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## Baptist View of Methodist Criticism

SOME issues back we had occasion to write and to publish a criticism of the remarkable deliverance of the late Baptist State Convention, touching the question of "Christian Union," and in the last issue of the Baptist Standard Dr. Gambrell expends nearly two pages of his editorial space in making reply to the same. The fact is, that criticism seems to have disturbed, very seriously, the ranks of the Baptist Church, for in previous issue of the Standard one of their leading ministers occupied large space in replying to it; and in the Baptist Evangel, published at Abilene, their replies have been numerous and versatile. And the end is not yet.

As to Dr. Gambrell, we personally esteem him very highly and it is a pleasure to work shoulder to shoulder with him in moral and civic reform. To meet him in his personal moods is to meet a very mild, amiable and delightful gentleman; but when you meet him as a Baptist he has teeth and he bites and he has claws and never fails to scratch. Friend Gambrell and Baptist Gambrell are two very distinct and different personalities. It is as Baptist Gambrell that he makes reply to our criticism; and all the traits developed under the tuition of his narrow and self-centered system come to the front and assert themselves. He writes severely and with an air of superiority that is absolutely refreshing.

Right in the outset he assumes that the Methodists are a very kind people and that in our criticism of that convention deliverance we misrepresented them. Well, he is not quite so well acquainted with the Methodist people as he imagines. He regards them as so kind-hearted and mild that they will not resist or resent his attacks upon them, but tamely submit because they know he is right and they are wrong.

He assumes with a lordly air that Baptists have no contention about "modes," that they merely believe in immersion and that immersion is not a "mode" but a Church ordinance; that he gets this out of the teachings of Jesus and that there is no appeal from that sort of authority. And he condescends to quote some "aliens" as to the meaning of "Baptizo." Aliens are all right when he wants to prove something by them; but he throws them out of court when it comes to their practices and usage touching the mode of baptism.

He says that the Episcopalian Church has invited the Baptists to join them in their efforts at "Christian Union," and for us to say that the convention only set up a man of straw in order to knock him down, is sheer ignorance of what is going on in the world. Of course it is the habit of Dr. Gambrell, as a Baptist, to regard it as a monstrosity to assume that anybody

knows anything about Church matters except himself. We know all about what the Episcopalian Church is doing, but no Methodist Church in this country has found it necessary to pay any heed to their childish overture, which merely means that they, a small sect, think that all other denominations ought to lay aside their autonomy and enter their communion. And the only reason why the Baptist Convention paid any attention to it was to take advantage of a pretext to exploit their own greatness and infinite superiority over all other Church organizations.

Dr. Gambrell seems grieved that we should have used "epithets" in our designation of the Baptist denomination, in its relation to other Church people. What were those "epithets?" Only these, "Intolerance, narrowness, sectarian, selfishness and bigotry." Now are not these true designations? All you need to do in order to be convinced is to understand the Baptist Church. In the very document we criticised, they charge us with "having departed from the simple teachings of Jesus," and gone off after a man-made type of doctrine and government; and it puts us down as unworthy the fellowship of the Baptists—giving this as one of the grounds why they can have nothing to do with us in the way of Church union. And this "departure" consists mostly in the fact that we attach no importance to the mode of baptism, that we believe in the baptism of children, and that we recognize "a superior clergy."

We are all right in our faith in the fundamental teachings of the Scripture, all right in our faith in Jesus Christ, all right in our belief in repentance, justification, regeneration and the witness of the Spirit; and our manner of life is above criticism; but we have not been baptized by immersion by a regularly ordained Baptist minister. No sort of certificate of Church membership would be recognized, even for a moment by the Baptist Church from an "alien" organization. Even if John the Baptist were to rise from the dead and apply to the Baptist Church for membership, they would not take him until they had baptized him. If the Apostles were to come from their graves and ask for admission into the Baptist Church on certificates from the Savior, they would not be received on all the information we have in the gospels concerning their baptism. No saint of fifty years' standing, from any other denomination, would be recognized by the Baptist Church until they had baptized her just like any other new convert.

And such is their narrowness that they will not permit any man or woman from any other Church of Jesus Christ even to commune with them. It matters not how pure, how consecrated, how persistent the faith of such person in the atonement of Christ, and how great the service of such

a life, no Baptist Church in the South will, or would, permit such a person to take the communion with them. He or she would be excluded just the same as any infidel or sinner. If this is not narrowness, intolerance, sectarianism and exclusiveness, pray what is it?

It is tantamount to saying—"We as Baptists do not recognize any other branch of the Church as a worthy part of the organization of Jesus Christ, they are aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, out of harmony with the teachings of Christ, and outside the pale of grace." Yet, Doctor Gambrell says the Baptists are not narrow, not exclusive; but that they are as broad and liberal as the truth! And he assumes to say what the truth is, and when he gives oracular utterance to it, that it is final. All others are wrong.

The good Doctor, then, goes off into a pathetic rhapsody on the democracy of the Baptists and how in the years gone by they were persecuted, hanged, burned and otherwise destroyed because they stood for great principles and would not yield them. Well, the Baptists have no monopoly of this sort of experience. Thousands and thousands of others, in no way connected with the Baptist Church, suffered likewise and were the same conditions to arise thousands of them would again suffer these things for conscience sake. So the Baptists have no advantage over others in this regard. Even the Methodists, in the beginning of their work in this country, suffered all sorts of indignities, and were made the butt of ridicule and sarcasm by their contemporaries. Back in those days the Baptists did their share in this sort of thing. Let the good Doctor read the controversial literature of the J. R. Graves type and he will see what we mean. But those days are gone and even the Baptists think better of us than they used to think.

Dr. Gambrell becomes personal and says: "It may be that Dr. Rankin needs a superior clergy to superintend him, but humanity at large does not." Yes, Dr. Hayden and his followers a few years ago thought that they did not need a "superior clergy to superintend them," but good Dr. Gambrell and his following thought otherwise; and the way they "superintended" the Haydenites out of their convention was a sight to behold—a thing that would be impossible in the Methodist Church, even with its Bishops! But we would not be disposed to remind the Doctor of this had he not stepped aside to make the above personal thrust.

We repeat what we said in our former criticism, that notwithstanding all these weaknesses and foibles in the Baptist Church, we love the Baptists and accord to them all the rights that we hold dear for ourselves. We recognize them as a true part of the Church of Jesus Christ and when one of their members presents a certificate of membership to us for admission, we accept him on the spot as a bona fide member of the Church of Christ. We

also invite them to commune with us on our sacramental occasions. But, with all their good traits and substantial virtues, the Baptists are no better than other people who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. They do not hold a monopoly on wisdom, Biblical knowledge, devout living and obedience to the teachings of Christ. Other Church people are just as good, just as consecrated, and just as true to Jesus Christ as the Baptists. And they have just as many of the marks of discipleship as good Doctor Gambrell.

Now, in order that our readers may see just exactly what the Baptist Convention said in its deliverance on "Christian Union," we reproduce it in this issue of the Advocate. It has much that is good and true in it; and at the same time it has much that is exaggerated, preposterous and absurd. Read it and take the good, but cast out the rest of it as unworthy the utterance of a great religious denomination. And after you are through with it, you will find that it puts you outside of all valid connection with the teachings of Christ and stamps you as untrue to the gospel in your organic life and a heretic in your belief and practice.

But our personal esteem for Dr. Gambrell is the same. We love him as a brother despite his vagaries and we love the great body of his people notwithstanding their intolerance and exclusiveness. And whenever they will permit, we will continue to join heads and hearts with them in fighting the great enemies of righteousness. We can differ from them without personal estrangement; for our differences of opinion are in the head, while our love and friendship are matters of the heart. For this reason we can fight for what we believe to be the truth and at the same time love them as true followers of one common Lord and one common Master. We be brethren, even when we cannot always agree in doctrine and usage.

Not long ago we read an elaborate defense of St. Paul by some writer. We thought that if the writer could only have St. Paul to defend him he would be more fortunate. Paul does not need our defense. The history of the world is his vindication and his record is on high.

The integrity of the Scriptures is the foundation of Church life. They are the expressed will of God to men, inspired and authentic. They contain the truth for sound morals and pure religion. To believe them is to accept them and make them the light unto our feet and the lamp unto our pathway. They tell us of God, of sin, of Christ and of redemption.

The man who says it does not matter what you believe just so you live right is an unwise teacher. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." He is what his belief has made out of him. If his beliefs are correct then he has a solid basis of character. False beliefs are false guides.



## Our Supreme Work

by REV. R. C. HICKS, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

The Church has but one mission, and that is to save men. But salvation is a very comprehensive term. It is not restricted to the work of conversion. This is only a step in the process. Ignorance, superstition, prejudice, narrowness, etc., are demons to be cast out, the same as idolatry, unbelief and lust. Having obtained "the precious faith," we are to add courage, self-control, knowledge, etc. And the things "added" are as much a part of our salvation as the work of regeneration. "Ye are the salt of the earth," is the way Jesus had of saying that through his disciples or Church he meant to save the world. And in the same breath he said, "Ye are the light of the world," doubtless meaning by this that through the same channel he designed to enlighten men. The work of the Church therefore falls under two heads, namely, evangelistic and educational. Get men converted; that is the initial stage of the work. Then complete their salvation by developing every Christian grace to the fullest possible degree. Broaden their horizon, refine their taste and quicken their sensibilities. Bring them to Christ for converting grace, then give them to understand that they have only completed the alphabet of Christian culture, and thus put them in the way of the broadest and richest life within reach. Is not this what Jesus meant when he said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly?"

But the point to be insisted upon in this article is the world-wide feature of this work. "Ye are the salt of the earth," not of a little section of Southwestern Asia. "Ye are the light of the world," not of Judea and a few neighboring provinces. To save the whole world in the broadest and fullest sense of the word is therefore the supreme and only work of the Church.

And this suggests that the Church is itself the thing of supreme importance in the world. The institution charged with such a stupendous work is to be taken very seriously. How much our people need to learn this great truth! So long as the Church is looked upon as an ethical society for the cultivation of social instincts, where those of kindred mind may come together once a week to exchange greetings, admire each other's equipage, be regaled with dainty "Te Deums" from the choir, and receive a dash of rose water from the pulpit, it will never turn the world upside down, nor thereby get it right side up. It exists for a far more serious purpose. To it has been committed the word of reconciliation, and it stands in Christ's stead to beseech men—all men—to be reconciled to God. No man stands as Christ's vice-gerent on earth; but the institution he established does, and it is therefore the thing of chief concern in this world.

Why should world-wide evangelism be taken as the supreme work of the Church? For many reasons—yea, for every reason that underlies the existence of the Church itself. For if there is one note in the gospel that sounds out above all others, it is the note of unselfishness. No man can feel the power of an endless life without desiring that every other man should possess and enjoy it with him. "Here am I; send me," is what every man since Isaiah's day has felt in his heart to say when the light of God's glory flooded his soul. Even before Isaiah, when Moses felt the fire that burns only to consume the dross of human selfishness, he forgot his father-in-law's flocks and rushed to the rescue of his people. As with Andrew, so with all who come to Jesus. "He first findeth his own brother." Hence he was right who said: "No man ever caught a vision of God who did not with it receive a message for his race." And they alone have the Spirit of Christ who can pray: "Lord, cancel my interest in thy blood if it flowed not for every member of my race." Indeed, as some one remarked, "A religion that is not worth exporting is not fit for home consumption." Thus selfishness cannot live in the heart where Christ dwells; and this being so, the missionary impulse is natural and inevitable.

No more striking illustration of what the gospel is intended to do can be found than where Christ said: "It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." The whole lump must feel the leavening power. Nothing less comports at all with the genius of the gospel or with the terms of the charter under which the Church is operating.

It is impossible even now, and will become increasingly so, for us to hold the ground already gained without going on to world conquest. The faith in our homeland is imperiled. Some one at the Chattanooga Conference

said that modern invention has converted the world into a neighborhood, and it now remains for the Church to transform the neighborhood into a brotherhood; for without the latter the former would be the most perilous experiment we could make. A great truth well put, for in ancient Palestine a small mountain range or a tiny brook put the Israelites and the heathen tribes as far apart as the Pacific Ocean now puts the American and the Mongolian races; and it is as true now as it was then that both cannot dwell permanently together with diverse religions. We note that Israel's sorest trouble arose over the effort to dwell face to face with the Canaanites after being commanded to utterly drive them out. No voice was louder in olden times than the one which said: "There can be but one altar in the Promised Land." And is not the whole world now a land of promise—promised of the Father to the Son for an inheritance? "There can be but one altar in the world," is the cry God is trying to get the Church to hear just now. And we will hear it and tear every heathen altar down, or witness our own falling into decay.

As in the days of Elijah and Ahab, altar is pitched against altar, and everything, absolutely everything, is at stake on both sides; and it is no truer then than now that both cannot stand. The conflict is inevitable and world-wide, and the Church had as well prepare herself to face the issue. When commercial interests conflict, there may be honorable compromise; but when altar meets altar, it is conquer or die on both sides. And rightly so, for he who has not a faith for which he would die has none at all.

Ecclesiasticism may be well enough in certain educational and professional lines, but a crazy-quilt religion will never solve the problems now confronting the Church. A little that Hammurabi said, a little that Confucius said, a little that Socrates said, a little that Moses said, and a good dash of what Christ said put together might look pretty and entertain the crowds for a time as the kaleidoscope pleases the children; but the preaching of Jesus Christ and him crucified, with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, is the only thing that will awaken the sleeping consciences of men in this or any other land, and the supreme duty of the pulpit is to peel this truth forth till it shall be heard around the world. All currents of thought, literature, education and commerce are rapidly being turned into the same channel, and the gospel of Jesus Christ is the only element that can clarify and purify that stream. It must dominate the school, the press, the commercial and industrial centers. We are a good way from the goal yet, but it is coming, if we stay on the right line. Stick to the main proposition, eschew all entangling alliances with other would-be reform movements, and contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints. This, if anything, will capture the heathen, whether upon our own shores or his.

A great opportunity confronts us. The face of the sky is covered with signs of the times, if we would only open our eyes and see them. Church and State are falling apart where they had not already done so. Republics are being born, revolutions and uprisings are on every hand, the Vatican has its ear to the ground listening to the tread of events, and the Pope is seeing things at night. In almost every country on the globe there are ground swells and uprisings. The "Sick Man of the East" is about ready for the undertaker, and, as Ambassador Bryce says, there is throughout the East a strange, critical movement in human society today. Japan is gloating over recent victories, and China has almost reached the point that Napoleon prayed she might never reach when he said: "There sleeps China. God help us if she ever wakes. Let her sleep." But the sleep-producing narcotic has been outlawed, and the daily papers recently carried the picture of a great multitude of Chinamen standing around a bonfire of opium pipes. So China will sleep no more. There never was such universal ferment.

What does it all mean? Simply this, that God is getting ready to make some vast readjustments. Every revolution and upheaval opens a new zone to the gospel. That is the most significant thing about this world-wide agitation. There is where God's hand appears. Whichever way the men are shifted on the board, the game turns in favor of the missionary.

Is there no providence in this momentous circumstance? Constantine looked up and saw a flaming cross upon the skies, which led to his con-

version and the Christianization of the Roman Empire. If the Church of God will only look up now and see the great word "opportunity" blazing across the heavens, it will surely lead to a deeper consecration and the Christianization of all empires. An eye to see the opportunity and a heart to feel the obligation is the greatest need of the Church. We will never do a supreme work till we feel the pressure of a mighty obligation. Lazarus was greatly in need and Dives had ample means and opportunity, but felt no obligation; and therein lay the ground of his condemnation. And

this is precisely where our greatest danger lies. A needy world lying at the feet of an opulent and indifferent Church is enough to make angels weep.

We have formed the habit of placing the missionary alongside the sexton, to be paid out of a penny collection. When we take missionaries out of the class of the colored sexton and put them in the list of ambassadors gone abroad to represent the kingdom of heaven before heathen courts, their work will become invested with an importance and dignity hitherto undreamed of.

## The Pro Conference

By REV. I. Z. T. MORRIS, Fort Worth, Texas.

Last Saturday morning, bright and early, the trains from the East, West, North and South began to unload persons representing cities, towns and the country sections of Texas in our great city. These people were from the ministry, law, merchants, teachers, railroads and representing all denominations and all moral institutions, such as Masonic and Odd Fellows. We had a State-wide Conference on the same subject—local option—here some years ago, but somehow all of these bodies and professions were not represented in that great mass meeting. The call to this meeting was State-wide. There was not a word that any reasonable, honest citizen would be barred or prohibited from the assembly. They were to occupy one day only, and I doubt if there has been an assembly for as great a purpose and that which transacted as much business with seemingly as devout a spirit and brotherly kindness as was this assembly on last Saturday here in Fort Worth. Their very faces indicated business for the Lord.

The object was not, as we soon found out, to find a defect in any one man, or set of men. I believe the regular old fashion name which the Methodists have had for over one hundred years would be appropriate—"Conference"—with emphasis on the "C-o-n-f-e-r-e-n-c-e." They met to consider the greatest interest of the greatest question in the greatest Nation on the world: "How to manage and how to destroy the evil of the whiskey traffic?" All bitterness, envy, jealousy and evil thinking was eliminated from the reports and speeches made by the members of the Conference. I prefer to call it a conference for I am a Methodist and can say that easier than any other name given to religious gatherings.

What was the trouble? Why come together from all over the State to discuss one subject? Why is it that these Methodists and Baptists, who, when they come together to discuss "Baptismalism," fight one another with great tenacity, could meet together and discuss this subject in peace.

For over fifteen years the object which has been before me more prominently than any other one evil, was before these men that day, "The Open Saloon" and its association. Why, here I am only sixty-six years old and worn out, literally worn out, not sick nor afflicted. I have a brother in the ministry, traveling connection, eighty-five years old and can walk ten or twelve miles every Sunday, if it were necessary, and preach a sermon if the congregation wanted him to, one and one-half hours long; eat a lot of chicken for dinner, and walk back home that afternoon. What has worn me out? Looking after, finding and handling children of unfortunate men who have been the made victim of the "Open Saloon" and listening to the cries and seeing the tears run down the cheeks of patient wives of these respectable men, all on account of the "Open Saloon." That was why these good people came together. It was not to discuss the money issue, the war in Mexico or any other Nation; it was not to discuss the social evils but the "Social Evil." We had a feast, a great feast; not a feast of wine or any other intellectual or spiritual feast; but a feast as given by the speeches of such godly men as Dr. Rankin, Dr. Gambrell and other representative men from all professions.

Some of the brethren had a feeling that for various reasons that Texas needed and was going to have another Governor. Some of the brethren, I admit, talked like they needed it more than others did and patriots as they were and knowing the conditions of things, not that they had or were filled full of objections to the present Governor, but they spoke like they thought some things needed to have a change and if the people wanted them to occupy the office of Governor they would be perfectly willing to do their level best. They talked as if rather than have the "child divided by the sword," they did not

want that, but give it to the one who ought to have it. And these men, prepared men, representing Texas homes, schools, colleges, universities, I presume from the manner of their speeches could readily take the place of a Sunday School teacher in any Sunday School in Texas. They had read the history of their Churches and were really the organs of their Churches, they were honest and great representatives of our country. Henry Clay, Daniel Webster and other patriots years ago, before many men who were in that assembly came to Texas, made great speeches, but they did not go beyond these great men in this assembly. Now what were they here for? To down, down, down the liquor traffic and "Open Saloon."

I have been in Texas a little over thirty-five years. I went to a temperance lecture the night after I landed in Texas, but in this time I heard the most abusive language that I could hear; the times demanded it, and the brethren were there able to furnish the demand. And how strange it is that such men as Dr. Carroll, of the Baptist Church, and Dr. Fisher, of the Methodist Church, could meet and discuss the baptismal subject for days, so that an outsider would think they would never speak to each other again, though it was not intentional to abuse each other. But on this great question this monstrous question, these men and their followers could come together and all get on the same side, but so it was, so it has been, and so it ever will be until this awful, dreadful machine that is waiting for material of mothers and sisters, fathers and sons to be furnished to grind the present and the eternal life out of our country and its oncoming citizens.

Now the question to my mind is, why not try prayer? Why not give the Lord a chance? Why not turn

His great army of our Protestantism over to Him and let Him equip men with power of the Holy Ghost and with kindness, go against this monstrous evil, which these men met in Fort Worth to combat? I may be wrong, but I want to say this: The neglect upon the part of the leaders of all denominations in Texas in not opening their doors, yes their doors at 9 a. m., and give the children a chance; at 11 o'clock and give the preachers and the power of the Gospel a chance, and at 3 p. m. the young people's societies, and give them a chance. My, what an army that would be if it were possible! If it were possible to find a prairie broad enough to hold this army and could get them to that place, what an army! Well, we do not have to have all present in one body at one place. Suppose we designate the second Sunday in March and let all denominations so meet in their respective churches, or maybe during the week on Friday before, if you desire, start a day of fasting and prayer. All the Churches in Texas believe in prayer; they believe God will answer and does answer prayer. They believe in the protection of our homes, our women and children. Why not have Friday before that Sunday at 9 a. m. and let all who will assemble in their churches and spend one hour in prayer to God for help, and then on Sunday let the Sunday Schools have a lesson against this great evil; let the pastors of every Church, every presiding elder, every layman who has the opportunity to open his mouth in the missions, in the rural places, in the large churches, and arrange for a great sermon, if you please to call it that, and fight this great evil, all in one body. Be candid, be honest, and if you please challenge the devil to come in and give reasons why this evil should not stop in America, and especially in Texas. I know it is not the only evil, but it is "the evil" at the present day. Do not start upon the theme of abuse, but reason in your services over the cause of your Master, and my word for it, brethren, God will give us help when nothing else can.

Oh, the day is coming, and coming fast, when this great evil will be put out, and our children's children will look back and say: "How was it that such an immoral thing as this went on among God's people?"

In the name of the unfortunate young men or husbands and fathers who have been chained by direct exposure to the influence of this evil; in the name of the many wives, in the name of the little children, especially, I appeal to you for help in this way. Let us all pray, and pray earnestly. Jesus prayed.

## Our Letter From New York

**A Business Government—Irrigation, Waterways and Conservation the Things Needed—A Foolish Policy—Taggart and Sullivan Out for Senatorships—Democratic Reorganization Started Here—An Anti-Catholic Party Formed—Let Us Philosophize a Little—The Power of Thought.**

### A Business Government.

Let us all remember and never forget that this is a government of peace and business, and not a government that prefers strife and war to peace, friendship, enterprise and advancement. We are living in a new age, in times of marvelous development and advancement. We now have one hundred million population, but still thirty-five per cent of the land has not been brought under cultivation, and much of it will not be unless we have the right kind of government—less politics and more common sense. There are 6,600,000 farms in the United States, and since 1910 their value has increased eleven per cent. In thirteen years they have doubled in value, and they are now worth \$500,000,000 more than they were two years ago. The money interests, and business of this country, is now so vast, varied and complicated that we need a higher order of statesmanship than ever before. What does petty partisanship, party wrangling or the cherishing up of ill feeling over past differences amount to compared to the need of legislation for the protection and help of our vast industries, the ramifications of which are so far reaching that they are beyond ordinary comprehension. Our government is not now a war machine or a power for the destruction of some other Nation. It is purely a business concern, an agent and helper of production and development, things that will open up new opportunities for labor and investment, enhance values and help the people who constitute

the government. With such a vast extent of country, such varied climates and soils and such facilities for farming and mining and business interests and with such a large and rapidly growing population, will not the real interests of the whole country lag and suffer if there is political friction and time wasted on imaginary differences and trivial matters?

**Irrigation, Waterways and Conservation, etc., the Things Needed.**

If thirty-five per cent of the land remains out of cultivation is there not something necessary to be done to bring it into cultivation? And if that can be done would it not help all the people and the government, and would it not facilitate trade between the States, reduce freights and the cost of living? Much of the land not in use is arable and distant from rail and river transportation. With great inland waterways from the lakes to the gulf and from Massachusetts to Virginia and Alabama, and with many rivers north, south, east and west improved, vast improvement and development would follow and private energy would be stimulated. A government railroad to Alaska and as far inland as possible would be helpful. Alaska has vast mining interests, gold, silver, copper and coal, and her lumber, fur and fish resources are great. Farming is also profitable there. That country should be opened up.

Our rivers in all parts of the country should be harnessed for the use of man, not only for the purpose of redeeming the arid lands by irrigation, but for the production of electric power. These things should all be attended to by the government, backed up and aided by the States benefited. Forestry and scientific farming on a broader scale is another thing of interest to the people.

Can not petty cheap politics be tucked away on a dusty shelf and attention be given to projects of vast import to the people? Look what Holland did hundreds of years ago to protect the land from being engulfed by the sea. Look at the example Galveston has given us. More common



sense and less politics are the things needed.

New York World Editorial.

I will now quote an editorial from the World of January 22, just to show Southern Democrats who their New York political brothers are and what they are—not Democrats, but Irish Catholic thieves. I will ask the reader to note the names, Gaffney, Delaney and Murphy. Sulzer's testimony connected the names of other men with the scandal and robberies, every one of them Irish. Ex-Governor Sulzer is German stock and a Protestant Democrat. District Attorney Whitman is a Republican and a Protestant, and they are doing all they can to bring to grief all the guilty parties, while Governor Glynn and Attorney General Carmody are throwing all possible obstacles in the way. Let me ask all moral Democrats in Texas a question. Would they not prefer to act and cooperate with 50,000 moral Protestant Democrats in New York State and with the Republican party in behalf of honesty and decency, than with the Democratic organization which is made up almost entirely of Catholic Irish, saloon men and gamblers, and whose dishonesty has brought such a disgrace on the party that it is practically ruined in this State and badly crippled everywhere else? Southern Democrats can not dodge or feign blindness and deafness. They must take their choice. They must act with the people who are fighting for what they are fighting for—honesty and decency—or they must trail behind Tammany Hall and Boss Murphy, as also behind the other Irish Bosses, Guffey, Taggart and Sullivan, and similar Irish Catholic bosses like them, and too numerous to mention. Certainly grafters, saloon men, gamblers, bruisers and ex-prize fighters do not make very desirable companions, politically or socially, for moral, religious people. Why, in this city about all the Borough, ward and district leaders in the Democratic party are Irish Catholics, many of them saloon men and ex-prize fighters. The wards and districts where the big Democratic majorities come from are so tough that all decent Democrats are ashamed to live there. They live in Republican sections and associate with Republicans, but cooperate politically with the classes they are ashamed to be seen with. Here is the World editorial:

"Sulzer's Charges Against Murphy."

"James C. Stewart has sworn that one 'Gaffney' asked him for a contribution of 5 per cent upon \$2,000,000 worth of canal work he was seeking. He refused. He did not get the contracts then, though his bid was much the lowest. He could not tell what Gaffney his caller was. He did not know the man. Yesterday ex-Governor Sulzer testified. He told how learning that Stewart was to be denied the contracts, he telegraphed December 18, 1912, to the Canal Board asking it to defer action until he could consult with its members. Then came to him John H. Delaney to say in great excitement: 'My God, Congressman, what have you done?' The Chief is wild." The Chief was Charles F. Murphy. He demanded an interview with the Governor-elect at once. It took place at Delmonico's; and Mr. Sulzer quotes Murphy as saying to him: 'Why did you send that telegram to the Canal Board? I'm attending to that matter myself, and I want you to keep your hands off.' The Boss in anger threatened the Governor-elect. 'You'll make a hell of a Governor, butting in where you don't belong,' he said. This is testimony of the utmost importance. It describes Charles F. Murphy, under oath, as placing himself personally at the head of the intricate machine of State contract graft; as 'attending to that matter himself.' Obviously, as Mr. Whitman has already seen, this is a matter for the Grand Jury. Mr. Sulzer's testimony aids greatly in clearing up a conspiracy of graft. It should also aid in lengthening the procession toward Sing Sing."

A Foolish Policy.

Could anything be more unhardy, more ridiculous, than for moral elements to weaken their own forces by dividing politically and in that way enhance the chances of the classes they oppose to carry elections and gain power for the purpose of graft? Extreme partisanship and the humbuggery in politics are responsible for such things. Office-seeking politicians and the daily press lack the courage to attack the two great threatening evils in this country—Rum and Romanism. They have the nerve to get on the wrong side, but lack the courage and moral stamina to attack powerful menacing evils. Afraid to do right! But willing to do wrong. What cowardly pandering and truckling! The daily papers could stop the rottenness in politics and take the Catholic Church and the saloons out of politics in a year's time if they would come out boldly and battle against the evils they know exist to an alarming

extent. But the papers are afraid of losing circulation and the politicians are afraid of losing office by making a fight of that kind. It is safer to fight windmills and to magnify trifling political questions, they think. Why, they would all gain far more than they would lose, and they would be serving the government and their States at the same time. But they can't see it. They are all coward-blind. The people are ripe for such a contest, but the daily press, the watch-dogs of public affairs, don't know it, even after they have been told. In Texas some of the daily papers, afraid to come out with the truth themselves, assail the Advocate and its editor for telling it. And they think that is courage and journalism. I call it rank cowardice and stultification. Do not the liquor men buy up newspapers and resort to all sorts of trickery and to bribery to carry elections, as the Advocate said? The daily papers know that is done, but they smother the fact and some boldly deny it. They can't see the big issues that are important to the people and the welfare of the State, but they can see the little minor things that no one cares anything about and assail them with the fierceness of a bulldog. Heretofore the press and the politicians have led the people. The people must now drive the press and the office-seeking politicians, otherwise nothing much will be accomplished. The great dailies and the statesman who first sail into Rum and Romanism will reap a liberal share of the re-ward.

Let us all remember that there are only two sides to all questions, the right side and the wrong side. There is no middle ground either. The newspapers and politicians who are neutral or on the wrong side of important public questions are the enemies of good government. Let them be held responsible for the choice they make.

Taggart of Indiana and Sullivan of Chicago Out for Senatorships.

During the past week dispatches have announced the candidacy for the United States Senate of each of the above Irish Catholic Bosses, and if the Democratic party carries those two States next November, they will most likely both be elected. Now, here is a chance for the moral anti-Catholic and anti-saloon gambling element in the party to join with the Republicans to deal a heavy blow to Rum and Romanism in those two great States, and to illustrate that morality and decency and Protestantism is much stronger when united than is the Roman Catholic Church and its political partners, the saloon men and gamblers. A defeat and lesson of that kind would do a vast amount of good, and the opportunity is now presented, just as it was here in New York last year, when the Wilson administration and the moral Democrats and the Republicans worked together and dealt Tammany Hall and the same infamous combination such a stunning blow. A few more such lessons will end such arrogance and insolence and divorce the Democratic party in the North from Rum and Romanism. Let Irish Boss rule, Catholic rule and whiskey rule be ended once and forever in Indiana and Illinois and everywhere else this year, and let the moral element, which is always the Protestant element, get together and do it. Let them join forces and elect Legislatures that will defeat Sullivan and Taggart and every man of their unsavory kind who bobs up for office. If necessary a combination ticket could be named against the combination of a Church with the vicious lawless elements, the liquor men and gamblers. The North is full of men who are Republicans mainly because the Democratic party here has passed into the hands of the Irish, the Catholic Church, the liquor men, the gamblers and the riff-raff of the cities. Republicans though they are, they are better Democrats and better men than are the truckling politicians and daily papers in Texas that help Rum and Romanism win elections over decency and morality.

It may be well enough to remark right here that a deal of the above kind in Indiana and Illinois this year would prove far more beneficial to the Democratic party than it would to the Republican party. Taggart and Sullivan have weakened if they have not split the Democratic party and thereby made Republican success in both States probable this year, just as Tammany Hall and Irish Catholic rule and whiskey rule has paralyzed the Democratic party in this State, probably for several years to come. Now is the time for the Democratic party to clean house. If it wants to re-elect Woodrow Wilson it must attend to this all-important matter now. It will be too late after this year. The Republican party has pretty well gotten rid of its bosses. Barnes still remains, but his wings are clipped and he will go when his time is up as State Chairman in the spring. Roosevelt stole Boss Flynn of Pennsylvania and Boss Cecil Lyons of

Texas out of the party last year, and it was a good riddance.

Democratic Reorganization.

There is all kinds of talk about the reorganization of the Democratic party in this State, particularly concerning the plan of kicking the big Irish Catholic boss, Chas. F. Murphy, out. All the daily papers give out hints now and then that the party is burdened with Irish Catholics, but they all show cowardice in their timid, adroit allusions. I will give you a sample, one sentence from an editorial in the Daily Globe:

"Half-way purification measures will not suffice. The elimination must extend to the McCooeys, the McCabes, and the Fitzpatricks as well as to Murphy."

If all the papers would come out and say bluntly and in good old United States English that the Irish Catholics and their side partners, the saloon men and gamblers, had completely captured the party and disgraced it, what a world of good it would do. If they would go further and say bluntly, as they hint, that the band of robbers who have so long plundered this city and State are made up entirely of the above three elements, they would be within the truth. They lack the courage to do it, and are content to deal in hints and innuendoes. What a shame! What truckling cowardice! Why not adopt my way and call a spade a spade and a hoe a hoe? What are they afraid of—a big Irish Mick and a dirty Catholic?

Anti-Catholic Society Formed.

Of late an anti-Catholic Society has been formed in this city and State and stringent efforts are being made to get members. Members are pledged to vote against Catholics who run for office and not to cease such efforts until the power of Rum and Romanism is broken and the Democratic party is freed from Irish Catholic rule. The State-wide prohibition movement is also getting under good headway. If the Republicans elect the Governor and both branches of the Legislature in November next, a far more stringent excise law will be passed. Licenses will be increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500; saloons will be further limited according to population, and people will be allowed to vote "wet" or "dry" by election districts. That is the plan of the new prohibition organization. The further exposures during the last few weeks of millions of graft by the Tammany Irish Catholics, and the several added convictions and further exposures, has stimulated activity in both organizations. People will be asked to lay aside their slight political differences until a complete and salutary victory has been achieved over Rum and Romanism. This feeling is spreading throughout the North. It is in the air.

Let us Philosophize a Little.

Some men often say they have no time to think or read. Perhaps if they would think a little more and find some time to read they would not forget so many important matters and then have to take a lot of wasted time to correct their mistakes. And if they would read more and keep posted they would be all the more qualified to successfully follow their pursuits of life and better able to comprehend and discuss the current topics of the day and the things that are continually taking place. Aside from what we have all learned by experience, what we all know we have learned from others and by reading and thinking. Traveling and mingling with all kinds of people broadens the mind and drives out false and unjustified impressions. The more people travel the more clearly they find out that human nature is about the same everywhere and that there is not so much difference in people after all. What difference there is springs from the way they were raised, the customs in the section or country of their nativity, the amount and scope of their education, the occupations they follow and their financial conditions. There are more than two billion people living on the earth. They speak different languages, profess a thousand different religions, and they are of all complexions from a light blonde to a coal black, but they are all human beings. If a few thousand or a few million people indulge in severe criticism towards others, they invite criticism upon themselves, and nothing is gained. The best way, therefore, is to accept things as they are found and not to borrow trouble about what can't be helped. The world is big enough for all and it does not belong to any particular race or nation. Tolerance, love, peace and fair play are the things that are essential in this life, for they bring contentment and happiness and never hatred, strife and war. Socially, the different races do not bother one another very much. Intermarriage between them is uncommon and never threatening. It is over politics and religion where the clashing comes, and these are the

questions that need to be softened and carefully and properly handled.

The Power of Thought.

I want to say something about the power of thought. We can all think, but where does that power come from? Do we do our own thinking, or are we just the stenographer or typewriter or the human machine to put on paper or blurt out in speech the thoughts that come to us from a source we know not where? We are not responsible for our presence here on this earth and we do not know why we are here or when we will be taken away. Neither do we know where the power of thought comes from. We know we can think and that is all we know about it. We command ourselves and we obey ourselves, so we are both masters and servants—that is, providing the thoughts we evolve are our own. But if they come to us from a higher power, then we are simply inspired when we think, as the Biblical writers claimed they were. I rather like the inspiration idea because when we utter good thoughts we get credit for it, and when we utter bad thoughts we can lay it to some one else. Possibly people living to-day have just as good a right to claim inspiration as had the men who lived thousands of years ago. I have been writing for an hour on this letter, and when I started I did not know just what I was going to say. Now the reader will see what I have done, and if he can tell me how I happened to do it he is able to tell me more than I can him. I don't know how I got started off on such a train of thought. Possibly, Mr. Blaylock is responsible for it. If so, he will be sorry when he gets sober. I do not wish to convey the impression that he is "soused," because I know that he is a Prohibitionist and that he never signs a permit for a man to open a saloon; but it may be that Mr. Bryan has sent him a bottle of his grape juice and that after he sipped it a few times he waved his wand in the air and in that way wound me up and set me going. Possibly I am running a little too fast, or I may be losing time and wasting time. If that should prove the case, then I will have something to get sorry for as well as Mr. Blaylock. Whether people who write or preach or talk are inspired or not, when they think they should try to exercise control enough over themselves to say things with the hope of doing some good and no harm. Possibly any thoughts that make other people think will do some good, even though what is said is not acceptable and may be a little displeasing. When two men argue or debate it is seldom that either one convinces the other at the time, but after they have cooled off and given their domes of thought time to look into the subjects a little further and with cool discretion both may find out that they were partly wrong. When two men fight and hurt each other they find out afterward the mistake they made, and that neither one gained anything and that both were injured if not disgraced. Brute force settles nothing in a just legal way, either in men or nations, and the man who has an ungovernable aggressive temper should get rid of it. E. H. QUICK, New York, Jan. 28, 1914.

THOUGHTS ON THE ADVOCATE OF JANUARY 22.

It may not be amiss to give a short synopsis of the contents of the Texas Advocate of January 22. The whole number is a commendable issue worthy of being kept for future reference. As usual, the editorials are all O. K., and timely; and the several communications are pertinent and highly commendable. "The Presiding Eldership" is handled by Rev. J. W. Head in a most sensible way. We need but little, if any, change on that subject. The Methodist Church can't afford to do without that office. It is time-honored, useful and indispensable. Yes, let it alone. Brother Head is right on that line. For at least sixty years this writer has found it to be of great efficiency. Then comes "Athletics," by Rev. J. B. McCarley, every word of which meets my most cordial approbation. I put baseball, poolhalls, billiard tables, gaming tables at so-called social parties all on equal footing, all more or less demoralizing, all of which cannot be indulged in in the name of the Lord or with his approbation. True, young people need exercise, especially children at school, as in days of yore. I used to enjoy the playground sports at school, and even when teaching and the number of children was small I would give "ball" for both sides, and thus encourage the young in their sports. But the country children usually have exercise enough by going to and from school, and giving the necessary help to parents nights and mornings and on non-going school days. And the children in large towns can also

be very helpful at home, and thus save expenses.

I hate to see so much parading by the secular press of baseball teams and social clubs, etc., thus lending encouragement to exercises and pastime that do not promote either health or good morals. And still more the encouragement given by religious colleges to such practices, is the more surprising and reprehensible!

Then comes the short communication of—I may say the wise, old, long-headed, conservative preacher and educator—whom I saw at conferences in the Holston regions in the long ago—Rev. J. H. Brunner. "The Church of God," as he says, "is sufficient." And so is "The Methodist Church" sufficient in regard to our Church name as suggested by many others. But I do think it best to add to that "of the United States," or "of America," to specify some locality.

Then the "Letters from New York." There is so much good sense in all of his letters that I dare not condemn anything that he says. But I may say that instead of "Republicans of the North and the Democrats of the South" he might say "let all conservative men of all political parties of the whole Nation unite to preserve our moral, religious and political liberties and institutions." Yes, let Mr. Quick alone, and the quicker we take his advice the better.

Then comes the statistics of Methodism of Texas by J. Marvin Nichols, and possibly some others. All these show tact and much painstaking, and will be preserved by all thoughtful lovers of our Church in these parts.

And now last but not least, is the letter by, whom most of the young folks of Texas Methodists would call, "Old Brother Hughes," or "Uncle Buck," but whom I will call simply "Brother Hughes," for he is my junior by a year or two. He is generally right on all lines, but especially so in this number on "Ceremony." He is certainly of the old type of Methodist preachers, who believed in keeping the "Rules" of the Church. If there is anything hateful in our modern Church practices it is certainly seen in pedantry in the pulpit or in grotesque performances in the choir, or in individual singing by someone who just sings, one might say, to kill time or to make a show. Yes, it does seem "kill time" and pious reflections also. Singing good songs in church is a noble service, but the singing of songs that do not tend to the glory of God should have no place in God's sanctuary. Yes, pedantry in the pulpit and pride in the pew are two hateful practices God's people should eschew. W. J. WILSON.

San Saba, Texas.

If your yard stick or peck measure is below the standard so are your views of Christ and your religion.

ANOTHER COFFEE WRECK

What's the Use When There's an Easy Way Out.

Along with the coffee habit has grown the prevalent "American Disease"—nervous prostration.

The following letter shows the way out of trouble.

"Five years ago I was a great coffee drinker and from its use I became so nervous I could scarcely sleep at all nights. My condition grew worse and worse until finally the physician I consulted declared my troubles were due to coffee. 'But being so wedded to the beverage I did not see how I could do without it, especially at breakfast, as that meal seemed incomplete without coffee.'

"On a visit, my friends deprived me of coffee to prove that it was harmful. At the end of about eight days I was less nervous but the craving for coffee was intense, so I went back to the old habit as soon as I got home and the old sleepless nights came near making a wreck of me.

"I heard of Postum and decided to try it. I did not like it at first, because, as I afterwards discovered, it was not made properly. I found, however, that when made after directions on the package, it was delicious.

"It had a soothing effect on my nerves and none of the bad effects that coffee had, so I bade farewell to coffee and have used only Postum since. The most wonderful account of the benefit to be derived from Postum could not exceed my own experience."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Write for a copy of "The Road to Wellville."

Postum now comes in two forms: Regular Postum—must be well boiled.

Instant Postum—is a soluble powder. A teaspoonful dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. Grocers sell both kinds.

"There's a Reason" for Postum. (Adv.)



# Notes From the Field

### Dalhart Station.

We received a warm-hearted welcome from our Church here when we were returned for the third year at our last Annual Conference. The Stewards met and, regardless of droughts, placed the pastor's salary at \$1200, as they have for the past two years we have labored with them. Also they decided to pay both pastor and elder in full each month—not by running the "red line" at the bank, but by actually collecting it in full each month. We have long ago had the regular pounding, and it was an enjoyable occasion. Recently we had the men of our Church with us for 8 o'clock dinner at the parsonage. Our new and beloved elder was with us and made happy remarks for the occasion. Our laymen out here have stood loyally by the Church, and we deeply appreciate their responsive spirit. Our Sunday School is doing splendid work under our efficient superintendent, Hon. W. B. Clancy. Last Sunday we reached the highest mark in its history. We have received several new members since conference, and baptized a number of infants. We regretted to give up our presiding elder of the last three years, Rev. O. P. Kiker, but we are in love with our new elder, Rev. J. T. Hicks. His first visit to us was a benediction and a splendid spiritual uplift. We have committees appointed to look after every street in town and thus help the pastor in visiting homes of non-Church-going people. We are endeavoring to be evangelistic in our preaching and in our work that the lost may be brought to Christ. Our midweek services are well attended. After a short devotional service, conducted by the pastor, we have some good book on Sunday School methods discussed by some person appointed by the pastor. Much good will result from this.—J. W. Mayne.

### Spring Grove.

We closed our meeting at Spring Grove last week. We ran seven days had several professions and eight accessions to the Methodist Church. Brother Henderson and his good wife are starting off fine. They are both quite popular. The Lord is graciously blessing their work.—W. H. Brown, Dallas, Jan. 31, 1914.

### Government Hill, San Antonio.

The third Sunday in January we closed a very good revival meeting, resulting in the spiritual uplift of the membership and eight additions to the Church, with fourteen in the Sunday School making a decision for Christ who have not as yet been received into the Church. We are serving a very delightful people. They are thoughtful of the pastor's family and seem to appreciate our efforts to serve them in spiritual things. The Sunday School and congregations are growing and we are anticipating a profitable year.—T. N. Barton.

### McDade.

We are starting off very well. We have had two good meetings. Brother Franks, one of our conference evangelists, helped me. He did fine work and as a result we have had added to our Church thirteen members, a number of backsliders reclaimed and other good that I shall not mention here. Call on Brother Franks when you want help. He is fine. We have buried one of our members—Brother Ott, who had lived here seven years and had a host of friends. He was old, and with an acute attack of kidney trouble his life went out. We all miss him very much.—R. C. Aubrey.

### Whitewright.

I am planning for a great year's work and the Advocate has not been left out. At a meeting of the Board of Stewards the pastor's salary was advanced \$200, one-third of which is already in hand. Have nearly half of amount of conference assessments in hand and subscribed. Secured this amount last Sunday. All the organizations of the Church walking the upward track.—F. B. Wheeler.

### Oglesby Circuit.

The first quarterly meeting was held on this charge last Saturday and Sunday. It was an old-fashioned one—preaching at 11 o'clock and dinner spread out on some benches, and oh, what a dinner, and how everybody did eat! Every appointment was represented and made a good report. The eighth question was not simply asked and answered, but all the interests of the Church were looked after in an intelligent and helpful way. Therefore all the interests of the Church will take on new life. The presiding elder is a "live wire." He is "Little" in name only, but every other way is simply great—in body, mind and heart. He left a fine impress on our people for good, and they are hungry for more. If my memory fails not, he preached more at this Quarterly Conference than any I have ever attended in fifteen years. Three times at Oglesby and twice in the country—driving ten miles at that. Now that is going some. Then he preached a new sermon every time, and they were of a high order. If all the presiding elders were putting their life into the work as M. K. Little, there would not be so much complaint at the presiding eldership. But perhaps the reason that Brother Little is so successful, he has for his traveling companion his wife, who wins everybody that she meets. Her bright, cheerful spirit is an inspiration to all. The parsonage home has been blessed by their coming and the door stands open for their return. This is a fine people and they

have opened their hearts and received us gladly. The pounding came in the "good old-fashioned way," and best of all, a fine \$7 rocking chair for the mistress of the parsonage. May God's richest blessings rest and abide upon them all, is our earnest prayer. The ladies of the Missionary Society have put some needed furniture into the parsonage, and expect to do much more in the near future. We are expecting a great year, and the conversion of many souls. Pray for us, that the Holy Spirit may lead this pastor and family to do their very best.—R. H. Heizer.

### Meridian.

Meridian has been in the forefront of active life, at least since conference. The brethren have been very kind to this preacher since he came. The old-fashioned pounding came in due time, and the folk were liberal without the least equivocation or mental reservation whatsoever. They brought an abundance of good cheer as well as the good things to eat. Then early in January came the Preachers' Institute with about one hundred visitors in attendance, and it was a genuine pleasure to have them here. Dear men of God, they certainly said "peace be to this home," when they entered into the many homes of our town, and that peace still remains. We will welcome such a body any time. Following the institute came our revival, which was fine indeed. We ran only eight days and received into the Church thirty-one members. On the second Sunday morning twenty-four stood in line and took the vows of the Church. The others came in that night. The town and Church were stirred as they have not been for many months. It was a genuine revival. And in making the report I must say that the success is due largely to the hearty cooperation of the official family and the faculty of Meridian College. All of these were faithful personal workers and helped very much. The pastor did the preaching. Since the session of the conference we have received into the Church fifty-three members. Everything is in fine shape up this way, and we live on the sunny side.—S. B. Knowles.

### Bristol Circuit.

It has been quite a time since there has been such a thing as the Bristol Circuit. I think the readers of the Advocate would like to hear that there does now exist the resurrected Bristol Circuit. At our last Annual Conference the Bishop read out, G. G. Mitchell for Bristol Circuit. He arrived among us, ready and equipped for his work. The people met him with hearts of appreciation. His first quarterly meeting has come and gone. It was held at Carroll by our beloved presiding elder. Our people like to hear Brother Mitchell preach. He and his wife have been confined to their beds for some two weeks, but will soon be able to be up and take hold of the work. I want everyone who reads this to bow with me in prayer for the upbuilding of old Bristol Circuit. May the Lord send the power of the Holy Spirit among us and may many of these wicked people be brought to Christ this Annual Conference year.—D. A. Moore, L. P.

### Anson.

Five days after conference adjourned we arrived at Anson, and we have not missed an appointment. Our congregations have been large and very appreciative. The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society "set the parsonage in order." And from the time of our arrival until now we have been receiving tokens of appreciation from the members and friends of the Church, constantly, including a fine donation just before Christmas. We have a fine Board of Stewards, who voluntarily raised the salary of the pastor to \$1800, without a dissenting voice, with the assurance that they will pay more if they have a prosperous year. Yes, this Church is going to forge its way toward the front in our conference. With such a heroic Board of Stewards, with such a faithful band of Sunday School officers and teachers, with such a loyal and consecrated Woman's Missionary Society, with such fine young people to lead in the Epworth League work and the membership of the Church expressing a willingness to cooperate in every way we should make great progress if we stay close to the Lord. Many unsaved people are attending the services and we are expecting a great ingathering. Pray for us.—A. M. Martin.

### Goree.

Our work is prospering. We are tearing down our old church, and have the money nearly all in hand, to build a new church, which will be worth about \$3500 when completed. We hope to be in our new church inside of two months. We have organized two new Sunday Schools. So we have a good Sunday School at each appointment. Everything moving very satisfactory and we are happy.—J. H. Watts.

### Krum.

We are at home by the appointment of Bishop Mounzon. Our work has been changed by placing Ponder with Justin and Sidell with Krum. We serve some of the most loyal people in the North Texas Conference. We have not many members, but the faithful kind. True, our work covers more territory, but we have many opportunities to develop our territory. We start in this year acquainted with our membership. Our people want better meetings and a more spiritual time. We are going

to have a sweeping revival if paying the price will bring it. The other day on returning from a Christmas visit to Father Shawver's we found that Santa Claus had put in the parsonage a nice kitchen cabinet and had left the largest amount of "good things to eat" that it has been our privilege to look upon. This was the Krum people. Since then a wagon stopped at the front gate and began to unload things until it looked like there would not be room to contain the blessing given. This was Sidell's appreciation of us. These acts of kindness are prompted by the love had for us and God's cause. Money cannot purchase these kindnesses. Our stewards raised our salary over one hundred dollars. Our people love Brother Riddle. His coming is looked for with great interest. He is lovable and much loved. We are hoping and praying for the best year of our ministry. Pray for us.—L. D. Shawver.

### Meridian.

We have just closed one of the best revivals that has been enjoyed in our town. It was only of one week's duration and the pastor, Rev. S. Barcus Knowles, did the preaching. The various denominations of the town cooperated in every way possible. Personal workers did very faithful service, but the preaching was very direct, Scriptural and effective. Brother Knowles is an untiring worker and a preacher of considerable ability. He has a very fine collection of illustrations and knows how to use them with telling effect in every sermon. By the close of the meeting there wasn't even standing room in the church. There were quite a number of conversions and reclamations. Every student in the school was happily converted, and, of course, the writer and the faculty are very much elated. The boys and girls get into our hearts in a very personal way. It was an inspiring scene to witness scores of young men and older ones bowing at the altar and in a short time arise with shining faces and glad hearts to testify to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sunday Brother Knowles received thirty-one into the Church and others will come in later. Our pastor is in great favor with the people of the town and the students all love him very much. Sister Knowles is a very effective worker and their children are giving God their hearts and lives as they reach the proper age. We trust that whosoever reads these lines will pray an earnest prayer that the pastor of our Training School may be continuously guided by the Holy Spirit as he seeks to develop the religious life of the young men and young women who are put here with the primary purpose in father and mother's mind that they should be trained in Christian service.—G. F. Winfield.

### Troy.

We are on the ground and doing business. Our first Quarterly Conference was held on schedule time. Our presiding elder is for a good one. Preached two splendid sermons on Sunday for us. The stewards raised the assessments \$199.50 above last year. That is going some, isn't it? Our congregations are a great deal larger than when we began. We've got 'em hoodooed.—O. C. Swinney.

### Collinsville and Tioga.

We have just closed, doubtless, the greatest revival campaign in the history of Collinsville and Tioga. We began the revival at Collinsville on the first Sunday in January. We ran the meeting for thirteen days in Collinsville and had about 100 conversions and reclamations. Thirty-nine united with our Church and many gave their names for membership of the other Churches of the town. Without losing any time we went to Tioga and held forth for eight days with equal success. Here there were sixty conversions and reclamations. We received twenty-four members and about that number gave their names for the other Churches. These revivals put the Collinsville and Tioga charge in fine order, with promise for the future. The first Quarterly Conference was held January 19. A fine spirit prevailed. Good financial reports were made. The salary was advanced about \$100. A building committee was appointed for a new church at Collinsville. The ladies at Collinsville have been placing some nice furniture in the parsonage. For all these blessings we praise the Lord and are happy.—P. S. Kerr.

### Seranton.

The year's work has started off nicely out at Seranton. We are amongst a very fine set of folks. They have already made us love them—we came expecting to love them. We have good services, well attended. Have had the sacrament and Church Conference at each place. Our first Quarterly Conference was well attended and was good in every respect. Brother Lindsey was on hand and did honor to the office of presiding elder, both in the pulpit and in the chair. He left us all more in love with our great Church and its polity. The reports were all good, and many things there are to encourage us to expect a really good year's work. We are planning to have Brother Lowery and his wife with us in a meeting to begin next Sunday, the 8th inst. Having had him once before, of course, we expect a great meeting. Will the friends of the pastor and of the charge send up an earnest prayer for this meeting? We need a revival. We have received thirteen members by certificate and one by profession of faith and baptized one baby since conference. Yes, we've been pounded already, yet twice the good people have piled the good things to eat into the parsonage. No need to try to name the things received. Methodist folks have a way of just fixing their preachers so they have to get up and do their very best to

keep up with them. And if that is it, then we judge some others wanted to see the preacher "git up and dust," for there were names of Baptists, Presbyterians, members of the Christian Church and many who did not belong to any Church on the things received. Well, they shall have the very best work this preacher and his wife can do. We expect a great year with such a people. We remember very kindly the people on the Burleson and the Lillian charges, where we have labored in the past. Our hearts fill with joy as we think of the very excellent people with whom it has been our privilege to work. We are happy and hard at work for another year.—Jno. W. Hawkins.

### Garden City Circuit.

This year finds us back in the pastorate again, after two years' spent in the evangelistic work. These two years brought us rich experiences and many dear friends to whom we send greetings through the pages of the dear old Advocate. To say that we are pleased with our work is putting it very mildly, for our hearts are fairly bubbling over with thankfulness to God and our good presiding elder for giving us just the kind of work that our hearts delight in—a big, unorganized scope of country that keeps us on the move continually. We have nine appointments at present and are planning for more. We hope to develop the work by conference until it can be made into two charges. Two Sundays in each month we are near Midland, which fact we find very pleasant, because of the congenial and helpful spirit of our friend and brother, Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor at Midland. We want to say right here that if we can read the signs of the times right, as we put our ear to the ground and listen to the rumbling of the wheels of Zion, that Midland will be heard from at Annual Conference. Our people received us kindly all over the work and made us feel they were glad to have us. We have organized two Sunday Schools and have one more in view. We are also talking for the Advocate everywhere we go. Our people nearly all take the Advocate, thanks to our predecessors. Well, we must tell about the pounding. We cannot say that it came in ancient form, etc., for we do not know—being away from home at the time. They fully expected us in that night and had prepared for the attack, so when we failed to get in they pounded our Sunday School superintendent instead. He was kind enough to turn it over to us when we returned. May the Lord richly reward them for their kindness and help us to give them our very best service in spiritual things. It is not the fact that they brought us good things to eat that rejoices our hearts (and you know all preachers love to eat, for they are trained to it), but the spirit that prompted them to this show their appreciation of us. We were sorry to miss the social feature of the pounding, but hope to have it later. Our first Quarterly Conference has just passed. The stewards all over the work have their plans made for the year's work and seem hopeful for the future. If the good Lord gives us strength we want to hold a meeting at all our appointments, and also to hold a week's service at some of the schoolhouses where they have no preaching at all. God bless the Advocate, its editor and all our brethren in the ministry.—S. J. Estes.

### BROWNWOOD DISTRICT METHODISM.

The Pastors' Conference and Missionary Institute of the Brownwood District will meet at Ballinger February 4-6. Dr. John A. Rice and Rev. W. H. Matthews will be with us.

Last Monday at Santa Anna, the women of the Missionary Society drew the plow and Rev. J. B. Curry, the pastor, held the handles, that broke dirt for the new \$10,500 church in which the Methodists of Santa Anna will soon be worshipping. A few days ago the elder was called to Bangs to hold a special session of Quarterly Conference. He found that the Methodists there, led on by the wisdom and enthusiasm of their splendid pastor, W. B. Vaughn, were ready to order the sale of both their parsonage and church and appoint a building committee for new ones. Things look good for Bangs. At Gouldbusk, A. D. Cosgrove has things moving lively and they will begin the erection of a new church at Gouldbusk in a week or so. John M. Neal is enjoying his beautiful new brick Church at Winters, into which he moved a week before conference. J. L. Speer has two new churches on the Wingate charge built and paid for last year. All the other boys are hard at work and things look good on the Brownwood District. More buildings will be projected before the year is over.

J. H. STEWART, P. E.

### GREENVILLE-SULPHUR SPRINGS MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The joint meeting of Greenville and Sulphur Springs Districts' Missionary Institute was held at Cumby, January 20-21. There was a goodly attendance of preachers and only a small attendance of laymen outside of Cumby. A program of missionary topics previously arranged and assigned to the respective speakers, was carried out to the profit and inspiration of all present. Especially noteworthy were the following addresses: R. C. Hicks, on "The Supreme Work of the Church;" J. B. Goyer, on "The Monthly Missionary Prayer Meeting;" D. H. Aston, on "The Methodist Schools and Missions;" and E. W. Alderson on "Bishop Lambuth and Africa." There was not a single bad talk or exercise given, but all proved helpful and inspiring. Wesley College was represented by its President, D. H. Aston, and splendid progress was announced on their campaign for \$100,000 for an administration building and

for endowment. From all quarters it was evident that Wesley College is growing in the confidence of the preachers and the people.

A forward movement along the line of full and early collections on all assessments and healthy specials for missions was agreed to by those present. This result, together with a determination for a campaign for revivals and personal evangelism in both districts, were some of the tangible results of the institute.

C. M. Harless and R. C. Hicks presided over the meeting alternately and their presidency and helpful counsel proved both agreeable and profitable. Surely a new day has come for these two districts and for Methodism within their borders. No more progressive and aggressive band of preachers ever assembled and prayed and planned together. You may expect to hear of results from their zeal and efforts this year. The pastor-host and the community were generous and hospitable in their entertainment of the meeting. Both the visitors and the local Church claimed to be the better because of the meeting. May God lead us on to victory.

S. M. BLACK, Sec.

Cooper, Tex., Jan. 29, 1914.

### BEEVILLE DISTRICT INSTITUTES.

On January 14-18 the preachers, and some few laymen, of the Beeville District, met in Kingsville and held a series of institutes in which the various interests of the Church were considered. Time also was given to the "Preacher, His Character and Equipment." Rev. J. H. Groseclose, presiding elder, had a very carefully prepared program, and the interest and enthusiasm grew until the very last. Those present will not soon forget its educational and inspirational value.

There was one dark cloud cast upon the our beloved brother, C. W. Godwin. Brother Godwin is one of the old guard and has been greatly used of our Master in the West Texas Conference. He is especially loved by the preachers of the Beeville District. Since conference his health has given way, and the doctors say that complete rest and freedom from worry is necessary. To make this possible the preachers gladly gave \$400, and Bishop Mounzon and Brother Groseclose sent a letter to the presiding elders of the other districts asking the prayers of the preachers throughout the conference for the recovery of our dear brother. We trust he will be spared to bless our Methodism. The presence of Bishop E. D. Mounzon was an intellectual stimulus, and a spiritual uplift. No one was abashed by his presence, but all felt his strong sympathy, and all alike enjoyed his brotherliness and were edified by his conversation during the social hours. He was given large place on the program, and also joined in the general discussion, much to our gratification.

Dr. J. C. Granbery, of Southwestern University, was with us throughout the institute. He spoke to us on "Sociology, or Social Christianity." If his views would bring about as delightful a social situation as does his company, then we would desire their universal adoption.

On Sunday Bishop Mounzon dedicated the church, and raised a collection of \$600 for the Mexican Methodist church, which is almost completed. This amount removed all financial incumbrances, and in the afternoon the Bishop dedicated it with appropriate ceremony. The attitude of the Methodists of Kingsville toward their Mexican brethren is one worthy of emulation.

No preacher in this district will ever doubt the hospitality of Kingsville. Every possible courtesy was extended, and the Commercial Club, by means of an auto ride, showed the beauties of this progressive city and the surrounding country. It is great, and spoke volumes for the enterprise of its people.

JNO. N. RENTFRO, Sec.

### THE WAXAHACHIE MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The pastors' Missionary Institute of the Waxahachie District was held in the Methodist Church at Milford, Texas, beginning Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, January 26, 1914, and running through the next day.

The charges of the district were all represented except four. Rev. J. A. Whitehurst, the presiding elder, had previously arranged and sent out to the pastors a splendid program.

The institute opened promptly at 3 o'clock. After devotional services the presiding elder delivered a soul-stirring address, which not only started the institute with a high spiritual key, but continued to the close.

The institute was characterized by zeal and earnestness on the part of the preachers and all present. The subjects that had been given to the pastors for discussion were handled in a way that showed thoughtful and prayerful consideration. The program was a wise and practical one, teeming with fine suggestions,

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and showed great care and forethought in its preparation.

We do not deem it a waste of time, or space either, to reproduce part of this program. Not having the specimens to give to you, we cheerfully submit the program, and let your imagination do the rest. The important subject of "The Evangelization of the World," was discussed under the following subdivisions:

"The Place of Money in the Evangelization of the World," "The Place of Prayer," "The Place of the Bible," "The Place of Houses of Worship," "The Place of the Gospel," "The Place of the Holy Ghost."

Such other topics as "Itemizing the Assessments, Telling Why Each Is Important." This subject was discussed at the evening service. "The Qualifications of a Successful Pastor," "How to Make Pastoral Visits in Country and Town," "How Can Pastors Be Helpful to Stewards?" "Why Some Ministers Never Receive What Is Regarded as High Class Appointments."

Among the visiting brethren were Rev. J. E. Roach, representing the Georgetown College; D. L. Collie, Agent for Superannuate Home Fund; W. H. Matthews, our pastor at Cleburne, who spoke in behalf of the Board of Missions; Henry Stanford, pastor at Frost.

The Committee on Organization for the best results in the district made their report, in which, among other things, was recommended the holding of several institutes for Sunday Schools and Missions. Also the concentration of our force at weak places in the district by holding revival meetings. The institute was pronounced a success by all, which was due to the untiring efforts of the faithful presiding elder, the good people of Milford, and their splendid pastor, George F. Kornegay. We all departed for our respective charges with stronger faith and a greater determination to press the battle for our Lord. The institute closed with every pastor, and all present, kneeling at the altar.

R. F. BROWN, Sec.

SAN ANTONIO MEXICANS.

Since my appeals in the Advocate for help for our San Antonio Mexicans there have been some developments.

1. We have been helping more of the local poor than of the refugees, partly because the refugees are so scattered throughout the city and partly because many of them are unaccustomed to poverty and so are ashamed to ask help.

2. We find although thirty or forty are coming in every day, as many are going out, so that we are not having the congestion we expected. There are several labor agencies that get hold of them very fast. We had thought of organizing an agency, but the ground seems to be thoroughly occupied.

3. Up to the date of this notice, January 25, the winter has been so mild that there has not been the suffering from cold that we feared.

We are very grateful for the substantial help which has come to us. Some of the boxes have splendid garments—warm, strong and clean.

That many of the Mexicans here are really hungry is certain. That it is difficult to assist them without breaking down self-respect is also true. We are also fully aware that there are some people who may impose on us. But we try to guard all these points.

The newspapers are responsible for the idea that there are great droves of refugees coming to San Antonio. We were only taking precautionary measures. And yet the Mexicans themselves are raising funds among both Mexicans and Americans to give assistance to the needy refugees. We do not wish to be misunderstood—there are many needy ones here, but they are not in droves as it would seem that some people think.

J. A. PHILLIPS.

The Passing Day

Under orders from General Villa, the insurgent leader, Francisco I. Guzman was shot to death at Juarez, Mexico, Monday, Guzman, who figured prominently in the revolt against President Madero in the City of Mexico a year ago, had come from Havana, it is stated, on a secret mission from Felix Diaz to induce General Villa to renounce General Carranza and throw the strength of the revolution to Diaz. As soon as he heard of the proposal, General Villa gave Guzman a conference and after making sure of the nature of the visit ordered the messenger shot. Within a few minutes after his arrival Guzman was led out of Villa's room, stood up before an adobe wall and, with his hands tied and eyes blindfolded, was executed.

The Daughters of the Republic have commenced the work of removing the debris that has collected about the Alamo property in San Antonio since the work of restoration was stopped. The Governor says that he is without power or authority to "restore the fallen portion of the walls or to do anything whatsoever further in the repairing of the Alamo property." The Daughters will pile along the boundary line of the Alamo property the rocks that fell from the walls during the recent flood and plant grass and vines in the Alamo court yard. They have secured six teams from the city of San Antonio to do the work.

The "newsies" of Boston are in high favor with the police because of clues which led to the lair of a gang of counterfeiters. The gang has established a counterfeiting plant in a West End saloon. The police raid resulted in the arrest of eleven men. According to the police, 6000 bad half dollars

have been circulated from the plant. Much of the money was "worked off" on newsboys. This put the boys on the alert and when two of them were victimized last night, they followed the men who had passed the money and then told their story to a policeman. The raid followed.

It is estimated that a million and a half citizens of Chicago attended Church last Sunday. The normal attendance, says a Chicago dispatch, is about one-third that number. This great outpouring of men, women and children was the result of a "go-to-church movement" inaugurated by the Churches of the "Windy City." Thousands saw the inside of a church for the first time, although long residing in the city. Methods of advertising the "go-to-church" movement were unique. Cards were attached to milk bottles, to deliveries of bread and other supplies, attached to doorknobs, sent through the mails, wrapped in purchases at all stores, distributed at all gatherings and left in the mail boxes of all guests at hotels. The newspapers devoted much space to pushing the campaign. There was a street parade and all delivery wagons for the large stores bore placards urging people to attend church. Then a systematic campaign of calling everybody who had a telephone and urging church attendance completed the campaign.

The general effect of the measure introduced in the House by Representative Vaughan of Texas to regulate the collection of the license and issuance of license to liquor dealers by the Federal Government, would be to deny a Federal license in dry territory. This will apply also to those portions of cities where the sales of liquor are forbidden and would subject those who do sell to penalties. Mr. Vaughan states that the bill is in accordance with his campaign promise while a candidate for Congressman, and that he has carefully prepared it to cover the ground fully. He also stated that while he does not intend to interfere in any manner with the party program or the passage of Administration measures, he proposes to push the passage of this bill with all possible vigor.

The poll tax contest between Dallas, San Antonio and Houston came to a close at midnight January 30. For the last few days of the contest great activity was shown by the contesting cities and every legitimate means was resorted to in order to get citizens to invest the \$1.75 for the piece of scrip that would confer on them the right of suffrage. As usual in all contests, Dallas won by a handsome margin over San Antonio, its most formidable rival. The total of tax receipts and exemptions issued by Dallas was 27,132, San Antonio 22,186, Houston 19,714.

The annual report of Geo. F. Powell, superintendent of the North Texas Hospital for the Insane at Terrell, Texas, shows that during 1913 a greater number of patients were treated than in any previous year in its history. During this period the records show that 2508 patients were enrolled and the daily average was about 1900 patients. There were admitted during the year 365 patients, of whom 208 were males and 158 females. Discharged 192, and 135 were declared restored. There were 168 deaths reported, the largest number having been attributed to tuberculosis, with 36 deaths; pellagra caused 8 deaths, and 2 committed suicide by hanging. Since 1885 the record shows 9357 patients have been admitted to the asylum and 7209 patients have been discharged or have died.

The compress at Italy, Texas, with 4000 bales of cotton and fifteen box cars, burned Sunday afternoon. Six box cars and 100 bales of cotton were rolled away from the flames. The loss is estimated at \$340,000—fully insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Aero Club of America has announced its co-operation in plans for an aeroplane race around the world. The race will start from San Francisco in May, 1915, and is to be completed within the "Golden Gate" ninety days thereafter. The first prize will be \$100,000. The plan is to have the race open for any type of motor-driven air craft.

Convoys by the United States Monitor Tonopah, four units of the second submarine division of the Atlantic Squadron have arrived at Galveston from Key West. All but two of the vessels were late in arriving, having become separated when they encountered a heavy norther shortly after leaving the Florida coast. They will remain in Galveston several days.

January 30 two steamers, the Nantucket and Monroe, collided in the fog in the Atlantic, off the coast near Norfolk, Virginia, and forty-three people perished. The damage to one of the vessels was such that it sank very rapidly and the appalling death-rate followed.

The Congressional Committee appointed to make a preliminary investigation of charges against United States District Judge Emery Speer, of Georgia, have finished their work, and they will doubtless recommend that impeachment proceedings be instituted against the Judge.

The Southern Maritime Conference, composed of the Governors of the several Southern sea coast States, has been called to meet at New Orleans, by Governor O. B. Colquitt, of Texas. The meeting will probably be held the latter part of April or first week in May. The Governors of Maryland, Virginia, South

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CHRISTIAN UNION

A Deliverance by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas assembled in the city of Dallas, November, 1913, taking notice of the widespread interest in Christian union, and representing the views and sentiments commonly held among the 600,000 Baptists of Texas, goes to record as follows:

1. We look with deep and sympathetic interest on the efforts now making throughout the Christian world, to reunite the scattered and ofttime antagonistic forces of Christendom. We deplore the divisions that obtain among the lovers of Jesus, and the many evils resulting therefrom. We long for Christian union. We pray for it and will labor for it, on a Scriptural basis; but we insist that it cannot and should not be secured on any other basis.

2. We hold the immemorial position of Baptists that all true believers in Christ as their personal Savior are saved, having been born again; and this, without the intervention of preacher, priest, ordinance, sacrament or Church. Therefore, we profoundly rejoice in our spiritual union with all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity and truth. We hold them as brothers in the saving grace of Christ, and heirs with us of life and immortality. We love their fellowship, and maintain that the spiritual union of all believers is now and ever will be a blessed reality. This spiritual union does not depend on organizations, or forms, or rituals. It is deeper, higher, broader, and more stable than any and all organizations. We hold that all people who believe in Christ as their personal Savior are our brothers in the common salvation, whether they be in the Catholic communion or in a Protestant communion, or in no communion. We steadfastly believe and hold that until one is born again, by the Spirit of God, into the Kingdom of Christ, he is not a Scriptural subject for baptism, and cannot of right become a member of Christ's Church.

3. We here declare our unalterable belief in the universal, unchangeable and undelegated sovereignty of Jesus Christ. We believe that He is the rightful and only head and sovereign of His Churches; that His word and will, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, is the unchangeable and only law of His reign; that whatever is not found in the Scriptures cannot be bound on the consciences of men; that the supreme test of true, Christian discipleship is obedience to the will of Christ, as revealed in the Bible. This is fundamental. Therefore, neither tradition, nor custom, nor councils, nor expediences can be allowed to modify or change the Word of God.

4. We hold that religion is essentially a personal matter between each soul and God. Therefore, we deny all proxyship, sponsorship or deputyship in religion; We hold that each consciously responsible soul must repent, believe and be baptized for himself and every soul must give account of himself to God. In this way, infant baptism and infant Church membership are Scripturally impossible and constitute an impassable barrier to organic Christian union. In like manner, also, do the changes made by some in the two Christian rites, baptism and the Lord's Supper, perpetuate divisions made originally by gradual departures from the simple teachings of the New Testament. To change these two sacred symbols of Christianity is to empty them of their Scriptural and meaningful content and teaching; also to pervert them so as to make them carriers of the most deadly heresies. We deeply deplore these hurtful and divisive changes, and stoutly declare that there does not exist today, nor ever did exist, any authority or reason to change what was fixed by the authority of the great Head of the Church. We stand with the scholarship of the world in declaring that baptism is immersion. To change it is to destroy it. Baptism stands in the wisdom and authority of Christ. All the changes for convenience or sentiment, or for any cause whatsoever, stand in the unwise and usurpation of men. By our loyalty to Christ, which we hold to be the supreme test of discipleship, we are bound to hold fast that which He established.

5. Concerning the Church, it seems to us that this is a divine institution; that it was not evolved from the changing conditions of society, but came from the mind of the Master; that it is an enduring institution, adapted as well to one time and one climate as another; that it is the custodian of the truth, to hold and teach it to the end of time and to all the peoples of the earth. A Scriptural

Church we believe to be a body of believers who have been Scripturally baptized and are covenanted together to teach and to do all things commanded by its divine Head. It is a Scriptural body, with a divine constitution and mission, both of which are revealed in the New Testament. We believe that a Church of Jesus Christ is a pure democracy and cannot subject itself to any outside control, nor bend to a superior clergy. We also hold, with unshaken confidence, to the age-long contention of Baptists, that there must be absolute separation between Church and State, and that the right of civil and religious liberty is, in the sight of God, the inalienable and indefeasible right of every human being. We maintain that the divine constitution of a Church of Christ cannot be changed in order to effect organic Christian union. We maintain, further, that Christ's ideal of a Church with its pure democracy and the high value that it puts on the individual, is of priceless value, not only to preserve religious liberty, but to promote civil liberty as well. We are unalterably committed to the divine model of a Church. On this point our convictions are settled.

6. We believe that intelligent, personal conviction in religion is essential to strength in Christian character and to success in any form of Christian union. Our souls abhor the thought of any union inspired by convenience, or by desire to save money. There is one thing worse than commercialized vice, and that is commercialized religion; for if religion becomes an economic question it ceases to be Christian. We must therefore protest against the many cheap and cheapening methods employed to break down convictions, and to establish a mechanical union out of the disjuncta membra of the several denominations. To us it appears far more consistent and Christian to appeal to the individual conscience to study the Word of God with open-heartedness, and to follow the light that may therein be found. Any union founded on compromise and spurious appeals is a sham union and will debilitate and retard the progress of Christianity the world over. Any such union must inevitably end in a wide apostasy, followed by inertia, indefiniteness, confusion and waste of spiritual force.

7. Our message to our brethren of other communions is, that since the present divided condition of Christendom is unquestionably the result of departures from the simple teaching of the Scriptures, the only possible road to organic union is back to the Scriptures, fairly interpreted. If it be said that this is, in our present state, impracticable and impossible, we reply that if that be so, then organic union is impossible with Baptists, for we are unalterably bound to the Scriptures as our law and guide. We speak on this point with absolute frankness and with great plainness, because we crave to be understood by our fellow-Christians. We neither ask nor wish any one to come to us, except upon a personal conviction, but would have all to study the Holy Scriptures to find the path of duty, and our confidence is unshaken that there is light sufficient in the Scriptures to guide us all to the union the Master wishes.

We are unmindful of the difficulties of the case. Rearing and traditions and pride of opinion are strong forces among all people. We do not claim perfection for ourselves. It seems to us that until we come to have one mind and one spirit concerning the things necessary to organic union, it would be Christian and becoming in all frankly and freely to urge all to study the Scriptures and follow their teachings, putting renewed emphasis on the unescapable duty of individual investigation and obedience. We would hope for much if that were universally done now, in the fairer and more fraternal atmosphere in which we live, a condition for which we are profoundly thankful to Almighty God.

8. Pending the working out of the problem of union, we are glad to say that we stand ready at all times to co-operate with all our fellow-Christians and our fellow-citizens, whether Protestant or Catholic, whether Jew or gentile, in every worthy effort for the moral and social uplift of humanity, as well as for the equal civil and religious rights of all men in all lands. We would freely co-operate in all good works, limited only as follows:

Our most cherished beliefs, our deep sense of duty, will not permit us to enter into any federation, council, or what not, that would in any way obscure the positions set out

above, or hinder us in the full and free preaching of the whole counsel of God to all the peoples of the world. By our very principles we are automatically separated, ecclesiastically, from all other people, and we cannot help it, unless we stultify our consciences or renounce the truth, as we are given to see the truth, a course no Christian would wish us to take. We would look with great favor on the union of those bodies whose ecclesiastical polity and principles will enable them conscientiously to symbolize together. This would greatly simplify the problem and constitute an important step to organic Christian union.

We beg to say this other word to our brethren of other communions. We cherish in our hearts a deep and abiding Christian love for all our fellow believers in Christ, whether in or out of other bodies, and gratefully rejoice in all that they are doing for the salvation of the lost of earth.

9. We believe that in the present state of the question of Christian union, a frank and fraternal communication of views and sentiments, through the public press and otherwise, would be helpful. While we would maintain the usefulness and right of discussion, covering the whole ground of differences, we would deplore any unfraternal and uncharitable discussion, tending to create strife and to inflame mere partisan zeal.

10. We summon ourselves, our 600,000 fellow Baptists of Texas, our brother Baptists throughout the South, nearly 5,000,000 strong; our fellow Baptists throughout the Nation, in England and in all lands throughout the whole world, to renewed zeal in the propagation of those principles we all believe to be divinely given, to the end that humanity in all parts of the earth may come into its full heritage of truth, and through the truth into that perfect liberty wherewith Christ makes us free.

This is an auspicious day for Baptists. It is a day when the whole world is turning toward democracy, both in religion and in government. Individualism is everywhere the battle cry of progress.

There has never been such a time for the free preaching of the simple messages of Jesus and his apostles. Cambrous ecclesiasticisms are falling away; only the simple truth as it is in Jesus can either interpret or satisfy the heart hunger of the multitudes of earth who have long been enthralled by over-government in Church and State. The day for which our Baptist fathers waited and suffered and died has dawned. What they died for let us live for in a worthy fashion. The marvelous blessings of God are on us. The times we live in, the boundless opportunities before us, the insistent calls from every part of the world for light ought to move us mightily to redouble our energies and multiply our activities in the world-wide spread of the full gospel of peace and liberty. We would ourselves lay to heart and would commend to our fellow Baptists everywhere the assuring and moving words of the apostle to the gentiles: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Amen.

GEORGE W. TRUETT. J. B. GAMBRELL. J. L. CROSS. S. J. PORTER. F. C. MCCONNELL. W. F. FRY. GEORGE W. McCALL. FORREST SMITH.

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# An Example for Others to Follow

By BISHOP E. D. MOUZON, San Antonio, Texas.

St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "Brethren, we make known to you the grace of God which hath been given in the Churches of Macedonia." The good work which has just been accomplished (or let me rather say, which has now been begun) by the Christian people of Kingsville is a genuine manifestation of the grace of God. My purpose in sitting down here to write is to tell the Church about it in the hope that others may be inspired to follow this good example.

Sunday, January 18, I spent in Kingsville, the occasion being the dedication of our church in that rapidly growing town. For several years a considerable debt has burdened our people. But last fall, under the leadership of the pastor Bro. O. F. Hatfield, the debt was provided for; and it had just been paid off when I went down for the dedication. I have often been called upon to raise a considerable amount of money before a church could be dedicated. But on this Sunday I had a new experience. I first dedicated the church, and then raised a collection to build another church. I wonder if any of my colleagues have had an experience like this!

Let me explain. Kingsville is a little city of five or six thousand people. All South Texas is growing marvelously. Between San Antonio and Brownsville the development and growth of the country are such as to surprise even those who are used to surprises of this kind. Here, where Kingsville is located, are large numbers of Mexicans, from early days drawn to this country by the great King Ranch. An important section of the town was laid out for the Mexicans, and is a "Little Mexico." These people have been without the gospel, there being no Protestant Church for these Spanish-speaking people in the town, and the work done among them by the Roman Catholic Church amounting to little or nothing. Now this is the genuinely Christian thing which the good people of Kingsville did: When they had paid off the debt on their own church they then went to work and built a church for their Mexican neighbors. Into this building they put not less than \$1600 and erected a building representative and adequate. Sunday afternoon I spoke to a large congregation for the first service in the new Mexican church.

Here is an example worthy to be followed. There are at least 300,000 Mexicans in Texas. There will never be less than that number. Each year there will be more. Few things appeal to me more than the spiritual condition of these people. Out of a school population of 65,000, at least 50,000 are growing up in ignorance. There are many reasons for this. In most of the smaller towns there are no proper schools for them to attend. The parents of many of them are so

poor that the little children must work as well as the parents. Here in Kingsville I was made glad when I saw the splendid school building which had been erected for the Mexican children. Nominally most of these Mexicans are Roman Catholics. But that means very little and very much. It means that all the knowledge they have of religion they have received from the Roman Catholic Church. It means that they are growing up without the Bible, without Christ, and without any proper moral education. The poverty of many of these people is pitiful. During a religious census four widow women were found living with twelve children in a hut with one room! Throughout all Southern Texas almost every town has its "Little Mexico." What Kingsville has done other towns in Texas must do. It is strange how we let the distant and romantic appeal to us and overlook these needy people all around us. How can we be content to worship in comfortable houses while all these people are scattered abroad like sheep having no shepherd? It is certain that henceforth our work among our Mexican brethren should be classed as "Home Missions." This work needs to be brought home to the hearts of our people and laid on them directly. These Mexicans work on our ranches and our farms, they cook in our kitchens and care for our children. Many of them are making intelligent and useful citizens. They are by nature kind-hearted and sympathetic. They bitterly resent wrongs and do not forget injuries. But they respond at once to kindness and deeply appreciate Christian friendship. Many of them were born here in Texas, and their children will never see Mexico. They also are Americans. Their welfare is our welfare, and their degradation is our degradation.

It will be understood that the building of this church at Kingsville would not have been brought about but for the labors of Bro. Laurence Reynolds, presiding elder of the Laredo District, Mexican Border Mission Conference, and Bro. Joseph Thacker, Missionary to the Mexicans at Kingsville. And these brethren would not have succeeded if it had not been for the hearty co-operation of our pastor, Bro. O. F. Hatfield. Laymen like W. R. McKie, Dr. Glenn Bartlett, and Ben T. Laws actively co-operated. The Carpenters' Union gave the day's labor of about thirty men. The Painters' Union did the painting and paperhanging. The brickmasons' Union did the brick work. And so the house was built.

I would lay this work on the hearts and consciences of our preachers and laymen in all towns where there is a considerable Mexican population. What has been done at Kingsville can be done elsewhere. And this is the way to bring the gospel to these people.

tendent Publicity, Mrs. J. A. Jackson. This Auxiliary has recently taken one of the orphan children to clothe. We sent our first box in December, a few days before Christmas, and the sweet letter received and read in our January meeting, telling of our little Mary's joy on receiving the things sent, made each one feel it is more blessed to give than to receive. Although our membership is small in number, yet the members are all workers, and with our corps of efficient officers we have entered the new year determined to do more with God's help than ever before; and let's be more loyal to attend the meetings each Monday, for in unity there is strength. Every one who reads this pray for us that we may attend our united efforts. Yours for better work,

MRS. J. A. JACKSON,  
Press Superintendent.

### ALVARADO AUXILIARY.

Special items accomplished the past year were the organization of a mission study class, membership campaign resulting in nine new members, enrollment of eight in foreign department, box of supplies, valued at \$31, sent to Laredo Seminary, \$20 conference pledge paid, total amount expended \$236.55. We have thirty-five members, and hold two meetings each month. We hope for greater achievements in the future in this branch of the Master's work.

The following compose our officials for this year: President, Mrs. J. M. Ligon; First Vice-President, Mrs. Minnie Mabry; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. G. Pollard; Third Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. Deane; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Horace Park; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Glasgow; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. K. Evans; Local Treasurer, Mrs. J. S. Hallman; Connectional Treasurer, Mrs. F. J. Senter; Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. E. R. Shultz; "Voice" Agent, Mrs. J. J. Walls; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. W. B. Dorsey.

MRS. E. R. SHULTZ,  
Publicity Superintendent.

### COCHRAN CHAPEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We have had a prosperous year, our Society has improved spiritually and financially, our membership has been increased and in closing our 1913 books we find \$310 expended connectionally and locally. All our pledges have been met and our parsonage repaired and partly refurnished, several boxes have been sent to the needy, besides a little orphan girl at Waco has been supplied throughout the year. Our Mission Study Class has completed three books and are now beginning "The King's Business," each lesson is made most interesting and instructive by our leader. The Society owes much to this study, as it brings our ladies in closer touch with their work.

Our President, Miss Elizabeth Cox, was called to St. Louis in September to again take up her deaconess work. On account of sickness she had been home for a season and during her stay she had been such an inspiration and help to us that we were indeed grieved to give her up. Still we know that our loss is another's gain. So with the installing of our new officers we are praying for greater things.

President, Mrs. F. F. Taylor; Vice-President, Mrs. A. B. Chapman; Second Vice-President, Miss Fannie Cox; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Joe Cox; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Howard Cox; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Charlie Coppel; Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Harrison; Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Lively; Agent of Voice, Mrs. Morgan.

MRS. ERNEST BROWN,  
Press Superintendent.

### TEXARKANA AUXILIARY.

The Missionary Society of First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Texas, begins the new year most auspiciously. We have a membership of faithful, conscientious workers, alive with enthusiasm and missionary zeal.

Last year's reports were very encouraging and we realize God has graciously blessed our efforts in meeting the obligations of the past.

Our aim for 1914: An increased membership, prompt reports to conference officers, financial obligations paid in full, a broader knowledge of missions and more and better work for the Master each day.

At the first business meeting in January our Pastor, Rev. George Davs, conducted a beautiful and impressive service when the following officers were installed:

Mrs. R. D. Hare, President; Mrs. E. J. Henry, First Vice-President; Miss Millie Whitley, Second Vice-President; Mrs. P. G. Henry, Third Vice-President; Mrs. Robert Berryman, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. George Steel, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Dave Walters, Corresponding Secretary Home Department; Mrs. Frank Bumb, Corresponding Secretary Foreign Department; Mrs. J. F. Jones, Treasurer Home Department; Mrs. I. S. Mahaffey, Treasurer Foreign Department; Mrs. McWilliams, Agent for Voice; Mrs. B. A. Lamar, Publicity Superintendent; Mrs. Marvin Prator, Superintendent of Supplies.

MRS. B. A. LAMAR,  
Pub. Supt. First Methodist Aux.

### THE HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF DUMAS.

The Home Mission Society of Dumas has just closed a very successful year. We have raised and paid out for dues \$19.50; for specials, \$5; for local work, \$101.29; for assistance of needy, \$101.60.

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newed zeal. Each member seems more determined to do better work this year than ever before.

At our regular meeting on January 7, 1914, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, and we hope to have an installation soon: President, Mrs. J. F. Ward; First Vice-President, Mrs. Wiley Fox; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Erular Anthony; Third Vice-President, Mrs. W. D. Morrell; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. J. T. Claybrook; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Ansley; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mary Davis; Treasurer, Mrs. B. J. Osborne; Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. F. S. Makeig; Press Reporter, Mrs. Bob Powell.

Let us all throw ourselves, soul and body, into the beautiful work we have to do in our Master's name.

MRS. BOB POWELL,  
Press Reporter.

### GUSTINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Gustine Missionary Society met January 5, 1914, and elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. E. F. Hamilton; First Vice-President, Mrs. M. E. Carter; Second Vice-President and Press Reporter, Miss Bunah Fritz; Third Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Geo. Neel; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Applewhite; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. E. Huling; Agent for Voice, Mrs. W. G. Fritz.

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### CROSS PLAINS AUXILIARY.

The Woman's Missionary Society met at the parsonage January 1, 1914, and after the devotional exercises and the closing up of the year's business, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, as follows: President, Mrs. Claud Alvis; First Vice-President, Mrs. Mattie N. Sisk; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Tyson; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Bessie Hit; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. W. A. McGowan; Treasurer, Mrs. Mable Bond; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Buttler; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Boydston; Press Reporter, and Agent for "Our Homes," Mrs. Mattie N. Sisk.

Although our membership is small, we have entered into a new year with enthusiasm and hope to accomplish much good. May God add his blessing to all missionary effort.

Cross Plains, Texas.

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### SAN MARCOS AUXILIARY.

The Woman's Missionary Society held an open meeting in the Methodist Church last Sunday evening, January 25, for the purpose of installing officers for the ensuing year, reading the financial report and bringing the work in general before the public. Several very interesting and instructive papers were read by different members. The congregation was large and attentive, the music inspiring, and, altogether, it was an occasion of interest and importance.

The offering was taken for the week set apart for prayer and self-denial, and amounted to \$40.

The Treasurer reported as the total collection for the year 1913, \$1288.25.

The officers installed were as follows: President, Mrs. W. E. Ferguson; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. C. Bouldin; Second Vice-President, Mrs. P. T. Talbot; Third Vice-President, Mrs. W. O. Shugart; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. J. T. Deshields; Corresponding Secretary Home Department, Mrs. E. F. Beall; Corresponding Secretary Foreign Department, Mrs. Kate Lee; Recording Secretary, Miss Anna Fisher; Treasurer Home Department, Mrs. W. B. Colbert; Treasurer Foreign Department, Miss B. Malone; Treasurer Local Department, Mrs. H. D. Holcombe; Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. L. A. Bass; Superintendent Supplies, Mrs. W. C. Johnson; Agent for Voice, Mrs. M. J. Funk.

PUBLICITY SUPERINTENDENT.

### TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

We are justly proud of our Texas Conference women, for every worthy cause finds ready response along with the usual—might say required—demands. At Christmas and Thanksgiving boxes and barrels poured into our Orphanage.

Mrs. "Virginia" has but to send out a wireless and each adds her mite. "Purity Sunday" was requested to be observed by the pastors by a sermon on "Purity," and a collection. The Auxiliaries have pushed this, and either the day, January 18, has been so observed, or soon to be by all. Marlin reports a collection of \$50 and seven new subscribers to the King's Messenger as the result of her Purity Sunday. We hope to hear from others soon. This goes toward paying off that last indebtedness on the Mission Home.

Read this: Twelve of the fourteen Auxiliaries in Houston Methodism have formed a class—a mission study class—under Mrs. W. Wilson, to study "The King's Business." Mrs. Wilson is an intellectual, gifted woman and well chosen for this work. And isn't

that a fine way to get together and study, all under one efficient leader?

Marshall W. M. S. assisted the pastors' Union in their welcome to their new member, Rev. John Wm. Bergin, pastor First M. E. Church, South.

It was a beautiful tribute to Bro. Bergin. The rector of the Episcopal Church, Rev. Bramer, was the chairman chosen for the evening, and his opening address was in his usual highly intellectual strain, mingled with humor and warmth of heart that must have made the welcome felt. Indeed every minister of the city, in his turn, said just what we wanted our pastor to hear to make him feel how his niche was waiting for him, and "arms to uphold" ready and glad. The responses to these addresses given by Bro. Bergin in his bright, happy vein, at times serious and again supplying with contagious merriment, made his people very proud.

The church was graced with a few palms only, but down stairs in the big, white well-lighted Sunday School room, ferns, carnations, poinsettias and bright geraniums decorated tables and corners. Here the Board of Stewards received the immense crowd and the ladies served dainty sandwiches, cake and chocolate.

Marshall Auxiliary has a Health Culture class in one of its circles. Ten lectures are to be given by one of our judges, who gives all the proceeds to the Auxiliary. The fee is \$5 for the course, and already fifteen or twenty have joined.

Council meeting Fort Worth, April. Begin to plan to attend. This is too big a thing for Texas to get and have you miss. In June, School of Missions, Denton. You cannot afford to miss that, either.

And you won't miss our own Texas Annual Conference meeting in Beaumont, of course. Elect a good delegate or two that will bring back things tangible, practicable, applicable to your particular Auxiliary needs and uplifting.

What has become of our Young Ladies' Auxiliary? Not a single report received from their Publicity Superintendent for this quarter!

Have you a prayer calendar, or are you

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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.

### NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

I wish to perfect my mailing list, and request that each First Vice-President, whether old or new, write me at once. It will assist me greatly and lessen the burden of my correspondence.

MRS. HUBERT SMITH,  
Conference First Vice-President.

### RED OAK.

The ladies of the Missionary Society met Monday afternoon, December 29, 1913. After the regular business the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. I. E. Hightower; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. E. Bell; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Nellie Conner; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Lelia Owens; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Mattie Haynes; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Irene Bell; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Myrtle Lowrance; Publicity Superintendent and Agent for Voice, Mrs. Adren Harrison.

ADREN HARRISON,  
Publicity Superintendent

### BRUCEVILLE AUXILIARY.

Our Missionary Society is doing a very good work at Bruceville, and the interest seems to be increasing with each meeting. Since the Annual Conference the Society has put new furniture in the parsonage and is making itself otherwise useful.

At the annual election the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Mrs. Joel Kincaannon, President; Mrs. Jap Spiller, First Vice-President; Mrs. W. J. Mayhew, Second Vice-President; Mrs. W. F.

Wills, Third Vice-President; Mrs. B. T. Edwards, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. D. A. Newton, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. G. E. Kincaannon, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Z. T. Bruce, Treasurer; Mrs. H. B. Dorris, Agent for the Missionary Voice; Mrs. W. J. Mayhew, Press Reporter.

The Society meets twice a month and plans are being made to meet every week and do some work of a literary character, as well as look to the spiritual development of the membership.

MRS. W. J. MAYHEW,  
Press Reporter.

### DESDEMONA AUXILIARY.

Jan. 26, 1914, the Desdemona Auxiliary, W. H. M. Society, was organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. J. F. Patterson; First Vice-President, Miss Mollie O'Rhea; Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. B. Whitworth; Third Vice-President, Mrs. F. D. Bostick; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Maud Lovman; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Loving. We are planning to have our District Secretary with us in the near future.

### McCAULEY AUXILIARY.

McCauley Auxiliary elected officers for the coming year at their regular business meeting, December 8. President, Mrs. J. A. Carroll; First Vice-President, Mrs. O. B. Smith; Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. T. Bridges; Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. T. Bynum; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Levi McCollum; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. P. Yates; Treasurer, Mrs. Grover Ollis; Agent for the Voice and King's Messenger, Mrs. L. N. Bridges; Superin-



prayers already like one woman's I know—so full of special? But in the wonderful history of our Church prayer, not money, has been the power. February 25 is Prayer Day. TEXAS CONFERENCE PUB. SUPT.

**BURKBURNETT AUXILIARY.**

The Woman's Missionary Society met at the Methodist Church in regular business meeting Thursday, January 1, 1914. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. A. B. Lipscomb; First Vice-President, Mrs. R. Y. Alexander; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Wills; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. R. F. Alexander; Treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Nott; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Graham; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. W. Majors.

Business of the past year was reviewed. All were pleased at the work of the past year and felt encouraged by the help of the Master to do greater things in the future than in the past.

Our Church is growing and new members coming in continually. Pray for us that our society may be able to meet this tide of immigration in a Christian way and they may be brought in the fold and become active workers in the kingdom.

**PRESS REPORTER.**

**CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES**

The executive body, which convened at Rebecca Sparks' Co-operative Home, Waco, January 16, was most royally entertained by Miss Ethel Jackson, Deaconess, and the City Mission Board. Too much cannot be said of the great good this Home is doing. It gives nice, respectable working girls a good Christian home at reasonable rates, and thus throws around the otherwise unprotected lives an influence for good that will mould their futures into high ideals.

Miss Jackson is an ideal mother to them all, and it grieves her that the Home is not capacitated or equipped to take care of as many girls as apply for a home with her. The first of January she had applications from nine more girls than she could accommodate. It is hoped and expected that this Home will be enlarged soon. Help this Home with your money or by sending boxes of provisions, linen, etc.

I thank Waco District Secretary, Mrs. R. L. Abbott, for the list of Auxiliary Publicity Superintendents in her district. This is a great help to me in perfecting my list. I shall sincerely appreciate the kindness if each of our twelve district secretaries will secure and send me a list of all the Auxiliary Publicity Superintendents in her district.

Will each Auxiliary Publicity Superintendent in Central Texas Conference keep before your Auxiliary the announcements of the Council meeting April 1 in Fort Worth; the annual meeting of Central Texas Conference June 16 in Temple, and the Denton Mission School first week in June?

Will each of you also write a piece for your local paper some time during February and send me the clipping after it is printed, as that will help me to get an idea of the status of the work and will also help your Auxiliary?

There is no setting limits to the future success of an Auxiliary with a live Publicity Superintendent who is capable of bringing out the latent possibilities of its members. As each corn seed in the hill is a separate possibility to be cultivated, so each woman in the Auxiliary is a latent possibility, and remember, Auxiliary Publicity Superintendent, you are the gardener.

I am anxious to help you. Don't hesitate to call on me.

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

**CENTRAL TEXAS EXECUTIVE MEETING.**

The midyear meeting of the executive committee was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. W. Downs, at the Rebecca Sparks Co-operative Home, Waco, Texas, 10:30 a. m., January 16, 1914.

Members present: Mesdames J. W. Downs, J. T. Bloodworth, J. H. Stewart, David Holvey, W. L. Perry, R. L. Abbott, S. Hundley, W. H. Matthews and Miss Sullenberger.

The Publicity Superintendent reported that the work of this department has been better than ever before, one hundred and seventy-two Auxiliaries reported last quarter. Mrs. S. Hundley, of Moody, will have charge of this work the remainder of the year.

Mrs. Abbott, District Secretary, of Waco District, made a most excellent report. She feels confident that Waco District must be the banner district of Central Texas Conference. All Auxiliaries have both departments except three, and the women have done faithful work.

Mrs. Matthews reported for Mrs. Menefee, of Cleburne District. All the Auxiliaries except four have added the foreign department; every Auxiliary in the district has paid a pledge this year; the dues and pledges have all been double this year what they were last.

After a very hopeful discussion, a motion carried that the executive committee recommend to the Auxiliaries that the dues and pledge be equally divided, this to not effect any special.

The Third Vice-President made a report and statement. The work of this department has grown to be of such proportions that she feels unable to do the work longer, as her time is so limited. Because of the fail-

ure of the Auxiliary third vice-presidents to report promptly and correctly, Miss Sullenberger felt that her report was far from correct. After discussion, a motion carried that in future the district secretaries make a report each quarter to the first, second, third and fourth conference vice-presidents; this report to be compiled from the reports of the Auxiliaries. It is conceded that the district secretaries get fuller and more accurate reports than the vice-presidents.

A letter of interest from Mrs. L. P. Smith, President of North Texas Woman's Missionary Society, was read and the items discussed.

After a most delightful hour spent in a social way, and for lunch, the committee was called to order. Mrs. J. H. Hutcherson made a statement regarding the disposition of \$200 left by Aunt Sue Lambdin.

After discussion, a motion prevailed that we accept with thanks this money, and that it be used for a scholarship in our Scarritt Bible Training School; that it be used alternately by a Home and Foreign student, and that this scholarship is to be always known as the "Sue Lambdin Scholarship."

Motion carried that the Central Texas annual meeting be held in Temple, June 16. This late date, on account of the General Conference being held in May.

Motion carried that the President and Secretary be a committee from the conference to offer assistance to the Fort Worth City Board in making plans for the entertainment of the council, which meets in that city about the first of April.

Motion carried that we make special provision for our scholarships, as the money is badly needed at once.

Mrs. Bloodworth, Corresponding Secretary of Home Department, made her report, showing in what ways the work has grown and developed; in what measure it has not come up to the needs and expectations. Her policy is ever to push forward.

A letter was read from Miss Baker, head resident of the Wesley House in Thurber. The work is carried on in many departments, and it seems to be successful.

Motion carried that Mrs. Stewart be appointed to try to secure, as a gift or loan, the money needed at once to pay our share in the Denton Dormitory.

Mrs. Stewart, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department, made her report. As usual she is taking hold of this new work with energy, and we expect great things of her knowing we shall not be disappointed.

The Home Department Treasurer made her report.

Report of Treasurer Home Department Woman's Missionary Society, Central Texas Conference, for the year 1913:

Rec'd from Auxiliaries, 1st quarter	\$1963.40
Rec'd from Auxiliaries, 2d quarter	1320.70
Rec'd from Auxiliaries, 3rd quarter	1653.86
Rec'd from Auxiliaries, 4th quarter	3734.33
Total	\$8661.38
Of this amount was	
Pledges for first quarter	\$ 378.61
Pledges for second quarter	283.45
Pledges for third quarter	458.55
Pledges for fourth quarter	1441.78
Total	\$2562.39
Conference expense fund, 1st quarter	\$ 180.00
Conference expense fund, 2d quarter	115.00
Conference expense fund, 3rd quarter	123.60
Conference expense fund, 4th quarter	118.18
Total	\$545.78
Half of dues returned in 1913:	
First quarter	\$ 636.36
Second quarter	468.57
Third quarter	422.23
Fourth quarter, 1912	596.43
Total	\$2123.59

Recapitulation.  
From Auxiliaries \$8661.38  
From half of dues 2123.59  
Total receipts \$10,784.97  
Total disbursements 7791.56  
Balance \$2993.31

Final report for fourth quarter to be made to the General Treasurer, which reduces this balance of \$2993.31. With one-half of dues we have kept up our work at Thurber at a cost of nearly sixteen hundred dollars for household expenses and salaries. We now have Miss Roberta Baker, Miss Susie Mitchell and Miss Florence Denton as our workers there.

Work among the foreigners in North Fort Worth has cost six hundred dollars. Miss Eugenia Smith is our Deaconess there.

Other disbursements will show in detail in my final report, which subjects this to minor changes. A very slight increase in dues, pledges and conference expense fund is shown when compared with last year's report.

January 17, 1914.  
The President suggested that the time had come when it is imperative that we interest more women in missionary work; the reports show that the gain over last year is not what we had hoped and expected it to be.

The Foreign Department Treasurer made her report.

Foreign Department, Central Texas Conference, for quarter ending December 31, 1913:

Dues, adult	\$ 572.57
Dues, young people	10.42
Dues, junior division	33.91

Dues, baby division	3.88
Pledge, adult	2031.17
Pledge, junior division	48.85
Scholarships	170.17
Bible women	300.00
Waco District schools supported	20.00
Retirement fund	13.65
Scarritt endowment	29.85
Week of Prayer	227.58
Memorial fund	67.00
Mite boxes, junior division	4.88
Mite boxes, baby division	1.85
Scholarships for girls in Scarritt	360.00
Total	\$3895.78
Total amount for adults	3791.09
Total amount for young people	10.42
Total amount for junior division	87.64
Total for baby division	5.73
Grand total	\$3895.78

**MRS. D. HOLVEY,**  
Conference Treasurer.

Lorena, Texas.  
Although Mrs. Holvey is new to this work, she has proven herself so faithful along other lines that we know she will do this equally well.

Miss Ivy, our missionary at home on leave from Korea, was introduced and spoke briefly, asked that special prayer be made by our women that her health and strength be speedily restored in order that she may return to Korea soon to resume her work.

**MRS. J. W. DOWNS,** President.  
**MRS. W. H. MATTHEWS,** Sec'y.

**FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.**

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore that the Church will send out to pray with the same earnestness and strength of purpose that it has devoted to other forms of Christian effort, it will see the kingdom of God come with power."

So many applications have come from married and young women to enter the Scarritt School in Shanghai, that a room in the rear of the class is being prepared to receive thirty; but space had to be made for forty. Eight are married, and several have a number of children. Probably the most interesting student in the class is the wife of the leader of the socialist movement. She is the mother of five splendid children, the oldest about twelve years of age. Her sewing, crocheting have been introduced into Virginia School, at Huchow, with marked success. The object is to teach the fundamentals of sewing, cutting, and making Chinese garments. On Saturdays the cooking classes meet. The cook is banished from the kitchen, and the evening meal is prepared by the girls. Thirty-four members of the class have entered into the work most enthusiastically.

The Medical School and Nurse-Training Department of the hospital have prospered and grown until they cannot grow any more on account of crowded conditions. Pupils are clamoring to enter the Medical School. Who is ready to receive them?

The country work is reported as ripe and waiting for harvesters. The people are not only waiting, but begging in many instances for instruction—for real instructors who will patiently and lovingly show them the way of life.

The Changshu Day School had an enrollment of sixty-six during the year; and if there had been better accommodations, a still larger number could have been reached. A school of fourteen nice girls applied and were rejected in one day for lack of space. The schools in the out-stations need better houses and better equipment. Who will help?

Misses Bennett and Gibson sailed from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, December 17, coming by way of Trinidad, Colon, and Cuba. They expected to land in Cuba on January 10, visit our work at Cienfuegos and Matanzas; then at Key West and Thomasville, Ga., on their way to their respective homes. Their return is most anxiously awaited, particularly that definite action may be taken concerning the purchase of property in Rio de Janeiro.

The mid-year Executive Committee meeting will be held in Nashville, beginning on February 4. The annual meeting of the Council will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, beginning on April 1. The Board of Missions will meet in Nashville on April 14.

The Student Volunteer Convention, held at Kansas City, December 31-January 4, was a most wonderful meeting—wonderful in its size, its scope, its aim, its influence; most wonderful in the spirit of prayer that pervaded the atmosphere of the great gathering. The personnel of the body: Students, professors and representatives of colleges and schools, 3984; missionaries, representatives and Secretaries of Mission Boards, 279; editors and correspondents of the religious press, 53; special delegates and guests, 365; laymen, 350. Total, 5781. The Board of Missions, representing 755; collections, \$113,000. Here and there in the vast audience was a costume that suggested the Near East and the Far East. In one section sat one hundred and fifty Chinese, most of them students of American universities. There were also groups of Koreans and Japanese. Meeting from Assiout, representing evangelistic and educational opportunities throughout the Moslem world. "Japanese students are experiencing unprecedented spiritual thirst. They need bearers of living waters." (Japanese students, Kyoto.) "China challenges; Christ or Confucius—which?" (Volunteer students, Foochow.) "China is choosing her destiny. Why not make it Christ?" (Leaders of Student Volunteer Movement, Shanghai.) "The awakening continent presents an opportunity which calls for volunteers and power." (South American Volunteers.) "India, with her thirty thousand college students, at this juncture imperatively needs your help." (Volunteers in India.) Do not these telegrams—and there were many others of similar character—appeal to the hearts and purses of some of the readers of the Bulletin? The missionary force of the Council was represented by Miss Waters, of China; Misses Case and Fox, of Mexico, and Miss Richmond, of Brazil.

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The Student Volunteer Movement began twenty-six years ago, with "The evangelization of the world in this generation" as its watchword. The first emphasis was placed on the words "of the world." When the scope of the missionary movement was broadened to include all the countries of the globe, later the em-

phasis was transferred to the words "in this generation." Now the great need is to place a new stress upon the idea of "evangelization." (Robert E. Speer.)

Wanted—Helps for "China's New Day." The booklet of suggestions for the leaders for use with "China's New Day" was exhausted last spring, and there will be no reprint. A number of auxiliaries have organized classes using this text-book, and are calling for the Helps. Will not some leaders send their old copies to help these classes? Send to Miss Mabel Head, Nashville, Tenn.

**NOTICE—LOST.**

I read somewhere this notice: "Lost, John Wesley." I did not know that anyone had a thought that J. W. was not in evidence today.

My private opinion is, that good man is walking with the saints in white. The matter that troubles me now is, "Who am I, and where am I at?" as Tom Watson would say. Search as you may, you will fail to find my name in the Texas Advocate, the Nashville Advocate or even the Conference Minutes.

I see no way out of it but to advertise, so here goes with hope of recovery.

Description: I was born on the banks of the Colorado, in the County of Fayette, State of Texas, in the year—well I won't give it, for I am sensitive about that date. It is said that I was a precocious child, bright beyond my days, and always giving amusement to my elders by my bright sayings.

I always knew that I was no ordinary make-up, but I feel flattered when I hear related those things concerning such early promise.

I grew to manhood on Texas soil and feel that Texas ought to be proud of it. I am not from Georgia or Alabama, or Arkansas, or Massachusetts, or Virginia, nor Mississippi or Tennessee, but just "grewed" up right here in Texas, in part, to show what Texas could produce. Texas raises more corn and more cotton, more cattle, more mules and donkeys than any State in the Union, and Texas raised me.

"If thou hast said that I am not peer of any lad in Texas here, lowland, highland, far or near, Gulliver, thou hast overstepped the mark." I have been one of the shining lights in the old Texas Conference for "nigh onto" a quarter of a century, and have behind me a cloud of dust and a trail of glory.

Those old P. E.'s have always beat me to the office, but I have given them the race of the times. I am not even an ex-presiding elder, but an expect-to-be. I have been in demand for strategic points and to fill opportunities, and I have filled 'em. I was even urged to go to General Conference, but I told the boys that I would be so busy that I could not, so they had to turn to others less worthy and poorly qualified. The Bishops have long wanted me for some big district, but have always lost heart, because I was so popular in the pastorate.

If Texas could boast of nothing but Deaf Smith and myself that ought to be sufficient glory for one State. But what does all this amount to if I am lost? Have I been so long to the fore and made so great a blaze of light, and after all I am lost? "What fools we mortals be." What does all the world amount to if I am lost sight of? I see dark days for Texas when she can so early forget one of her leading sons.

As I am lost, I will give the following outlines of myself: I am six feet high, wear number seven hat and number eleven shoes. I have a beaming, gentle countenance and have been told by some that I was the image of Abe Lincoln, by others somewhat like Dr. Rankin. I am not combative by nature, and love to be noticed, and will answer to the title of Doctor. I am pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Huntsville, Texas, and my name in full is

**REV. ROBERT WARREN ADAMS.**

**GOD'S SYSTEM OF IRRIGATION.**

Amos 5:8.

The United States Government during recent years has expended hundreds of millions of dollars in gigantic irrigation projects. Great, massive walls of granite and cement have been thrown across deep canyons and billions of gallons of snow water have been impounded. This water has been conveyed by means of canals and ditches to adjacent arid waters. These arid wastes possess wonderful fertility, stored up through the centuries; and they only need the life-giving power of water to change them into luxuriant orchards or waving fields of grain. A happy and prosperous people may now be found where formerly flourished only the sagebrush and the cactus.

But all these gigantic plans of man are only child's play compared to God's wonderful system of aerial irrigation. In the 8th verse of the 5th

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Isn't it a real joy to see children eat? There is almost a ridiculous humor about it. The same joy that a child feels at meal time should be experienced by "grown ups" and would be if they would only do as children do.

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In the chapter of Amos we find this most beautiful and sublime language: "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning and maketh the day dark with night; that calleth for the waters of the sea and poureth them out upon the face of the earth." When God calls to the waters of the sea they hear his voice, and rising in the form of vapor, are carried on the wings of the winds to adjacent and far distant territories; and then, coming in contact with air currents of different temperatures, are condensed into water and fall upon the face of the earth again.

The immensity of God's system of irrigations is difficult to perceive. The average annual rainfall in this part of Texas is about 30 inches, that is upon every square foot of surface there falls two and one-half cubic feet of water. Upon each acre of surface there fall every year 168,900 cubic feet of water. The average county in Texas is about thirty miles square, making 900 sections. Making the calculation carefully we find that there fall on Limestone or Dallas County 4,545,401,000,000 pounds of water. Allowing sixty thousand pounds to the car, it would take more than seventy million cars to haul enough water to irrigate just one county! There is not enough rolling stock on all the railroads in Texas to haul sufficient water from the Gulf, even if it were fit, to irrigate just one county. The water that falls on Dallas County alone would load a train of water tank cars extending around the earth more than sixteen times! And yet, without noise or ostentation, God speaks to the waters, they hear his voice and are carried everywhere and fall as the gentle rain.

The beneficence of God's plan is shown in the fact that when the waters hear his voice, they leave their saline or poisonous element in the sea and come forth pure as the streams of Paradise. If the salt of the sea water were retained the earth would become a vast white desolation, and all plant and animal life would become extinct. Praise God for his power and beneficence. E. P. WILLIAMS, Mexia, Texas.





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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.)

Amarillo, at Higgins	Feb. 25
Georgetown, at Hutto	March 4
Decatur, at Justin	March 26
Greenville, at Celeste	March 27
Sweetwater, at Snyder	March 27
Cairo, at Victoria	March 31
San Marcos, at Luling	April 7
Austin, at Austin	April 14
Beville, at Bishop	April 15
El Paso, at Alpine	April 16
Uvalde, at Cotulla	April 16
Clarendon, at McLean	April 21
Sherman, Trinity Church, Demson	April 22
Brownwood, at Brownwood	April 28
Waco, at Riesel	May 14
Cisco, at Ranger	May 29
Plainview, at Hale Center	June 3

### BISHOP ATKINS CALLS THE COMMISSION.

Bishop Atkins has called the Educational Commission to meet him on Friday, February the 13th, at 10 a. m., at the Tenth Street Methodist Church in Austin. He is anxious to have every member of the Commission on hand as there is some business of importance and he is coming all the way from North Carolina to meet the members and he will look for every member to greet him on that occasion.

Bishop Mouzon preached a great sermon at South Ervay Street Church last Sunday morning to a large congregation. He held their attention from start to finish, and many people pronounced it one of the strongest discourses ever heard in the Church. The Bishop was to have preached at night at First Methodist Church, but was indisposed, and Rev. Frank Onderdonk took his place and gave to the congregation a most edifying discourse.

Our pastors throughout Texas will not forget that "Purity Sunday" is set February 22. This day is thrice hallowed. It is the Holy Sabbath; it is the birthday of George Washington, who bought our freedom as American colonists; it is the day set apart for "Purity Sunday." Let all our preachers from their pulpits tell the story of Jesus, who would not cast a stone, take a collection, and help our "Saint Virginia" care for the girls who have found a safe shelter by her side. Read again that thrilling call in our issue of January 29.

The best mathematics—that which doubles the most joys and divides the most sorrows.

## Just a Few Things Here and There

"Uncle Buck" Hughes passed his eighty-sixth mile post last Tuesday a week ago, and his children gave him a birthday supper. A few of his old friends were present to help him enjoy the feast and to take part in the celebration of the birthday event. His health is reasonably good and his mind is as clear as a bell. Barring a slight impairment of vision, he is up to a high standard of physical preservation. May the good Lord spare him several years yet, for his presence is an inspiration to his younger brethren.

Rev. Lawrence Cohen, pastor in Munger's Addition, this city, is busy at his job. He has already located some lots for a church building and has an option on them. He is visiting everywhere in that section and is getting a line on all the Methodists within his jurisdiction. He is a live and active man and will bring things to pass in that attractive portion of the city. Methodism has an open door out that way and must enter it. The outlook is encouraging.

The Midland Methodist seems to think that if the next General Conference will enact into law all the new theories of Church government being discussed and suggested in the various exchanges that we will not have much Church left. Well, that is true. But the General Conference is usually a wise body, and sometimes very conservative, and by the time these suggestions go to their proper committees the "non-concur" edict will dispose of the most of them. Nevertheless a growing Church needs to keep pace with the age and generation in which it lives—that is, in its adjustment of its methods to modern work, and there are some changes actually needed. That these will receive serious and studious attention there can be no doubt. Conservatism and caution are good rules to follow under ordinary circumstances, but they must not be permitted to stand in the real way of progress.

Has the Epworth League in many sections outlived its usefulness, or have numerous pastors failed to organize and operate it properly? It was intended to gather our young people within its fold and direct them and train them along useful lines of Church work and of religious development. But only here and there do we find the League in a healthy and robust condition. Even in these cases we find other organizations among the young people where the League ought to be accomplishing the work. That the League is capable of taking care of our young people is demonstrated by the fact that in many places it is doing it successfully; but

## A Sunday in the Capital City

In order to help Rev. R. P. Shuler in his campaign throughout the State to raise money for the liquidation of the debt on University Church, I agreed to occupy his pulpit twice and preach to the people. So last Sunday I was with those excellent Methodists and had a fine day. That is one of our best congregations and the Church has a commanding location right at the corner of the State University grounds. It is a stately building creditable alike to Methodism and to the city of Austin. It is not only to serve the immediate congregation, but also to reach and influence the student body of that institution. We have something like 600 Methodist boys and girls in that great school and this Church is looking after them religiously. This will give you an idea why all Texas Methodism is interested in University Church and giving aid to it as such. It is not a ques-

tion as to whether or not these Methodist boys and girls ought to be in the State University instead of in our own schools; they are there and we must look after them. We can not afford to leave them to promiscuous Church influences. We must keep our hand upon them and hold them in their allegiance to our own Church. This is why we have University Church and it is why we have Brother Shuler there to get hold of them and keep in touch with them through his earnest and enthusiastic ministry. And he is most assuredly meeting the responsibilities of the occasion. He has gathered around him in his Church service scores and scores of these boys and girls and he and his people are influencing them for good. They flock to the services of that Church. Sunday all the space in the magnificent building was largely filled with young life. It was an inspiration to

stand before them, and I met them from all sections of Texas. That congregation is now a unit in its work and harmonious in all its operations. Brother Shuler has converted it into a veritable beehive of activity. They had 570 in Sunday School last Sunday morning and they want to increase the attendance to one thousand. The Board is composed of fine men and they are managing its business in a systematic way. Their music is good and all departments of the Church are at work. The membership is increasing with each service and the prospect for larger growth and development is most encouraging. Brother Shuler is out in the State appealing for funds to pay the remnant of the debt and he is meeting with success. Let the preachers and people respond to his noble effort. While in Austin I was the guest of my old North Texas friends, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cofer. They were formerly of Gainesville, but now he is one of the professors in the law department of the University and they are living in Austin. They are the same earnest and devout Methodists in Austin that they were in Gainesville.

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### DEDICATION OF WHEATLAND METHODIST CHURCH.

On last Saturday we spent the day at Wheatland, a prosperous community of high cultured people, about nine miles south of Dallas. We left Dallas in the morning in company with Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, Dr. O. F. Sensabaugh and a dozen or more of the preachers in Dallas District to be present at the dedication of the splendid new church erected during the ministry of Rev. H. H. Liles. The day was auspicious and the dedicatory sermon of Bishop Mouzon was of the highest order. The good women served dinner on the ground, and such a dinner it was! The Dallas preachers were loud in their praise of the day spent with the Wheatland people. Our Church at Wheatland is one of the oldest in Dallas County, existing as far back as 1853. Among many of the oldest residents, perhaps the Uhis and Bransons stand first. Many of the old landmarks still remain. The community is one of the wealthiest farming sections in the entire State. The people are progressive and wide-awake.

In the afternoon, after an able sermon by Rev. G. M. Gibson, of First Church, Dallas, Dr. Sensabaugh held the First Quarterly Conference, and the reports evinced marked gain in membership. The Sunday School is the largest in its history. The present pastor, Rev. C. P. Coombs, is in high favor with his people and is doing a fine work. The occasion will be long remembered by all who had the happy privilege of being present.

### A GREAT METHODIST BANQUET.

Sometime ago Bishop Mouzon gave it out that he would move from San Antonio to Dallas, but owing to family affliction he has not been able to visit this city and look over the situation until recently. So last week he came up and spent a few days with the brethren surveying the ground. While here the laymen of the several congregations arranged a banquet in

honor of Bishop Mouzon at the Southland Hotel and nearly three hundred of the good men and elect ladies gathered there last Friday night in a splendid function. The preachers of the city were all present and the lobby of the hotel was alive with Methodists; and a finer looking body of gentlemen and ladies would be hard to find. Thomas A. Manning was master of ceremonies, and Mrs. L. L. Jester had arranged a most delightful musical program. At the proper time the whole gathering filed into the large dining room and filled it to its utmost capacity. After the invocation by the writer of these lines, the vocal and instrumental numbers were rendered to the delight of all, and then followed the feasting. After that Mayor Holland delivered the address of welcome. Rev. J. T. McClure spoke for Southern Methodist University and the aid rendered it by Bishop Mouzon. Marvin Kelley, of Longview, spoke for the "outsiders" and he spoke well. Hon. William Atwell followed with felicitous remarks and then came the principal address by the Bishop. His theme was "The Mission of Methodism," and it was an address of wide scope and of inspiration. The occasion marked an era in the history of Methodism in Dallas and its social features were most exhilarating. It showed that while our membership is divided into congregations, yet it is one when it comes to great events and great responsibilities. Bishop Mouzon's visit to the city was a delight to all and when he brings his family here to become a permanent resident among us he and they will receive a warm welcome.

### TAXING PARSONAGES.

Our Church at Lampasas, through Judge W. B. Abney and Judge M. M. White, resisted the effort of the county authorities to tax their parsonage property, on the ground that under the Constitution of the State parsonage property is not used for purposes of profit, but for charitable, moral and religious work in the community. Under this plea the case was taken to the higher courts, and it was there held that such property was not taxable by the State or the county, and the case was thus settled. But the Attorney General holds, and did hold in this case, that it was taxable. Now it seems that the Attorney General's department is not satisfied with the decision, and says that all such property is taxable, and that the decision in this case is not final. Well, the decision by the higher courts is very clear and looks to a layman like Judge Abney and Judge White had permanently won the case for all parsonage property in the State. If there are other developments, however, we will keep track of them and give to them such consideration as they deserve. Judge Abney is chairman of the Board of Stewards at Lampasas, and Judge White is the Superintendent of our Sunday School. These two brethren thus far have rendered the Church a great service.

### THREE DISTRICTS HOLD AN INSTITUTE.

The Dallas, the Terrell and the McKinney Districts held their Missionary Institute at First Methodist Church on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. All three of the presiding elders, Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, Rev. C. A. Spragins and Rev. A. L. Andrews were present and presided alternately over the proceedings. Most of the preachers were present. The program covered a good large scope of missionary subjects, including all our foreign mission fields with special speakers assigned to each one. The discussions were able and evinced good preparation upon the part of every one taking part. Then followed general discussions of an impromptu character and many phases of the missionary question were elucidated. Rev. Frank Onderdonk was present and spoke on two special occasions to the edification of those who



# Bad Blood

Is a poisonous and dangerous thing. It affects every organ and function and brings about that low condition that predisposes to most diseases and ailments. HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA corrects it, and makes pure blood.

heard him. He has spent the most of his active life in the mission fields of Mexico and he spoke as one filled with actual and fresh knowledge of the questions involved. The Institute was a good success and the preachers returned to their several charges with additional impetus in missionary matters.

### REV. J. T. CURRY, D. D.

Doctor Curry came to San Antonio several years ago at the invitation of San Antonio Female College to become associate president of that institution.

After filling that position with success for three and a half years, he was asked to take charge of Marshall Training School, July, 1912, when Mr. Marshall so unexpectedly died.

This he consented to do with the understanding that so soon as that school was made safe he would be free to retire in order to again take up the pastorate.

Feeling that the future of the school is assured under the co-principalship of Professors Mayes and Ramsdell, he has accepted the pastorate of the Methodist Church at Seguin, recently made vacant by the serious illness of the former pastor.

Dr. Curry will remain with the school until the close of the present term in May.

### UNPARDONABLE CARELESSNESS.

Why is it that all our preachers do not take special pains to clean up their Church records before they leave their charges so that their predecessors will find things reliable and in good shape? We candidly do not know. Yet, more than a few of them will carry on their work carelessly and slovenly and leave, at the end of their terms, the records of the Church in the worst sort of condition. Such pastors ought to be brought to the bar of their conferences and publicly rebuked for such neglect. We are led to make these remarks because of a letter lying before us as we write. It is not written for publication, but we are going to give a few excerpts from it to illustrate the point under consideration. Of course we give neither names nor dates nor address; but it is reliable:

"Mine is a charge in a city of named streets and numbered houses, members scattered over the city, overlapping other Churches, yet no directory whatever. The number of members in the charge is highly exaggerated, as by our system of reporting, the present pastor will have to have a net gain of at least 100 to be able to report an equal number to that of his predecessor. The records show no infants baptized, though there were such; no marriages solemnized though there were quite a number; no members lost by death, though such there were; no removals by certificate, though they were more in number than the additions.

"As an example, the family of my predecessor remained on the books as a present member, though having since made two moves.

"It was embarrassing to this preacher and the Board of Stewards in our first meeting to find so many names of those in heaven and elsewhere still appeared as members subject to assessment and pastoral attention.

"Further than this, an indebtedness was reported on the charge, but

proved to be more than three times as large as reported.

"It was pleasant (?) to the new preacher to receive duns from various firms with whom also forbearance had ceased to be a virtue, until by this means he had acquired a knowledge of the total.

"The salaries were reported paid in full last year, and when at first Quarterly Conference it was so reported for the 'Answer to Question Five,' the presiding elder solemnly said, 'That's news to me,' and further suggested a wish that the committee would pass nobody for admission on trial who had not had a thorough course in book-keeping.

"Now it is not like me to bring a railing accusation against my brethren or to hide behind a non-de-plume, but the reason here is obvious.

"A lesson of carelessness and common honesty to our brethren can be learned if all of us who are near-guiltily will learn it.

"Charges might be preferred in this case, based on violation of paragraphs 133, 134, 135 and 136 of the Discipline, but where is the sinless one to cast the first stone?"

Any pastor leaving a charge in this condition is not worthy to have his character passed at the conference. It is criminal negligence, or an utter lack of any sort of sense of decency and rectitude. It is almost inconceivable that any man with sense enough to be sent to a charge would be guilty of this sort of slovenness and lack of business habit. An ordinary school boy ought to know and do better.

## PERSONALS

Rev. G. F. Kornegay, of Milford, made us a delightful visit the other day.

Under Pastor Conkin, Celeste is now a station and he is a station preacher. All this since conference.

Rev. W. H. Matthews, of Ceburne, was a welcomed visitor to this office not long since.

Rev. E. B. Jackson, of Mabank, was a pleasant visitor here recently. He starts off well on his new charge.

Rev. Walter Douglass is getting hold of things at St. John's, this city, and he will need more room out there before long.

Rev. F. O. Miller was a delightful visitor to this office this week. He was here attending the Institute of the three districts.

We had a pleasant visit from Rev. Thomas Barcus, of Fort Worth, recently. He is making a good start in his new charge.

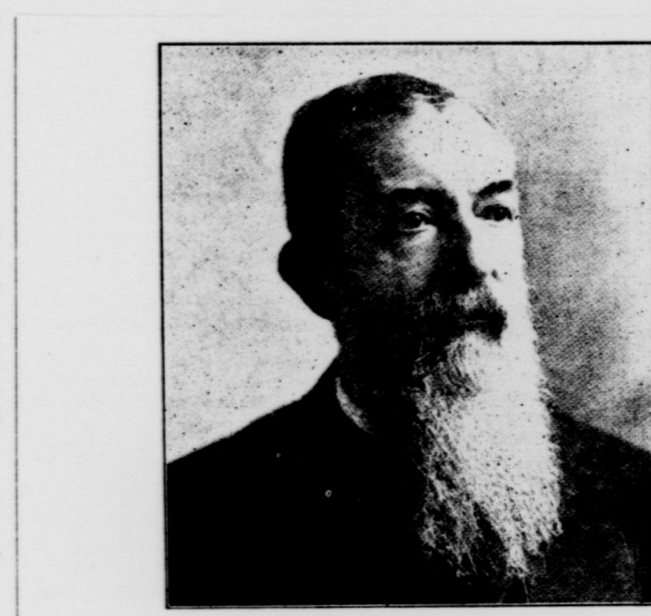
Rev. H. J. Hayes, of Carthage, was a pleasant caller at this office the other day. He was brought up in a parsonage and knows all the successful methods of the Methodist itinerancy.

Rev. C. O. Shugart, of Tyler Street, this city, is taking hold of things in his charge with an efficient hand. His people hold him in high esteem and are greatly encouraged under his ministry.

Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D., of the Hillsboro District, was a pleasant visitor in this office last week. He is moving things along in good shape in his territory.

Rev. Guy F. Jones, of Richardson, was in to see us recently. He has his hand on the affairs of his charge and there is before him another year of success.

Rev. W. C. Howell, of Roysse, Rev. D. F. Fuller, of Carrollton, and Rev. Minor Bounds, of Lewisville, all at-



BISHOP A. W. WILSON, Our Senior Bishop.

Today is the eightieth birthday of our Senior Bishop, Alpheus W. Wilson. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, February 5, 1834. He was elevated to the Episcopacy at the General Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1882, and is our oldest living Bishop, having been our chief for thirty-two years.

One of the largest receptions in the history of the denomination in Maryland will be tendered the Bishop in Trinity Church in Baltimore. There have been invited to the reception as special guests the other Bishops of the Southern Methodist Church, all younger than he in years of service: Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, and Lee S. Overman, United States Senator from North Carolina, both of whom have been his friends for years; the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, our ministers of the city and all of the Southern Methodist congregations. Bishops Collins Denny, of Richmond, Virginia; E. E. Hoss, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and John C. Kilgo, of Durham, North Carolina, have laid aside all other engagements for the day to be present. Besides being 80 years old today, Bishop Wilson will have been in the active ministry sixty-one years.

Our Senior Bishop has visited Texas many times and is loved and honored by all of Texas Methodism.

tendants upon the Institute in this city, were pleasant callers this week. These brethren are all making a fine start on their several charges.

Rev. J. A. Whitehurst, of the Waxahachie District, made us a brotherly call recently. He is popular throughout his domain and he helps his preachers and people to do things.

Rev. R. P. Shuler, of University Church, was a pleasant caller at this office this week. He is busy in the field gathering money to meet the debt on his Church and he is having success.

Rev. J. M. Sherman is still very ill at the hospital in Temple. His condition is unchanged and he is a very ill man. His second round of quarterly meetings is postponed until further announcement.

Rev. R. G. Mood writes us that Rev. M. R. T. Davis goes to the Ector charge, and that Pottsboro will be supplied with Rev. W. B. Simmons. He writes that the work over the district starts off well. Bishop Mouzon approves the above changes.

Mrs. M. A. Vaughan, of Eldorado, is now eighty years old, has been a Methodist since she was eleven, and she has been reading the Advocate since the time that the memory of man runneth not back to the contrary. And

she thinks it a great paper. The Church has no greater heritage than these fine old saints.

We had a pleasant visit this week from Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, of Mineral Wells. He had been to Hughes Springs with the remains of Brother T. B. Keasler, who died recently at the Wells, but was taken back to his old home for interment. He was one of our best and most liberal laymen and his death is a distinct loss to the Church.

### A POSTSCRIPT.

State Press in the Dallas News of January 22, referring to Dr. Eliot's new religion, says: "President Eliot's religion is intellectual rather than emotional. Therefore, he will not be able to get very far with it. Religion must be emotional before it can widely appeal. We all have active emotions, but many of us have only rudimentary intellects. We must look up to God from the depths of our hearts, and never can we stir our spirituality with the sight of a geological specimen." O, let this be the "great message" which the News brings to mankind, instead of the six geological specimens so imposingly presented in its issue of December 28.

JOHN ADAMS.

Tyler, Texas.

In every realm of life it is easier to find a drug that will kill than one that will cure.

Humanity can approach the divine standard more perfectly in forgiveness and kindness than in anything else.

### DEAR PASTOR.

- \* Do you want to help the revival for which you are praying and planning?
- \* Do you want to increase the contributions of your Church to the various benevolences?
- \* Do you want to have a congregation really interested in the best sermons you can prepare?
- \* Do you want a people loyal to every interest of the denomination and ready to join you in every forward movement of the local Church?
- \* Do you want to increase the respect and affection of the congregation for yourself, so that your ministry will be more fruitful?
- \* Then see to it that every family in your Church takes a Church paper. The one you now hold in your hand will serve your purpose admirably.—New York Christian Advocate.

## OUR BIG ISSUE

I congratulate you on the last issue of the Texas Advocate. It is superb. THEODORE COPELAND, St. Louis, Mo.

Sweetwater, Tenn., Jan. 26, 1914.

I have been reading our Methodist Advocates for more than seventy years, but have never seen a copy that equaled in enterprise the Texas Advocate for January 22, 1914.

JOHN H. BRUNNER.

Please accept my hearty congratulation on the great edition of the Texas Christian Advocate of last week. It is the greatest I ever saw of the kind. Texas Methodism is under great obligation to you and your co-workers for such a splendid and enlightening number.

S. H. C. BURGIN.

San Antonio, Texas.

Plainview, Texas, Jan. 31, 1914.

Congratulations upon your special number. It is a hummer. Our goal for the second quarter is that every official in the Plainview District become a subscriber to the Advocate.

O. P. KIKER.

This issue is certainly a mine of both information and inspiration for Methodists in Texas. I thank you for it.

F. L. MEADOW.

Throckmorton, Texas.

Your special issue of last week is very fine indeed. I have filed it for future use as it is almost invaluable to a man in a charge like to mine, where the membership is constantly being added to by incomers from other points in Texas. I have use for the names of the pastors of our various charges. The information is almost indispensable. Thank you very much for the paper.

A. E. CARRAWAY.

Taylor, Texas.

I just want to say that the last issue of the Advocate is a hummer, the best ever. It gives us facts that would be difficult to get. I have filed mine for a reference. Already I have had occasion to refer to it a number of times. I appreciate the number very much. My work moves on nicely; have just closed a good meeting at Seth Ward College, with thirty-five conversions. Only two students remain in the dormitories unsaved. Have received fifty members since conference.

GUS BARNES.

Plainview, Texas.

I can't find words that would fully express my appreciation of the excellence of the Advocate of January 22. It is as valuable for accurate knowledge of the progress made by Texas Methodism last conference year as possibly could be compiled, I think. And as it always the case with the Advocate, it was equal in other regards to any paper published by our Church. I want a copy of that splendid issue to deposit in the cornerstone of our new church soon to be laid. The Church is practically done, but the cornerstone is yet to be put in place.

A. R. NASH.

Decatur, Texas.

Allow me to express my appreciation for your untiring efforts in giving us the greatest Church paper to be found anywhere. Especially do I appreciate the last issue, January 22. It is valuable and worth filing for reference. I remember the valuable special issues of the past you have given us, but the last is the best yet, for me. I know the Advocate merits far better support than it gets. I expect to do more for it this year unless another drought mars my plans.

J. W. MAYNE.

## The 100 Per Cent Roll

- Toyah—Rev. G. H. McAnally.
- Celeste—Rev. L. F. Tannery.
- Fairy—Rev. H. B. Henry.
- Goree—Rev. J. H. Watts.
- Pattonville—Rev. J. W. O'Bryant.
- Carrollton and Farmers Branch—Rev. D. F. Fuller.
- Lewisville—Rev. Minor Bounds.

You received a large list of new subscribers last year from Brother Johnson and some from Brother Power, but we would like to add two or three dozen to the list this year. Your "Conference Number" is indeed valuable.

I. B. MANLY.

Live Oak Parsonage, Beaumont, Texas.

I find our people are taking the Advocate right well, but think I can put it in 20 new homes. I send five new ones.

A. T. BRIDGES.

Pilot Grove Circuit.

The Advocate is especially good in this last issue. I endorse the editorial about the Bishops living on the foreign field. I do not see why so important a matter has been overlooked so long. The letter from New York on Rum and Romanism was a timely utterance. The article by Dr. Packard on Episcopal Evangelism is certainly to my notion. The truth is, I see nothing but good in the Advocate.

C. S. HARKEY.

Clinton, Okla.

From the Nixon News, we see that Brother Rowland and his people are about complete in their church building and parsonage comforts. They have a splendid church in fine repair and one of the neatest parsonages in the West Texas Conference.



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Teacher, how much of love and spiritual power are you investing in the work with your class? What you are is often of more importance than what you say. The Psalmist prayed, "Restore unto me the joys of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." If your work as teacher is not yielding satisfactory results, perhaps the remedy lies in a closer union with God, and a more vital experience of his love and power in your own heart. Prayer is a sovereign remedy for the weaknesses and failures of God's children. Try it.

How often do you test your teaching by ascertaining how accurate is the pupil's knowledge? Having occasion a few Sundays ago to serve as substitute teacher for a class of more than average twelve-year-old boys, the nature of the lesson led us to raise the question of what it takes to make a good man. The first boy said that a good man is one who goes regularly to Church; the second, that he is a man who works to support his family; the third, that he is one who tells the truth, and we went nearly the round of a large class before we found a boy who knew that goodness is a matter of character that embraces all that the others had said and that controls all the acts of a man's life. It may be objected that the question was rather advanced for boys of that age, but surely a twelve-year-old boy who has been all his life in the Sunday School should begin to know that the sources of character are within. The idea of the fruit partaking of the nature of the tree is comprehensible to the average boy. While the editor was doing Sunday School field work he found a Sunday School of some pretentiousness where intermediate pupils were astounded when he told them that the land of Canaan, which is the scene of most of the Bible history, was a section of the map of this earth. They thought the Bible was written in another world and that Canaan, Palestine, Eden, Paradise and any other names of heaven and the Holy Land were all convertible terms and always meant exactly the same thing. Surely such teaching as that leaves much to be desired. By a few simple questions it is usually easy to ascertain what impression our teaching of the lesson has made upon the minds of the scholars. If we would impart correct ideas to our pupils, our grasp of truth and facts must be comprehensive and our teaching must be direct and definite. There is no better way to correct and improve our teaching methods than to carefully and repeatedly test the impressions that you convey to the minds of the class.

### NEWS ITEMS.

The Sunday School Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) reports nearly 9000 Bible classes with 225,000 members. This board also reports 1109 teacher training classes with 11,010 students enrolled. These reports indicate a gain in the two departments in the last four years of several hundred per cent.

The oldest Sunday School teacher in point of service in the United States, and we dare say in the world, is Mrs. Anna B. Bruen of Belvidere, New Jersey. She has taught continuously in the Sunday School at that place for seventy-eight years. What a glorious record to carry to the judgment.

Of the assessments for benevolences in the M. E. Church for the current year five per cent will go to Sunday Schools. If the Sunday School Board of our own Church received like treatment it would have for disbursement in forwarding Sunday School work approximately \$65,000; whereas, under the present plan it has only a few hundred dollars. We trust our coming General Conference will see the wisdom of dealing more generously with this department of our work, which is by far more important than all others for the Church of the future.

In the State of Ohio alone the Methodist Church has 2224 Sunday Schools with 6470 officers and teachers and 320,779 scholars. It needs no inspired prophet to predict the future of a State where the young life is so well trained.

The Men's Bible Class of our Broadway Church of Paducah, Kentucky, has a membership of 200.

The Official Board of First Methodist Church, Salisbury, North Carolina, has endorsed the idea of paying the primary teachers in the Sunday School a fixed salary. The salary is to compensate the teachers for the time spent in preparation for their work and to enable them to keep abreast of the latest teaching methods. This is the wisest board of stewards that we have heard of.

On December 7, 1913, was celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the first Methodist Sunday School in Montreal, Canada. In a message of congratulation to the school President Wilson wrote as follows: "No study is more important to the child than the study of the Bible and all

the truths it teaches, and there is no more effective agency for such study than the Sunday School. It is one of the biggest factors in our living for character building and developing the moral fibre."

Colonel George Thornburg of Winfield Memorial Church, of Little Rock, Arkansas, after more than forty years of faithful service as Sunday School Superintendent, has been chosen superintendent emeritus of that Sunday School. Another glorious record. Also a merited compliment.

For 1913 the Annual Conferences of Texas and New Mexico, not including the Mexican Border Conference, reported an enrollment in its Sunday Schools of 229,183 pupils with 26,228 officers and teachers—a total of 249,411. This is a grand showing, but the same conferences reported a Church membership of 302,069. Allowing for the large number of primary pupils and others who have not taken the vows of Church membership it is safe to conclude that nearly half our Church members in Texas have nothing to do with the Sunday School. Verily, there is yet much land to be tilled. All over the State there is a crying need of aggressive Sunday School work. Let each worker undertake that which lies near his own door.

By conferences our Texas Sunday School statistics for 1913 are as follows: New Mexico Conference (being partly in Texas), 525 officers and teachers and 5378 scholars; German Mission Conference, 194 officers and teachers and 1662 scholars; West Texas Conference, 2967 officers and teachers and 33,300 scholars; Central Texas Conference, 5087 officers and teachers and 58,999 scholars; Northwest Texas Conference, 2504 officers and teachers and 28,372 scholars; Texas Conference, 4562 officers and teachers and 531,210 scholars; North Texas Conference, 4389 officers and teachers and 49,683 scholars. The proportion of Sunday School scholars to Church members is: New Mexico Conference, 88 per cent; German Mission, 107 per cent; West Texas, 94 per cent; Central Texas, 82 per cent; Northwest Texas, 84 per cent; Texas, 74 per cent; North Texas, 82 per cent. These comparisons are interesting. For instance, it will be seen that while the Central Texas Conference shows the largest actual enrollment in the Sunday Schools it falls behind four others in the proportion of Sunday School scholars to Church members. The German Mission Conference bears the enviable distinction of having 107 in its Sunday School for every 100 Church members. The next best showing is made by the West Texas Conference, which is largely in a new and sparsely settled field. The poorest showing of all is made by the oldest conference in the State. In full justice to all concerned should be added that older and larger conferences, like older and larger Churches, have a greater per cent of older people than newer Conferences that are principally composed of young and vigorous immigrants. But let it also be said that the conferences in the western part of our State are full of hustlers and the Sunday School Boards of our three larger conferences may well give the figures herein exhibited a careful consideration.

### WEST TEXAS NOTES.

By Rev. A. E. Rector.

Since our last report seven institutes have been held, all in the Cuero District. At Palacios the pastor, Rev. B. A. Myers, and the superintendent, C. V. Snyder, gave the Field Secretary a very cordial reception. The Sunday School is fairly well organized and the officers and teachers showed unusual interest in the discussions. The attendance at the five institute meetings numbered 156. This does not represent the gross attendance, but the number of separate individuals who attended one or more of the institute sessions. In this enumeration the morning and evening congregations were not counted. These figures of attendance in a comparatively small town would seem to indicate unusual interest, and it stands as the high record of attendance to date. The Home Department was reorganized during the institute, and other forward steps were contemplated. An excellent item to report is the afternoon Sunday School for Mexicans, which several workers of the school are conducting. At their urgent request the Field Secretary made his first assault with attempt to speak publicly in the Spanish language. It is fortunate that the Mexicans present did not have to report upon the effort. Rev. L. A. Alkire, pastor at Midfield, was present and helped much by his intelligent interest.

At El Campo, forty-two persons attended one or more of the three sessions. Brother Manly, the new pastor, and Brother White, the new superintendent, are both deeply interested for a modern school. The Cradle Roll had been recently organized. The Secretary, J. W. Good, had recently introduced the Grace System of Sunday School records, the first instance of their use in my rounds to the present.

At Edna the three week-day meetings out us in touch with fifty-five persons in all. Rev. M. L. Darby, pastor, and E. L. Carpenter, superintendent, are conducting a school that is above the average in point of organization. A unique feature is a training class of

students, such as is required by our general Board in the Standard of Efficiency. The superintendent here is a man who believes in reading books on Sunday School management and is willing to buy them. Rev. J. D. Worrell, the preacher in charge at Grenada, attended this institute and took a lively interest.

Nixon distinguished itself by a lively interest and a fine attendance. The whole town seemed to know that we were there. We were fortunate in having this institute on the Quarterly Conference occasion, giving us the valued presence of the presiding elder, Rev. J. M. Alexander. Rev. J. W. Rowland and his liberal congregation have beautified and greatly enlarged the church auditorium. By means of curtained spaces on each side excellent arrangements have been made for separate class rooms without detracting from the general good appearance of the auditorium. The Quarterly Conference elected Brother Jas. R. Coker, Jr., as assistant to the superintendent, Dr. V. G. Littlefield. Four visitors from the Smiley charge added interest to the meeting.

Runge, with J. M. Lynn, pastor, and W. C. Agee, superintendent, scored the best week-day attendance to date. In the three meetings there were ninety-three different persons present. They have a good revolving blackboard and some wall maps—things scarce in the West Texas Conference. As an evidence of interest they pledged immediate effort to organize the Cradle Roll and Home Department.

Yoakum was a lively number. There were great congregations on Sunday, and the four institute meetings were also well attended. The people took an interest in the meetings with a spontaneity which broke the record hitherto. Another record was broken in the financial offering. This school does not lack much of reaching the "Standard." Here I found that the Grace Record had been introduced, as at El Campo. A pleasing feature of the institute was a large choir of boys and girls, who also assisted the regular choir at the Church services. A detail of larger boys as "Junior Stewards," took up the collection at the morning and evening services. The spacious church building which is soon to be erected will make ample provision for the school, which has outgrown its present accommodations. The superintendent, Brother J. W. Brown, placed me under obligation by his thoughtful courtesy and co-operation. The preacher in charge, Rev. J. F. Webb, is an enthusiastic Sunday School pastor.

At Cuero the institute was greatly hampered by the absence of the pastor, who was in San Antonio for medical treatment. The resident presiding elder was also away from home. Lack of advertisement prevented a large attendance, but the interest on the part of those who came left nothing to be desired. Four visitors from Nursery, including the wife of the pastor and our venerable Brother G. Oulerdonk, helped us greatly. Brother McAlester, the superintendent, gave me all possible co-operation and ordered a number of books for the workers library. Other schools did likewise.

Rev. J. A. Pledger writes me that the Cradle Roll is now a gratifying fact in his school at Tehuacana in the Uvalde District. Many steps of progress have been promised in various schools. A line or two to the Secretary, informing him of the work accomplished, would make most interesting reading. Who next?

### A NEW DEPARTURE IN METHODISM.

At the last session of the Central Texas Conference I was appointed assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. But in the plans of Dr. John A. Rice, and in the minds of the Board of Stewards, I was to be assistant pastor, and director of religious education. No provision has been made in our Church for a director of religious education. There are in the United States about eighty paid Directors of Religious Education devoting all of their time to this work. Most of them are in the North and East. First Church, Fort Worth, has the only Director of Religious Education in the Southern Methodist Church. The work of a Director of Religious Education is not easy to define. Briefly, he is to have charge of all the teaching forces. His work is to correlate all the educational agencies of the Church, provide graded instruction in the Sunday School and organize teacher training classes.

When Dr. Rice approached me at the conference concerning this line of work, I outlined to him some of its possibilities, and told him that I believed the work could be and ought to be done, but that my preference was to take a small charge, whatever the Bishop might give me, and climb up with the boys. My desire for a charge of my own was not gratified. I was sent to Fort Worth to help work out the problem of the modern city Church.

I have been in Fort Worth two months, and the possibilities of the work have grown on me all the while. First Church has ample resources and a great crowd of people to train for service. Under the strong gospel preaching and teaching of Dr. Rice, the Church is ready, to a remarkable degree, for just such a program as we are trying to inaugurate. We first made a thorough survey of the field, and laid our plans very carefully. The

Sunday School is the center around which all of our religious teaching centers. The organization, grading and equipment are being perfected; training classes for young and old have been organized for Wednesday evening, following forty-five minutes of worship and Bible study. One hundred and forty have enrolled and are taking these courses. In addition to this, seventy-five women have enrolled in definite Bible study classes which meet in the homes of two good women.

The newest thing in our work is the organization of a Junior Church. According to the principle of modern psychology graded instruction is a necessity in both secular and religious education if we are to meet the needs of the growing child. If graded instructions, why not graded worship?

## Epworth League Department

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**DR. HARRISON CALLS MEETING.**  
The following card, received from Dr. J. E. Harrison, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Texas State Epworth League, is self-explanatory, viz:

The Call.  
Important meeting of Epworth Board of Trustees, Thursday, Feb. 5, 1914, 10 a. m., at Travis Park Church, San Antonio. Very important. J. E. HARRISON, Chairman.  
San Antonio, Jan. 24, 1914.

**THE PURPOSE.**  
Negotiations which have been pending for some time looking to the sale of the organization's property at Epworth-by-the-Sea, near Corpus Christi, have come to a halt, and it is in this connection that the meeting is called. It is considered doubtful if the sale will be made at this time, in which event the board will, no doubt, at its meeting now called, authorize the holding of the 1914 Encampment at the old site. We understand that a keeper has occupied the grounds constantly since the decision to sell and that the equipment is in splendid condition. Whatever the outcome of the meeting of the board,

### BISHOP MOUZON MAKES AN- NOUNCEMENT.

My attention has been called to the fact that the names of the District Commissioners of Education for the Texas Conference do not appear in the appointments announced at Nacogdoches. I have made the following appointments and ask you to print them in the Advocate for the information of all concerned:

- District Commissioners of Education for Texas Conference.
  - Beaumont District—W. J. Johnson, Beaumont.
  - Houston District—S. R. Hay, Houston.
  - Jacksonville District—W. W. Armstrong, Alto.
  - Marlin District—J. F. D. Houck, Calvert.
  - Marshall District—H. C. Willis, Longview.
  - Pittsburg District—Geo. W. Davis, Texarkana.
  - Timpson District—W. H. Vance, Lufkin.
  - Tyler District—E. L. Ingram, Willis Point.
- (Signed) EDWIN D. MOUZON,  
Bishop in Charge.

As a matter of fact four-fifths of the children in the Sunday School do not remain for the Church service. At First Church we are making the experiment of running three services at the eleven o'clock hour. The Sunday kindergarten takes all the children one to seven; the Junior Church, thoroughly organized, with a pastor of its own, takes all children between the ages of seven and fifteen. We have a regular order of worship, a sermon, a steward, ushers and a membership to date of one hundred. This is the only completely organized Junior Church, with a full service of its own, that we know of in the United States. We have been organized only four weeks and do not know what the future has in store, but we believe the principles are true and that the work will abide.

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### A KIND CORRECTION.

The Advocate for January 22 has my article against the use of "Holy Catholic Church" in our Methodist ritual. But where my trembling hand had tried to write the word "indefensible" the printer puts in a word of very different meaning, viz., "indispensable." The corrected sentence reads thus:

The retention of "Holy Catholic Church" in our Methodist ritual is indefensible.

Now, if the strong Texas delegations will combine to purge our ritual of the unscriptural, confusing and objectionable phrase, our Church will feel under lasting obligations.

With best wishes,  
JOHN H. BRUNNER,  
(Aged 89.)  
Hwassee College, Tennessee.

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CAROLINE.—Woodrow Pulaski Caroline, son of Henry and Nora Caroline, was born in Eastland County, Texas, near Cisco, Texas, January 17, 1914, being one year, three months and twenty-eight days old. Woodrow was twin baby and loved very much, especially by its parents and grandparents—the grandfather's favorite. But Woodrow is gone home to God the Father of all men. All was done for him that skillful physicians, father, mother, grandparents and friends could do, all to no purpose. Pneumonia did its work. Oh, how their hearts bled to know they will never more hear his sweet voice here. In sorrow friends watched him die. Oh, how he missed in the home and especially by the grandfather. But thanks to God the influence of his immortal spirit in memory abides still. He was a bright and promising boy; just a bud plucked from earth to bloom in the paradise of God. Weep not, dear parents, Christ said suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven. He was laid away in the Cisco Cemetery, January 18, 1914, to await the resurrection. Weep not, dear parents, as those who have no hope, Woodrow cannot come to you, but you can go to him. See, it is only another beckoning hand from the glory world. God in his infinite goodness may have called little Woodrow home to heaven to attract father and grandfather and all the loved ones from earth to heaven. JOHN W. BOATMAN, L. D.

HOLMAN.—The subject of this sketch, Mrs. Elizabeth Holman (nee Page) was born in North Carolina, March 15, 1831, and died at the home of her son in Franklin, Texas, January 10, 1914. She was converted in girlhood and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and lived a consistent life in the Church of her choice to the time of her death. She was married to Jesse Holman in 1865, and he having died in 1880 she was left to encounter life's battles alone with the children, having gone through many hardships in order to give them an education and prepare them for the best attainments in life. Her home was always the preacher's home and she was ever mindful of her pastor's need and she was faithful in the performance of her duty to the Church, her neighbor and God. She leaves several children to mourn her demise, among them two sons here in Franklin, Dr. J. C. Holman, a steward in the Church, and Jim, a prosperous business man in Franklin. Her end was peaceful and faith firm to the last and our prayer to God is that the children remaining may take consolation from this and live so as to meet mother in that "land of the never-setting sun." Their pastor,

ALLEN TOOKE, Franklin, Texas.

BUTLER.—Dr. T. E. Butler was born in Monticello, Mississippi, August 10, 1852; received his collegiate education in Clinton, Mississippi; graduated from two Medical Colleges in Louisville. First began the practice of medicine at Snyder's Bluff, near Vicksburg. In 1878, the year of the yellow fever scourge, he was the only one of the seven physicians that survived. He was frequently exhorted to leave but said, "No, if the medical profession means anything, it means to be true in times of great strain." From Snyder's Bluff he moved to Wesson, Mississippi. During his stay at Wesson he was married to Miss Octavia Pickens, of Brookhaven, Miss., in 1881, to whom were born two children, Mrs. Nellie Bone and Pickens Butler. Then from Wesson they moved to Glen Allen, Mississippi, thence to Ballinger, in 1894, thence to Bayside two years ago. He came to Temple the 8th day of September, 1911, and was continuously in bed until he died, January 25, 1914, 12:53 a. m. He was buried in Ballinger January 26, by Rev. W. H. Doss and the writer. He gave the best and highest of testimony that he was to be released from physical suffering and go to his eternal and heavenly home, where sufferings would be no more. Upon his wife and children and relatives we pray God's richest blessings. E. V. COX, Temple, Texas.

HOLLY.—J. Lark Holly was born in Mississippi, June 13, 1864. He came west when a young man; married Miss Mollie Byrns in Grayson County, August 22, 1888. He died November 4, 1913. There were born to Brother and Sister Holly eight children, three girls and five boys. Two of the boys died while young and were waiting to welcome their father when he came to them. All the family, except the baby are Christians. Brother Holly had been a Christian but a few years, yet he was a loving father and faithful husband. He had been in bad health for several years, but was a provident man for his family. His death was one of triumph in the confidence that belongs to the Christian. As he was nearing the hour of his departure he sang "I'm Going Home." And while he is much missed by all who knew him still they are comforted by knowing that he is with the redeemed who are clothed in righteousness and lift their voices in the marriage song of the Lamb. W. H. VAIL.

LANDES.—James Edwin Landes, son of Col. and Mrs. Daniel Landes, was born near Cadiz, Kentucky, in the year 1841. When ten years of age his parents moved to Washington County, Texas. In a few years they moved to Austin County, Texas, near Sempronious. Here they bought a farm, and for more than fifty years this was the home of our departed brother, James Landes. When seventeen years old Brother Landes enlisted in the Bayou City Guards, and made a gallant soldier in the war between the States, being with Hood in most of the hard-fought battles in Virginia. He was with Lee at the surrender. While in Virginia he met Miss Mollie Baldwin, and after the war he returned to Amelia Courthouse and married her. Then he returned to his home in Texas, bringing his fair bride with him. In 1893 this happy union was severed by death. In 1895 he was married to Mrs. Katie Adams, of Houston, Texas, who, with one daughter, Miss Phebe Landes, survive him. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1890, at the Chappell Hill and Bellville camp-ground, J. R. Dunn, preacher in charge at Bellville. From the good day he gave himself to God and the Church, a more faithful worker, and zealous member was hard to find. Brother Landes was a good and kind neighbor. He had the interest of the Church and community at heart, ever ready to assist in that which pertained to the betterment of the community. Soon after uniting with the Church he was elected steward and a better one has not been known. He truly was the preacher's friend. His home was open for the pastor, and he found a welcome there. For a number of years he was District Steward, also recording steward, and for more than once a delegate to the Annual Conference. In 1896 he was elected President of the Camp-ground Association, and in this relation he remained until his death. The last three years of his life was that of suffering. He was deprived of attending Church, but through it all his faith was strong in the Lord. He felt his afflictions were light, and would work for him happiness in the bright world above. On January 6, 1914, without a struggle he passed out, and went to live where no pain is felt, being in his 73rd year. Loved ones, the Church and community sustain a great loss in the going away of this good man, but we hope to be faithful and by-and-by we will meet him "Where the angels dwell." His pastor,

G. C. CRAVY.

LEWIS.—Grandmother Lewis was born in England, October 16, 1818, and died January 11, 1914, at the home of her son, L. J. Ketch, who lives near Troy. She was 96 years old, or nearly so. She formerly lived in Galveston, from whence she came last March to live with her son. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was said to be the oldest Church member in the city of Galveston. She had been a Church member over 70 years. She was a good woman and her children rise up and call her blessed. Oh, how hard it was to give up mother, though her children are on the shady side of life. Oh, how their hearts bled as mother was put in her last resting place. She was blind for about one year and before she lost her sight she read her Bible daily and would kneel for her prayers. When she could no longer read others read for her, and she was often heard quoting passages of Scripture and parts of the old songs she used to sing years and years ago. Thus she died in the triumph of a living faith and went to enjoy the bliss of eternal youth. She was buried in the Lewellen Cemetery on Monday afternoon by the writer of this sketch, her own loved ones acting as pallbearers. Good-bye, grandmother, for awhile. O. C. SWINNEY.

ALLEN.—Mary Frances, daughter of William and Christiana Robinson, was born in Holliston, Massachusetts, July 29, 1835. When she was a little child the family moved to Plymouth where all her girlhood was spent. In 1853 she was married to Captain Charles Allen, of Nantucket, and for many years their home was in New Bedford. In 1880 they came to Texas, bringing with them a baby daughter, for whose sake they left the severe climate of the North. They settled on a farm in Gonzales County, near Waelder, and here in March, 1882, Captain Allen died. A member of the Methodist Church since the days of her girlhood, Mrs. Allen became a powerful aid to the Church in Waelder. It was largely through her untiring efforts that the parsonage was built, and she organized the Home Mission Society and was its first President. She was always a true neighbor, ever ready to help in sickness and sorrow. In 1897 she came to Gonzales to make her home with her daughter. Here she died November 11, 1913, in peace, after having been in failing health for several years. Besides this son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, she leaves two grandsons, Allen and Wilber, a brother in Massachusetts, and a sister in Montana. She was laid to rest in Waelder beside the husband who had so long preceded her. A good woman indeed was Mrs. Allen, as those who knew her could testify. THOMAS GREGORY.

PHAIR.—The town of Hempstead was shocked January 10, to hear of the sudden death of this splendid young man, the son of Rev. Geo. Phair, who has served so long and so well the Texas Conference. George had gone on his engine a few mornings before in health and high hope. In his last conversation with his father he had spoken of his engine as if it were a thing of life, the pride of the true engineer and of every worker with ideals, both as to work and the instrument with which it is accomplished. In passing from his engine to some other part of the train he was thrown and mangled between or beneath moving cars. Many will recall George as the un-

der-sized boy so welcome as companion with all the boys at Georgetown. He and father were inseparable companions. The mother leaned on her firstborn son. Brothers and sisters knew him as boon companion. But it is the wife and four children that are most bereft. I never saw such universal grief throughout the entire town. Every one seemed to be a special friend. He joined the Church in childhood under his father and while shut out from attendance by his work he was glad to meet promptly and liberally his monthly financial responsibility to the Church he loved. As employe, son, husband, father, in fact every relation of ordinary life he met so well that he is sorely missed. A large part of the town followed the sorrowing loved ones as they performed the last sad rites. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. If the wealth of friendship gives consolation in such an hour it was not withheld. Though his going was sudden it was not without preparation. Even in temporal things he had made provision for the future of his dependent loved ones. I know they have the sympathy and prayers of that large circle who have been blessed by the ministry of Brother Phair. M. P. HINES.

CORBIN.—George W. Corbin was born in Grafton, Taylor County, West Virginia, September 21, 1860; commenced railroad work on the B. & O. at the age of nineteen; came to Temple in 1888 and has been connected with the Santa Fe ever since. Has been an engineer for twenty-three years. Married Miss Esther Winters in 1895. To them were born five children, three of whom are living. Mr. Corbin was very faithful to attend Sunday School and Church. He was scalded to death by his engine turning over at Lometa, January 24. Services were held at the Masonic Temple by the Masons and the writer, Sunday, January 24, 4 p. m. Rev. W. H. Matthews conducted the services at Cleburne where he was buried January 26, 1914. Mr. Corbin was not a professing Christian, but he was a faithful husband, kind father, true citizen, noble friend and devoted Church attendant, a close reader of the Advocate and Bible. E. V. COX, Temple, Texas.

BURLESON.—Mrs. Daisy Dene Burleson, wife of T. R. Burleson (nee Harris), was born June 3, 1878. She joined the Methodist Church at Salem County, Comanche County, Texas, when only eleven years old. In this act she merely ratified and made her own the act of dedication performed by her parents while she was yet an infant in having her dedicated to the Lord in baptism. She was married to T. R. Burleson November 3, 1895. To this union six children were born, the oldest seventeen years old and the youngest about five weeks old. Sister Burleson was a devout Christian and a member of the Church at Turkey at the time of her death, January 23, 1914. She was an affectionate wife, a devoted mother and a kind and considerate neighbor. All who knew her loved her. The Church has lost a faithful and consecrated member, but heaven has been made richer. To the bereaved ones let me say, live so when death calls you hence you may go to join her again in her Father's house. T. C. WILLETT, P. C.

HABGOOD.—Sister Addie Lanier Habgood was born September 15, 1887; was dedicated to God in her infancy by holy baptism. She was raised by Christian parents; was converted at thirteen years of age, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. She lived a consecrated Christian life. Sister Habgood loved her Church and was loyal to the same. She loved her neighbors. They always loved her. She was married to E. D. Habgood December 31, 1905. To this union were born three sweet little children, the firstborn a girl who has already met Master in the great beyond. She leaves two beautiful little boys to travel the motherless path through life, also her husband is alone, but remember her life, you know how to find her. Just as she lived, so she died. May God bless her mother and father, Brother and Sister Carter, and the husband and little boys. W. T. SINGLEY, P. C.

WATSON.—The bright and charming little babe of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Watson, after long and patient suffering, went over to her beautiful home to live and rejoice with the Lord and the angels. She was born August 20, 1913, and fell asleep December 2, 1913. She was put on the Cradle Roll as Margaret Watson, but was called by her loved ones, Little Sweetness, and her attractive look and fascinating smiles easily suggested the appellation. Her departure saddened not only her own home, but also many in the surrounding community, for all who ministered to her, and there were quite a number, soon learned to love her. But the grief of her loved ones and friends does not render them desolate. They know what Christ has said, and where she has gone, and thus does our Lord comfort and even rejoice the hearts of his own in the midst of the deepest sorrow. Some sweet day we'll sing with the children in our father's home. J. D. HENDRICKSON.

JONES.—Truman C. Jones, son of J. B. and M. H. Jones, was born November 23, 1892, and died on Christmas day, 1913. Truman had just bloomed into mature manhood and unexpectedly called away. His whole life was spent in and around Lone Oak, where he was born. From the time of his infancy up until grown, his life was an open book, known and read by all, and yet no flaw was ever discovered. No boy ever had more friends and admirers. Prospects for a long and useful life were manifold, but how suddenly these fair hopes can be blighted! Truman was prepared for

life in this world and life in the world to come. So he said since he had trusted his all to Jesus he thought it would be wrong to pray for life. No greater faith has ever been manifested by him in the last days of his illness. He pleaded with his parents not to weep after him for he was going to live with God. Early Christmas morning he went up on high and late in the afternoon we laid his worn and diseased body away to await the resurrection morning. Father, mother, brother and friends all say, good-bye, Truman, but not forever; we will see you again. W. H. WRIGHT, Lone Oak, Texas.

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LATHROP.—On last Saturday afternoon afternoon we laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery, of Paris, the body of little George Dean Lathrop, baby son of Brother and Sister S. J. Lathrop, of this city. This great affliction, though foreshadowed by twelve months of painful sickness, falls heavily upon his devoted father and mother. Little George was born August 22, 1912, and had reached his seventeenth month, a bright and attractive child. Yet, with God's true children everywhere, these parents are resigned to the will of Him "who doeth all things well." "The Lord hath given, the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." They would not bring dear little George back to his bed of suffering but look forward to "some sweet day when they can go to him." J. J. CLARK.

STACY.—Mrs. M. E. Stacy was born in Tennessee, August 26, 1838, and died at Trickett, Texas, January 19, 1914. She was converted in early childhood, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to which she remained a consistent member until death. She was married to J. M. Stacy in February of 1856, and moved to Texas in 1860. To her were born seven children, and at the time of death she had sixty-six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Sister Stacy was indeed a good woman and numbered her friends by her acquaintances. She was sick for only a short while prior to her death, and did not fear but rather longed to go hence. A great concourse of friends and loved ones gathered at her funeral, to pay their last tributes of earthly respect, and to say farewell to mother, sister and friend. And now that she is gone, let's not weep over her departure, but let's rejoice because of the life she lived, the death she died and the hope of the life eternal she shall live together with all the redeemed, saved and sanctified of our Heavenly Father. And let's all strive to enter that glorious world composed of the pure and good. C. S. REESE.

DENNISON.—Mrs. Ida Dennison (nee Oliver), wife of T. B. Dennison, was born in Tennessee, March 29, 1864; came with her parents to Texas when a mere child, settling first in McLennan County, afterwards moving to Coryell County, where she lived when married. Some thirteen years ago she, with her husband and children, came to Haskell County and located in the Rule country, where they have lived ever since. Sister Dennison was converted at twenty-two years of age, and joined the Baptist Church, but soon after united with the M. E. Church, South, and was a faithful, conscientious member to the last. She was a devoted wife, an indulgent and self-sacrificing mother, a kind and sympathetic neighbor. She had been in ill health for a year or more, and suffered a great deal, yet she bore her affliction with genuine Christian fortitude. All that could be done for her by her loved ones and the physician could not stay the disease, and at four o'clock a. m., on the 28th day of November, 1913, she fell asleep. She leaves behind her husband, five children, four sisters, five brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure. To the sorrowing relatives and friends we would say, your loss is her gain, and though your hearts are sad and lonely without her, yet you know where she has gone, and if you will only keep you lives consecrated to our Heavenly Father, and do his service, it will be yours to meet her again, on the "Sunny banks of sweet deliverance." God grant that you may. Her pastor, O. M. ADDISON.

WINFREY.—J. D. Winfrey was born in Marietta, Georgia, March 31, 1844, and passed to his reward December 27, 1913, 7:30 p. m. Brother Winfrey was a good man, not only from a worldly standpoint, but from the standpoint of a Christian. He had been a member of the Presbyterian Church for many years and his life was in keeping with his profession. A good neighbor, kind husband, loving father and a faithful Church attendant, has gone from us. One of his greatest desires was that his children be religious and meet him in heaven. We sincerely trust and pray that they may let their light shine as Christians in every sense of the word. God was good to this servant of his. Though his sufferings were intense he bore them patiently and without a murmur, and like Moses in the last pause of life here, God permitted him to catch a glimpse of something beyond. While loved ones waited and watched Brother Winfrey seemed to get a vision of the future, and he exclaimed, "Father, I am so glad I see you while on earth." He had always believed that the Christian death would be a victorious death, but when he neared the crossing of the

river he said, "It's a thousandfold better than I thought." He sat up and reached out his hands and said, "Pa and Ma, oh, how glad we are that Jesus Christ conquered death, hell and the grave." No wonder inspiration says, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Good-bye, Brother Winfrey, but not forever. Hosts of your friends and loved ones are coming on, and we hope all of them will. O. C. SWINNEY.

SHERRILL.—Miss Bessie Green was born in Comanche County, Texas October 24, 1893. Her parents moved to Sevanon in August, 1908, to send the children to school. Miss Bessie graduated here in May, 1911. Here she formed many friends and made her school and community happier by her presence. She was always of a sunny, cheerful disposition. In August after her graduation she embraced Christ as her Savior, and united with the Methodist Church. On the 29th of June, last year, she was married to Mr. Ural Sherrill. Brother Sherrill was planning for the ministry. The two entered together in these plans. They hoped to do a great good and to the last it was Miss Bessie's longing to carry out their plans. But their cherished plans were not to be realized. The awful disease, tuberculosis, fastened itself upon her and did its rapid work in spite of all that could be done. On Sunday, January the 18th the tired body found rest and the spirit went to the Father's home. The father and mother and brothers and sisters and husband feel so keenly their loss! The home is sad and the husband is so lonely! But God's sustaining grace was not withheld. With sad hearts the loved ones have looked beyond the casket and the tomb to the happy reunion on the other shore, and for this they devoutly thank God. Earth's ties are broken but heaven grows dearer. JNO. W. HAWKINS, P. C.

SPAIN.—Mrs. Martha Anne Spain, wife of J. J. Spain, was born in Murray County, Georgia, January 23, 1837. She moved with her parents to Fayette County, Alabama, in 1843, and to Drew County, Arkansas, in 1857, thence to Columbia County, Arkansas, 1859, and to Cherokee County, Texas, and settled near Alto in 1866, where she lived till her death. She was married to J. J. Spain in Fayette County, Alabama, in 1855. To this union there were two sons and five daughters born. The two sons and one daughter preceded her. Her bereaved husband and four daughters, Mrs. W. C. Watters and Mrs. W. P. Long, of Rusk, Texas, and Mrs. J. F. Neill, of Cleburne, and Mrs. A. E. Oliphant, of Hempstead, and two brothers, T. M. McClure, of Alto, Texas, and A. B. McClure, of New Mexico, with a large circle of friends and relatives feel keenly the bereavement of her going. Her religious life began early, was a long and beautiful one. She was converted under the ministry of Rev. Julius N. Glover, of Alabama, and for almost 60 years her life was one harmonious, consistent following of Him whom she trusted. I have known her from my earliest recollection. It was the pleasure of my childhood. (Continued on page 14)

She Was Smothering. Rockford, Ala.—Mrs. M. C. Paschal, of this place, says: "I was taken with nervous prostration, and had headache, backache, pains in my right side, and smothering spells. I called in physicians to treat my case, but without relief. Finally, I tried Cardui, and it gave perfect satisfaction. I recommend it to every sick woman." Are you weak, tired, worn-out? Do you suffer from any of the pains peculiar to weak women? Cardui has a record of over fifty years in relieving such troubles, and will certainly benefit you. It prevents those frequent headaches, and keeps you up, out of bed, feeling fresh and happy. Try Cardui.

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### The Passing Day

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Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama have indicated their intention to be present and favorable replies are sure to come from the Governors of Louisiana and Georgia, who, with the Governor of Texas, insure at least eight Executives in attendance at the Maritime Congress. No intimation has yet been received from the Governors of Florida and North Carolina.

The famous Barnado Orphanage in and around London received 77,000 children in 1912 and placed 17,000 in Christian homes. The work was done at an expense of \$1,250,000.

Emperor William, of Germany, has just authorized the gift of nearly \$9000 for the aid of German Methodist Missions in the Archipelago of New Pomerania, one of the German colonies in the Southern Pacific.

Has Queen Mary capitulated to the suffragists? Last season the Queen made stringent rules against the women of her household having anything to do with any suffrage organization and women in society known to be in sympathy with the movement became persona non grata at Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty has lately, however, shown a decided breaking in her hostility toward the suffrage movement. She has recently withdrawn the ban against the women of her household belonging to suffrage organization, but the militant organization still remains under the royal edict.

A Gary, Ind., special says: "Conditions in Gary's steel industries have greatly improved during the past week and word was given out by the general managers of the corporation's mills in Gary that the local plants would be operating in full capacity by end of February. During the last week five open-hearth furnaces have been started, and a blast furnace was started Monday on account of orders received by the Illinois Steel Company. With the blowing-in of the blast furnace Monday seven of the eight furnaces were in operation. This means that at least 1000 of the former employes laid off early in the fall will be taken back. The local plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company is now operating at full capacity, after a shutdown during the month of December. The American Bridge Company is operating at three-fourths capacity and is turning out a large order for the Panama Exposition at San Francisco.

Receipts of butter in New York from Australia, Argentina, Denmark and Siberia, dealers say, "have created marked uneasiness in the wholesale market with the result that there has been an unloading of surplus stocks." The influx of foreign butter due to the reduction of the tariff has already caused a "slump" of 10 cents a pound in New York wholesale price. On the other hand, the American demand for foreign butter has caused a rise of 2 cents to 3 cents a pound in some of the foreign markets.

One hundred and fifty passengers on a Burlington passenger train owe their lives to the heroism of Mrs. Adele Gammon, telephone operator at Hudson, Col. The dam of the Great Horse Creek reservoir in the Henrylin irrigation district collapsed and a 100-foot fall of water swept down the creek, carrying with it the telegraph wires. The telephone wire, however, was yet intact. Mrs. Gammon was operating the switchboard at Hudson. Realizing the condition, and knowing that the fast Burlington train was due soon, she set about to summon farmers in the community, with the result that the train was flagged down before it reached the Boxelder Creek bridge, whose approaches had been washed out. Fifty feet of the track was gone and the trestle was trembling under a load of piled-up ice. Telegraph wires had been broken by the ice-filled torrent, and to Mrs. Gammon's presence of mind is credited the prevention of a horror.

The meetings held January 15 all over the country under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union have given wide publicity to the movement for national constitutional prohibition, stirred thousands of men and women from lukewarm interest to enthusiastic support, and focussed upon the Hobson-Sheppard resolution a tremendous amount of heretofore diffused and scattered prohibition sentiment. The W. C. T. U. has more than 15,000 local societies in the United States and their forces are so well co-ordinated that concerted, nation-wide action is easy. It is safe to say that with few exceptions the 15,000 local unions, reinforced by local Churches of all denominations, white and colored, English and foreign-speaking, observed this day of fasting and prayer which marks the beginning of the active campaign for "A saloonless nation in 1920." Churches everywhere were thrown open for the all-day meetings, in the larger cities several being held simultaneously. As a lining up of the Churches of all denominations, as well as a united action of the distinctively temperance and reform organizations, for National Constitutional Prohibition these initial meetings are most significant. Think of the number of Churches which were represented, of the number of pastors who participated, in city, town and hamlet, North, South, East and West. As one of the immediate results hundreds of the resolutions sent out by the National W. C. T. U. are being received every mail at the headquarters of that organization, signed by religious bodies.

The sea exacted a heavy toll Friday morning when the steamships, Monroe and Nantucket collided, off Hog Island, on the Virginia coast during a heavy fog. Forty-one persons from among the passengers and crew of the Monroe, either went down with the ship or were drowned after taking to the icy waters of the Atlantic. The Monroe was one of the old Dominion Steamship Co. and was en route to New York from Norfolk, Va., from which port she sailed at 7 p. m., Thursday. The Nantucket belonged to the Merchants and Miners Line and was bound from Boston to Baltimore. Both steamers were under slow bells, moving cautiously, with whistles blowing and deck watches on the alert, picking their way through a fog of unusual density, when suddenly the two vessels came together. The compact when the Nantucket forced its sharp steel bow into the Monroe's side was sufficient to tear asunder the steel plates and as the Nantucket reversed her engines and backed off, only to stand by the ill-fated Monroe, it was realized only a few minutes were left to rescue the Monroe's passengers. The boats were launched and brave men were to the oars, but the Monroe in less than ten minutes filled and went to the bottom. The Nantucket, badly crippled, was conveyed into Norfolk Friday afternoon, bringing the surviving passengers and crew of the Monroe. Capt. Johnson of the Monroe was on the bridge of his vessel when the collision occurred, as was also Capt. Berry of the Nantucket. As usual in calamities, whether on land or sea, acts of heroism were recorded among the passengers and crew of the colliding steamers.

Rev. Dr. Max Kellner, of Cambridge, Mass., has received from a friend in Jerusalem news of the finding of the foundation of the Tower of Siloam. This tower is mentioned in Luke xiii. The excavators, according to the message, "have discovered a long, well-cut Greek inscription which speaks of the presbyters and fathers, with Simonides, laying the foundation of the synagogue, the baths and caravansary. These baths and the foundations of the synagogue are exposed. They have found the base of a circular building, the tower of Siloam. They have found also a conduit leading from the spring. The conduit seen by Schickel in the '90s, wrongly thought to have been the oldest, is now shown to be above the spring."

Large claims have arisen against the Canal Company out of a sale to wrecking company of junk taken over by the Isthmian Canal Commission under its purchase of the property of the French Canal Company. The wrecking company has filed with Col. George W. Goethals, Chairman of the Panama Canal Commission, a claim for 200,000 tons of scrap material which it declares rightfully should be delivered to it. The market value of the scrap is estimated at nearly \$2,000,000. The company insists it includes many French barges, dredges, tugs, scows, launches, dump cars and engines which the commission repaired and placed in service in the construction of the canal.

It is now the belief that the Warrior, Frederick W. Vanderbilt's magnificent yacht, stranded off the coast of Colombia, will prove a total loss. This is the information received by the United Fruit Company from its Colon representative. A very optimistic wireless however has been received at New York from the Warrior's Captain. It reads as follows: "Yacht Warrior, at Sea, Jan. 31.—The Warrior is still aground. A tug is standing by. The yacht is in good condition, the crew in no danger. If we have to abandon we can land on the beach with our own boats."

Fifty firemen were overcome from the smoke of tobacco when fire destroyed the tobacco warehouse of the Interstate Tobacco Company and others at New York. The property loss amounted to only \$50,000. The firemen, working in relays, dropped unconscious one by one and were dragged away by their fellows, while others took their places. A dozen ambulance surgeons from hospitals used pulmotors to revive the men, all of whom went stubbornly back to work, except fifteen, who were removed to their quarters, and four were taken to hospitals. Chief Kenlon said because of the smoke the blaze was the most serious of its kind in the department's history.

The Mallory line steamship, Concho, collided with the tug, Dinsdale, off the Statue of Liberty Saturday, sinking the tug. Two decks-hand of the tug were drowned. The Concho was outward bound from New York to Galveston. After rendering what assistance she could, the Concho proceeded on her way.

Shelby M. Cullom, former United States Senator from Illinois, died at Washington last week, after an illness of a week. Since his retirement from the Senate last March Mr. Cullom has been resident commissioner of the commission created by Congress to build the \$2,000,000 memorial to ex-President

Lincoln. Mr. Cullom was born in Kentucky in 1829 and had been in public service continuously for over fifty years. His funeral took place last Saturday at Springfield, Illinois.

Before the Senate lobby investigating committee at Washington last week it was developed that Canada is paying large sums for advertising in this country. W. J. White, Canadian official in charge of immigration agencies, appeared voluntarily to say his Government spent \$70,000 for advertising in the United States for immigrants. George A. Joslyn, of Omaha, president of the Western Newspaper Union, admitted his company had received \$42,000 a year for the last twelve years to circulate reading matter about the Dominion through medium of "patent insiders."

Spurred by reports that prospectors have started a "radium rush" to the carbonate lands of Colorado and Utah, the House Mines Committee today hurriedly closed its hearings and began preparing a bill for Government control of the Nation's radium output. It will not withdraw radium lands from private entry, but will reserve to the Government the right to buy and reduce all radium ores in a Government reducing plant, probably at Denver.

Thompkins, a negro, bought a ticket from Kansas City to McAlester, Oklahoma over the M., K. & T. Ry. at the same he purchased a Pullman ticket. All went well with Thompkins until the train reached the Oklahoma line. Thompkins was informed of the "Jim Crow" law and requested to leave the white car and enter a negro coach. This he refused to do and created a disturbance, when he was ordered off the train, arrested and fined \$15. Thompkins brought suit for damages in the sum of \$50,000 in the District Court at Kansas City, which refused to award damages. An appeal was taken to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, which has just handed down a decision affirming the decision of the trial court and upholding the "Jim Crow" law in Oklahoma.

At a meeting of the Yale Alumni Association, Former President Taft, in an address said "the younger generation should be carefully trained in political first principles. I don't like to be regarded as an old fogey," he continued, "and I don't think I am. We are in a transition period which in many respects presents a crisis in our National career. We are in the aftermath of a struggle in which we have escaped a plutocracy. But we also have made a great transition and the people are aroused. Such transition, however, always gives rise to an excess of cranks and crankism and they always suggest things which are dangerous. We should see that the coming generation does not lightly let go of what centuries have given to us of sound political principles. We must not let the boys take their feet off the ground and place them in the clouds where they would shake the foundations of our liberties—our Constitution."

"Our country is money mad," said Governor Hodges of Kansas in addressing the Southwestern Lumbermen's Association in Kansas City last week. "For all the money spent to improve our wheat, our cattle and our business industries hardly a dollar is laid aside to assist the boy who has been handicapped for want of proper parental care."

"In our efforts to accumulate wealth," said the Governor, "we neglect the duties we owe our future citizens, the small boys." Governor Hodges read statistics from the Kansas Industrial School for Boys at Topeka, showing that of the 225 boys there, twenty-two had used intoxicating liquors, 108 tobacco, fifty-five had drinking fathers and the parents of seventy-five had separated after domestic upheavals.

One million, one hundred and ninety-seven thousand, eight hundred and ninety-two immigrants landed on our shores last year, as against eight hundred and thirty-eight thousand, one hundred and seventy-two of the previous year. What a gigantic problem is presented in the incoming of these thousands with their alien views of life can scarcely be understood. It does not far miss the mark to say that the future of this Nation hinges largely upon its ability to assimilate this heterogeneous mob.

Sixteen thousand five hundred bales of cotton, two cotton sheds, a tug boat, two barges and sixteen freight cars were burned early Tuesday morning at Clinton, eight miles below Houston. The fire started from an unknown cause in the sheds of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. The first intimation the watchman had of the fire was when flames starting at the water's edge of the ship channel on the bank of which the sheds were located, swept over the contents of the shed. The Houston fire department rushed to the scene of conflagration, but could do little toward impeding the progress of the flames. The loss is estimated at \$1,200,000.

The German barque Hera, bound to Falmouth, England, from Pisagua, Chile, lost her course at the entrance to English Channel and struck on the rocks near Port Halls Light. The vessel immediately filled and the crew took to the boats, which capsized. The captain, first officer and seventeen of the crew, lost their lives.

President Wilson on Tuesday issued an executive order raising the embargo against the shipment of war munition into Mexico. The Federals and Insurgents will now be on an equal footing. Accompanying the order, the White House issued the following statement of explanation: "The executive order under which the exportation of arms and ammunition

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into Mexico is forbidden was a departure from the accepted practices of neutrality—a deliberate departure from those practices under a well-considered joint resolution of Congress—determined upon in circumstances which now have ceased to exist. It was intended to discourage incipient revolts against the regularly constituted authorities of Mexico. Since that order was issued the circumstances of the case have undergone a radical change. There now is no constitutional Government in Mexico; and the existence of this order hinders and delays the very thing the Government of the United States is now insisting upon, namely, that Mexico shall be left free to settle her own affairs, and, as soon as possible, put them upon a constitutional footing by her own force and counsel. The order, therefore, is rescinded." American embassies and legations abroad were instructed last Saturday to inform foreign Governments

of the foregoing decision. Similarly Secretary Bryan late yesterday informed the members of the diplomatic corps here. This was in line with the policy announced at the beginning of the present Administration here of keeping the Nations of the world informed of developments in the Mexican policy of this Government. Huerta is reported as having said the raising of the embargo would not improve the insurgents' position greatly, because already, in his opinion, they were getting across the international boundary all the ammunition they were able to pay for, despite apparent efforts of the American War Department to prevent smuggling.

General Francisco Villa has announced that all Spaniards captured in the Torreon campaign will be summarily executed. Because of proof that many Spaniards have taken up arms against the rebels, he thus declares his

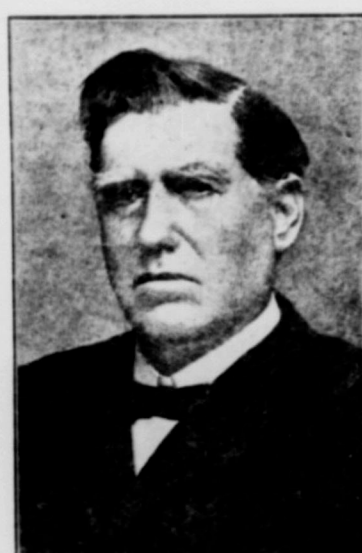
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The reading of your book, "The Story of My Life," brought to me not only rare entertainment, but as well a genuine enrichment of mind and heart. There is not a dull page in it. Many of its passages are classic. Last Sunday, in preaching the commencement sermon for Birmingham College, I quoted your farewell to the old log shack that sheltered you for four years whilst attending old Professor Burkett's school. That passage alone is worth the price of the book. I laughed and cried and prayed my way through to the last page and closed the volume with a renewed determination to do my best to be a good man and to be true to my Lord and the Church.

With assurance of cordial personal regard and prayers for the blessing of God on your life and labors, I am, sincerely,  
J. H. McCOY,  
Birmingham, Ala.

Tyler, Texas, April 3, 1913.  
To Whom It Concerns:  
Of my own accord and without any suggestion from anybody I wish to record the fact that I believe that the stand which Dr. G. C. Rankin has taken and maintained during all these years, as editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, for God and righteousness, is worthy of immortal honor.

JOHN ADAMS,  
Of the Texas Conference.

I have just finished reading the story of your life. It ought to be in the hands of every boy in Texas, but, Doctor, there is one thing that I am a little curious to know, that is how you managed to keep your sack of meal on old Kufe during that awful ride through Dug Holler. I was once a boy and went to mill on horseback and was shy of ghosts. I once wanted to see you elected Bishop, but you are doing twice the good where you are and reaching many more people. I want to say, God bless and strengthen you in the noble work that you are doing for our Christ and the good morals of our country.  
M. J. DAVIS,  
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intention. "It is in conformity with my conception of justice," says the rebel General, "and I am making this statement now so that no surprise will be expressed later and to give such Spaniards a chance to leave the country before they fall into my hands."

Congressman Robert G. Bremner of New Jersey who has been under the radium treatment for cancer at John Hopkins, Baltimore, has taken a turn for the worse and further radium applications have been discontinued. For a short time it was thought there was a possibility of his recovery and the wonders of radium as a stay to cancer were heralded over the country. It is now believed the condition of Mr. Bremner is such as to justify no hope for his recovery.

The apparent deadlock in Wisconsin over the amendment to the marriage law requiring a physician's certificate as a condition for a marriage license, has been broken, for the present, at least, by the decision of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court that the law is unconstitutional and void. The matter was brought before the Circuit Court on an application for a writ of mandamus, directed against the County Clerk, ordering him to issue a marriage license to an applicant without a health certificate. The court held that the law was an undue interference with personal liberty. This decision, while only that of a Circuit Court, will act as a stay to the enforcement of the law until the higher courts have passed on the question. Probably no other topic has inspired so large an amount of newspaper comment in the past month. Wisconsin's experience, says The Journal of the American Medical Association, should be a warning to State Legislatures not to enact hasty and ill-considered laws on complex scientific subjects. The discussion of eugenics, race betterment and marriage regulation is productive of a large amount of good, but premature efforts to crystallize hastily formed opinions into laws can result only in confusion.

It is not generally known that extensive use is made of our knowledge of tropical diseases by the medical missions in various parts of the world. These missions accomplish some of the best research in these diseases, in addition to teaching and applying scientific medicine among people who would otherwise be debarrred from its benefits. In China there are over five hundred men and women engaged in the conduct of hospitals and dispensaries. The China Medical Mission Association meets triennially for the exchange of opinions and to make announcements of the results of research, and a medical journal has been published for many years for the exchange of ideas in the field. A research committee has been formed and a large amount of valuable work has been done in the investigation of tropical diseases, such as plague, cholera, typhus and other affections. To young men with the missionary spirit and scientific training no more attractive field of endeavor can be found than that of China, Africa or India.

A SUPERANNUATE HOME IN MIDLOTHIAN.

Rev. D. L. Collie, Agent for the Superannuate Home Fund, of the Central Texas Conference, came to us on the second Sunday in January. After preaching a most splendid sermon an opportunity was given to those present to make donations to this cause. While the offering was being taken it was suggested by some one that Midlothian build a home. This suggestion took at once and in such a unanimous way and with such an encouraging spirit that it was deemed wise to call a special meeting at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

At this hour a number of the representative men of the Church met and it was decided in a very few minutes to build the home. A sum of \$225 was subscribed in less time than it took to write the names of those present. A committee was appointed to solicit additional funds, and the first effort of the committee carried the total amount above a thousand dollars. Other arrangements, in the way of purchasing a lot and securing additional funds, will be looked after and the work of building will begin in the near future.

We desire to say that Brother Collie is the man for the place. His whole heart and life are in the work. His visit to our town was a pleasant and most delightful one, both in the church and also in the parsonage home. Brethren, he will do your charge good and not hurt your collections at all.

R. F. BROWN.

Old Lady's Sage Advice

Knoxville, Tenn.—Mrs. Mamie Towe, of 102 W. Main Street, this city, says: "If you had seen me, before I began to take Cardui, you would not think I was the same person. Six doctors failed to do me good and my friends thought I would die. I could hardly get out of bed or walk a step. At last an old lady advised me to take Cardui, and now I can go most anywhere." All ailing women need Cardui, as a gentle, refreshing tonic, especially adapted to their peculiar ailments. It is a reliable, vegetable remedy, successfully used for over 50 years. You ought to try it.

IMPORTANT—TAKE NOTICE.

This writing is in regard to our dear Brother L. G. Grimes, who served the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as a supply for twelve or fifteen years, and under whose ministry many souls were brought to a saving knowledge of Christ. He was given the Belton Circuit at the Annual Conference which met at Cleburne in November, 1912. He went on the work and with all his might began to try to cover that vast territory and build up the work that was badly run down, but the task was too much for him. The last of July, 1913, his health gave way and he moved up to Nolanville. About the middle of August he was taken seriously ill and lay on his bed most of the time until about the middle of October when he was carried to the sanitarium at Temple for an operation. The doctors said that he could not live but a short time, so after the operation he was removed to his home in Nolanville. But after a long struggle, with much suffering, he is now able to sit up some in his chair.

For three months he was under the care of a trained nurse at \$25.00 per week and that with all the other expense of his sickness has thrown him in a bad condition financially. He has no property and has never been a member of the conference and, therefore, is at the mercy of his Church and brethren. If we can manage to clear away the expense of his sickness which is over \$500, then his boys can care for him. Now, brethren, we cannot afford to fail this one brother and servant in this sore trial. He has no property and therefore is in our hands. Anything you can do will be appreciated. Send all funds to me or directly to him. L. E. HILL, P. C. Nolanville, Texas.

SERIES OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY INSTITUTES, WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT.

March 3, beginning at 9 a. m., Palmer, the following schools will be associated: Palmer, Trumbull, Garrett, Alma, Emis, Ferris, Bluff Springs, Bristol, Carroll, Crisp, Alsford. 9 a. m., March 14, at Chappell Hill, Dixon's Chapel, Red Oak, Boyce, Reager, Sterrett, Ferris, Bluff Springs, Palmer. 9 a. m., March 30, at Beauvasta, Maypearl, Auburn, Enterprise, Oak Branch, Falls, Waxahachie, Bethel. 9 a. m., April 3, at Midlothian, Mansfield, Britton, St. Paul, Webb, Onward, Ovilla, Long Branch, Sardis. 9 a. m., April 24, at Bardwell, Oak Grove, Avalon, Byrds, Rankin, Forrester, Nash, Colliers. 9 a. m., April 25, at Derr's Chapel, Milford, Midway, Hamlett, Union, Italy, Sims. I am very anxious for the pastors to do all they possibly can to have every school represented at points mentioned, and have any to attend any other institutes possible. Officers and teachers of each school should be present. Be sure to see that Superintendents and Secretaries are present and that at least two representatives from every Church attend. Suitable programs will be prepared and in the hands of the pastors in due time. In these institutes we will give attention to every department of our Church work and will close the series with a District Rally at Italy, April 28, beginning at 9 a. m., and closing in time to catch I. & G. N. train for Maypearl, where our District Conference will open at 9 a. m., April 29 and running through April 30. Pastors will all please notice announcements and make their plans to contribute their services to these conferences. J. A. WHITEHURST.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from our midst our beloved President, Morelle Rast, who has been a faithful, tireless member of our Auxiliary ever since its organization. She was an inspiration to us and loved for her consistent Christian life; therefore be it Resolved, first, That in the sudden death of our President, the Young Ladies' Missionary Society of Fifth Street Methodist Church has lost one of her most beloved and faithful members and the Church a consecrated worker. Second, That while we shall miss her presence and wise counsel, her exemplary life leaves us the confidence that if we are faithful we will meet her again. Third, That we tender our sympathy and condolence to the bereaved father and mother, sisters and brothers, and pray that the God whom she loved may afford them comfort in this their sad hour. Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family, a copy be spread upon the minutes of our society and a copy be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

MRS. A. C. CHAPPELL, HATTIE HARTIGAN, MARY HESTER.

Waco, Texas.

IMPORTANT CALL—SOCIAL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Rev. J. C. Granbery, of Georgetown, recently called my attention to the fact that the Social Service Commission of our Church for Texas, had been appointed by the various conferences, but had not been organized and inasmuch as our conference was the first to meet, he deemed it proper for me to call a meeting of the Commission for the purpose of organization. I find that the majority of the Commission favor a date during the early part of February, at which time to meet. Several have suggested Austin as a place of meeting. I, therefore, call a meeting of the Social Service Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for Texas, to meet at 10 a. m., in the Tenth Street Methodist Church, at Austin, February 10, 1914, at which time the Commission will organize and transact any business that may legally come before it. I am enclosing list of Commissioners, giving conference and address. Not having heard from the Mexican Border Conference, I am unable to give the name and address of the Commissioner appointed for that conference. M. D. FIELDS, Commissioner for the German Mission Conference.

The Commission.

Central Texas Conference: Rev. J. C. Granbery, Georgetown, Texas; Rev. J. A. Rice, Ft. Worth, Texas. North Texas Conference: Rev. O. T. Cooper, Denton, Texas; Rev. Geo. M. Gibson, Dallas, Texas. Northwest Texas Conference: Rev. Jno. W. Hunt, Snyder, Texas; Rev. F. M. Neal, Canyon, Texas. West Texas Conference: Rev. W. D. Bradford, Austin, Texas; Rev. S. C. H. Bergin, San Antonio, Texas. Texas Conference: Rev. H. M. Whaling, Houston, Texas; Rev. H. C. Willis, Longview, Texas. German Mission Conference: M. D. Fields, Houston, Texas.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

Rev. Joseph Dohes, Bryan, Texas, and not Marlin as the minutes of the conference shows. Any one interested in the Bohemian work address him there.

ORPHANAGE OPPORTUNITIES.

Resolved, This year I will take my collection for the Orphanage at the very beginning of the year, and pay up my assessment in full. (Signed) Pastors Methodist Churches of Texas.

Come along now, brother, let us reason together and see if you did. Up to and including the 23rd of January there has been sent me the following amounts from the several conferences:

Table with 2 columns: Conference Name, Amount. Central Texas \$912.49, North Texas 393.30, Northwest Texas 184.50, West Texas 339.50, Texas 41.50, German Mission 192.81

From this reasoning, the conclusion can be deducted after you have deducted the above amounts from your Conference assessments. It costs in round numbers \$55 A DAY to run your Home, not improve it or enlarge it. DELAY IS EXPENSIVE. Come on with your full assessments, and the Lord will pour you out such blessings in your spring meetings, dear pastor, that your church will not have room to hold it! May the CHILDREN'S Lord and Father bless you richly. R. A. BURROUGHS, Manager.

RESCUE HOME COLLECTIONS FROM THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Following collections have been received by the Conference Treasurer of the West Texas Conference for the year 1913-1914 from the pastoral charges indicated on Rescue Home assessments, both regular and special, and the various amounts have been remitted by me to Mr. W. N. Hagey, Treasurer of the Mission Home and Training School at San Antonio, Texas. Where items are marked "Special" they represent collections made by Rev. J. D. Scott in excess of regular assessments.

Weatherford St., Feb. 8, 9. First Church, Feb. 15. McKinley Ave., Feb. 22, 11 a. m., and 25 at 7:30 p. m. Boulevard, Feb. 22, 7:30 p. m. and 23, 7:30 p. m. Central, March 3, 11 a. m. and 4, 7:30 p. m. Missouri Ave., March 1, 7:30 p. m. and 2, 7:30 p. m. Mulkey Memorial, March 8, 11 a. m. and 11, 7:30 p. m. Glenwood, March 8, 7:30 p. m. and 9, 7:30 p. m. Diamond Hill and Harwells Chapel, at Harwells Chapel, March 14, 15. Arlington, March 22, 11 a. m. and 23, 7:30 p. m. Hanley and Sagamore, at Sagamore, March 22, 30 p. m. and 26 at 7:30 p. m. Riverside, March 29, 11 a. m. and 30, at 7:30 p. m. Polytechnic, March 29, 7:30 p. m. and 31 at 7:30 p. m. Brooklyn Heights, at Haslet, April 11, 12. Smithfield Cr., at Whites Chapel, April 18, 19. Grapvine Cir. at Minters Ch., April 19, 7:30 p. m. and 20, at 11 a. m. Kennedale Cir., at Forest Hill, April 26, 7:30 p. m. and 27, 3 p. m. Highland Park and Hemphill Hts., at Hemphill Hts., April 26, 11 a. m. and 27, 7 p. m. JNO. R. NELSON, P. E.

AN EXPLANATION.

I notice in the Advocate of the 22nd that I am appointed to the Ector charge. Now I will explain. I was appointed by Bishop Mounson as Conference Missionary Evangelist. Brother Palmer, who was appointed to the Ector charge, was transferred to Florida, and Brother Thomas asked me to let him have me changed from the evangelistic field to the Ector charge. I told him I would supply the work till he could secure a preacher for it. Brother Watts, who has taken Bro. Thomas' place on the district, has secured Brother M. R. T. Davis for the charge. So I am going on with my work as I was appointed. I am making my home in Dallas and the brethren who wish me to help them in their work, or any presiding elder who needs my services in his district may address me at Dallas and it will find me. I am now at Sulphur Bluff in a meeting. W. H. BROWN.

DEDICATION.

Our church at Bynum, Texas, will be dedicated the first Sunday in March. Dr. G. C. Rankin, D. D., of Dallas, will officiate. All former pastors are requested to be present, if possible, and rejoice with us. Bynum Methodism is rapidly coming to the front. J. F. TYSON, Pastor.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

License to preach—J. B. Berry, C. C. Cody, J. W. Holt. Admission—J. C. Mimms, S. H. Moore, J. E. Matlock. Deacon's Orders—Franklin Moore, O. C. Swinney, W. D. Gaskins. Elder's Orders—H. W. Knickerbocker, E. V. Cox, A. E. Carraway. Renewal of License—W. L. Neils, M. W. Rogers, E. R. Patterson. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

NOTICE.

For the good of the people and myself I only take two meetings a month and to prevent conflict I wish you would arrange your meetings where I'm called for first and third Sunday in each month and I can give ten or twelve days to each meeting. Your brother, Glen Rose, Texas. F. M. WINBURNE.

A COMMENDATION.

Bro. T. N. Lowery, a local preacher-evangelist, has moved to Waco, 817 N. Fifteenth Street. He has held a number of revivals in the Waco District, and I commend him to the brethren. He is safe and sane. W. B. ANDREWS.

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Fort Worth District—Second Round.

Weatherford St., Feb. 8, 9. First Church, Feb. 15. McKinley Ave., Feb. 22, 11 a. m., and 25 at 7:30 p. m. Boulevard, Feb. 22, 7:30 p. m. and 23, 7:30 p. m. Central, March 3, 11 a. m. and 4, 7:30 p. m. Missouri Ave., March 1, 7:30 p. m. and 2, 7:30 p. m. Mulkey Memorial, March 8, 11 a. m. and 11, 7:30 p. m. Glenwood, March 8, 7:30 p. m. and 9, 7:30 p. m. Diamond Hill and Harwells Chapel, at Harwells Chapel, March 14, 15. Arlington, March 22, 11 a. m. and 23, 7:30 p. m. Hanley and Sagamore, at Sagamore, March 22, 30 p. m. and 26 at 7:30 p. m. Riverside, March 29, 11 a. m. and 30, at 7:30 p. m. Polytechnic, March 29, 7:30 p. m. and 31 at 7:30 p. m. Brooklyn Heights, at Haslet, April 11, 12. Smithfield Cr., at Whites Chapel, April 18, 19. Grapvine Cir. at Minters Ch., April 19, 7:30 p. m. and 20, at 11 a. m. Kennedale Cir., at Forest Hill, April 26, 7:30 p. m. and 27, 3 p. m. Highland Park and Hemphill Hts., at Hemphill Hts., April 26, 11 a. m. and 27, 7 p. m. JNO. R. NELSON, P. E.

Plainview District—Second Round.

Tulia, Feb. 21, 22. Littlefield, Feb. 28, March 1. Percy's Chapel, March 7, 8. Hale Center, March 8, 9. Lubbock, March 14, 15. Plainview Miss., March 21, 22. Plainview Sta., March 22, 23. Kress, March 28, 29. Happy, March 29, 30. Pleasant Valley, April 4, 5. Lockney Sta., April 5, 6. Dimmitt, April 11, 12. Lorenzo, April 16, 17. Cone, April 18, 19. Aton, April 22, 23. Roaring Springs, April 25, 26. White Flat, April 26, 27. Floydada, April 28, 9. Lake View, May 2, 3. Sunday School Institutes as follows: At Lubbock, March 12, 13, for Lubbock, Littlefield, Bartonsite, Lorenzo and Crosbyton charges. At Tulia, March 31, April 1, for Tulia, Happy, Silverton, Dimmitt and Kress charges. At Lockney, April 6, 7, for Lockney Station, Lockney Mission, Floydada, Plainview Station, Plainview Mission and Hale Center charges. At Roaring Springs, April 24, 25, for Matar, Aton and Turkey charges. District Conference, at Hale Center, June 5, 2:30 p. m., to June 8, at noon. Note also the Zone in which your Sunday School Institute appears. Each school besides the pastor and Superintendent should send three delegates. Especially note this important announcement: Before this Round closes we want every OFFICIAL in the Plainview District to be a subscriber to the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Yours sincerely, O. P. KIKER, P. E.

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Cleburne District—Second Round.

(Revised and Completed.) Brazos Ave., Cleburne, Feb. 8. Barnesville, at Green Brier, Feb. 14, 15. Grandview Sta., Feb. 15, 16. Grandview Cir., at Parker, Feb. 21, 22. Venus, Feb. 28, March 1. Alvarado, March 8, 11 a. m. 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. Granbury Sta., March 22, 23. Burleson, at Sycamore, March 28, 29. Glen Rose Sta., April 3, 5. Granbury Miss., at Hill City, April 4, 5. Walnut Springs, April 18, 19. Morgan, at M., April 19, 20. Joshua, at J., April 25, 26. Anglin Street, Cleburne, April 26, 7:30 p. m. Glen Rose Miss., at Lone Willow, May 2, 3. District Conference, at Cresson, March 31, April 2. The following committee is appointed: License and Recommendations to Annual Conference—J. W. W. Shuler, C. A. Bickley, J. A. Doster. All applicants for Local Deacon's or Elder's Orders, and for Admission on Trial, or for Re-admission into the traveling connection will appear before this one committee. W. W. MOSS, P. E.

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# After Awhile

By Mary A. Nuckolls.

"After awhile I will heed the call  
That comes to my heart today;  
For the sick to tend, and the blind to lead,  
And trouble and want to stay.  
Now I am busy and full of care,  
With scarcely time for a smile;  
Talents I hold that can bless the world,  
I will use them—after awhile."

"After awhile I will sing a song  
That shall fill all hearts with light;  
After awhile I will whisper words  
That shall make the sad things bright.  
After awhile I will do kind deeds,  
That shall echo to every clime;  
After awhile, in the Master's work,  
I will use my thought and time."

But after awhile the years came fast,  
And burdened the life with care;  
And the dreams of service fled away,  
There was no place for them there.  
And after awhile the angels looked  
On a form that death had stilled,  
And wept o'er the screech of a life that passed  
With its mission unfulfilled.

## OBITUARIES

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and youth to be in her home. I remember many things she said and did more than thirty-five years ago. She was always cool and deliberate, wise in counsel, and as true as a magnet to her convictions. I never knew of her being in the least cold, indifferent or backslidden in her religious life. A more consistent and beautiful Christian character has never crossed my path or touched my life. I am, as many others are, in debt to her for many of my earliest and best impressions. When nearing the end she was asked how it was with her. She replied as calmly as she ever spoke in her life: "It is all right, I have trusted my Savior all these years, and he is still with me; I am ready to go at his command." There was no fear, no hesitating, she was ready. She had ties she hated to leave but so many she could meet again. She is with us no more; she has gone to walk with those who are washed in the blood of the Lamb, and whose garments are spotless and white. She is with the thousands of the redeemed whom she loved and with whom she labored in other years. Fresh in the hearts of the many who knew her she will live many years to come. May God's sustaining grace keep and comfort her aged companion in these dark hours, and the other bereaved loved ones, granting to each an abundant entrance with her into His everlasting kingdom. Her nephew,  
J. T. McCURE.

**BLANKENSHIP**—Sable Irene, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Blankenship, died at the home of Mr. J. H. Whitfield, Denton, Texas, December 24, 1913. She was fifteen years old. She had been reared in Denton, where she attended school and where she formed her many friendships. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, and was a devoted Christian girl. Doctors and parents believed she would outgrow the tendencies of poor health. But the measles overtook her and led to complications which medicine and nursing could not overcome. She lingered for months. This long suffering brought to her a great Christian experience. With strong faith and radiant face she waited her release. She talked with deep insight into things spiritual. She was thoughtful of the welfare of others. She was certain of her future home. May those she loved best be brought to a happy re-union with her in the Father's house.  
O. T. COOPER.

**PAYNE**—Brother R. E. Payne, one of the best men that ever belonged to Elm Street Church, was transferred to the Church triumphant at 6 p. m. January 3, 1914. He was born in Alabama October 1, 1858, and removed to Texas at the age of ten years and spent the remainder of his life in McLennan County. At first he lived in the Patrick community and afterward engaged for a number of years in the mercantile business at Battle. He was eight years County Commissioner, living for the last two years of his life in East Waco. While yet a boy the responsibility of caring for his widowed mother and a large family fell to his lot. This responsibility he bravely met as he did every other one which came to him. Brother Payne was twice married—August 14, 1889, to Miss Bettie Garrett, and January 23, 1902, to Miss Lizzie McBrayer. To the first union were born seven children and to the second four. Some four years ago he was happily converted and joined the Methodist Church at Battle. Brother Payne was always kind as a father, loving as a husband, patriotic as a citizen and devoted as a Christian. He loved his friends as few men do. He loved his Church and was punctual in his attendance. He loved his family and lavished his very life upon them. He died with a most beautiful faith in Jesus Christ, and the resurrection. We confidently expect to meet him just after the crossing.  
J. J. CREED, Pastor.

**PHILLIPS**—Sister N. E. Phillips (nee Parks) was born in North Carolina, October 22, 1836. She moved to West Tennessee when ten years old with her parents, Joab and Lucy Parks. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church at the age of fourteen. She was married to L. W. Phillips March 24, 1861, and departed this life December 16, 1913. She is survived by her husband, three sons and five daughters who mourn their loss. As a wife she was kind, loving, gentle and true; as a mother she was everything that the word implies; as a friend she was unfailing; as a neighbor she was ever obliging, and as a Christian I can safely say that she was ever at her post. My first visit to their home was in July, 1879, and the last one was on the day of her death. For thirty-four years I have been intimately acquainted with her in the home, at Church, in the sick-room and the camp-meeting; have heard her shout the praises of God, and it did me good to hear her, as her life backed it up. She was an old-time Methodist, beloved in getting religion and as a friend and Christian I only knew her to love her. Now, to dear Brother Phillips who is more than eighty-two years old, and to the children: You know her life, you know her death; O will you meet her in heaven? We can say, Servant of God, well done; cease from thy loved employ—the battle is fought, the victory won—enter the heavenly joys.  
J. A. GARRISON.

**CLINE**—Mary Jane Prestage was born in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, December 28, 1853. She was married to A. J. Cline November 5, 1878; moved near Penelope, Texas, twenty years ago, and died January 7, 1914. The probable immediate cause of her death was the death of her son, J. W. Cline, who was killed January 4 by a runaway team. Sister Cline was a devoted Christian and had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, from early childhood. She loved God and her neighbors. She leaves only two children and her husband. The funeral was preached by her pastor in the church at Mesquite. The house would not hold the congregation. Sister Cline was loved by every one that knew her and now she is gone to be with the kind Heavenly Father that cares well for all those that love him.  
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"For hearts are such that a tender touch  
May banish a look of sadness;  
A small, slight thing can make us glad,  
But a frown will check our gladness."  
"The cheeriest ray along our way  
Is the little act of kindness.  
And the keenest sting some careless thing  
That was done in a moment of blindness."

## 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.  
Mancoas Charge, at Mancoas, Thursday Eve, Feb. 12.  
Aztec Charge, at Aztec, Saturday Eve, Feb. 14.  
La Plata Charge, at Thomas Chapel, Monday Eve, Feb. 16.  
D. B. BUNDY, P. E.

## NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque District—Second Round.  
Melrose, Feb. 7, 8.  
Cimarron, Feb. 11.  
Tucumcari, Feb. 14, 15.  
San Jon Cir., Burd, 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.  
Alamo, Feb. 7, 8.  
Marfa, Feb. 8, 9.  
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.  
Los 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. Hugget, of Lordsburg.  
J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.  
1107 E. Boulevard.

Pecos Valley District—Second Round.  
Roswell, Feb. 7, 8.  
Artesia, Feb. 14, 15.  
Kermit, Feb. 18.  
Odessa, Feb. 21, 22.  
Pecos, Feb. 25.  
Toyah Valley, March 1, 2.  
Clovis, March 7, 8.  
Texico, March 14, 15.  
Texico, March 21, 22.  
Hope, March 25.  
Ehola, March 28, 29.  
Lake Arthur, April 1.  
Lovington Cir., April 4, 5.  
Sacramento, April 11, 12.  
Hagerman, April 18, 19.  
Grady, April 28, 29.  
J. H. MESSER, P. E.

## WEST TEXAS

Austin District—First Round.  
Victoria, Feb. 7, 8.  
V. A. GODFREY, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round.  
Feb. 7, 8, Aransas Pass.  
Feb. 8, 9, Gregory.  
Feb. 14, 15, Rockport, at Woodboro.  
Feb. 15, 16, Calallen, at Odem.  
Feb. 21, 22, Skidmore, at St. Paul.  
Feb. 22, 23, Sinton, at St. Paul.  
March 1, 2, 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, Pinar.  
March 18, San Benito.  
March 19, Brownsville.  
March 20, 21, Harlingen.  
March 22, Riviera, at Raymondville.  
March 23, Floresville.  
March 29, Karnes City.  
April 4, 5, Bexlar, 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 Thomaston, Feb. 14, 15.  
Seadrift, at Seadrift, 3 p. m. Tuesday, Feb. 17.  
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.  
Midfield, at Markham, March 14, 15.  
Palacios, 7:30 p. m., March 16.  
El Campo, at Katerney, Mar. 22, 23.  
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.  
Rango, 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.  
Center City, at Bethel, Feb. 7, 8.  
San Saba Cir., at Bernd, 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 Katerney, 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.  
Rochelle, at Live Oak, Feb. 7, 8.  
Childs, Feb. 8, 9.  
Eden and Miles, 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.  
February 8, San Marcos. Preaching.  
February 14, 15, Waelder.  
February 21, 22, Martindale, at Martindale.  
February 28, March 1, Belmont, at Oak Forest.  
March 7, 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.  
Blanco, at Blanco, March 28, 29.  
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. Rerfro, 7:30 p. m., April 7.  
THOMAS GREGORY, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round.  
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.  
Fowlerton, at Charlotte, March 1.  
Kerrville, March 15.

Center Point, March 15.  
Boerne, at Comfort, March 22.  
Alamo, March 22.  
Englewood, March 29.  
McKinley, March 29.  
Pleasanton, April 5.  
Jourdanton, April 5.  
Bandera, April 19.  
Medina, at Tarpy, April 19.  
Potett, April 26.  
S. H. C. BURGIN, P. E.

Uvalde District—Second Round.  
Feb. 1, Dilly and Millet, at M.  
Feb. 1, 7:30 p. m., Pearsal.  
Feb. 7, 8, Tehuacana.  
Feb. 8, 9, Moore, at M.  
Feb. 14, 15, Cotulla.  
Feb. 21, 22, Laredo.  
March 1, Homdo.  
March 1, 2, Sabinal.  
March 7, 8, Del Rio.  
March 14, 15, Eagle Pass.  
March 21, 22, Batesville, at B.  
March 28, 29, Uvalde.  
April 1, 2, Rose Springs, at M.  
April 4, 5, Devine and Lytle, at D.  
April 8, Utopia.  
April 11, 12, Carrizo Springs, at Big Wells.  
April 12, 13, Crystal City.  
District Conference will convene at Cotulla, Texas, April 16-19.  
S. B. BEALL, P. E.

## CENTRAL TEXAS

Brownwood District—First Round.  
Coleman Sta., Feb. 7, 8.  
Brownwood Sta., Feb. 10.  
J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round.  
Winchell, at Winchell, Feb. 28, March 1.  
Bangs, at Salem, March 7, 8.  
Bronco, at Ft. Chadbourne, March 14, 15.  
Robert Leg, at Hayrick, March 15, 16.  
Coleman Mission, at Bethel, March 21, 22.  
Wingate, at Drasco, March 28, 29.  
Winters Sta., April 4, 5.  
Norton, at Hatchel, April 5, 6.  
Brownwood Mrs., at Turkey Peak, April 11, 12.  
Nevada, at Glenrose, April 18, 19.  
Indian Creek, at Bethany, April 22.  
Talpa, at Voss, April 24.  
Gouldbusk, at Rockwood, April 25, 26.  
Ballinger Sta., May 2, 3.  
Santa Anna Sta., May 9, 10.  
Coleman Sta., May 10, 11.  
Blainet Sta., May 13, 16.  
Brownwood Sta., May 20.  
The District Conference will be held at Brownwood, April 28-30.  
J. H. STEWART, 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 Mings, at M., 7 p. m., Feb. 20.  
Gordon, at Blue Fiat, Feb. 21, 22.  
Kings Star, 7 p. m., Feb. 27.  
May, at Holder, Feb. 28, Mar. 1.  
Eman, at Harpersville, March 7, 8.  
Wajaland, at Gough, March 8, 9.  
Gonzalez, at G., March 14, 15.  
Stall, at Grandview, March 15, 16.  
Desdemona, at D., 11 a. m., March 17.  
Sipe Springs, at Beattie, March 21, 22.  
Fonner, March 28, 29.  
Scranton, April 4, 5.  
Cisco Mrs., 11 a. m., April 9.  
Romney, April 11, 12, April 18, 19.  
Carlton, April 18, 19.  
Custo Sta., April 26, 27.  
District Conference will meet in Range, May 29-31. Delegates are to be elected this round.  
C. E. LINDSAY, P. E.

Cleburne District—Second Round.  
(In Part.)  
Brazer Ave., Cleburne, Feb. 8.  
Battlesville, at Green River, Feb. 15, 16.  
Grandview Sta., Feb. 16, 17.  
Venus, Feb. 22, 23.  
Grandview Cir., at Parker, Feb. 28, March 1.  
Alvarado, March 8, 11:00 a. m. 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.  
Granbury Sta., March 22, 23.  
Burleson, at Sycamore, March 28, 29.  
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.  
Kirven and Streetman, at S., Feb. 21, 22.  
Purdon, at Dresden, Feb. 28, March 1.  
Mexico Cir., at Cedar, March 7, 8.  
Grosbeck, 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.  
Blossing Grove, April 4, 5.  
Chatfield, at Tappelo, April 11, 12.  
Harmony, at Alliance Hall, April 18, 19.  
Dawson, April 19, 20.  
Corsicana, 11th Ave, 8 p. m., April 22.  
Barry and Emhouse, at E., April 25, 26.  
Mexico, May 2, 3.  
Wortham and Richland, at W., May 9, 10.  
First Church, Hillsboro, at W., May 10, 11.  
Corsicana, First Church, 8 p. m., May 11.  
E. A. SMITH, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round.  
Dublin Sta., Feb. 8. Quarterly Conference  
Feb. 9, 7:30 p. m.  
Harbison 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 Sta., at Morton Ch., March 7, 8.  
De Leon Sta., March 14, 15.  
Bunyan, at B., 11 a. m., March 20.  
Huckabay, at Pigeon, March 21, 22.  
Comanche Sta., March 27, 7:30 p. m.  
Comanche Cir., at Sidney, March 28, 29.  
Iredell, at Clairret, April 4, 5.  
Dufina, 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 Lipan, at T., April 19, 20.  
Proctor, April 25, 26.  
S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Hillsboro District—Second Round.  
Irene Circuit, at Mertens, Feb. 21, 22.  
Brandon Circuit, at Hymon, March 1.  
Munger Circuit, at Callina, March 7, 8.  
Coolidge Sta., at C., March 8, Evening.  
Covington and Belle Springs, March 14, 15.  
Covington and Osceola, at C., March 21, 22.  
Malone Cir., at Malone, March 28, 29.  
First Church, Hillsboro, March 30.  
Line Street, March 31.  
Penelope Cir., at New Hope, April 4, 5.  
Peoria Cir., at Kearby, April 11, 12.  
Loveless Cir., at Pleasant Hill, April 18, 19.  
Itasca Sta., at L., April 19, Evening.  
Hubbard Sta., at H., April 26.  
Huron Cir., at Ft. Graham, May 2, 3.  
Whitney Sta., at W., May 3, Evening.  
Kirk Cir., May 9, 10.  
HORACE BISHOP, P. E.



**Georgetown District—First Round.**  
Taylor, Feb. 7, 8.  
Belton Cir., at Midway, Feb. 14, 15.  
T. S. ARMSTRONG, 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.  
Cienavilla, 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.  
Tusall, at Hare, April 4, 5.  
Hutto, at Round Rock, April 5, 6.  
Taylor, April 6.  
Holland, at Holland, April 11, 12.  
Florens, at Wesley Ch., April 18, 19.  
Rogers, April 24.  
Troy and Pendleton, at Pendleton, April 25, 26.  
Belton Circuit, at Loona, 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.

**Waco District—Second Round.**  
Aquila, at Ross, Feb. 21, 22.  
Fifth Street, Feb. 22, 7:30 p. m.  
West, March 1.  
Mt. Calm, March 8.  
Bruceville and Eddy, March 14, 15.  
Hewitt, at Spring Valley, March 21, 22.  
Herring Ave., March 22, 7:30 p. m.  
Riesel, at Hare, March 28, 29.  
Mart, March 29, 7:30 p. m.  
Rosqueville, 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.  
Morrow Street, April 26, 8 p. m.  
The District Conference will be held at Riesel, April 15. The opening sermon will be preached Monday night at 8 o'clock, by H. D. Knickerbocker.  
W. B. ANDREWS, P. E.

**Waxahachie District—Second Round.**  
Bardwell Mrs., Saturday, January 31.  
Bardwell Cir., Sunday and Monday, Feb. 1, 2.  
Bristol Mrs., at Bristol, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7, 8.  
Ennis, Sunday and Monday, Feb. 15, 16.  
Palmer, at Frumfull, Sunday and Monday, Feb. 22, 23.  
Ferris, Sunday and Monday, March 1, 2.  
Forreston, Saturday and Sunday, March 7, 8.  
Red Oak, at Clappell Hill, Saturday and Sunday, March 14, 15.  
Bethel, Saturday and Sunday, March 21, 22.  
Waxahachie, Sunday and Monday, Mar. 22, 23.  
Maypearl, at Beaumont, Sunday and Monday, March 29, 30.  
Britton, at Webb, Saturday and Sunday, April 4, 5.  
Mansfield, Sunday and Monday, April 5, 6.  
Molothian, Sunday and Monday, April 12, 13.  
Owlia, at Onward, Saturday and Sunday, April 18, 19.  
Milford, at Derris, Saturday and Sunday, April 25, 26.  
Italy, at Sims School House, Sunday and Monday, April 26, 27.  
J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

**Weatherford District—Second Round.**  
New Castle, at Padgett, Feb. 7, 8.  
Olney, Feb. 8, 9.  
Eliasville, at Murry, Feb. 14, 15.  
Springtown, at Agnes, Feb. 14, 22.  
Whitt, at Pooleville, Feb. 28, March 1.  
Santo, at Santo, March 7, 8.  
Millsaps, at Garner, March 14, 15.  
Weatherford Cir., at Lambert, March 21, 22.  
Aledo, at Benbrook, March 28, 29.  
Acle, at Peden, April 4, 5.  
Grafton, 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.**  
Putnam and Moran, Feb. 7, 8.  
Bard, Feb. 9.  
First Church, Abilene, Feb. 11.  
Nugent, at Hanby, Feb. 14, 15.  
Anson, Feb. 21, 22.  
C. N. N. FERGUSON, P. E.

**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.  
Texline, March 1, 2.  
Stratford, March 8, 9.  
Ochiltree, at Plainview, March 14, 15.  
Glazier, March 15, 16.  
Higgins, March 16, at 7:30 p. m.  
Hanford, 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, Park Sta., April 18, 19.  
Amarillo, Buchanan Ave., Houghton, April 19, 20.  
Institute at Canyon City for Bovina, Hereford, Canyon Mission, Amarillo (both classes) and Wildorado, will be held Feb. 13, 14. Also at Dalhart, Feb. 27, 28, for Dalhart, Texline, Stratford, Channing, Dumas and Hanford. 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.  
J. T. HICKS, P. E.

**Big Spring District—First Round.**  
Coshoma, at C., Feb. 7, 8.  
W. H. TERRY, P. E.

**Clarendon District—Second Round.**  
Cataline Mrs., at Dixon S. H., Feb. 7, 8.  
Moberette Mrs., at Moberette, Feb. 14, 15.  
Wheeler Cir., at Locust Grove, Feb. 21, 22.

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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.  
 Quail Cir., at Marilla, April 7.  
 Plymouth Cir., at Lee's Chapel, April 8.  
 Clarendon Mis., at Olive Branch, April 11, 23.  
 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. STOKY, P. E.

**Hamlin District—First Round.**  
 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.**  
 Happy, Feb. 7, 8.  
 Lorenzo, at Estacado, Feb. 14, 15.  
 O. P. KIKER, P. E.

**Sweetwater District—Second Round.**  
 Loraine, 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.  
 Flavanna, 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 Crossshaw, 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.  
 Quanah Sta., March 8.  
 Estelline, 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.**  
 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.**  
 Nederland, Feb. 7, 8.  
 Port 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.**  
 Velasco, Feb. 8.  
 Columbia, Feb. 11.  
 Katy, Feb. 15.  
 J. KILGORE, P. E.

**Jacksonville District—First Round.**  
 Brushy Creek Cir., at B. 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 & Arp, at Overton, Feb. 22, 23.  
 J. B. TURRENTINE, P. E.

**Marlin District—First Round.**  
 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. BRITS, 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 Piggah, 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. 28, March 1.  
 F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

**Navasota District—First Round.**  
 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.

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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.**  
 Cornett, at Hamill's Chap., Feb. 7, 8.  
 Naples and Osaba at Naples, Feb. 8, 9.  
 Texarkana, First Ch., (Con.) Feb. 9, night.  
 Hughes Springs, at N. S., Feb. 12, 13.  
 Cason, at Cason, Feb. 14, 15.  
 Dalgemar, Feb. 18, 19.  
 Whitesboro, 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.**  
 Mt. Enterprise, at Mt. Enterprise, Feb. 7.  
 Melrose, at Melrose, Feb. 14.  
 Kennard, at Kennard, Feb. 16.  
 Appleby, Prairie Grove, Feb. 21.  
 T. W. WELLS, P. E.

**Tyler District—First Round.**  
 (Revised.)  
 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.  
 Miscola Mis., Feb. 20, at Olive B.  
 Quitman, Feb. 21, at Liberty.  
 Tyler Cir., Feb. 28, March 1, at Bascom.  
 Marvin, March 2.  
 Wills Point Cir., March 5, at Myrtle Spgs.  
 Caston, at Caston, March 6.  
 Ben Wheeler, at B. W. March 7.  
 Colfax, at Oakland, March 8.  
 J. T. SMITH, P. E.

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**Bonham District—First Round.**  
 Petty and Whiteoak, at Whiteoak, Feb. 7, 8.  
 Honey Grove Sta., Feb. 8, 9.  
 Windom Cir., at Windom, Feb. 14, 15.  
 Telephone Cir., at Mansketown, 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.**  
 Ringgold, at Ringgold, Feb. 7, 8.  
 Nacoga Sta., Feb. 8, 9.  
 Archer City, Feb. 14, 15.  
 Megargal, at A., Feb. 15, 16.  
 Post Oak at Post Oak, Feb. 21, 22.  
 Vashit, at Vashit, 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.**  
 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. SENSARAUGH, P. E.

**Decatur District—First Round.**  
 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.  
 Jackboro 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.**  
 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—Second Round.**  
 Wesley Sta., Feb. 15.  
 Campbell Cir., at Friendship, Feb. 21, 22.  
 Lone Oak Cir., at Twin Oak, Feb. 22.  
 Quinlan 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.  
 Kavanaugh Sta., March 15.  
 Lone Oak Sta., March 21, 22.  
 District Conference, at Celeste, March 27-30.  
 Celeste Cir., at Whiteoak, April 4, 5.  
 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.  
 Cadlo Mills, at Clinton, April 25, 26.  
 Fairie 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.

**McKinney District—First Round.**  
 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.**  
 Clarksville Mis., at McCoy, Feb. 7, 8.  
 Deport Cir., at Halesboro, Feb. 14, 15.  
 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.**  
 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.  
 E. G. MOOD, P. E.

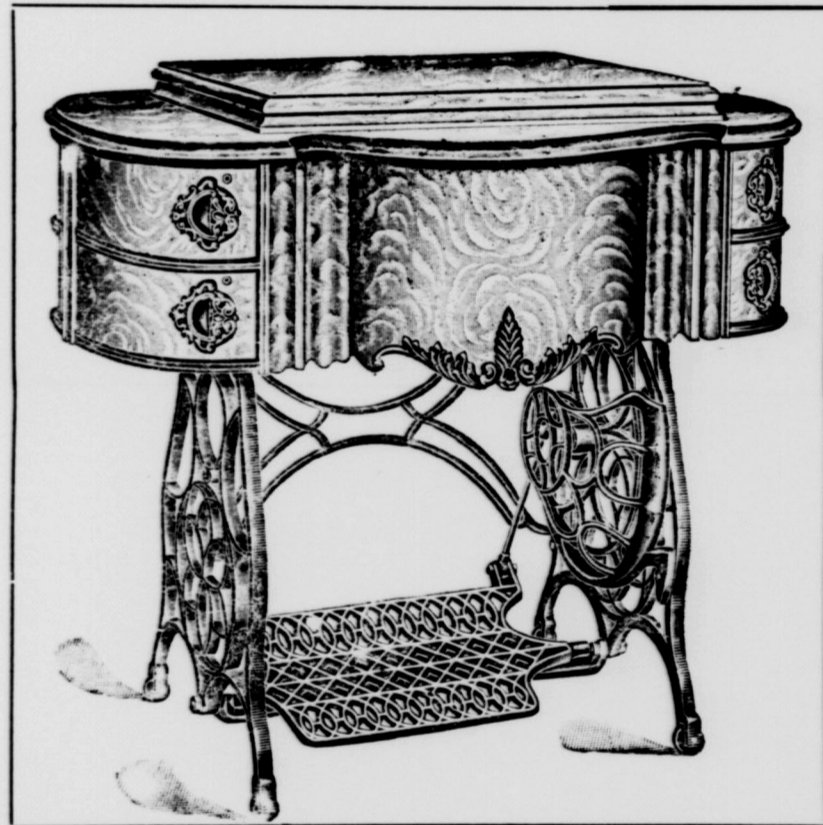
**Sulphur Springs District—First Round.**  
 Purley, at Pickton, Feb. 7, 8.  
 Como and Forest Academy at Como, Feb. 8, 9.  
 Brashear, at Sherley, Feb. 14, 15.  
 Sulphur Bluff, at S. B., Feb. 21, 22.  
 Yowell, at Underwood, Feb. 28, March 1.  
 Sulphur Springs Mis. at Harper's Ch., Mar. 7, 8.  
 Klondike,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

**Terrell District—First Round.**  
 Mesquite Cir., at Montgomery Co., Feb. 7, 8.  
 Crandall and Seagoville, at C., Feb. 8, 9.  
 College M. Cir., at C. M., Feb. 14, 15.  
 Eimo Mis., at E., Feb. 15, 16.  
 Hutchins and Wilmer, at W., Feb. 21, 22.  
 Lancaster Sta., Feb. 22, 23.  
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I have just seen in the Advocate of January 29 a sketch of the life, conversion and death of Rev. W. E. Washburn, and I wish to make a slight correction. Brother Washburn was converted in the Weysigner neighborhood in Montgomery County, Texas, July 29, 1892, under the preaching of H. G. Williams (and not H. G. Wilson). He joined the M. E. Church, South, and was licensed to preach by the Montgomery Circuit, Quarterly Conference, August 14, 1892. H. G. Williams, the pastor, presiding; J. C. Mickle, presiding elder, being absent on a vacation.

H. G. WILLIAMS.


### BISHOPS AND REVIVALS.

I notice a communication from Dr. Packard asking that a law be passed to compel the Bishops to hold at least one revival meeting a year. I don't know about the wisdom of this, but do know that some or most of our Bishops do hold such meetings. As to preaching in the open air on lawns in the evening, I know Bishop Mouzou did this so commonly here last summer, I feel that it might have been called a practice of his.

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The above question must be decided by Southern Methodism. The responsibility of the University's officials must be shifted to Texas Methodists. The demand that the school open cannot be ignored. True, there are reasons for and against, but if we should open, it can only be done by a great onward move of our people.

Recently we sent out a circular to our preachers, stating the conditions of opening, namely, Dallas must finish and pay for her \$300,000 building; second, \$100,000 in cash must be collected by the office, if possible by the first of April, to complete the contract on the Main Building; third, public sentiment must so strongly demand the opening that the miscellaneous material equipment of the buildings and power house may be installed by that time. Of course, this could be done, but it is a great load. There are some people who say it cannot be done, but anything that Texas Methodists want to do is surely possible.

To these letters have come an immense number of replies, but none of a pessimistic spirit—everybody says "we can." We quote from some of them. The sentiment of them is the explanation of the wonderful success of our campaign and sufficient indication of the spirit of Methodism to prove that we can "possess the land" that we have inspected. If the Methodists of Texas say we must open, then we will open, and if so let us make a Big Opening of it.

"I will try to pay the amount of matured payments on my note by April first. I am as anxious for our great undertaking to succeed as I was when it began. You may put me down for this and any other service at my command."—John E. Roach, Georgetown.

"I have a number of men in my charge who are able to contribute to S. M. U., and I am going to use all my influence to get these men to help open the University on TIME. I shall do all in my power to help open S. M. U. on time."—W. L. Wall, Eden.

"I have cheerfully picked cotton to pay my first pledge and will gladly pay the rest that way if necessary."—Arthur T. Bridges, White-wright.

"Everything that I can reasonably do for this cause I am certainly willing to do. The school must open on the above date if possible. To fail in that would most surely embarrass the whole movement very greatly."—A. R. Nash, Decatur.

"I hope that you are having great success in gathering in shekels. I want to see the University opened for business next September. I had rather pay my subscription in full now than for it to fail to do so. If enough will join me we will pay in enough by April first to put the Men's Dormitory through. Of course my subscription is small, but it—\$100—is as much to me as a larger amount is to a man with money. Success to the cause."—T. N. Weeks, Greenville.

"It will not only be a waste of time but money and influence, so I am for the opening on the above mentioned date. I will try to meet another payment before April first, but it is not due before November."—J. H. Walker, Gorman.

"It will be my pleasure to give any assistance that I can and have the opportunity to give toward the opening of S. M. U. by September 15, 1914. I fully believe that it should be opened by that time. Will render any service that I can."—J. D. Ramsey, Weir.

"Open next September without fail. Our people everywhere have expected the opening this fall. Disappoint folks and on our next call they will disappoint us."—S. B. Knowles, Meridian.

### CHANGE SUGGESTED.

I think the law of the Church should be amended in Chapter 3, Section 16, paragraph 291 of Discipline, so as to read as follows:

"To estimate the traveling expenses and salary of the presiding elder, such estimate not to exceed fifteen per cent of the amount assessed by the several Boards of Stewards for the support of their pastors, and apportion the same, etc.

D. C. ROSS.  
Abernathy, Texas.

"If possible the University should open this fall. The Methodists of the State except it, and an early opening will silence some disparaging talk still heard occasionally. On the other hand, money is likely to go in more readily when it is definitely announced that the school will open in September. By all means manage to have a few large gifts to announce at the opening. I am at the service of the officials if there is anything I can do in my territory to aid an immediate opening. But better open a year later than be unprepared in September."—Walter W. Armstrong, Alto.

"I will leave the matter to you fellows on the ground, but can get up some cash on my note if you need it very much. If you can get her to going I would be glad. Make her hum, make her hum!"—C. B. Garrett, Center.

### "Extracts."

"Most emphatically yes. It will spur our people to action. Many who have made notes running for five years will take them up, I believe. Not to open I am afraid would cause a lull in interest. It will serve to keep the attention of our people concentrated on the project. Many who are prospective patrons are expecting it. It is the sign of faith in God and men to go forward at this time. What stronger lever could you use when pressing the cause than it is necessary to do this to open our school in September. I think all our people expect and demand it."—H. C. Willis, Longview.

"Do all things possible to open it by that time."—T. M. Lovell, Detroit.

"I believe it should be opened in September if possible. Circumstances demand it, for the people will not understand the reasons why it could not be opened. Then again, we must look after our boys and girls, and not send them off to the State schools where they have no religious instruction."—W. W. Barnett, Paradise.

"I hope it will be possible to open this fall. I am sending check on my note and expect to send balance about April 10th."—Jno. W. Hawkins, Seranton.

"We should open by all means in September this year. The interest of the University should not be sidetracked for any cause. We must keep faith with the people and without fail fulfill our promises to them. Hope every one will pay their pledge even if they must borrow the money. I hope we can soon announce for students and open with more than one thousand in September."—M. S. Hotchkiss, Mineral Wells.

"By all manner of means open the University on date named. If necessary, and if the necessary number of subscribers will do likewise, I will borrow the remainder of my subscription and pay the whole off."—C. M. Harless, Greenville.

"I am indeed anxious to see S. M. U. open at the appointed time, and am willing to do all in my power to assist in the advancement that is being made."—D. S. Burke, Matazorda.

"Surely if possible at all, open the University this coming fall. I know of nothing I can do to help bring that about, but my heart cries within me for ability to do."—L. C. Mathis, Bastrop.

"Wife and self are with you heart and soul. If our balance will be of any use will pay before April 1, 1914."—Geo. N. Goodwyn and Wife, Atlanta.

"By all means open if possible to arrange for it. My notes are not due until next fall, but I may be able to send you \$100 about the first of April. Will try to do so. Yours for opening."—Glenn Filinn, Bryan.

"I am sure that the school should open this fall, whether you realize the amount asked for or not. It is not absolutely necessary that everything should be "just so" to begin work. Too much may be undertaken before a beginning is made, and the opening deferred to the disappointment of many,

### AN OLD WARRIOR.

For thirty-two years this scribe has been a reader of the Texas Christian Advocate, and for six years I have been a supernumerary preacher, and during these six years the Advocate has been more fully appreciated. I anticipate great pleasure and benefit from its weekly visits to our home. The Nashville and St. Louis Advocates and the Methodist Review with other good papers come to our home weekly which are very helpful to us in

who may be compelled to send elsewhere on account of deferring the opening and may be lost to the school permanently."—R. F. Dunn, Maypearl.

"I am heartily in favor of opening on the above date, if we can make a creditable beginning. There is danger of opening too early, but it looks like we must open this fall or we shall lose many young people, and in many ways hundreds of our constituency over the State will lose their enthusiasm. The people are almost demanding that we open this fall. I guess we had better undertake it."—L. B. Elrod, Jacksonville.

"I am in most hearty accord with the praiseworthy movement to found a great university for our Church in this Southland, and shall pray and labor to attain the end. God helping me."—Ernest G. Cooke, Rockdale.

"I am heartily in favor of opening Southern Methodist University September 15, 1914, as I think delay means loss. I am willing to do all I can to overcome the difficulties in the way."—Josephus Lee, Ferris.

"This seems to me to be a great deal of work to be accomplished in so short a time, but I believe we can do it and that we ought to do it. Further, I am willing and determined to do all in my power to see that it is done. Of course I realize that such a work cannot be accomplished in a day, and will await the opening of S. M. U. with as much patience as possible, but I long for the time to come when I can witness the formal opening of a great Methodist school in our own State. Yours for all that I can do."—J. W. Beck, Bellevue.

"I favor the energetic prosecution of the work so that if it can be done to open next fall. However, I do not favor opening until everything is in readiness for it. We had better wait another year than to open before we are fully prepared for it."—A. A. Wagon, Rosebud.

"I am ready to co-operate in any way I can to make possible for the Southern Methodist University to open September 15, 1914. Anything I can do command me."—A. P. Hightower, Petty.

"I am very much in favor of opening at the first possible moment, not only Men's Department but Women's as well."—J. B. Turrentine, Jacksonville.

"If it can be done, let it be done. If those in authority decide to open I will take up my note by April first; that is, pay off the whole thing."—C. F. Smith, Brenham.

I have three fine boys, from four to eleven years of age, that I hope to be able to send to this grand school of ours. Dr. Hyer was my instructor in the years gone by, and I hope my boys will have the pleasure of being under his care some day. Wishing you much success, I am yours truly,  
2307 N. King Street, Greenville.

You will, of course, understand we have not quoted from every letter received, for they come in every mail even after this goes to the printer. The consensus of opinion is that we open. When we have received enough replies we will then start the campaign for the opening. Let us know how you feel on the subject. This is once when we must stand as a united family on this subject, shoulder to shoulder, in order to overcome all the difficulties that are in the way. We have no room for drones; every one has a task to do and must be busy early and late helping the great work on.

Dear Frank.—The Ministers' Memorial is a regular "campmeeting" proposition whenever and wherever it is presented. A few days since Brother W. C. Hutcheson and good wife, of Lytle, subscribed \$500 to the Theological Department, and nominated for a place on the Memorial Tablet the name of Rev. Jno. S. Gillette, of sacred memory. These good people felt so

rejoiced over the gift and the memorial they had placed to the memory of one so worthy, they expressed their joy in the "good old-fashioned way," by "raising a shout in the camp." It was a good meeting and everybody present was happy. This rejoicing has been the case in almost every instance where I have presented this gracious plan. Let our people volunteer for this work.

The following are the names thus far nominated for this memorial: Rev. Jno. S. Lane, by his wife; Rev. Jno. A. Wright, by E. C. Clabaugh; Rev. James E. Ferguson, by his son, James A. Ferguson; Rev. Louis P. Lively, Judge J. O. Terrell; Rev. Marshall C. Simpson, Mrs. J. O. Terrell; Rev. Abe Mulkey, Sam Sparks and wife; Rev. A. N. Law, W. C. Lott; Rev. E. R. Boreus, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Meyers; Rev. Caleb Smith, Senator J. J. Faulk; Rev. E. L. Armstrong, Mrs. Jennie Faulk; Rev. W. F. Lloyd, D. D., his sons; Rev. Jno. S. Gillette, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hutcheson; Rev. Homer S. Thrall, D. D., by Dr. J. W. Carhart.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 23, 1914.  
Rev. J. D. Young, Commissioner  
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

My Dear Brother.—Yours of the 16th instant is at hand. I can give you March 15th to 22nd, inclusive, for the Key Memorial Campaign, if these dates will suit. Let me know.  
Sincerely,  
J. H. McCOY.

The work is a glorious one; let all help. Let individuals, let families, let Churches memorialize and honor the names of our heroes of the cross and bring honor to themselves by having a part in the gracious work. Literature for the asking.  
J. D. YOUNG,  
Commissioner in Charge.

Commissioner W. B. Wilson is a type all to himself. In a very quiet way he slips in and out of the office, but always returns with results. He is in more respects than one a working bee—no drone or butterfly about him. At any rate, he is doing good work for S. M. U. Just as we go to press he has returned from a few days' campaign in Lampasas District, bringing in \$1750, mostly for the endowment fund of the Theological Department. Thus the campaign grows, the endowment increases and the day when S. M. U. is a genuine University draws steadily near.

Commissioner "Jim Dandy" Young is moving some these days. He is just in from a trip in the San Antonio, Pearsall, Floresville country and reports between \$4000 and \$5000. This was in territory he worked last year, and yet he reports "the half has hardly been told." This amount is for the "Key Memorial" and the "Ministers' Memorial." Thus the good work goes on.

WANTED—A certain town in Texas of 12,000 population wishes a superintendent of public schools for next year; salary, \$2500 to \$3000. They want a man who represents Methodism and is in line with the great movements thereof.

WANTED—Physicians. We have two applications on the University desk for Methodist doctors, men who will go into splendid rich communities and prove their efficiency, not only as physicians and surgeons, but as Sunday School workers and efficient Church officials. Two of the best communities in Texas.

WANTED—Pharmacist. A certain town in Southern Texas writes for a first-class Methodist pharmacist. This is one more than we are able to supply.

Are you one of the above named men? If you are there is a good place for you. We have now reached the period when school teachers are expected to stand for more than a "first-class certificate." Their influence and lives must stand for more than knowledge of books.

of the service of my Master. I regret only that I cannot still move with the advancing line, but I must "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord," but as the laborers fall out by the way the Lord of the harvest raises up more laborers and sends them out, so the work moves on and as we cannot be active any more we can still pray for the success of our great Church.  
Burke, Texas. J. D. BURKE.

our loneliness. My good wife has been sick for six months, not able to do anything at all and suffers continually, so I am kept very close at home, neither one of us can attend Church, which is a very great affliction, but I am waiting patiently for the end; cannot tell how soon the end may come, but I am ready to go or stay. I have been on the Christian warpath for forty-five years, for thirty-two in the ministry and for twenty-six in the itinerancy. I am not in the least tired