasm any reasonable thing they are asked to do.

I shall be glad to render any assistance I can at any time in the achievement of this great end for our beloved Methodism. Yours cordially,

JAMES ATKINS.

Waynesville, N. C.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 1, 1913.

Dear Brother Frank:

Enclosed find my check for payment due on this date. Let the good work go on. I am hoping you can catch some big game now that present success seems assures the safety of large investments. We are all whooping, backing and praying for ultimate victory of tremendous proportions.

I am working pretty closely and enjoying it. Yours urge ad aram.

J. O. LEATTE.

6056 Kenwood Ave.

McKENZIE MEMORIAL.

District Commissioners Meet.

Following the action of the North Texas Annual Conference, Commissioner L. S. Barton appointed to the responsibility of this campaign, invited the Commissioners of Education of that conference to meet here recently at the University offices. A most delightful day was the result. All phases of the campaign were discussed and from every standpoint, with the result that these Commissioners not only realized what was needed to complete the campaign for the University, but realized that this office and its hired Commissioners needed and deserved help.

And by the way no more earnest prayer is ever uttered by this office than that our friends will investigate, investigate and investigate until they find out enough what the situation is to set a vision of our resources as well as our needs.

After looking at the buildings, the grounds, it was unanimously decided that the best way for each man to carry his part and enable Brother Barton to give his time to many other important issues was to prorate the loan. Accordingly the amount, \$55,000, was prorated and the District Commissioners went home happy talking their jobs with them. Since their arrival at home good letters are coming from them, and if the good people will realize that the great campaign last year was a record breaker for cheapness in cost by virtue of the labor of the unsalaried men, they will rally to these District Commissioners and enable the Bishop to comment on May first on the almost marvelous success of the campaign.

The following are the names of the subscribers to date and amounts, as recorded at the office. Others will follow at once and be reported from time to time:

List of Contributors to McKenzie Memorial Fund.

T. C. Adams, Clarksville	\$ 50
Marvin McKenzie McLean, Washington	100
Albert H. Coburn	25
J. A. Elder, Burkburnett	25
J. D. Hudgins, Sumner	25
L. D. Shawyer, Krum	50
James McDougall, New Boston	25
A. L. Andrews, Terrell	100
John H. McLean, Wolfe City	50
Terry W. Wilson, Jacksonville	50
T. H. Morris, Bowie	50
L. S. Barton, Dallas	100
E. H. Crandale	50
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C. E. Terry, Clarksville	50
John E. Roach, Georgetown	25
Frank M. Richardson, Bells	25
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R. N. Huckabee	25
L. P. Smith, Jacksboro	25
Charles Walker, Clarksville	50
John E. Barry, Clarksville	100
John A. Kunkle, Clarksville	100
Dr. R. S. Hyer, Dallas	100
Mrs. Patsy Ruesdale, alias	100
C. L. Miller, Clarksville	100
Guy Hall, Clarksville	5
W. P. Bickley, Merit	10
J. R. McCullough, Addison	10
Emene Black, Clarksville	50
O. P. Thomas, Terrell	100
C. C. Childress, Anna	25
Ira C. Tyler, Honey Grove	50
Chas. J. Niessle, Clarksville	50
Dero Austin, Clarksville	50
J. A. White, Clarksville	100
T. E. Cannon, Boyd	25
A. C. Holder, Louisiana	25
Total	\$2220

You will note the subscriptions above are specifically for the McKenzie Memorial "Chair of Moral Philosophy," and that is one of the big things the Commissioners have in view. Because of the fact that Dr. J. W. P. McKenzie—pioneer preacher and educator—lived within the confines of what is now known as the Northwest Texas Conference, that conference has undertaken the endowment of a chair in Southern Methodist University in his honor, using the name suggested by Doctor McKenzie himself. This Chair bids fair to be one of the best known and to carry with it great enthusiasm in its endowment. Doctor McKenzie was unquestionably one of a small number of men to whom every Texas Methodist owes a debt, but like all other resources it would be his will to turn this gratitude right back into the University for the uplift of future generations.

It is safe to say that Brother Barton and these Commissioners will succeed. The people understand that endowment is the life blood of the University and that this is a consistent contribution to it.

THE WOMAN'S BUILDING.

Just as lovingly and carefully as the young husband dreams and plans for the home of his bride, are the officials of Southern Methodist University dreaming, planning and working for the Home-to-be for ten months in each year of many of finest young women in the great Southwest. Nothing but the best in school buildings is good enough to shelter the women who will have such a hand in Church, civic and all educational lines during the years to come. To do good work in any line of endeavor one must be comfortably and conveniently settled, and as woman's eye for beauty has always been trained, and much expected of her in that line also, nothing has been taken from this great undertaking in that way.

The plans for the Woman's Building have been drawn, the contract has been let, but the building cannot begin until we have completed the Men's Building or have at least one hundred thousand dollars collected toward same.

Just as enthusiastically as North Texas Conference began its campaign for the Men's Building has the great old Texas Conference, under the splendid leadership of one of her men, Rev. J. T. McClure, begun its campaign for the building for women, which will be one of the most beautiful and comfortable that S. M. U. will ever want to possess. The architects have left nothing undone that could in any wise add to its attractiveness and with a facile pen have sketched in all that can be desired. It follows the same style of architecture to the Main Building, now almost complete, and to which it will be a splendid complement.

The Woman's Building will cost approximately two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and will provide for probably two hundred young women. Just as quickly as possible it will be started and then it will be hurried as rapidly as possible to completion.

Southern Methodist University is to be co-educational; every pledge and obligation of the University is that young women who desire a university course shall have the very best in the power of Methodism to bestow. There will be in connection with it a Fine Arts Department and probably a Domestic Science Department in keeping with the other splendid facilities offered.

President Hyer is now in Chicago in the interest of this building, going over with the architects all details, and just as soon as the money is in hand the building will be started.

Are you interested in higher education for women? Do you want to see our future teachers, mothers and others interested in the best for Church and State enabled to work on a higher plane, to have a broader and more liberal view of things, then help us to get ready for the best in an educational way for women. Help us with your substance. Every friend who is interested in the completion of the University should help us by helping Brother McClure in his work.

Tyler, Tex., Oct. 25, 1913.

Mr. Frank Reedy, Dallas, Texas.

Dear Brother:

I never gave anything more freely than I do this, as I realize the use which it will be used for and the multiplied good which it will undoubtedly be to so many of our Texas boys and girls. I have four small boys myself to educate and Methodist University is very inviting to me.

Trusting that all Methodists will respond readily in order that the building may be completed as early as possible so that the good work may begin, I am a well wisher,

S. A. SHELTON.

Not to Texas does the honor of having made the first subscription to the Chair of Sunday School Pedagogy belong. The campaign was begun by Bishop Atkins at the session of the New Mexico Conference in Albuquerque. Those pioneer preachers appreciated the possibilities and the need of the department and without any delay whatever proceeded to raise one thousand dollars as their gift. Their action should be an inspiration for Sunday Schools in our great State. If Texas will do as well as our border State success will have been accomplished.

S. M. U. Will not be able to take care of the Students who have already applied until the present Campaign has SUCCEEDED