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## State-wide Prohibition An Issue

**S**UBMISSION and State-wide prohibition are issues now before the people in a sort of preliminary way. You cannot separate these issues from the political campaign in progress today. The two leading candidates for Governor are standing out well defined in their relation to these issues. You cannot think of either one of them without thinking of prohibition on the one hand and the saloon on other.

Col. Thomas H. Ball stands for submission and for State-wide prohibition. He has a record of more than thirty years standing on these questions. He has never sounded a false or a doubtful note concerning them. In 1887 he helped to fight the battles of State-wide prohibition when it was a fearfully unpopular issue in Texas. In that campaign it was snowed under by a majority of practically 92,000. Yet Col. Ball was just as true to it as though it had been the popular and dominant issue of that day. In the years following until 1911 he stood foursquare for local option and legislative restriction, and when our last State-wide campaign, in 1911, came on he headed our forces with his personal leadership and came very nearly sweeping the State into the dry column. We really won the election, but we were cheated out of it by a narrow margin. No one has ever doubted his soundness on the prohibition issue.

And he is standing solidly in his old position today. He stated his views lucidly and unequivocally in his opening speech, and the saloons and the brewers, headed by Col. Jacob Wolters, are lined up solidly against him. They recognize in him an open and an avowed enemy. They know that his election means their undoing and the concentrated influence of their organization will be hurled against him. It is not a question of morals or of politics with them; it is a question of life or death. They want to continue to live and as a result they want Col. Ball to die, politically. Otherwise they recognize the fact they will die ingloriously. Concerning this question they have no sort of doubt.

Mr. Ferguson is against submission and against State-wide prohibition. Yes, he has consistently opposed local option in Bell County in every local option campaign in that county. He has stood with the saloons with his money and his influence. He did more to reinstate the saloons after the county had been dry than any other half dozen men in that county; and he has done more to keep the saloons in that county since then than any dozen men in and around Temple. In 1911 he joined forces with the antis and did his utmost to defeat State-wide prohibition. He does not deny these facts and no one of his supporters doubts

them for a moment. He has always been an extreme anti-prohibitionist and he is more extreme in his opposition to any and all forms of prohibition than ever before. At Houston he came out broadly and acrimoniously against all forms of prohibition and in favor of the open saloon.

But the antis are trying to make it appear that prohibition is not an issue in this campaign and that it ought to be eliminated. Yet petitions are now scattered all over the State and people are signing them asking the State Democratic Committee to place submission on the ballot to be voted on in the coming primary election. The right to put the issue in the democratic platform, according to the laws of the State, is now uppermost in the minds of the people. Multiplied thousands of signatures are being placed to these petitions demanding submission. All the preparations necessary to get the next Legislature to submit an amendment to the Constitution of the State, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicants, is already formulated and that part of the battle is now on. Despite the efforts of the antis, led by Mr. Ferguson, State-wide prohibition is the dominant issue before the voters of Texas and to eliminate it would be to eliminate the campaign itself. The people are determined to settle this question at the ballot box and that is the issue today. The antis know it, the saloons know it and Mr. Ferguson knows it. The people are determined to undo and reverse the tragedy of 1911.

Therefore, let our people all sign these submission petitions and let our preachers call attention to this matter that people may rally to this movement. This phase of it is not partisan politics, such as the pulpit ought to eschew. It is a great moral issue, involving the weal of the individual, the weal of the community and the weal of humanity. The Church is deeply interested in this movement. The organized liquor forces are in opposition to it, and the anti politicians dread and fear it like death. They do not want the saloon disturbed. But God-fearing people know what the saloon is and for what it stands. It is against God, against the Church, against the home and against the womanhood and childhood of the country. To kill it is the duty of every good, law-abiding citizen. And this submission movement is the preliminary step in its death. We repeat, then, let our preachers call attention to these submission petitions, get them largely signed at the earliest possible moment that they may speak with emphasis to the committee about the first of June.

It is the old fight now before us. It is as old as the diabolism of the saloon and it will not cease until the saloon is a

dead issue in Texas. It has disturbed the peace of Texas throughout its history; it has corrupted our politics; it has debauched our citizens; it has thrust its monstrous head into all the affairs of the State; it has populated our prisons, and its bloody tracks are prominent in all the walks of public and private life. It is our duty to line up against it, to strike it a death blow and then drag its foul carcass away from the haunts of human habitation. We have had enough of its deviltry, and Mr. Ferguson and his cohorts need not deceive themselves. The fight is now on in full blast. On with the battle!

### HASTY JUDGMENT.

**O**NE of the most common faults with us all is to indulge in hasty conclusions, not waiting to get all the evidence in before a decision has been formed. If we reserve judgment until a full investigation is had, it will be better for all parties. A hasty judgment sometimes brings great, but unnecessary, suffering to the one passing judgment because it is often found that when the facts are known the hasty judgment was altogether in error. The wise man, the self-controlled man, holds in abeyance the first judgment based on partial evidence until a second and a fuller investigation can be made. But who of us is wise and self-controlled always? The things that bring out hasty judgment, which are usually wrong, are the unexpected things, the sudden things and the apparently unfriendly things that come up suddenly. Be not hasty to utter adverse judgments.

### STRANGE BUT TRUE.

**I**N this time when so much is being written and said about the desirability of organic unity of the Christian Churches, isn't it a strange ecclesiastical phenomenon that those who advocate most strenuously the union of the Churches, lay down a platform for such union and announce that they are already standing on it with both feet, have built their own sectarian platform which contains one or more tenets as essential to unity that other Christians cannot accept without stultifying themselves? Unity pamphlets are sent out, pleading for unity, that make a condition that is both unreasonable and distasteful. If organic unity of the Churches ever comes, it will be based on a platform of faith and order made up of what is common in all Churches. No sectarian tenet will have any place there. These deluded advocates of unity need to go back and study the greatest common divisor as worked out in Ray's Arithmetic, in the making of which only common factors are taken. It is just so in making this unity platform. No plank now peculiar to Methodism, or

to the Baptists, or to the Episcopalians, or to the Presbyterians can be used, but planks common to them all must be taken. The talk for unity that says: "All others must accept our characteristic sectarian plank," is worse than futile. They are talking one way and living another way.

### THE STURDY FATHERS.

**T**HOMAS COKE, ordained Bishop by John Wesley and sent over to America to ordain Asbury, undertook to form a union of Methodism and Protestant Episcopalianism in America. He easily won the consent of the four Protestant Episcopal Bishops, Seabury, White, Provost and Madison. American Methodism took the matter up and investigated Dr. Coke's efforts and put a complete stop to the agitation of that question. Coke tried, sometime before, to effect a union of Wesleyan Methodism and the Church of England. In this, also, he failed. Those fathers of Methodism, on both sides of the Atlantic, were strong enough to stand for an organic Methodism, untrammelled and open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Had Coke's plan for organic union carried the history of the United States and of the world might have been different. God has used Methodism, as an organic force, for results that very likely could never have been accomplished through any other agency. Has the mission of Methodism ended? With her millions of members, has God nothing further for her to work out in world history? Sturdy fathers at the close of the eighteenth century, should have sturdy sons in the twentieth century.

You permit yourself to fly into an ungodly temper, say mean things and do ugly acts; and then you excuse yourself by saying that you did not mean anything by it. Neither did the cyclone mean anything when in two minutes it swept over the community, but it left wreckage and death in its wake.

When there were but twelve disciples with the Master as their daily teacher and companion, they had envies and jealousies. They did not each esteem the other better than himself. They wanted the chief places in the kingdom. And in the end one of them betrayed him and another denied him. Are you surprised to find some of this spirit in the ministry and in the Church today when millions make up its membership?

The scandal-monger has a nose for the unsavory and the disagreeable. Sweet odors and delicious flavors have no attraction for him or for her. Such a person is not in search of flowers and beauties; but it is the grotesque and the offensive that he or she is in quest of. Give the scandal-monger a wide berth.



# Our Mothers

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Around the word "mother" cluster the most hallowed associations of life. The name is a sacred word. It lies on the heart of childhood like the dewdrops on the rose of summer. It lingers in memory in after years to develop and sustain the virtues of its early planting. It links the cradle with a crown. When age stands on the brink of time, our hearts anticipate a happy reunion beyond, and the name "mother" beckons on. Mother holds in her hand the secret springs that govern the nations. She moulds the minds that move the world. Earth's good and great, who have carved their names on the history of time, attribute their success in life to her influence. John Quincy Adams said: "I owe all that I am to my mother." Thomas H. Benton said: "Whatever success I have achieved in life, I owe to my mother." "All that I am, and hope to be," said Lincoln, "I owe to my angel mother." "All that I have accomplished in life," said D. L. Moody, "I attribute to the grace of God and a prayerful mother." The great Hooker used to say: "If I had no other reason for being religious, I would earnestly strive to be so for the sake of my aged mother."

The model mother is a crowned and sceptered queen. Her reign is universal. Her empire of influence is eternal. Her presence is a constant inspiration to her children while she lives, and the memory is most sacred when the flowers bloom over her sleeping dust. A mother's love is a magnetic power that attracts her child heavenward. It gathers to itself additional power in death. She may die in our infancy, yet that love will live and charm our hearts amid all the varied scenes of a long and eventful life. Unlike other things which are effaced by distance, the years of separation but embellish and make more real the smiles, the caresses, the kisses and the prayers of mother. These blessings, let them be in fancy or in fact, never fade from memory. The wayward wanderer in all his wanderings, never passes beyond them. Let him roam through the waving forests of the Western wilds, sit down amid the silent glaciers of the distant Northland, or stand upon the gentle slopes of the sunny South; yet ever and anon, thoughts of mother will steal softly into his soul, and in the reveries of memory he lives over again the happy days of childhood, when he had a home and a mother. These visions of mother linger with him. They are like the memory of a happy dream. They are his most valued treasures. Behind rugged exterior they are the jeweled casket in which he keeps an image of mother. Who knows but that these sacred memories are the whispering angels sent through mothers' prayers to beckon him homeward and heavenward.

Yes, from some of your lives mother went away in the long ago. Recollection holds but a faint fact of her having had an existence. Yet fancy pictures one in the form of an angel bending low to kiss your infant lips. It seemed just as you would smile upon her face for the first time, death rushes in and takes her away, and

you were left upon life's sea with no pilot to direct you. Others remember well the happy days of mother's life in the home. At eventide, when the day's work was done, you sat at mother's side and watched the setting sun, and saw the day fade softly into night. The birds ceased to sing, and all was very still. You drew your little chair close to mother's knee and there learned from her lips that "God was in the sky, that he looked down on all you did, with an ever watchful eye." You climbed upon her lap and was soon borne across the bar into the garden of dreamland, where you saw all manner of golden winged birds and bees nesting in flowers and trees. You did not know when mother put you to bed and knelt and prayed God to keep and bless her child. Little did you think that the time would come when you would pass from the portals of home, and launch out upon the sea of life, without those gentle hands to guide you through the storms of after years. But there came a time when mother went away and did not come back. You remember how strange was that stillness where once was song. You saw little garments lie unattended. Others gave you the goodnight kiss, or perhaps there was no one to kiss you. You felt lonely, and you have never ceased to realize that mother was really dead! But have you not felt a thousand times she is your mother? That she, being dead, yet speaketh to you? Perhaps she went away in your infancy. You have no remembrance of having seen her. Nevertheless, you have long since painted her in fancy and she has been your mother in fact. Through life she has been your guardian angel. You have felt her magic touch in its sunshine and its shadows. O may you not only enshrine her memory, but do nothing that would dishonor her name. Sacred, sainted, sublime, immortal motherhood! We, who believe in God, believe also in you. We'll cherish your hallowed memory. It is our best legacy. Like yourself while here, we, too, have no continuing city, but seek one. We are traveling your way, and will meet you when we have crossed the breakers.

But not all mothers are gone from us. Many of them live and will continue to live until perchance they outlive us. They have cared for us in infancy, toiled for us in childhood, nursed us in affliction, grieved at our misfortunes and rejoiced at our successes. What shall we render to them for these blessings? Let each one whose mother lives, resolve to grieve her not at all, and to make her more happy the remainder of her earthly pilgrimage. If she is with you, study the things that will most please her. If separated from you, write her a letter each week. Date it Monday, and tell her how you spent your Sunday. Send her trinkets and flowers. Better still, a bouquet of kisses gathered from the garden of your affections. Bunch them together in your own way. Perhaps you are busy, and must write hurriedly, but mother has leisure and will understand you. She always was optimistic, seeing the very best there was in you. O how these weekly letters will deepen and broaden in her soul this sublimest of all rivers!

# The Ministry Of Hope

By REV. S. S. MCKENNEY, *Nacogdoches, Texas.*

Christian experience relates a man to all time; the past, the present, the future. To represent these respective states the Scriptures use three terms with which all of us are familiar: Pardon, Assurance, Hope. The sins of the past are separated from us "as far as the east is from the west;" the experience of the present is "as assuring as the joint-witness of God's Spirit and ours can make it; the prospects of the future are "as bright as the promises of God." Hence our salvation filling the whole round of time becomes in truth "an everlasting salvation." It does not all lie in possession. Much of it—yea most of it—is yet in expectation. The best is now ahead of us: "It doth not yet appear what we shall be." Though the present be dark with clouds of sorrow, the future is spanned with rainbows of hope. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." This then is our consolation: "We are saved by hope!"

Saving hope must have two distinguishing characteristics: It must rest upon a present experience, and reach toward a personal Lord. Hope cannot live apart from experience. "Tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope." "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth him-

self." Such hope must ever grow out of a living experience and express itself in personal purity. To hope then in more than to desire, it is also to reasonably expect. We may desire that which we have no expectation of receiving; we cannot hope for it. Our desires may be so groundless as to make us miserable, as when we long for the recovery of a lost possession or the restoration of lost health neither of which we expect; but it is all different when we hope. Desires may mock us; hope saves!

But hope must also have an object as well as a foundation; it must reach toward a personal Lord. "Hope thou in God!" Man is not self-sufficient. God is not only the Author of his faith, but the Object of his hope: "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil." Only that soul is safe amidst the drifting tides and driving tempests the anchor of whose hope reaches out into the beyond and takes hold upon the changeless and eternal. But, as a reminder of constant obligation, we should not forget that our present faith is the ground of our future hope; it is the chain that holds the anchor. Hence our Lord said to Peter: "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not." It is ostrich-like blindness

not to see that if faith fails, all fails; if the chain breaks the anchor is lost, and we are at the mercy of winds and waves.

Hope is essential in every department of life. It inspires the farmer as he goes forth to prepare the soil and sow the seed. It encourages the physician as he grapples with disease and nurses his patients back to health. It stimulates the statesman as he pleads for a better citizenship and juster laws. It sustains the minister as he wins the sinning, comforts the sorrowing, and tells the triumphs of the cross. In every sphere of human endeavor we are saved by hope.

Hope is the mainspring of human life. I have listened to the old clock wearily ticking away the calendar of time. On either side were ponderous weights; at the center the spring contracted and expanded by turn. Take away its burdensome weights and the old clock would run away with itself; take away the mainspring and it would not run at all. So it is with life; our burdens save us from running into fanaticism, while hope makes it possible for us to run at all. Hope is God's white-winged angel that comes to us in the midnight of our sorrows and sufferings, and the darkness shines as the day. Scientists tell us that the fiercest whirlpools that stir the sea and the most terrible whirlwinds that darken the sky have each a quiet and undisturbed center. So amidst all the conflicts and calamities of life may be found "the secret place of the Most High."

Among the myths of ancient Greece may be found an illustrious example of the ministry of hope. The story is told of how Prometheus secured a human body and going up to heaven stole enough celestial fire to animate it. Jupiter became incensed at the theft and sent down Pandora with a box full of diseases and plagues of every kind as an ensnaring present to Prometheus, but he refused to accept it. Epimetheus took the box and opened it, and to his horror all those diseases and ills which have ever since been the bane and blight of humanity came forth and went flying down the world on their deadly mission among men. But Hope remained at the bottom of the box! So it ever is. Men find in the Pandora box of human life a thousand evils and ills, but also they find therein the hope that abides to the end and sustains amid every trial. "Hope springs eternal in the human breast."

We want a hope that saves from sin, despair and desperation; that looks for what it sees not and with patience waits for it. It is this which alone can inspire life, or even make it worth living. Not he who can mix drugs most skillfully and write prescriptions most accurately is the best physician, but he who can inspire the patient with hope. The very presence, the confident air of such an one will calm the fevered brain, steady the fluttering heart, and restore hope in nature's last struggle. The truest minister is not he who can speak most fluently to the congregation or write most eloquently, and display the profoundest scholarship, but he who can tell the sinner the way to pardon and purity and point the broken-hearted to the sympathizing and sustaining Comforter. This is the highest mission in life.

During the World's Exposition in St. Louis I was one among thousands of visitors. As one of those eventful days drew to its close and threw its sable robes around the queenly form of Night while placing upon her ancient brow a diadem of stars, some of us having gone into the great Ferris Wheel had been slowly and almost unconsciously lifted to the full height of its diameter, two hundred and fifty-five feet above the surging tides of humanity. Then, as if poised in mid-air, our great car came to a standstill. Above us were the silent heavens with its islands of light obscured now and then by dying clouds that moved like huge battalions and black squadrons in the upper deep. Below the mighty throng swayed to and fro like the tides of an unresting ocean. Suddenly a great light shone about us, illuminating us with noontide splendor the grounds, the wheel, the sky. What was the explanation of it? I looked to see, and lo! a great searchlight was turned upon us from another quarter of the exposition grounds a mile away, and that wedge of light had widened into a sea of glory that dispelled the gloom of earth and flashed far into the heavens, drowning the stars in radiant flood and literally transforming the clouds into luminous satellites. Then as I stood in solemn meditation I seemed to catch a vision of the far future. I thought of the lamp of faith as it sends forth its light of hope, ever widening and brightening till it fills all the heavens and the whole round of eternity with its ineffable glory! "The best is yet to be." Hope, like a tender shepherd, is leading on. Like

a ministering angel, she cheers us by the way. As by magic, at her Lord's command, she transforms the clouds into covenants to tell us that the storms will pass and the light shine again. Into that full light may we come at last in full fruition of our fairest hopes and holiest ambitions! A train was sweeping through an open country as the passengers viewed with delight the ever-changing panorama of fields and forests, hills and dales. Then the scene was changed again; the train darted into a tunnel, and all was dark. A little girl, who until now had sat quietly at her mother's side, sprang into the parent's lap and passionately entwined her dimpled arms about her neck as she exclaimed: "O, mother, it's so dark!" But the mother pressed the child to her heart as she said: "Yes, my child, it is dark, but when we have passed through the tunnel we will see the city!" Even so in life. The way may seem dark and dreary at times; the shadows may close in upon us. For we, too, must pass "through the valley of the shadow of death," but home and friends are just beyond. The "city which hath foundations" is gleaming upon the hills afar; its towers are kissed with the rising light of an immortal morning cloudless and calm. When the darkness of earth is past we shall dwell at home in our Father's house in the everlasting city "whose Builder and Maker is God!"

## UNITY IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Within the last hundred years the Christian Church has created a large part of those social and educational agencies which have made it effective. In the early centuries the preaching services and the classes for catechisms were considered sufficient.

The Sunday School was the first great modern agency developed for the religious education of the Church. From simple beginnings it has become the Church's most important single agency for education. Later on the organizations for mission study among children and women sprang up. The next important movement was the organization of the young people in such societies as the Christian Endeavor and Epworth League. These came very largely in response to a desire for expressional activity. Within the Sunday School itself the organized class is the most recent development. Also independent societies such as the Baraca and Philathea classes were organized.

In reviewing the entire history of the Christian Church the historian can easily discern that each succeeding new movement was in response to real need and grew out of the stirrings of the Spirit of Life.

The Methodist Church has shared in all this new social and educational movement. One by one each new department has been added as the need was felt. But these departments present the appearance of a building, the various rooms of which have been added as the family has grown in numbers. There is no unity of architectural structure.

This is the present situation with the various branches of the Protestant Church in America, and our Church is no exception to the rule. The various departments have been added during the decades, and now there is no unity in our educational plan. The Sunday School, the Epworth League, the missionary societies, and all the rest, go on their way, each arranging its course with little or no reference to the study courses of the others.

We need unity in our educational effort. This could be secured through the creation of a board whose duty it would be to think through the courses needed in all the different organizations for a number of years. In this way some intelligent use could be made of our opportunity. Such a board could be formed from all the other boards, each one being represented by trained experts who would know how to arrange the courses so that they would present a well rounded study. Certainly, this is a field in which the General Conference now in session could render to the Church at large some genuine service.

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## THE DESTINY OF EARLY YEARS.

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It hardly seems equal that we should begin life at such disadvantage. Life's habits are largely formed before we are aware of the right or the wrong. A few days ago I heard a four-year-old child using language upon the street that would make a heathen blush, and the child was innocent of the wrong. Our habits, appetites, tastes and passions are largely established before we have had experience. I have known children whose virtue was gone before they knew that it existed. Their eyes were opened, but too late. Of

how vital importance is an early impression? Oftimes it is a matter of life or death.

We receive life at midpoints between life and death, at the point we call innocence. From this point the life will be fashioned by the influences that are most prevalent about it. Nothing but a supremacy of good will overcome the evil of the world. The influence of Sunday School is great, but do we expect one hour of good to overcome eighty-three hours of evil? "Learn not the way of the heathen," (Jer. 10:2). God knows that the mind that is capacitated to learn must learn some way; good or bad—the yearning for a way must be gratified. If we permit evil to have the greatest sway over the hungry mind the twig will be bent and so the tree will grow; it may be straightened, but it will be scared, it will be blighted. Straight walls are not built on crooked foundations, or symmetry on haphazards. The laying of the foundation determines the shape of the building. Childhood and youth is the foundation of the life. The reason that we have so many careless-lived members of the Church (I draw the line of demarcation between the Church member and the Christian) who are smutty in thought and word, is because they laid the foundation in the vulgar and the low. They are schooled in that kind of language. They cannot forget. It is the foundation of their being.

We are not born fallen and corrupt, though some men cannot remember when they were corrupted, so young were they, but the gift of life is of God. The estrangement of it from Him is of Satan. If we are born corrupt and depraved Jesus Christ's death was a failure; He came to restore what we lost in Adam, and it was freedom from sin that man lost in Adam and that is what he gained in Christ. We must choose one of the horns of the dilemma—Arminianism or Universalism. All men are saved somewhere or Christ died in vain. If it is said that all shall be made alive to God again in the world to come, then all must be saved. For "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive again"—shall is not future tense in this relation.—1 Cor. 15:22.) And "As by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon all men to justification of life." All are made alive somewhere. But where?

It behooves us then that we who are parents to see that the highest quality of influence shall be put about our children that they should develop the highest foundation upon which the superstructure of a full developed and finished character is to stand. The crazy fad that some small-witted people have that we must submit to the teaching of dancing in our public schools, and the allowing of dancing in the sub-departments, is undermining the character of our children. The character of the teacher that has control of the life of my child for more than half of his wakeful hours is of some importance to me. You say that I do not have to support this kind of a sub-department if I do not want to. No, but the current is far-reaching, and I cannot let my neighbor's child go to ruin without his holding to the life of his associates. Heredity is no stronger than that it capacitates the mind for greater good or evil. Heredity gives strength or weakness, and that inherited strength may be exerted in the wrong direction. We inherit a strong or weak mind, and this makes a difference that environ can never supply, but the course that the strength shall pursue is determined by the influences that are put about it. "The Kingdom in the Cradle" is no mean theme. We must save the children if we would save the world. Recently I have talked with thirty-five children whose minds were opened to the good and in the same community there are many older ones whose lives have been deformed by sin until the good makes little impression. We gloat and brag of the influencing of older persons to accept Christ, and ignore the child life that is crying out for the help that we might give, and we are wasting much time trying to win one hard sinner that might win a score of children, but when won, the old sinner is soon back in sin, or at least making a poor recommendation of His cause, and letting the children get into the same mire where we helped to pull one hard adult. An ounce of preventive is said to be worth a pound of cure. Shall the children of this generation be wiser than the children of light? The man that prevents sin and the community or Church that has the vision to hold sin at bay is wiser than he that invented the "Keeley Cure." "Lift up strong minds," says Breece, "and they will lift up the race."

Few men are convinced of error. Arguments are vain when the life is in the groove. After twenty-five men seldom change. "Gentlemen or boor



at twenty-five is destiny or doom." Men's heredity have been so strengthened or weakened by the time that they are twenty-five that it will shape their after life. Some men are born hermits. This is a feature of heredity that is of great advantage in the evil prevalence of the world. But it is disadvantaged in that while it keeps out the evil it is not so susceptible of good. An immunity limits the social capacity. Right homes will destroy the necessity of juvenile courts, and conscientious parenthood the necessity of the reformatory. One cannot do it by himself, but an awakening to the need of childhood of all the fathers and mothers of the land will mean the heralding of a higher humanity, a more refined society, a purer race, a nobler Nation. In the Country Gentleman I saw an article recently of a community that hired an inefficient teacher because she could be had for thirty-five dollars the month, and the same community had a company horse (an imported breed) and gave seventy-five dollars for the best man to be found to keep him. When children are worth less than colts we will leave a poor heritage to humanity. Or for illustration, Dr. Kerns tells of the man of the mountains who whipped his wife for letting the children eat the bread up from the pup, saying: "Any fool knows that a kid can get along most any way, but a coon dog pup has to have a chance if he ever amounts to anything." It is time that we awake to the demands of the young life about us. Save the world by saving the child life.

**THE SOUNDING ANGELS OF THE SEVENTH SEAL IN REVELATION.**

In following the historical events of time from the earthquake of Lisbon in A. D. 1755, and the first angel, covering the period from 1756 till 1775; the second from 1776 till near the year 1869, the third corroborating with the life of Napoleon Bonaparte from 1809 till 1815, we find the chart of time giving an illustration of the demoralized condition of the nations in Europe. Rev. 8:12. And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened and the day shone not for a third part of it and the night likewise.

Some writers endeavor to apply prophecies of this kind to the literal sun, moon and stars, but find difficulties in language of this kind to give a reasonable explanation.

The words appear to have a direct reference to men in power, some emperors, kings and potentates of different stations of authority. The third angel gave the state and condition of the Christian nations, the fountains of waters being engaged in wars wherein many men died, because the period was made bitter to endure. The fourth angel describes the result of the conflict when the war ended as it did in the year A. D. 1815, after Napoleon was defeated at the battle of Waterloo.

The crowned heads of Europe gave manifestations of their smitten condition at that time in the formation of a Holy Alliance in Paris of France, September 22, A. D. 1815, when men like Alexander of Russia, Francis of Austria, Frederick William III, of Prussia took an oath: "That in accordance with the words in the Holy Scripture, which commands all men to love one another as brethren, they would remain united in the bonds of true and brotherly love.

Their usefulness as rulers of nations was darkened in the midst of Christian nations, where the seed of light and of darkness was sown broadcast side by side, to the people. St. John added this prophecy in Rev. 8:13: "And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, 'Woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound.'" Rev. 16:8-9. And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat and blasphemed the name of God, which had power over these plagues; and they repented not, to give him glory.

The declaration of the rulers in Europe failed to give God the glory; also failed to acknowledge that God had the power over the plagues through which the nations had passed; but united together with the Holy Alliance for the purpose of preventing in their own power to have another repetition pass through Europe through the influence of one man, namely Napoleon. They all had been scorched with great heat, as prophecy foretold, that they should be.

**The Fifth Angel.**

Rev. 9:1. And the fifth angel sound-

ed, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto earth; and to him was given the key to the bottomless pit.

And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the pit.

These passages of prophecy give another illustration of another individual appearing amidst the Christian nations, as the star of the sounding of the third angel, described in that prophecy as the star of wormwood.

The description of this period of time compels me to point to Abraham Lincoln as the man that was to receive the power from on high to unlock the darkened institution of slavery with the Emancipation Proclamation.

The sun and air were darkened as the smoke of a great furnace, in these United States from the time he was nominated at Chicago, May 16, 1860, till he was elected as President of these United States November 6, 1860. It was the sentiments he had advocated, and the platform attached to his name, that produced the agitation and controversy of opening the bottomless pit in the year 1860 in the North, and also in the South, that led to the beginning of the war in 1861.

And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth; and to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. The great agitation over slavery in 1860 developed into a war in 1861, when armies were gathered in the Northern States and also in the South, with prospects of thousands perishing in the conflict.

And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God on their foreheads.

This verse gives the explanation of the figurative language of locusts and scorpions representing soldiers in the field of battle. The locusts, describing the army of the North, were commanded not to do any injury to the cause of Christianity, nor do anything pertaining to the same, nor molest any of the Christian ministers, but to battle against those that had taken up arms against an institution God's divine law disapproved of, and was to be abolished in the land.

And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment was as a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

There was no design nor intention to annihilate one another in the war between the North and the South, but the sad experience of the war was to be endured for five years, prophetically spoken of at five months. The smoke referred to in verses two and three of this chapter, began in the month of May, 1860, with the nomination of Abraham Lincoln, and the war itself ended in May, 1865, when soldiers returned home.

Prophecy said it would prove to be like the sting of a scorpion, when he striketh a man that causes extreme pain, but is not always fatal. The United States, as a nation, came near the same crisis in 1862 and 1863.

Verse 6. And in those days shall men seek death and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

No one North or South expected to see the war itself end, as it did, in 1865. Lincoln himself, in writing a letter to Hodges of Kentucky, April 4, 1864, had this to say: "I claim not to have controlled events, but confess plainly that events have controlled me. Now, at the end of three years' struggle, the nation's condition is not what either party or any man desired, or expected."

Men enlisting, or being engaged in the war of the South, fought for the protection and perpetuation of the institution of slavery, were willing to die, but failed to accomplish their purpose, were compelled to lay down their arms in the lost cause.

And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were, as it were, crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

St. John was dictated to declare what side in the conflict of the war was to be victorious, showing also, prophetically, that a large portion were to be volunteers going forth like unto horses prepared unto battle. These locusts, having the faces as of men, having the hair as women, appear to be outlined as doing the work that the Christian Churches failed to see removed, was to be accomplished through them, in harmony with God's will.

And they had breastplates, as it were, breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

The prophetic illustration, as given

in this verse, does not allude to the army as marching in a compact body to meet the enemy, but as having different commanders, as the wings, and sound of chariots of many divisions running to battle.

And they had tails like unto scorpions and there were stings in their tails; and their power was to hurt men five months. Scorpions are armed with a poisonous sting in the tail, whereby they defend themselves.

The representation of this divine prophecy is seemingly given as a direct application toward the United States of America that the institution of slavery could not be removed without a painful struggle in the closing years of its existence of five years—where it held a legal power under the Constitution and laws of this Government, under which the Southern States felt justified to take up arms to see their property protected.

And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abraham, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. In harmony with prophecy, saying they had a king over them; fully corroborating with the period of the Civil War that only one king reigned over the Southern Confederacy from the years 1861 till 1865.

**The Vial of the Fifth Angel.**

Rev. 15:16. And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain.

And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and sores, and repented not of their deeds.

Only five years after the conflict in the United States was over in the year 1865, the temporal power of the papal throne in Rome was forever removed, illustrating it as being a throne of darkness before God's throne.

Infallibility of the Pope, Pius IX, was declared by the Bishops in the great Council in Rome, July 18, 1870. On September 29th the Italian troops entered and became practically the capital of Italy in July, 1871.

Protestant Churches, with their membership, did not gnaw their tongues for pain; but the whole Roman Catholic Church and its members fulfilled the words of prophecy, not only in America, but also in other parts of the world. Cardinal Gibbons, the author of the book, called "The Faith of Our Fathers," in enumerating many grievances over the sad events, said in its beginning, on pages 173-175: "The Pope is the representative of Christ on earth. This office requires him to be in constant communication with prelates in every country in the world. Should the Kingdom of Italy be embroiled in a war with Germany, for instance, it would be difficult, if not impossible for the Holy Father and the German Bishops to confer with each other, and religion would suffer from the interruption of intercourse between the head and its members."

Similar resolutions were ordered to be read in the diocese of the Bishop McFarland of Hartford in the month of March, 1871, and in all the Catholic Churches under his jurisdiction. Prophecy foretold that nothing serious would be undertaken, as expressions of lamentations with their tongues gnawing for pain, over the event at the seat of the beast.

BERNHARD EISENTRAUT, Beaumont, Texas.

**EVERYBODY TO BE RICH.**

It is probably true that there never was a day when the poor man had so many friends as he has today. And his friends are asking a question about his condition quite different from the question formerly asked. The question used to be: "How can we give present relief to the poor man?" This question is still asked and ought to be asked. But there is a deeper question: "How can we get the man permanently out of his poverty?" And there is a still deeper question, and that is the question of the lesson: "What can we do to keep other people from suffering this curse of poverty?" How to prevent poverty—that is the question.

The question of poverty is being connected now where it belongs—that is, with the problem of industry. The problem of the poor is essentially the problem of the workingman. It is true that some are poor because they will not work, but in the great mass, these make an almost negligible quantity. People are poor because they do not get their fair and just share of the profits of their own work.

Our lesson asks the question, "How to Prevent Poverty." There is only one way to prevent it, and that is, to give every man a fair instead of an unfair part of the profits for which he toils. This is the issue which is squarely up for settlement now, and in that issue the Church must take the side of the workingman.—The Christian Herald.



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# Notes from The Field

## Kerrville.

We closed a two weeks' meeting last Sunday night. It was a great success in every way. About forty were converted and thirty-six united with our Church. Great good was done in the Church. The preaching was done by Rev. H. M. Whaling, assisted by his consecrated wife. I have never known better personal workers, and they know how to organize. Brother Whaling's sermons were equal to any I have ever heard in a meeting, and Sister Whaling's Bible talks did a great deal to make the meeting a success. Many were converted at her morning services. They do good work and I feel sure the results will abide. Any Church is fortunate that can secure their services.—S. J. Drake, May 8.

## Woodville.

Our second Quarterly Conference is past and we found our people very responsive. They did not pay up to date, but they did not lack so much; anyway, they paid so the preacher could pay out of debt. The stewards of this work raised the preacher's salary between \$150 and \$200 over last year. So I think we are doing very well. We have served these people this will make three years, so I think they are very good people if they can put up with me that long. We have held our meeting at Woodville; Rev. J. W. Cullen did the preaching. Brother Cullen is a very fine helper in a meeting. His preaching is of that kind that puts people to thinking. He did that here—people that had never thought about religious thought very seriously.—W. C. Hughes.

## Nacogdoches.

The work of our Church in this historic city is progressing as perhaps it has not done at any time during the present pastorate. The Lord is being honored in constant additions to the membership, and the congregation is better organized for work than at any previous date. During the present year we have received sixty-nine members, forty-four of whom came in on profession of faith. The recent revival in which Dr. Sam R. Hay and Prof. Terry W. Wilson assisted, resulted in a quickening and deepening of the spiritual life of the Church. During the present pastoral term of three and a half years there have been added to the membership 417 persons, 185 on profession, and making a net gain in the entire roll equal to about 65 per cent. The Church has paid off about \$10,000 on outstanding indebtedness and been dedicated; over \$30,000 for all purposes, raised the pastor's salary \$500, and proportionately on all other causes.—S. S. McKenney, P. C.

## San Benito Station.

On Sunday night, April 26, we closed a four weeks' revival meeting at San Benito, which, despite the many difficulties, foremost of which was the outbreak of hostilities between the United States and Mexico during the last week of the revival, was a success. Rev. S. F. Goddard, our Beville District Missionary Evangelist, came to us with his large tent and remained with us through the services. Brother Goddard is a plain "Arkansas" grubaxe preacher. He diagnosed the case and proceeded to apply some rather strong medicine, a dose which made many rather nominal Church members sick at conscience for a few days. But after the first dose the medicine had better effect, and some of the sick ones recovered and became strong men of the Lord. It requires heroic treatment for desperate cases of backsliding in this new border country, and Brother Goddard is an adept in diagnosis as well as prognosis. We had as good a revival as has ever been held in the recently developed Lower Rio Grande Valley. The meeting resulted in some forty conversions and twenty-five additions to the Church, making a total of fifty additions since Conference, thirty-five of whom have been by profession of faith. Our Conference Claims are more than 60 per cent paid, and salaries are some behind. San Benito is in the center of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, twenty miles from Brownsville and ten miles from the Rio Grande River. Consequently this good country has been greatly hindered in its general development by the long continued disturbance in Mexico, and the threatened outbreak of war between this country and Mexico. Our population is cosmopolitan and our problems are many, but our opportunity is great. Out of this melting pot will come a new type of citizenship, the new American, a combination of the qualities of the distinct types of the North and the South, the East and the West.—H. M. Ratliff, P. C., May 6.

## Westbrook.

Our pastor, Brother C. F. Carmack, began his meeting on the second Sunday in April and extended it until the fourth Sunday night, but we had one week of prayer and testimony meetings before the second Sunday. Our Church and community needed a meeting badly. Brother Carmack preached on Sunday and night and on Monday and night and Tuesday morning. Brother G. W. Shearer came to us from Floydada and preached nine days and nights, leaving on Wednesday, and Brother Carmack doing the preaching on the fourth Sunday in April. Brother Shearer is indeed a strong preacher. He fights sin in every form, leaving out nothing. He made sinners

tremble and shake and to accept the Gospel. Some hard ones would leave the house, while penitents were being called to the altar. People gave their testimony publicly and prayed publicly who never did before, that had been Church members for years. The entire town and community were put upon a higher plane of living. We had good congregations most every night, with good interest. The day service was not attended so well. We held a prayer meeting every evening, and also the ladies held an evening prayer service all during the meeting. Our Baptist people showed us considerable interest. Some worked faithfully. Brother Carmack, our pastor, is loved by most everybody as a true Christian man, and he preaches a pure and simple Gospel. I must not fail to mention that he has one of

people are missionary. They have heard the word of the Master, "Go ye," and they are going. The Conference Collections have been provided for, and one or two of them paid and they propose to bring up a big special for domestic and foreign missions. We have one of the best Sunday Schools I have ever seen. It is ably superintended by T. N. Whitehurst, a consecrated, young business man, and he is wide-awake and progressive. The school is well graded and uses the Graded Course of Study. We have a Teachers' Training Class of near thirty young people who are eager to prepare themselves for service. The average attendance has grown from a little more than 150 to 300 and the enrollment is something like 450. Our Board of Stewards, our Woman's Missionary Society and our Epworth Leagues are all well organized and are doing a splendid work. We have organized a Nursery and Kindergarten Church in connection with the regular Sunday morning services. The nursery is provided with children's beds,

north and south and nearly the same east and west. We have been in sixty-five homes or more from one to six times. Have had prayers in a large part of them. We have tried to keep on the go, though some times our buggy singletree would take the shape of a new moon. We have had a net gain on the average of one a Sunday. Have done some improvement to parsonage property, building a new garden fence and also an up-to-date pocket fence around house, etc., to the amount of \$60. We expect to move the church on the lot by the parsonage before long and hope to remodel it in some manner for better Sunday School convenience. We also expect to build a new church at Alliance Hall at no great future. That is becoming a live little place. Our work, hope and prayer is for a good year all over the charge.—Z. L. Howell, P. C., April 5.

About 4000 boys and young men are enrolled in the Anglo-Chinese schools in Malaysia. These schools are self-supporting.

of obligation to him ever since he was here; and I think many others have the same feeling.

We believe here at the University that the good effects of this series of meetings are continuing in the quickened energy and more earnest consecration of Church members and in the new joy and liberty of the Christian life felt in the souls of those who have accepted Christ as Lord. C. M. BISHOP, Southwestern University, May 1, 1914.

## REVIVAL AT GOLDTHWAITE.

We have just closed what was generally conceded to be the greatest revival ever held in Goldthwaite. It began on Easter Sunday and continued two weeks. Rev. A. P. Lowrey and wife of Fort Worth and Mr. Woodruff, of Palacios, were our leaders.

Mr. Woodruff is a business man recently declared for the ministry, who is travelling with Brother Lowrey for experience. He is a man of spirituality and common sense. He held prayer meetings on afternoons in the stores, at which there were sometimes over one hundred men present.

Mrs. Lowrey is a splendid organist and choir leader as well as a fine personal worker in the audience.

Brother Lowrey possesses a strong personality, is a man of deep spirituality and of superb preaching ability. He holds his audiences spellbound. He is also a fine general to marshal the forces. He spent the first week with the Church. His preaching is bold indeed. He hits the hardest ticks of any man I ever heard and yet with tact born of the Spirit. Congregations soon outgrew the church, when a tent was used. At the close of the meeting unprecedented audiences gathered.

On the last Sunday an offering was taken amounting to \$395, besides \$140 incidentals. There were 175 conversions and reclamations, 56 uniting with the Methodist, more than 30 the Baptists and some with other Churches, besides the "new life" which came to Christians. The entire audience of Christians would move forward at the close of each sermon and talk to the unsaved.

Conversions and personal work among the children was remarkable. Practically all the children in the community were converted, many of whom are not counted in the above estimate. Two-thirds of the accessions, however, were grown people. The membership has been increased 25 per cent, besides reclamations.

Organizations are now being perfected to hold the young converts and reduce the expected reaction to the minimum.

Brother Lowrey's work is so thorough—very thorough—that I am constrained to say that any reaction is due to the fault of the Church rather than his methods.

I would rather risk his work than any evangelist in existence, and I regard him as the greatest evangelist in Texas. And his power is due not only to his personality, but to God's Spirit upon him.

R. S. PIERCE, P. C.

## CARBON REVIVAL CONTINUES.

Some weeks ago my pastor told you through the columns of the Advocate some things about our Sunday School, how he, with my aid, during the late winter, set out to organize a special class of people in our Sunday School. This we did and it continues to grow. This class was made up of men and women who did not attend Sunday School. My pastor asked for a name for this class through the Advocate. Many good names were suggested, but we were so wonderfully impressed by the lesson of the good Samaritan we concluded to call it the Samaritan Class. We started with one. We now have by far the largest class in our town. Last Sunday we had forty-five present, forty-five on roll. This forty-five in one of the ten classes is a much larger school than our first school in Carbon, which was organized by Brother J. M. Neal with only eighteen members. He taught them in the depot. Moved out everything for the school. A better and more faithful man I never knew. He showed how to take out the beds, dressers, etc., in order to teach the school. We sat on boxes, the floor and any way to get to the school. This room was one end of the depot, only one room he had—parlor, dining room, kitchen, bedroom—hence our beginning. During the year Rev. R. R. Raymond came and held us a meeting, organized a Church with about twenty members. Today our town numbers about 600. We have a membership of 275 and a great many of them are alive and at the work of the Church. Our pastor is doing a wonderful work, got a great hold on the Church; not only so, but on those who do not belong to the Church. We love our pastor, and stand ready to hold up his hands at any time. He wrote some time back about delivering some special sermons to the Church. They still last. Now, back to the school; Last Sunday we had 199 present—the best ever in Carbon, and more to come yet. Rev. R. C. Armstrong was with us and preached a great sermon on the Sabbath. At the close Brother Singley opened the doors of the Church and four joined. Our church is not adequate to take care of our people, much less the school. We are all in the harness, ready to go forward. We are expecting a great meeting this year. I say our revival still continues. Pray for us.

J. R. FOSTER.

## Carbon, Texas.

Nature gives least leaves to the man who loafs most.

The devil whitewashes many a rich sinner while God washes many a poor sinner white.



Rev. E. V. Cox and wife, of Temple, Texas, celebrated on the 24th of April the seventieth birthday of his mother, Mrs. M. H. Cox, who is visiting in his home. They invited all the ladies of Seventh Street Church seventy years and older to enjoy the day with her at the parsonage. By the assistance of several ladies they had a very delightful time. Upper row, left to right: Mesdames Duke, Clark, Whitten, Markley, Means, Wood and Chance. Lower row: Mesdames Landreth, E. V. Cox, Mrs. M. H. Cox, Rev. E. V. Cox, John Fred Cox, Mrs. Bouldwin, Mesdames Miller and Speed were too late to be in the picture. Mesdames Bethany, Conch, Rich, King, Watters and Duke were prevented from being present.

the best and obedient families of children I have ever known. If any one wants to see a preacher's boys that are good boys, send to Brother Carmack's. He and his wife are faithful Sunday School workers. Our Sunday School is good and growing, with organized and graded classes. We reached the highest attendance at Sunday School the third Sunday in April but we have reached in six years. We also have the largest average attendance in six years. The meeting gave us some new young men converts to work in as teachers in the Sunday School. The work done in the meeting I think will be lasting. The results of the meeting was thirty conversions and reclamations, with twenty additions to our Church. We received three from the Baptist and left three converts for the Baptists. We praise God and press on with renewed strength. Written by a steward.—D. A. Neel.

## Mulkey Memorial, Fort Worth.

We have not been saying very much through the public press since our coming to Mulkey Memorial Church last November. We have been very busy. We have not had time to write. It has been quite a question to us why the Bishop and his Cabinet selected such a pleasant field of labor for us. We would have been very well satisfied to have labored in a much smaller and difficult place than Mulkey Memorial, Fort Worth. But since we are here we are trying under the guidance of our beloved Master to do our best for the kingdom, the Church and the people. We have been well received by the people. They are loyal and true, co-operative and religious. They have provided all such comforts as we needed in the parsonage, furnished us and set the salary at \$2000 per year. They are ready for any movement that will further the interests of the Church and lead to the salvation of sinners. God has greatly blessed us. Our congregations have grown from a few to a houseful, very often crowding us for room. We have received 207 into the membership of the Church. We have had 151 conversions and a number of reclamations. We have had conversions and received members into the Church at the regular services at the Sunday School hour, and in the prayer meeting. Very few services pass that some one does not surrender to our great leader, Jesus Christ. Have held our revival, did our own preaching, and as a result of the meeting we had ninety-five conversions, with seventy-seven additions. I have never seen a people more willing to do personal work than the people of Mulkey Memorial. They all want to be soul-winners for Jesus. The large increase in our membership is largely due to the personal work of the membership. Our

rockers, toys and sand boxes for the babies and children under three years of age. And the Sunday kindergarten takes care of the children from three years to eight years old. Here the children are taught to sing the hymns and songs of the Church, the commandments and such doctrines of the Church as they can grasp. They are also taught such myths and legends as will prepare them for a study of the best literature of the Church. Special attention is given to the moral idea. We also teach the Bible stories. These are prepared by some competent teacher, using Mary Stewart's Book and the Bible as a guide she comes before the children and relates the story with such interest that each little child-mind is eager for the study. In addition to these, we give attention to the social and recreative elements of the child. As a result of the introduction of these two ideas into our Sunday worship our children are staying for Church. We have about sixty children in our kindergarten and we make it possible for many mothers to attend Church who otherwise could not come. The Lord is blessing us at Mulkey Memorial and we are grateful to him and our Church Fathers for giving us such a pleasant field to labor in. We are grateful for such a kind, generous, helpful, enthusiastic and religious body of people to serve. We are grateful for a helpful, wide-awake, progressive and brotherly presiding elder who has a sympathetic and co-operative interest in all that we do. We are just in love with everybody and everything about this place.—Henry F. Brooks, Pastor.

## Harmony Circuit.

As our place has not been heard from this year, only by those who live close by, have decided that I will send a few lines. We were a two-pointed charge until later in the year when Alliance Hill was added. We are strictly a country circuit, but no finer country in Texas or people, either. Home Church gets half-time and pays \$600. Other two points are weaker and don't do hardly so well in that line. Our second Quarterly Conference has come and gone into history. A good many expressed it as being the best they ever attended. The preaching was fine, dinner was unusually abundant, and the fellowship sweet. We had an old-time experience meeting Sunday at 10 o'clock. Our presiding elder, Brother E. A. Smith, is in high favor with all. The Sunday Schools are good and have been growing. Most of the preaching services are well attended. We have had lots of mud and several floods, but all are still alive. For the first time in ten years of ministry I have not had to hold a funeral service thus far in the year. Our territory extends about fifteen miles

## THE ANNUAL REVIVAL AT GEORGETOWN.

Almost every year since Southwestern University was located at Georgetown—so the older residents tell me—there has been conducted a "revival meeting," which has yielded important results in the religious life of the members of the institution as well as among the citizens of the community. There have gone out from here hundreds of men and women whose lives have been a quickening influence in the Church in various sections of the State, and scores who have given themselves to the ministry and to special Christian work whose determining inspiration was received in these services. The meeting this year was held during the period included between the dates April 12 and April 26. Brother W. T. Renfro, pastor at San Marcos, did the preaching, conducting two, sometimes three, services a day. Dr. Nelson, the pastor, was indefatigable in organizing the forces and in personal work. Great interest was taken from the very beginning by the students of the University and the people of the town. The attendance was large—sometimes beyond the capacity of the big church building. Of course there were some, as there always are, who refused to attend the services or to be brought in touch with the movement, but I think every possible effort was made to enlist the whole community and college body.

It was really a very great meeting. First and last there were hundreds who gave some public expression of renewed consecration and faith, of special commitment to specific Christian work or of personal yielding to the demands of the Christian life. There were fifteen or twenty young men and women who openly declared their purpose to enter the Christian ministry or some form of missionary work at home or abroad. More than fifty persons gave their names to the pastor for admission to the Church. A greatly increased religious activity was aroused among the college students and in the town and the members of the Church were refreshed with a new sense of the Divine presence and with an increased joy in the service of God.

I wish I were able to say in some fresh way how greatly we appreciate the work of Brother Renfro in preaching and exhortation. He spoke constantly out of the experience of a man who has tested Christianity in all the ways in which it proposes to meet human needs. His perfect confidence in it as a completely satisfying revelation of God and as offering a completely effectual salvation from sin was manifest in all he did and said. His genuine Christian love for all those to whom he spoke was unusually winning in its effect upon his hearers. His complete loss of himself in his message made it a very word of God to listening hearts. Personally I have been conscious of a sense



Krum and Sidell.

Occasionally to write to our conference organ it is not a breach of courtesy. Have held our meeting at Krum, Brother M. W. Bowden, of Brownwood, led our singing, and he is fine. Rev. O. T. Cooper, of Denton helped us. The old-time power was manifested in the salvation of souls. Our Church was greatly strengthened. Yet some of our own members were not reached. Worldliness, with all of its poisonous effects, holds fast some of our members. It is strange that some of our people want and expect the patronage of the Church just because they have their names on the Church roll, yet they themselves disregard the Church in every way, violating the obligation they took, every day. We serve a loyal people. Yes, some of the most loyal it has been my pleasure to see or serve. Our Church at Sidell is faithful. In the main all things are moving for a great revival. The society of the women have sent money to improve the parsonage. Both Sunday Schools are looking up. By earnest effort and patient service they will do the great things for the charge. Our elder, Brother Riddle, who is so brotherly, gave us inspiring sermons at our last quarterly conference at Sidell. Sinners came for prayer, and at the Monday morning service there were hearts filled with the love of God. We are anxious for a great revival to sweep our charge. Pray for us.—L. D. Shawver, P. C.

SOME FACTS DISCOVERED.

I have been here six months as superintendent of the Waco City Mission, located at 608 1/2 Austin Avenue. This work of the City Mission is largely sociological. We deal especially with the "world tramp." I have men here who have been over the globe time and again. This is a great work and there is an army of these wanderers. They are not the ordinary man of the city, but they have no home and among these poor fellows are ex-doctors, preachers, lawyers, and men of all professions in life's terrible drama. These broken pieces of our race need help, but the ordinary prayer meeting or religious service can not reach their cases. They are sick mentally, socially, physically and certainly morally. It is a rare thing that the beggar ever grows into sainthood. The idea is to "kill the beggar and build the man" in him. In order to reach this class a real City Mission, well equipped, is necessary. The real City Mission with the lunch counter, wood yard, fumigating plant, where his clothes can be fumigated, a bath tub, reading room and chapel for religious worship. In Waco we are not at present prepared to do this kind of work, and while hundreds of men have stood in my office asking for help on some line, and while we have seen many saved, yet for the present we can not hope to build the mission we need, and because of this I have offered my resignation to take effect June 1 and will enter the evangelistic field and get some fresh air. The pastors of Waco have certainly shown me every courtesy. My presiding elder felt that I should go into the open field and he knows me. I am already booked for July, but June and August and on I am open for engagements. My address is 608 1/2 Austin Avenue, Waco. I can go anywhere in Texas and nearly anywhere outside except old Mexico, and there, for the present, I draw the line. J. T. BLOODWORTH.

ACT OF PASTORS' ASSOCIATION.

Since we understand Rev. J. T. Bloodworth, Superintendent Waco City Mission, contemplates re-entering the evangelistic work, and since we regard him as one qualified for this important field because of his strength as a teacher and his experience as a revivalist, we heartily commend him to the pastors in cities or country. He will leave our stranger on on all lines where he is called. His address is 608 1/2 Austin Avenue. W. B. ANDREWS, P. E., H. D. KNICKERBOCKER, A. D. PORTER, ASHLEY CHAPPELL, W. T. GRAY, ASBURY McGUIRE, PETWAY KING, J. N. McCAIN.

MOTHER'S DAY IN CALIFORNIA.

Southern Methodism is still alive in Lincoln, California. Last Sunday was observed as "Mother's Day" with appropriate services and thirty-five children dedicated to God in baptism. HAL A. BURNS, Pastor Wheatland and Lincoln Charge, Pacific Annual Conference, Sacramento District. Wheatland, Cal., May 4.

GIVE THEM A CHEER.

Did it ever come home to you with absolute conviction, as you have tried to make your life count for a little human goodness and uplift, that the very best possible gift you can ever make to your fellow mortals is a spirit of incurable, unbounded, persistent hopefulness? In the first place it will keep your own soul healthy and your own thinking sound and clear. Discouragement and pessimism are like deadly mists that gather about undrained places. You can't live in health in the midst of them, and you can see neither earth nor heaven in true perspective. And when you think of the man beside you, there is nothing you can do for him that will count for so much as to put the light in his eye, the spring in his step, the ring in his voice, and the iron in his backbone, that come alone from draughts of fresh hope and courage. Men are halting in good ways, they are giving up splendid undertakings, they are dying with unfinished, yet glorious tasks, just through lack of hope. Give them a cheer; it is the best thing you can give them.—The Christian Guardian.

Woman's Department

TEXAS CONFERENCE DELEGATES AT ANNUAL MEETING, BEAUMONT.

- Mrs. W. B. Lipscomb, Nashville, Tenn.
Mrs. S. S. Harris, Missionary from China.
Mrs. O. L. McKnight, Center—President.
Mrs. A. A. Kidd, Jacksonville—V. Pres.
Mrs. A. S. Whitehurst, Orange—2nd Vice-President.
Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Pittsburg—J. V. President.
Mrs. J. W. Spivey, Marlin—Corresponding Secretary Home Department.
Mrs. Geo. Call, Orange—Corresponding Secretary Foreign Department.
Mrs. E. L. Hill, Livingston—Treasurer Home Department.
Mrs. Hugh McFarlane, Beaumont—Treasurer Foreign Department.
Mrs. J. W. Mills, Timpson—Recording Secretary.
Mrs. Turrentine—Superintendent of Supplies.
Mrs. W. T. Spencer—Publicity Superintendent.
Mrs. Kemp and daughter, Cameron.
Mrs. Burk, Buckholts.
Mrs. Wm. B. Chae, Bryan.
Miss Alice Cole, Bryan.
Miss Lilla Munson, Bryan.
Mrs. W. H. Beasley, Shepherd.
Mrs. C. B. Garrett, Center.
Mrs. Sanders, Center.
Mrs. O. P. Taylor, Angleton.
Mrs. I. B. Cadwell, Houston.
Mrs. E. S. Collier, Willis Point.
Mrs. E. L. Ingram, Willis Point.
Mrs. J. T. Guilmartin, Houston.
Mrs. Baldwin, Texarkana.
Mrs. Yoakum, Texarkana.
Mrs. Jones, Texarkana.
Mrs. J. O. Mahaffey, Texarkana.
Mrs. J. L. Evans, Alvin.
Mrs. A. B. Barnett, Bay City.
Rev. Reifersnyder, Galveston.
Mrs. H. B. Goodman, Galveston.
Mrs. F. J. Kidd, Livingston.
Mrs. W. H. Hartig, Jacksonville.
Mrs. D. H. Morris, Linden.
Mrs. A. F. Byron, Timpson.
Mrs. W. E. Neel, Timpson.
Mrs. C. W. Norris, Brookshire.
Mrs. O. S. Phelps, Rockdale.
Mrs. J. P. Sessions, Rockdale.
Miss E. L. Hill, Livingston.
Miss Lillie Paden, Longview.
Miss Carrie Turner, Houston.
Miss Banes, Houston.
Mrs. Giddens, Orange.
Mrs. T. H. Eggert, Houston.
Mrs. Wm. Crawford, Joquim.
Mrs. F. H. Hove, Teague.
Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Pittsburg.
Mrs. J. C. Matjiska, Wallis.
Mrs. W. T. Wade, Fulshear.
Mrs. J. B. Turrentine, Jacksonville.
Miss Althea Jones, Houston.
Mrs. Nell, Orange.
Mrs. Foreman, Orange.
Mrs. P. R. White, Kirbyville.
Miss Lela Shaw, Kirbyville.
Mrs. Terry, Conroe.
Mrs. Pearson, Tyler.
Mrs. Patterson, Tyler.
Mrs. C. L. Feagan, Dayton.
Mrs. Austin Allen, Kountze.
Mrs. B. T. Sherrell, Jefferson.
Mrs. Lichenstiene, Palestine.
Mrs. Dulis, Nacogdoches.
Mrs. D. R. Carson, Nacogdoches.
Mrs. A. N. Lacey, Houston.
Mrs. Robt. Smith, Houston.
Mrs. J. Adams, Crockett.
Mrs. Minnie Craddock, Crockett.
Mrs. Wm. Miles, Silsbee.
Mrs. H. D. Shattuck, Houston.
Miss Rachel Welsh, Hearne.
Mrs. E. L. Crow, Galveston.
Mrs. E. Paschthe, Galveston.
Mrs. Dolman, Texarkana.
Mrs. S. Jinkins, Texarkana.
Mrs. Hannah, Houston.
Mrs. Acrell, Bastrop.
Mrs. French, Houston.
Mrs. B. A. McGowan, Houston.
Mrs. Jack Badge, Brazoria.
Mrs. C. Stanger, Brazoria.
Mrs. Burkehead, Marlin.
Mrs. Tom Connaly, Marlin.
Mrs. Glenn Fann, Bryan.
Mrs. Fred Taylor, Bryan.
Mrs. Fling, Houston.
Mrs. Howell, Houston.
Mrs. R. A. Stripling, San Augustine.
Mrs. W. A. Bridges, San Augustine.
Mrs. Ann Hill, Lindale.
Miss John Harter, Marshall.
Mrs. J. N. Lehman, Galveston.
Mrs. J. Crawford, Joquim.
Mrs. O. A. Wisner, Humble.
Mrs. A. Threadgill, Marlin.
Mrs. I. W. Bridges, Dayton.
Miss Mable Brisbane, Dayton.
Rev. T. A. Moore, Batson.
Mrs. T. A. Moore, Batson.
Miss Nomet Hudson, Deaconess, Houston.
Mrs. J. Foster, Alvin.
Mrs. John Goodwin, San Augustine.
Mrs. I. R. Clark, San Augustine.
Mrs. W. O. Tinnen, Palestine.
Mrs. H. A. Everett, Palestine.
Mrs. W. E. Wilson, Center.
Mrs. W. G. Carnahan, Center.
Mrs. Whitehurst, Orange.
Mrs. B. G. Von Roder, Houston.
Mrs. M. I. Womack, Houston.
Mrs. A. W. Lichtsev, Cleveland.
Mrs. M. M. Wasson, Beaumont.
Mrs. H. W. Potter, Beaumont.
Mrs. W. S. Gibson, Nederland.
Mrs. J. C. Kelly, Texas City.
Mrs. J. A. Booth, Alvin.
Mrs. M. C. Deaton, Beaumont.
Mrs. B. F. Sherrill, Jefferson.
Mrs. B. D. Wintz, Kountze.
Mrs. Wallace Parker, Kountze.
Mrs. I. J. Peer, Brenham.
Mrs. I. T. Buchanan, Brenham.
Mrs. W. H. Crum, Port Arthur.
Rev. W. H. Crum, Port Arthur.
Mrs. W. S. J. Bird, Kountze.
Mrs. E. W. Chilton, Kountze.
Mrs. W. H. Smith, Orange.
Mrs. R. A. Dodd, Orange.
Mrs. M. G. Davies, Orange.
Mrs. R. E. Dolman, De Kalb.
Mrs. A. F. Bryan, Timpson.
Mrs. W. E. Neal, Timpson.
Mrs. Geo. Jackson, Kountze.
Mrs. Hawley, Deaton Chapel, Beaumont.
Mrs. S. C. Williams, Hearne.
Mrs. W. O. Pipkin, Roberts Ave. Church, Beaumont.
Mrs. I. B. Allwood, Timpson.
Mrs. W. V. Goterson, Conroe.
Mrs. J. Wahrenberger, Conroe.
Mrs. T. H. Newland, Teague.
Mrs. J. D. Campbell, Beaumont.
Mrs. W. F. Mansour, Houston.
Mrs. H. Lockwood, Rockdale.
Mrs. G. Coale, Orange.
Miss Annie Sells, Orange.
Mrs. S. Conn, Kirbyville.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S Building and Endowment Campaign

Dr. Boaz Working For Southwestern University

Dr. H. A. Boaz, President of the Wesley Woman's College at Fort Worth, Texas, volunteered his services for eight days' work for his Alma Mater. Dr. C. M. Bishop, President of Southwestern University, gladly accepted the offer and the following itinerary was arranged: Marlin, Reagan, Calvert, Hearne, Hempstead, Somerville, Giddings and Madisonville. Dr. Boaz was assisted in the work of raising funds for the erection of new buildings and increasing the endowment of Southwestern University by our Commissioner, C. T. Tally, beginning Sunday, April 9, at Marlin and ending Sunday, April 26, at Madisonville.

MARLIN.

At Marlin, Dr. Packard, the pastor, gave us a royal welcome. Dr. Bishop had been requested to preach the opening sermon of the week's campaign. He preached on Christian Education and was heard by a great audience, who were deeply impressed by his message. Dr. Boaz spoke at the evening service on the "Making of a Man" to one of the largest audiences that ever assembled in a Marlin Church. At the close of the service, he told the story of old Southwestern in words that showed his love for the old school that has done so much for the youth of our great State. On Monday Dr. Boaz secured more than eleven hundred dollars in subscriptions. We have a great Church at Marlin and the pastor is doing fine work.

CALVERT.

Dr. Bishop spoke Sunday evening at Calvert. In the midst of his sermon the fire alarm was turned in and the audience was disturbed, but Dr. Bishop finally restored quiet and a splendid service followed, which resulted in more old students getting their names on the honor roll. Rev. J. D. F. Houck is the pastor at Calvert. He is a live wire and is the District Commissioner of Education for the Marlin District. He put his shoulder to the wheel and gave us much assistance.

REAGAN.

Dr. Boaz lectured at Reagan Monday night and had a good hearing, but on account of train schedules we did not remain to work the town. We will get some good subscriptions there. We were cordially welcomed by Rev. Ethridge Payne, the pastor, Dr. Betts, the presiding elder, and Rev. J. D. F. Houck, who are warm friends of Southwestern.

HEARNE.

At Hearne Rev. L. H. McGee and Dr. H. W. Cummings were expecting us and complete preparations had been made for our campaign in this town. Dr. Boaz was at his best and that is a high mark. He had a representative Methodist audience. The choir rendered excellent music and altogether it was a delightful service. The next morning assisted by Brother McGee, Dr. Boaz secured about a thousand dollars for Southwestern, and it is confidently expected that additional subscriptions will be made later in the year. My! What a help the pastor is. Old Southwestern is close to the hearts of these good people.

HEMPSTEAD.

At Hempstead we were royally entertained by Rev. Mark P. Hines. In spite of bad weather we had a good hearing and will get some good subscriptions there.

SOMERVILLE.

At Somerville Rev. B. A. Myers had prepared for our coming. He and Brother Hines are Southwestern University men and loyal to their school. Dr. Boaz lectured on "Fools in Eden" to a good audience of young people. He captured his crowd and secured about three hundred dollars for the University, with more good subscriptions to follow. Brother Myers has that situation well in hand.

GIDDINGS.

At Giddings Brother Ogle and his good wife entertained us royally, and although the attendance was small on account of the rain, we secured some subscriptions and expect to get more. That young pastor is wide-awake to the needs of Southwestern University.

MADISONVILLE.

From Giddings we made our way to Madisonville. Dr. Boaz lectured on the "Making of a Man," and in the midst of it there came up a thunder storm. The audience grew restless and finally we were forced to adjourn. Dr. Boaz left that afternoon for Fort Worth and the Commissioner remained and secured about six hundred dollars.

Every friend of Southwestern University in the State rejoices with us that this gifted and distinguished son volunteered to give us his skilled assistance in this campaign. Dr. Boaz's splendid service as President of Polytechnic College is of itself the highest example of the kind of service Southwestern University has given to the Church. Dr. Boaz is a busy man. He has a great task, caring for the closing session of Polytechnic College and in launching the Wesley Woman's College. He responded to the call of his Alma Mater, as all other former students will do who want to show their love and appreciation of Southwestern University. All our friends join in thanking Dr. Boaz for his services. In spite of storm and flood and other difficulties the results of this week's work added more than thirty-five hundred dollars to the assets of Southwestern University.

- Mrs. Ann Sells, Orange.
Miss Grace Jones, Galveston.
Mrs. W. T. Van Orsdale, Orange.
Mrs. Russ Daniels, Rockdale.
Mrs. Byron Simons, Orange.
MRS. W. T. SPENCER,
Pub. Supt. Pro Tem.

TEXAS CONFERENCE AT BEAUMONT.

"History in the making"—history of unity, forward movement and inspiration in missionary effort was the annual meeting of the Texas Conference Woman's Missionary meeting in Beaumont, April 18-22.

All the year, here and there over the conference, real things have been done, accomplished; and at the end a grand total was rolled up that warmed one up in the inside and must have pleased our officers in charge and this auxiliary that worked and strived and helped to meet the obligation and that reached the goal.

Beaumont did everything that was ever heard of for the comfort of guests, and the suspending of business—autos to meet trains and go to the homes, lunch and supper at the church, genial chairmen, perfect arrangements, prompt pages, cordial hostesses and helping, competent hosts.

All the Methodist Churches were hosts, but the meeting was held in the First M. E. Church, South, of which Bro. Johnston is pastor, and which is so spacious and splendid.

The choir gave excellent music and was very gracious, and the organist, in a supreme solo or two, just rested us, and soothed us, and lifted us, body and soul, with strains so low and soft and sweet in a quiet and holy hush or in peals of triumph. In these tense, hard working strenuous meetings music and the devotional hour are as water to the thirsty, and soul food to the hungry.

About, or over 150 delegates were present and many visitors. Our Council visitors were Mrs. Harris, the returned missionary from China, and Mrs. Lipscomb, Home Publicity Secretary, from Nashville. Both these women gave us the help we needed and expected in all lines, and each had one evening's service, with a large and appreciative audience. Indeed, every session, day and night, was well attended.

The Executive Board met Tuesday morning and made plans and went over work and recommendations and resolutions to be presented to and by the body.

One District Secretary, where possible, was one of the plans readily accepted. A motion for an organizer or field secretary was defeated, because the District Secretary, it was thought, knows her district best, and its needs and possibilities, and she

can, if she is conscientious and efficient, use more funds if necessary and visit and organize and do all the work and get close to her district people.

January or February as the best time for the annual meeting, in order to precede the Council meeting, get Council speakers, plan work for the year, etc., was also discussed and tabled.

The itinerary of district meetings was worked out and favorably received. This will make Institute work possible in all district meetings, the Institute worker going from one to the other without loss of time or miles. But she is not to take the place altogether, we are sure, of the delegate on the program or the perfect leadership of the District Secretary among her own.

The District Secretaries' session was open to all, and was inspiring and full of interest. The problem of one was the clear erudition of another, but more prayer and more promptness in answering letters and reporting, seems the solution of all or most. Just a postcard answer to every letter, circular and otherwise from the Auxiliary Secretary is needed, nay, demanded, as common ordinary courtesy.

The Pledge Cards will be continued, having proved a success. And on several of the directed moneys more than the required amounts were paid. On others a greater year must be shown to make good. Young people and Junior work will be stressed more than ever. "Young People's Week" will be anticipated and observed.

One of the things done that appealed most to the conference was our joining other conferences to employ a Field Secretary to follow up and keep interested in the girls and the little ones who go out from our Virginia Johnston Home in Dallas.

Another was a committee on our Gene Sells Call Chapel at the Home.

Another was a committee from our conference to assist Council in immigrant mission work in Galveston and other things in that connection needing attention.

Another our Lairy Rights petition sent the General Conference at Oklahoma City. Another change is only one treasurer for both departments. See list of officers below. The School of Missions at Denton received hearty endorsement, and was given a place on the program one night, when Mrs. Spencer, who has attended one session in Denton, spoke for this splendid training school in our midst and told of its advantages to superintendents of departments, particularly, and hoped every auxiliary would send one bright member to the ten days' session June 2, 1915.

The reports of the vice-presidents were listened to with much real interest. While

as the president said the hub of the conference is the District Secretary, still there is a lot of work—personal auxiliary work—in these departments of the vice-presidents.

The First Vice-President, Mrs. Kidd, reported seventeen new baby missions.

The Second Vice-President, Mrs. Whitehurst, prays for more interest in Young People's work.

The Third Vice-President, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, backed up the Home Secretary's remark that the Mission Study classes and prayer are the largest assets in successful missionary work.

The Fourth Vice-President, Miss Field, was absent, but her report will appear in the printed minutes.

The Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. Turrentine, gave a good report and some new data and information on Orphanage supplies. These are separate and distinct from your conference supplies, and in your report you get no credit for Orphanage gifts, since the (men's) Texas Conference supports this institution, and in giving remember your—our—own obligations waiting first, for we only carry these.

Mrs. Spencer, Superintendent Publicity Work, gave her "Swan Song," as she said, since she was not open for reappointment to that office. She told of the wonderfully spread out work for the Church through the press, and plead for an interchange of work and thought and influence in club and Church life, as the work was so similar for human uplift, and each organization needed the other. Mrs. Spencer, as usual, did not nearly get through or have time enough to hardly touch on this big life subject.

Mrs. Reifschneider's talk on the Galveston immigration work told, and a clear duty call rang out, which was discussed and felt by all, and Texas Conference W. M. S. stands ready to support Mrs. Reifschneider at this psychological moment.

Three big things stand out, of course, in our memory—our President's address and the report of our secretaries, Mrs. Call and Mrs. Spivey, of the Council meeting.

Many others attended the Council meeting, but the real official reports came from these two good women representatives. The President's splendid address will appear in full later in these columns, and the Council reports are too fine to give except in detail. They gave the real working plan as it can be applied to our individual needs and difficulties, and will be adopted where possible, for the Council women have some real changes in the departments that are for progress and betterment. Mrs. Spivey and Call had these ready for our adoption and gave a splendid report of this and all phases



# Among The District Conferences

### GAINESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The thirty-ninth session of the Gainesville District Conference met at Erv, Texas, April 21, 1914. The opening sermon was preached Tuesday night by Rev. T. J. Beckham. The conference was called to order Wednesday morning at 8:45 by Presiding Elder J. F. Pierce.

Era is a substantial rural village in Cooke County, eight miles from the railroad, and the people of this fine community gave the members of the conference splendid hospitality.

Every preacher in the district was present and made fine reports. The elder said that in all his experience as a presiding elder he had never known a district to be in better condition. Good meetings have already been held at several places and there has already been a great many additions to the Church.

The preaching, which was done during the conference by Revs. T. J. Beckham, J. L. Pierce, G. H. Lenhoff, O. T. Cooper and T. W. Preston, was of a high order and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Two young men, Homer Clifton Minnis and George Ernest Shipp, were licensed to preach. The conference elected the following delegates to the Annual Conference:

- R. A. CUNNINGHAM,
- W. S. TURNER,
- C. L. MILLER,
- R. M. CRUMP.

#### Alternates:

- W. B. Shirley,
- J. W. Hoke,
- J. H. Bewley.

The conference was glad to greet Rev. John E. Roach, who represented Southwestern University, and Dr. John R. Nelson, who represented Wesley Woman's College.

Rev. J. W. Clifton is the pastor at Era and the members of the conference will always remember the kindness which he and his people showed us. E. V. COLE, Sec.

### WACO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The forty-seventh session of the Waco District Conference was held at Riesel, Texas, April 13, 14, 1914. W. B. Andrews, presiding elder, presided. The attendance, while hardly up to the standard was fairly good.

The sessions were harmonious and religious. In the two days there were four preaching services, which were well attended by the people of the town. The first sermon by W. T. Andrews, of the North Alabama Conference, and father of our W. B. Andrews, was a rare treat and set the pace for the sermons to follow.

The reports of the preachers showed progress. Nothing of very special interest to the Church at large transpired. Horace Williams, Charles B. Thompson and Ira M. Thompson, all of Waco, were granted license to preach.

#### Delegates to the Annual Conference:

- R. G. WRIGHT,
- T. B. STANFORD,
- C. V. BAILEY,
- J. F. BURTON.

#### Alternates:

- G. B. Adams,
- C. B. Harmon,
- W. J. Barcus.

Brother Andrews is finishing out his fourth year on the district and the conference by rising vote expressed appreciation of his services.

The Waco District has made unusual progress during his incumbency and he will leave the district with the love and confidence of preachers and people.

The people of Riesel appreciated having the conference meet in their town, were great in their hospitality and seemed to enjoy our stay. The next session goes to Hewitt. W. J. BARCUS, Sec.

### WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Waxahachie District Conference was held in Maypearl, Texas, April 29, 30, 1914. Rev. T. A. Whitehurst, presiding elder, called the conference to order on the morning of the 29th, at 9 o'clock, and opened the first session of the conference with a soul-lifting and heart-stirring sermon on the text of Scripture found in Luke 7:14. This message was accompanied with a spiritual wave that continued throughout the two days of the conference, many times reaching a climax and filling hearts to overflowing.

All the pastors were present, with the exception of Rev. J. M. Barcus, who was engaged in a revival meeting in his own charge. Rev. S. L. Culwell, our faithful pastor at Forrester, had been seriously stricken with appendicitis and carried to Dallas for an operation. The conference did not fail to express its sympathy and love for Brother Culwell and prayed earnestly for a successful operation, and a complete restoration to health. The Secretary of the Conference was instructed to write to Brother Culwell and express our tender solicitude for himself and family during these trying hours.

Rev. H. L. Munger and J. M. Hays, of Mansfield and Bardwell, respectively, were not present, and we do not know the reason why, unless it was because of high water and no train connections.

One other faithful minister of the Gospel, one whom we all loved as a brother, was not there. He had gone to answer the roll call on high; this was Brother J. W. Downs. The preaching of the Gospel at this conference was of a high type and very spiritual.

The sessions of both morning and evening were opened and closed with gospel messages. The brethren who brought us these messages were J. A. Whitehurst, M. M. Morphis, I. E. Hightower, D. L. Collier, S. A. Ashburn, C. A. Clark, Umphrey Lee.

The reports of the pastors showed that every charge in the district was advancing along all lines and that great revivals were expected. It was gratifying to note the progress of the Sunday Schools throughout the district, not only in the increased attendance, but in desire and effort on the part of our Sunday School workers to meet the requirements as laid down in the Standard of Efficiency by our General Sunday School Board.

Our Educational Institutions, Superannuate Homes, Orphans' Home, along with every other interest of the Church, are being cared for by the district.

The following visiting brethren were present: Rev. J. D. Scott, representing the Mission Home and Training School in San Antonio; Rev. D. L. Collier, Agent for Superannuate Homes; Rev. J. N. McCain, Assistant Manager of the Waco Orphanage; Rev. C. A. Clark, also looking after the interest of the Orphans' Home; Rev. C. T. Tally, representing the Southwestern University at Georgetown; Rev. W. T. Gray, Herring Avenue, Waco.

The following delegates were elected to the Annual Conference:

- C. A. STEPHENSON,
- A. LASSWELL,
- W. A. CROW,
- L. J. PAUL.

#### Alternates:

- J. P. Claunch,
- W. A. Few.

The conference elected A. Lasswell district lay leader.

Entertainment by the good pastor, R. F. Dunn, and his splendid people, during the conference, was such as to make every one comfortable, happy and glad they were there.

Next year the conference will be held at Bardwell. Thus closed a great District Conference. R. F. BROWN, Sec.

### STAMFORD DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Stamford District Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock Friday morning, May 1, with Presiding Elder J. G. Miller in the chair. There was a good attendance of both preachers and laymen. All the pastors of the district were present except Brother Lyon, of Stamford, who was compelled to leave before the session for General Conference.

Perhaps no year's minutes will reveal a more pleasant, harmonious session than this one. The presiding elder won the hearts of all his preachers and laymen. Every one felt at home and all matters were discussed freely and fully. The conference transacted its business by committees.

The reports of the pastors showed fair spiritual condition of the district, Sunday Schools well organized and recording progress, finances as a whole somewhat behind. There are no new church enterprises being projected, it being the aim of the Church to hold our own until the country rallies from depressed financial conditions. Notwithstanding the fact that other enterprises are receding, the Church in some instances forges ahead, for which we all thank God and take courage. J. T. Therwanger, of Wineret, was elected District Lay Leader. The conference did not send but one memorial to the General Conference, and that had to do with some redistricting in the vicinity of Mergargel.

The following delegates were elected to the Annual Conference:

- DR. J. A. RICHARDSON,
- J. T. THERWANGER,
- A. H. CONNELL,
- W. A. BAKER.

#### Alternates:

- E. T. Parrott,
- W. G. Blackmon.

The following brethren preached during the session of the conference: H. H. Liles, E. L. Mills, W. B. McKeown, O. P. Clark, W. C. Childress.

The pulpits of the various churches of the town of Seymour were occupied by the following brethren on the Sabbath day: Methodist Church, morning and evening, respectively, W. P. Garvin and C. B. Meador; Baptist Church, morning and evening respectively, J. W. Watson and V. H. Trammell; Presbyterian Church, morning, J. H. Watts; Christian Church, morning, F. L. Meador.

Seymour royally entertained the delegates and visitors and suitable resolutions of thanks were unanimously voted Brothers Hardy and Murrell, together with their people for such unbounded hospitality.

The conference unanimously selected Monday as the next place of meeting. F. L. MEADOW, Sec.

### ERENHAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE

This session of the conference was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Wharton, Texas. Rev. S. W. Thomas, presiding elder of the district, was present and presided over its sessions. Although this is only Brother Thomas' second District Conference over which he presided, yet he seemed to have perfect freedom and all the business of the conference was inquired into and

every item of business, with every detail, was carefully looked into. The presiding elder was kind, but firm in all his rulings and everybody went away feeling that it was one of the great District Conferences of our Church. The calling of the roll at the opening session showed that nearly every pastor was in his place. Two or three of the brethren were kept away from its sessions; one on account of personal illness and another on account of a revival. Several laymen were present, though the conference was held at a very busy season of the year. After the conference was organized by the appointment of the usual committees, the pastors' reports were called for, and they indicated the district to be in a most satisfactory condition. The spiritual state of the Church was reported fairly good throughout the district, judged by every indication of the pastors. Revivals were being held throughout the district, and the collections ordered by the Annual Conference were nearly all reported provided for and almost in every instance the missionary collections were being paid. Church property was being improved. Perhaps it is just to say that the district is in better condition than it has been for several years. Much of this is due to the untiring efforts of the wide-awake presiding elder of the Brenham District. During the sessions of the conference, many excellent sermons and addresses were delivered. Those doing the preaching during the conference were Revs. E. G. Cook, C. T. Talley and M. P. Hines. Several strong addresses were made before the conference by Revs. J. D. Scott, Commissioner San Antonio Rescue Home; C. T. Talley, Commissioner Southwestern University. The conference heard with pleasure these brethren and unanimously requested every charge in the district to give them a cordial welcome into their pulpits.

W. E. Hawkins, Field Secretary Texas Conference Sunday School Board was present and conducted a great rally. Brother Hawkins addressed the conference in the interest of his work. Addresses were made touching various interests by Revs. J. F. Carter, W. F. Davis, G. V. Ridley, E. C. Cook, M. P. Hines, D. S. Book, G. W. Riley, C. M. Myers, W. W. Harner and C. N. McLarty. The conference licensed Burton Paschal McMeans, a most excellent young man, to preach the Gospel. It is Mr. McMeans' purpose to finish his school work before entering the conference.

The following laymen were elected as delegates to the Annual Conference:

- I. E. JOLLY,
- T. W. LANE,
- R. E. SCOTT,
- W. M. STONE.

#### Alternates:

- W. H. Griffith,
- H. F. Schlosshan.

Waller asked for and received the next District Conference.

After some closing remarks by the presiding elder the Brenham District Conference stood adjourned sine die. Thus closed a most profitable and interesting session. JOHN L. WILLIAMS, Sec.

### MUSKOGEE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The District Conference of Muskogee District was held at Porum, Oklahoma, April 23 to 26. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Rogers, of Checotah. In this service the spirit of devotion was manifested and a desire for the power of the Holy Spirit, which characterized the entire session. Helpful sermons were also preached by E. C. Wallace, T. G. Peterson, D. M. Goldie, G. W. Damon, A. B. L. Hunkapillar, G. W. Martin, Chas. L. Brooks and Cornelius Pugsley, all of which were of high order, being inspiring, practical and helpful.

Communion followed the sermon by Rev. Rogers Wednesday evening.

On Thursday morning the conference opened with devotional service by Rev. C. I. Brooks, the presiding elder. H. L. Sanders was elected Secretary. Rev. A. C. Miller, President of Oklahoma Methodist College, was introduced and made a strong plea for the school. The roll was called and twenty of the twenty-two pastors made their reports during the conference from which the following were called: 147 conversions, 232 accessions, 30 adults and 30 infants baptized, total membership of district 5287, with 132 family altars.

The program of the conference dealt with the most pressing problems of the Church and was the means of great help and stimulus to every minister and lay worker present. Some of the topics dealt with and discussed were: Mission Work in the District. Rev. J. M. Cartrell, Conference Missionary Secretary, presided. The Sunday School, A. E. Bonnell, Superintendent of the Sunday School at First Church, Muskogee, presided. The Vanderbilt University case was discussed and resolutions passed memorializing the General Conference to take all our Connectional interests from under the jurisdiction of the laws of Tennessee. Hon. W. W. Hastings being present was introduced to the conference and spoke of the influence the old pioneer circuit rider had in the uplift of his race (the Indian). Rev. L. C. Craig, Field Editor of Western Methodist, was present and gave an interesting talk.

Some of the more important business done by the conference were the licensing of the following as local preachers: Thomas F. Richardson, Marion E. Beene, and Charles F. Lashley. The following had their license renewed: James Bass, J. T. Scott, E. H. Winingier, W. H. Cartwright, Jesse South, A. E. Bils and Gilliland. E. H. Winingier was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The conference was splendidly entertained by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Harris, and the good people of Porum.

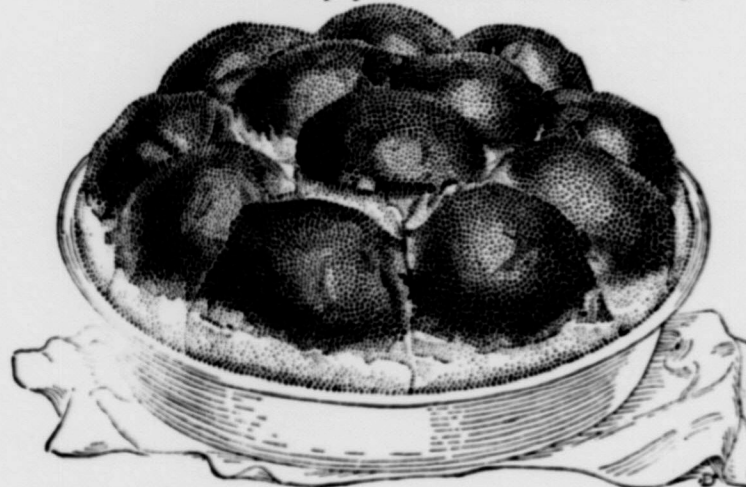


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A profitable love feast was held Sunday morning, followed by a great sermon by the presiding elder. At the Epworth League Rally Sunday afternoon the house was filled with the young life of the Church, and they proved themselves worthy the place they hold in the Church. Paul Parrot, of Checotah, presided. At the close of the rally the following district officers were elected: President, Paul Parrot; First Vice-President, Carlton Wheeler, of Midway; Second Vice-President, Helen Mathews, of Stigler; Third Vice-President, Fletcher Hall, of Porum; Fourth Vice-President, D. P. Trent, of Trent; Secretary, Miss Mable Hudson, of Tablequah; Era Agent, John Odell, of Warner; Junior League Superintendent, Mrs. C. C. Griffin, of Warner. Our new presiding elder, Rev. Chas. L. Brooks, has taken hold of the work of the district with a strong, firm hand, and earnest, wise and prophetic spirit; the preachers and laymen of the district know him and are delighted with his appointment to the place, and because of his leadership are looking forward to very great victories this year.

Thus closed one of the best District Conferences (so said by the oldest preachers of the district) ever held in Muskogee District, to meet next year in Webbers Falls. T. G. PETERSON, Reporter.

### LAWTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Texas can do Oklahoma no greater service than to send her some more of her "Old" timber (of the "J. A." variety), strong, well-seasoned, and sound to the core. Methodism, to be what she ought to be, needs just such material to make up the superstructure of "the Church's one Foundation." We are ready for another shipment.

The seventh annual session of the Lawton District Conference, held at Snyder, Oklahoma, April 20-22, was one of the best in its history. It was notable in several particulars, two of which deserve special mention: First, because of the large number of delegates present—an even hundred, with possibly as many visitors; second, because of the great spirituality that characterized the gathering. On this point, both in the opening address and the subsequent proceedings, the presiding elder, Rev. J. A. Old, placed the emphasis. After a strong exposition of Rom. 12:1, 2, he opened the conference with an old-time experience meeting, which was a love feast indeed. The spiritual tide ran high, predominating all the way through, and reached its culmination the second day at the close of a splendid sermon by Rev. J. T. Armstrong, when the old-time shout and hallelujah rent the air. It was good to be there.

As to the routine work, this was left to the discretion of the presiding elder, who directed that all business be conducted in the Committee of the Whole, with the exception of work making special committees necessary. Practical Sunday School plans were discussed, ably led by Rev. W. H. Roper. Decision Day was stressed as the goal of all Sunday School instruction. "The Necessity of Preaching and Teaching the

Doctrines of Methodism" was urgently emphasized by Rev. R. P. Witt and others.

The conference went on record as favoring the "Junior Church" idea by adopting a memorial to the General Conference, introduced by Rev. E. R. Welch. A memorial was addressed to our Senators and Representatives in Congress asking their support of the Sheppard-Hobson National Prohibition Bill. By resolution Governor Cruce was commended for prompt and strict law enforcement against gambling, bootlegging, etc.

The following were elected delegates to the next Annual Conference:

- C. E. HALL,
- J. A. FAIN,
- F. M. SWEET,
- O. H. SEARCY.

#### Alternates:

- J. N. Oliver,
- DeLos Lonewolf,
- S. L. Ripley.

The following were granted license to preach: Frank M. Sweet, Charles David Freeman, DeLos Lonewolf, John H. Dodson and Llewellyn Jones Richardson.

The following were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial: Frank M. Sweet, E. C. Keith and E. U. Robinson. The following for deacons' orders: William Evert Lee and Walter Scott Burns.

M. E. Woodridge, of Altus, was elected district lay leader.

Perhaps the most interesting single question that came up for solution was whether the district parsonage should be located this year. Since the district does not own the residence which the presiding elder occupies, this question possesses an absorbing interest for the competing cities—Lawton, Frederick and Altus—but in view of the uncertain crop conditions and the probable change of conference boundary lines with a consequent

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change of district lines, the question was referred to the Board of District Stewards with instructions to report back to the next session of the District Conference.

The conference passed a resolution indorsing our Bishops in the Vanderbilt controversy and expressed the further sentiment that unless the Church has recourse in the Federal Courts, it favored the withdrawal of all connection with Vanderbilt and the removal of our Publishing House to some city where our rights and interests would be respected.

With a nucleus of \$100 left over from a former District Conference, a District Loan Committee was created to raise additional funds and handle the same according to the terms of the Constitution and By-Laws outlined in the resolution creating the committee. Rev. C. T. Davis, Chairman of the Conference Church Extension Board, was introduced, and delivered a most excellent address.

The conference voted a resolution of thanks to the Snyder people for their generous hospitality and to the Baptist people for the use of their church in which to hold the sessions of the conference, our church being too small to accommodate the large crowd of delegates and visitors, and adjourned to meet next year at Walters.

Although this was Brother Old's first District Conference, he presided like a veteran and commended himself to the brethren for his wisdom, statesmanship and deep spirituality. C. D. MONTGOMERY, Sec.

VERNON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Vernon District Conference has just closed one of the best sessions in its history, held at Quanah, Texas, embracing Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 28, 29 and 30. Every pastor in the district, except one, was present, and there was a good number of local preachers and laymen. Brother Putman, our presiding elder, presided, and kept things moving in a dignified and orderly manner.

The reports from the pastoral charges manifested the revival spirit, and gave evidences of progress along all lines. Two or three revivals have already been held, with good results, and Brother Hall, at Vernon, has a good meeting in progress now. Others will begin at once. The writer has never seen more earnest desire among the brethren for these seasons of grace, nor more zeal for the general prosperity of the kingdom of God.

Preaching of the conference was done by Revs. J. W. Martin, T. J. Rhea, J. D. Young, R. A. Stewart and John R. Nelson. It was of a high order, and some of these services were very precious and helpful. Brother Young was present as a representative of Southern Methodist University, and got \$250 for his cause; and Brother Nelson told of the work proposed by the new Woman's College at Fort Worth. Rev. Geo. S. Slover, of Clarendon College, was also present, and found himself among friends, both for himself and his school.

The following young men were licensed to preach: John Webster Leggett, of Tolbert and Fargo charge, and George Eugene Tyson, of Vernon Mission. Rev. W. O. Dackworth, of Vernon, was recommended for admission. Delegates to the Annual Conference were elected as follows:

- B. C. CARTER, H. J. KING, G. W. BACKUS, R. M. BAILEY.

Alternates:

- G. H. Kennedy, J. W. Walkup.

Judge J. W. Davidson, of Childress, was elected district lay leader.

The conference was handsomely entertained by Brother Wyatt and his people. Their hospitality, their many courtesies and the splendid attendance upon the services indicated an enjoyment and a high appreciation of the conference.

The next District Conference goes to Paducah. M. PHELAN, Sec.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE, VERNON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

To the Presiding Elder and Members of the Vernon District Conference Convened at Quanah, Texas, April 30, 1914:

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Temperance desire to report as follows: We cannot express the deep gratitude of our heart, because of the fact that so few of our people called Methodists are guilty of the sin of tampering with the devil's "fire-water" as a beverage. Out of seventeen pastors, only two or three knew of a single member in all the pastorate who drank. For such a condition our sincere thanks should go up to our Heavenly Father. Not many years ago it was a common thing for many of our people, not only to tattle at the saloon, but give the weight of their influence to the perpetuation of the damnable traffic. To find one such now is the exception. We pray God the time may soon come when it will be impossible, with the use of the most powerful searchlight, to find one man or woman belonging to the Methodist Church who allows one drop of the accursed stuff to pass his lips, much less to throw by one word or act, anything in the way of its utter destruction, from one end to this fair world of ours to the other. While we feel that our great work now is the eradication of the rum business from the borders of our own State, yet we are not averse to National prohibition, believing with Mr. Hall that it is not contrary to States' rights to have the United States pass a National Prohibition Law.

Many of us have fought long and hard, have borne without murmur the assaults of the friends of the whiskey business, have endured the jibes and jeers of the wicked rabble as they were led by some demagogue, in the person of a pretended friend of the liberties of the people. We have with undimmed faith in the righteousness of our cause seen it oftentimes go down in defeat. But it

seems now that the morning is breaking. And we are encouraged to believe that before many more months shall roll round we shall look upon the white banner of temperance as espoused by the prohibitionists of our beloved State, unfurled at the zenith of her glory, with victory written upon every side and her staff planted upon the grave of "Old Booze," from which he will never be resurrected to break the hearts of mothers and wives, to ruin the lives of our noble boys, and often to consign, through his influence our fair daughters to a life of shame and misery worse than hell itself. It now looks as if the time will soon come when we will be able to say from every nook and corner of our great State: "Good-bye dark fluid of hell; your slimy track that has cursed every spot of Texas soil where man has undertaken to build his home, shall be seen no more. The wail of the mothers you have bereaved, of the homes you have ruined, of the lives you have damned, have cried out till the God of all purity has heard, and has let fall from heaven His blighting, blistering, damning, crushing curse, and His eternal fiat has gone forth that you shall live no more forever. A rainbow of hope shall ever gild the darkness of your grave with its radiant light. No sower shall ever be planted on your last resting place to send forth its blessed armor, to make glad the hearts of men. But for all the years to come, people will gather at your grave only to dance with delightful glee and shout with joy unspeakable that you are gone and to write upon your tombstone in letters of living fire such epitaphs as these: 'Here lies hell's best friend and man's worst enemy,' or 'Here lies the blackest consort that ever joined hands in business with men and women,' or 'Here lies hell's black spider,' and so on ad infinitum.

And as a Church we stand against this awful hydra-headed evil, and pledge every power at our command to rout it from the walks of men. We will fight it on every acre of land, in every precinct, in each county, in the State, all over the Nation, and throughout the world!

May the God of hosts give us speedy deliverance! (Signed.)

- G. S. WYATT, I. T. GRISWOLD, H. J. KING, C. S. CAMPERON, Committee.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The thirty-fourth session of the Brownwood District Conference met in the Methodist Church, Brownwood, Texas, Tuesday, April 28, 1914, at 3:30 p. m. Our presiding elder, Rev. J. H. Stewart, was in the chair and began the work as he had planned. This presiding elder is one that has his work well in hand and does everything in the proper way. If all "beloveds" were like Brother Stewart, there would be no cause for so many articles being written on the Presiding Eldership.

When the roll was called all of the eighteen pastors were present, many of the local preachers and a good representation of the laymen. Rev. G. W. Harris and Rev. Abe Long, our superannuates, were there with their fatherly presence.

Dr. H. A. Boaz and Dr. John E. Roach were present and represented Wesley Woman's College and Southwestern University. Rev. W. H. Mathews also represented the missionary work of the conference. Rev. J. E. Crawford, pastor at Cisco, made us a pleasant visit and preached us a good sermon.

The reports from the pastors showed a hearty growth in all lines of the work of the district. Since the last District Conference six new churches have been built and another is in the course of construction now. Several of the preachers have held good revivals and several hundred members have been added to the Churches of the district. The most brotherly-like spirit prevails among this set of preachers and the presiding elder that I have ever seen. We had no difficulty in settling all problems which came up and yet all had perfect freedom in discussion.

Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Mrs. D. R. Blair and Miss Cora Poy were present and gave us many helpful things concerning the women's work.

Rev. K. P. Barton, the pastor, and the good people of Brownwood left nothing undone that would add to the comfort and pleasure of the conference.

One of the most enjoyable occasions of the meeting was a great treat prepared for us by the choir of the Brownwood Church. On the opening night of the conference the splendid choir held us for an hour and a half in perfect rapture with its delightful music.

Claud C. Crawford, of Winters, was granted license to preach. John Lawrence Young, of Blanket, and Charles Waldon McNeely, of Brownwood, were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

Delegates to the Annual Conference were elected as follows:

- DR. M. L. BROWN, CHAS. BYNUM, REV. D. S. PIERSON, WALTER NEELLY.

Alternates:

- E. I. Collinsworth, F. H. Sweet.

W. H. Garrett was elected lay leader for the district.

The conference elected two young people, Miss Juanita Pierson, of Coleman, and Horace Reynolds, of Santa Anna, to a scholarship in Southwestern University.

The next year's conference goes to Santa Anna. After the business session of the conference closed Thursday afternoon, carriages and autos were ready to convey all of us out to the large Club Lake, five miles in the country. The ladies of the Church had prepared a gorgeous spread, which we all partook of to our heart's content.

Many people who have been attending District Conferences for years said that this was the best one they had ever attended. We all

went back to our respective fields feeling that we wanted to do more work for the Master than ever before.

W. B. VAUGHN, Sec.

ABILENE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Abilene District Conference for the current year was held in St. Paul's Church, Abilene, Texas, April 10-12. All of the proceedings were directed by Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson, presiding elder. He sets high value upon time, and consequently everything had been carefully planned beforehand. The business was dispatched with method and precision.

Every preacher serving a charge in the district and a large number of laymen answered to the first roll call. Although in a section of territory that has suffered much by five years of continuous drouth, yet in all reports there was a note of confidence and hopefulness. With faith and love toward God, the Church and all mankind, the brethren impressed us as men whose hearts were set upon an undertaking, uncontrolled by the seasons and unaffected by circumstances.

The visitors were: Rev. J. D. Scott, Superintendent of Rescue Home, San Antonio; Rev. Simeon Shaw, preacher in charge, Sweetwater, and Agent Superannuated Preacher's Homes in Northwest Texas Conference; Rev. James A. Crutchfield, Chicago, and Rev. Jacob L. Williams, a local preacher of Pecos, Texas. Brother Shaw took an offering to apply on homes for Brothers W. E. Caperton, Sweetwater, and J. M. Baker, Childress.

W. H. Wright, Abilene, was recommended to Annual Conference for readmission on trial.

Licensed to preach: John A. Ellis, Abilene; M. G. Taylor, Cross Plains; W. C. Hall, Hawley.

Delegates elected to Annual Conference:

- R. G. B. FAIN, Caps; H. M. RAINBOLT, Merkel; T. J. BARRETT, Anson; S. E. FRIEND, Ovalo.

Alternates:

- W. F. Utzman, H. O. Drummond.

Lay leader: J. K. Pittard, Anson.

Merkel was selected as the next place of meeting.

All of the preaching was done by one man, and great preaching it was. In all of his messages there was geniality without flippancy, learning without pedantry, scholarship without conceit, self-reliance without arrogance, and withal great spiritual earnestness without sanctimoniousness. In all he delivered eight messages. On Wednesday evening, by special invitation he spoke to the men of St. Paul's Church. On Thursday evening he preached the opening sermon of the District Conference; then twice each day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. From every standpoint it was great preaching. He used great themes and expounded profound truths, but all in such plain terms that one would wonder why he himself had not thought of the same thing or why someone else had not said it that way before. His propositions were clear, strong, direct; his illustrations and application terse yet happy; his reasoning was accurate and discriminating, his argument virile and convincing and his persuasion was earnest and powerful. By all who heard them, this series of sermons was pronounced unsurpassed. They stimulated thought and stirred emotions, arousing a holy and wholesome enthusiasm that abides even yet. We thank God for his coming and for his ministry. If the General Conference decides to elect some new Bishops, and if the brethren out this way were delegates, they would cast their vote about unanimously for this very man, Dr. C. M. Bishop, the distinguished President of our great Southwestern University at Georgetown.

On Sunday afternoon we had a great love feast. As the children of God joyfully bore testimony to their deliverance from the guilt and the dominion of sin, through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ; and as they declared the Father's grace which had sustained and was sustaining them in all of life's issues—in temptation, trial, affliction, suffering, sorrow and failure; as confidently they asserted their determination to be faithful and their hope of eternal life, the presence and the power of the Holy Ghost came upon the people. Thank God for the Christian religion!

The affairs of the Kingdom in the District move along well. It seems to me that the presiding elder, Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson, does more work than an other preacher that I have known. He gives great diligence to all matters under his charge, preaching from three to five times at most of his quarterly conferences. With the devotion of a spiritual father he advises, teaches and assists especially the young preachers under his care. Withal he probably spends more time in his study than any other man in the district. All of the brethren go forward with their hearts set upon great achievements for the year.

COMER M. WOODWARD, Sec.

AMARILLO DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The fourth session of the Amarillo District Conference was held in Higgins, Texas, April 24 and 25, Presiding Elder J. T. Hicks in the chair. This was preceded on the 23rd by the Amarillo District Missionary Institute. Brother Hicks had arranged an interesting program for the one day's session of the institute. It closed with an able address on "Tithing," by Judge F. P. Works, of Amarillo.

The District Conference properly opened

Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock with devotional services conducted by the presiding elder. From start to finish it was intensely interesting. Not a dull moment was known. Nearly all the preachers were present and a goodly number of faithful laymen came. Some, in fact most, of the brethren came long distances. Your scribe and others traveled on the round trip above four hundred miles to attend the District Conference, but we had the comfort of railroad travel. Several did not have railroad facilities, but they braved the sandstorms and were present for the opening service.

Notwithstanding the hardships of many pastoral charges, you could not have found a more cheerful and optimistic set of men. The brethren, especially who serve far in the interior, are real heroes and their wives heroines of the noblest type. Too much can not be said in eulogy of this noble band who endure hardships as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Many of them had not only religion, but an abundance of wit. Our chairman was an experienced man and his presence was a spiritual benediction. He is one of our very best elders, conscientious and painstaking in all his work. He exalts the office and makes it a useful place in our Methodist economy. He is onto the job, not only at the District Conference, but as he travels the district. Above all our people know that a man of God has come. The work of the district is prosperous. Good reports made. Great revival reported at Fierford.

Able preaching was done by Rev. Simeon Shaw, Dr. E. E. Robinson, Rev. J. D. Young, Rev. J. E. Wallace, Rev. J. T. Hicks and Rev. G. S. Slover.

Most of the brethren left Saturday evening, and as I was in the number who had to leave, I do not know the names of any other brethren who preached. There were a number of visiting brethren. Rev. W. Y. Switzer represented the Epworth League Board, Rev. J. D. Young spoke in behalf of the Theological Department of S. M. U., Rev. J. P. Lowrey in the interest of Home Missions Board, Rev. C. A. Clark in behalf of our Orphanage at Waco, Rev. G. S. Slover for Clarendon College and Rev. C. L. McDonald, the newly elected President of Seth Ward College. Rev. Simeon Shaw was present at the opening of the Institute in the interest of Superannuated Homes.

The "collectional" brethren were in abundance, and we enjoyed their fellow-ship.

Diggins, and their noble pastor and pastor's wife, entertained the conference with genuine Methodist hospitality. They left nothing undone to make everyone enjoy their stay. We especially remember the kindness of the ladies of the Mission Society in that delightful entertainment given the conference in the beautiful home of Brother and Sister Gray.

All in all the conference session was most profitable and harmonious.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

- J. F. LATIMER, J. A. WALLACE, A. S. ROLLINS, J. P. GRIMES.

Alternates:

- J. F. Harland, W. M. Jeter.

The institute discussed the questions to be up before the General Conference, but the District Conference failed to memorialize the General Conference to do anything, presumably because the General Conference has enough already to read and to do.

The conference resolved to inaugurate a campaign throughout the entire district on the subject of "Tithing," under the leadership of both presiding elder and district lay leader. Amarillo was selected as the place for the holding of the next District Conference session. J. W. MAYNE, Sec.

REPORT OF THE CLARENDON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

This session of the conference was more numerously attended than any session within my knowledge of nine years previous, about 100 answering to their names.

The meeting was in the little town of McLean and in their church, which is the churchiest looking little church in the district. Another uncommon thing about our meeting was the large number of the town people who attended the business meetings of the conference. McLean is the center of the best watermelon section in the Panhandle. In 1912 there were shipped from this point 330 cars of Alabama Sweets. There is an oil prospect on foot at McLean. It has a good set of merchants, a fine section of country contiguous, and the most religious set of Church people that I have ever known. Their hospitality was great.

The preaching of the conference was well done by the Revs. Bowman, Lowry, Slover, Young and Shaw.

Clarendon College was reported as in fine condition.

The reports of the pastors showed that there was but little unoccupied territory within the bounds of the district.

The following men were licensed to preach: W. W. Hudgins, Elbert F. Seymour, Grady P. Mathews and Thos. A. Messer.

C. I. Beck was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial in the traveling connection.

The characters of all the local preachers were passed and the licenses of all were renewed except one.

Kenneth Caperton and Miss Clara Austin were awarded the Southwestern scholarships. Wheeler was selected as the next place of meeting.

The delegates-elect to the next session of the Annual Conference are:

- J. J. MICKLE,

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The Licensing Committee for the District is: H. M. Long, M. E. Hawkins, G. H. Bryant, C. D. West. J. J. Mickle was elected lay leader.

A resolution expressing kindly regard for our presiding elder was unanimously passed by the conference and I send it to you on separate page for publication if you will. J. C. CARPENTER, Sec.

ANENT REV. J. W. STORY.

Whereas, Our beloved presiding elder, the Rev. J. W. Story, is closing his quadrennium on the Clarendon District, be it

Resolved, By this District Conference: First, That we express to Brother Story our sincere appreciation of the most splendid services that he has so loyally rendered both to us and the Church. We feel that his administration has been founded in wisdom and in kindness, and that we are confident that at all times and in all places and in all cases he has sincerely tried to conserve the interests of both the pastor and the people. We consider his administration to have been highly satisfactory and eminently successful.

Second, That we render grateful thanks to God for the beautiful Christian character which he has uniformly displayed among us. His life has been an inspiration to us and his spiritual ministry will continue to bear fruit to the glory of God.

Third, We wish for him many years of happy and useful ministry. We assure him that he will continue to hold a warm place in our hearts throughout the years that are to come. May God pour out his richest blessings on him in our prayer.

- (Signed) H. M. LONG, JNO. E. ELDRIDGE, I. T. HOWELL, A. V. HENDRIX.

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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.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Date. Includes Plainview, Hale Center, Dublin, at Gustine, Cisco, at Ranger, Sweetwater, at Snyder, Weatherford, at Grady, Big Spring, Post City, Marshall, at Beckville, Tompson, at Tompson, Albuquerque, at Carrizozo, San Angelo, at Crystal, Pittsburg, at Winfield, Dallas, at Oak Lawn, Dallas, Fort Worth, at Central Church, Marlin, at Normangee, Jacksonville, at Malchoff, Nacogdoches, at Huntsville, Hillsboro, at Mertens, Gatesville, at Killen.

THE FIRST CHURCH REVIVAL.

The revival meeting at the First Methodist Church has grown in interest and power from the very start. The large audience room has been comfortably filled every day for the past two weeks at the noon hour, and the evening crowds have taxed the seating capacity. On Sundays there has not been room for all who wanted to get in. Rev. John E. Brown's preaching has been uniformly strong, sane and deeply spiritual. He touches more sides of life than almost any evangelist one listens to in a series of revival sermons and his language and illustrations are all chaste and entirely free from sensationalism. He therefore reaches and attracts the most refined and thoughtful element in the community.

Mr. C. P. Curry is a great choir leader. He easily succeeds in gathering around him a large choir made up of some of the best singers of the city, and the singing is "like the voice of many waters." First Church will no doubt have a large addition to her membership as a result of the meeting, but the most telling effect will be in the quickening of the life of the church itself and in giving to its membership a larger view of loyalty to Christ and consecration to his cause.

REVIVAL CLOSES AT LAGOW.

The revival at Lagow closed last night after two weeks services. A church was organized and officials appointed by Rev. T. G. Whitten, who conducted the revival. Forty-seven professed faith in Christ. There is great promise for the future of this new plant. They have a splendid, well-appointed frame building to begin with.

Brother Whitten begins a big tent meeting at Sunset Hill Friday, May 15, corner Montreal and Brooklyn. Much success is expected.

Mrs. Emma Webster, aged fifty-six years, wife of Brother William S. Webster, died Thursday, May 7, 1914, at Ravin Okla. The Advocate tenders sympathy to the bereaved.

The General Conference

Promptly at 9:30 last Wednesday morning, May 6, the venerable Bishop Wilson took the chair in St. Luke Church and called the conference to order. Religious exercises were conducted by the several of the Bishops. The singing was with the Spirit and understanding and prayers were deep in their religious spirit and comprehensive in their sweep. Rev. A. F. Watkins, former secretary, came forward and called the roll and most of the members answered to their names. He was elected permanent secretary and then given a host of competent helpers, among them, our own Dr. J. M. Harrison. Rules of order were adopted. The laymen were given larger latitude in the committee assignments. The committees were enlarged so as to include on each one a clerical and a lay representative from each conference delegation. This was the result of a movement headed by our Dr. John M. Moore. For the first time laymen are members of the Committee on Episcopacy. The laymen now have all the rights and privileges of the clerical delegates in our General Conference. The arrangement has doubled the size of our committees making them as large as some of our annual conferences. As a result much of the work of these committees will have to be done by sub-committees.

At night the conference assembled to hear the addresses of welcome and the response thereto. Bishop Hendrix was in charge. This was meet and proper for his wife is the daughter of a missionary to the Indians and was born in a mission home. He has had charge of this section many times and presided at the old Indian Mission Conference twenty-five years ago. He was present and took part in the purchase of the first lot for a church in this city and he has seen the work develop into its present proportions. Judge Vaught, Judge Linebaugh and Dr. Shelton made the addresses of welcome. The first spoke for Oklahoma City, the second for the State and the third for the Church. They gave to us much valuable information concerning the growth of the city, the progress of the State and the development of the Church in this Commonwealth. With their speeches they interspersed much palatable humor and wit and the evening was a great delight. Bishop Hendrix was very happy in his reply.

Tuesday was a day of routine. Nothing much beyond receiving and referring memorials. The Bishops announced their special committee of fifteen in the Vanderbilt case. There was some little murmuring of discontent about it and some undercurrent of criticism. However, while some of the members thus appointed are decidedly in favor of the view of the Bishops as set forth in their address, nevertheless, quite a number of them are not expressing themselves and they are the more conservative members of the committee and it is thought they hold the balance of power. Just when they will make their report we do not know, but when they do it will be before the whole body for consideration. There will probably be a majority and a minority report, as it is hardly possible that fifteen men will be a unit on the proposition. Judge J. M. McCormick and Col. T. S. Garrison are the Texas members of it, and we are perfectly satisfied with them. They are both clear-headed men, the one a prominent lawyer and the other a successful business man.

There is already strong talk of projecting another university, if the Church should divorce itself from Vanderbilt. It is currently reported that one man is ready to start the enterprise off with a contribution of one million. And a half million from another source is said to be in sight. All this is from Georgia. I do not hesitate to say that it will be a great pity for us if it should turn out, as some assume, that we have lost Vanderbilt. We will be a long time repairing the damage thus wrought. Universities are not built in a year. It takes a long time and a great deal of money to develop one into success. It is an easy matter to accomplish this result in talk or on paper; but when we get down to the real work, then the rub comes. So that if it should turn out that we still have rights in the Vanderbilt, after mature consideration and that we are to stand by them, we will be left in much better shape. But this is all speculation. We will have to wait and watch and then see what action the General Conference will finally take. No one can foretell this action. I trust that it will be wise and for the best interests of all our great body of people.

Friday was a bright day. From nine

to half past ten, by special action, was devoted to prayer and singing. Bishop Wilson made a special talk on the spiritual mission of the Church and it proved him to be a man of great mental vigor notwithstanding his physical infirmity and age. The conference was greatly impressed with his wise words. Dr. Bradfield, our Wesleyan representative, lead in a very ardent prayer. After this the regular order of business was introduced and proceeded till adjournment. Nothing of interest developed. Memorials were received and referred, also resolutions and reports from connectional secretaries. There was monotony about the proceedings, but this is a necessity until the reports begin to come in. Then things will live up and take on greater interest.

Many Texans are beginning to arrive. Among them are several young men who want to witness the proceedings of a General Conference. Rev. J. E. Green is mixing with the delegates just like he does at an annual conference. Rev. Ed Barcus is here. So is Rev. J. M. Barcus. Rev. J. M. Holt is an interested spectator. Mrs. Viola Hunt never misses a General Conference. She sits through every session. Mrs. J. H. McLean and Mrs. A. L. Andrews are present. Dr. Andrews is chairman of the Committee on Itinerancy. All Texans are assigned to important committee work. Quite a number of the connectional sisters are here--among them Miss Belle Bennett, Miss Mabel Head and Miss Daisy Davies. They mix with the delegates and talk laity rights straight from the shoulder.

Saturday was not a very busy day. A report or two came in, one to so change the Discipline as to permit ministers coming to us from the Methodist Protestant Church to do so on the same terms upon which ministers come to us from the Methodist Episcopal Church. This report was supported by Dr. A. L. Andrews of the Committee on Itinerancy. It aroused quite a discussion and we had an interesting time for a season. The report was finally adopted. Then points of order and personal privilege questions were to the front and the body was in a good humored uproar for much of the time. Bishop Morrison had some difficulty in keeping order. There was a rollicky spirit abroad and much hilarity was indulged in. A good many memorials and resolutions were received and referred. The North Texas delegation was permitted to change their location to a better one, which is some improvement over the other one.

The Texas delegations are scattered over the auditorium. A number of them take quite a prominent part in the proceedings. Dr. McLean is the nestor from the Lone Star State. On account of his heaviness of hearing he was granted, by special vote of the conference, the privilege of a seat just in front of the chair and close to the Bishop. He has no difficulty in securing the floor. Dr. Christian and Dr. Cannon, of Virginia, are also located there and we get the benefit of their addresses. These of us far back rarely ever get the eye of the chair and hence we put in the most of our time listening and voting.

We have some leading laymen here. Judge Ireland and Judge Odell, of North Carolina, are prominent men. Thos. B. King and John Pepper, of Memphis, are conspicuous as leaders. Judge McCormick and Judge Ocie Speer are valuable members. This is their first time in the conference. Asa Candler, of Atlanta, is a genuine Candler, a brother of the Bishop and a striking figure. Judge Linebaugh of Oklahoma, is prominent. He is chairman of the committee on the Vanderbilt issue. Judge Harris, of Georgia, is an influential man. He is a candidate for Governor of his State. Grover Stuart, of Virginia, stands high as a member. His position as Governor of that great Commonwealth gives him prestige. Judge Erskine Williams is one of the very useful members of the conference. Judge Ed Vaught, of the Entertainment Committee, has left nothing undone to make the comfort of the delegates perfect. He is a man of well nigh infinite patience.

Sunday was a high day in Oklahoma City. All the evangelist pulpits were thrown open to members of the conference. Practically all the Bishops filled the leading pulpits at the morning or the evening hour. Bishop Candler preached at St. Luke's Church to an immense audience and his sermon gave great satisfaction. The pulpit of our Churches within a radius of fifty or more miles of the city were filled by members of the conference both clerical and lay. This writer was in Tecumseh and had a good day with the pastor and people of that prosperous town. The high waters are sub-

siding and the railway connections are in good shape again.

Monday was a day of routine. Some standing committee reports came in, but they were mostly "non-concurring reports." It will be some days before any real legislative reports come to the front. The brethren who delight in "points of order" are now in their glory. They often get the floor and the next morning their names get into the Daily Advocate, and this is a joy not to be lightly esteemed. A few of them know the art of getting the eye of the chair and their work abounds. They pride themselves as expert parliamentarians and they let no opportunity pass, however trivial, to impart their superior knowledge of such matters to the body. It is a tiresome procedure to many of us, but a great pleasure to them. So the rest of us simply accord the privilege to them. Once in a while we fire a little humor at them and get that much recreation of the proceedings. I am on the committees of the Episcopacy and Boundaries and before them there is much disputing. The first of these committees is conducted in executive sessions and we are not permitted to tell what transpires within its walls. Were I allowed to write about some of its proceedings it would be mighty interesting reading. The other one is an open meeting. All changes in conference boundaries come before us

and there are many of them. No conference willingly gives up any of its territory and when one conference tries to slice another one there is always a fight. And then we have the fun. There was an effort to take all the Indian tribes out of the two Oklahoma Conferences and put them into a mission conference to themselves. But the Indians did not want it. They lobbied with some of us and it was amusing. They thought it was a design to "Jim Crow" them and they resented it. It was not done and they signed and grunted their approval. These Indians are mostly fat people. They dress in their own peculiar costumes and they have a picturesque appearance. They look like veritables of the forest. They seem to be an appreciative people and they respond to brotherly greetings.

Visitors are in evidence today. A number of Texans are added to the list. In fact one is reminded of the Texas conferences. The Publishing House has one of the finest displays I have ever seen and they seem to be doing a good business. By some means I did not get the bundle of Advocates until this morning and it was not long until nearly all the conference was reading it ravenously. The Texas Advocate is well known to the delegates. The photograph man got in his work this morning and took a picture of the conference.

G. C. R.

Sketches of Our Bishops

The venerable Bishop Wilson is looking well for a man of his age and physical infirmity. His brain is as active and as clear as ever and he presides with his old-time skill and facility. He is one of the most wonderful men of his generation. He is eighty years old in body, but he is a young man in his mentality. He is in his place on the platform all the time. He is greatly venerated by the Church.

Bishop Hendrix does not look so young as he did four years ago, but he does not evince any of the infirmities of approaching years. His mind is as quick as formerly and his power of discrimination is accurate. His voice is round and full and his natural force unabated. He is one of the finest presiding officers in the College of Bishops and things move with the precision of clockwork when he is in the chair.

Bishop Candler grows stouter physically and the humor on his face never diminishes. His mind is as quick as lightning, his voice is somewhat like a fog horn and when he takes the chair he guides the proceedings with dispatch and orderliness. Personally he is a favorite with his colleagues and with all the members of the conference. There is always a group around him when he appears in the hotel lobby or on the sidewalk. His wit and good nature abound.

Bishop Morrison has improved somewhat in health within the past few months and he presides with satisfaction to the conference. He is a man of serious face and takes life rather strenuously. He is at home on the platform and in the pulpit and with most of the preachers and laymen he is exceedingly pleasant and agreeable. He is the most prepossessing member of the College of Bishops in his personal appearance.

Bishop Hoss has a ruddy look, but a somewhat nervous air. He has been under strain since his election to the Episcopacy. He is a profound student, an omnivorous reader and an intense thinker. Life with him is a serious matter, but at times he manifests the spirit of a boy. He is interesting from every angle and a ready man on all occasions. He always speaks with luminousness whether in the chair, on the platform or in the pulpit. His health seems good.

Bishop Atkins looks a trifle more robust as he advances in years. He is a man of striking mental parts, a consecutive thinker, almost a dogmatist when he settles down into a conviction, a good parliamentarian and a logical preacher. And underneath a rather cold looking exterior there beats as warm and as brotherly heart as can be found in a man's bosom. He loves his brethren and he is always easy of access to all of them.

Bishop Denny has the scholarly stoop, a bright eye, a distinct voice, and a wide range of intellectual resources. He is a wonderfully equipped man and thoroughly understands the business part of his office. He is a trained lawyer, a skilled presiding officer and a high class Christian gentleman on all parts of the ground. When you know him well he is brotherly and agreeable.

Bishop Kilgo is a commoner. Yes, he is one of the boys. You never think of him as a Bishop when he is out of the chair. He has a fund of rollicking humor and he can imitate in his droll way many of the leading men in his voice and manner. Everybody loves him, and if he has any perfunctory dignity when he approaches a body of Methodist preachers or laymen, no one has ever discovered it. He makes a good presiding officer. He is a deeply spiritual preacher.

Bishop Lambuth looks like a man who sees but little of the humor of life. He always has a serious look on his face. He takes his work to heart and does not spare himself. He is just back from a protracted visit to the heart of Africa where he has established a mission post and installed several missionaries. He is the Bishop Coke of the Church. He was born of missionary parents and he lives in the missionary spirit.

Bishop Murrain is one of the best types of the Southern gentleman. He is cultivated, polished and well poised. He is one of the most brotherly of men and greets everybody on friendly terms. He looks like a man who is master of his business and who follows it with ease and persistence. In the chair he has a manner of timidity, but he guides matters with a good strong hand and never loses his head.

Bishop Mouzon has an impressive personality. His mind is trained and his habit of thought is systematic. He has a clear, strong penetrating voice and when before the public he makes himself heard with distinctness. He makes a fine presiding officer. In the pulpit he is scholarly and intellectual. He is one of our most accomplished preachers and gives promise of much usefulness in his office. He has grown stronger with his years and his health seems perfect.

Bishop Waterhouse is the large man of the College of Bishops. He looks like a man born and trained to rule. You would notice him among a thousand. He has a genial face, a soft voice and a brotherly spirit. He also has some dry humor in his makeup and companionable in his tastes. He is an orderly presiding officer and a strong man in the pulpit. He never seems to become perturbed. To know him is to love him.

Bishop McCoy is a spare made man of delicate physical mold. He does not carry an Episcopal appearance. The stranger starting out on a hunt for a Bishop would in all probability pass him by. But he is a man of rare gifts, quick discernment and ready for any emergency. In the pulpit he is the most eloquent of his colleagues and the chair he departs himself like a veteran. He greets his brethren and mingles with them like a simple-hearted Methodist preacher. Many of us actually call him "Jim." They do this not because of any lack of respect and reverence, but because they know and love him.

Bishop Key is in a nominal relation, but he is a Bishop nevertheless. He is now approaching his eighty-fifth year, but were it not for his dim eyesight, he would still be active and alert. He is our venerable father in Israel, and as such all love and rever-



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once him. He has a ripe Christian experience and his age does not relegate him to the things of the past. He lives with the generation of today and his very presence is a benediction. The Church has never had a more saintly man and his whole life is a sweet smelling savor in the sight of God and all mankind. He sits throughout the whole sessions of the conference and takes as much interest in the proceedings as the youngest man in the body. G. C. R.

A FEW THINGS HERE AND THERE

We are frequently asked about the "Menace," a paper that devotes itself to exposing the Roman Catholic Church. We get that paper and occasionally read it. It is fierce in its treatment of Romanism. Its denunciations are something lurid. We have never taken the time to make an investigation of its charges or to examine its evidence. It says something about President Wilson and the influence of the Roman Church over him and his administration that we take with a great deal of allowance. This very fact leads us to the opinion that the Menace is radical and fearfully biased in its writings. It is impossible for a publication of its inflammable style of writing to take a calm and a judicial view of any question. To follow such a leadership is not always safe, even if it does publish much that is true. Facts and arguments, backed by correct and well asserted information, cannot be too strongly emphasized, but when any publication takes a few segments of facts and runs into riotous extremes we do not always accept it as safe, or sound, or wise.

Our old friends, the Daily Record at Fort Worth and Daily Post at Houston, have assumed a peculiar attitude in the present campaign. The former has hopped upon the fence and declines to take sides or to follow the leadership of either Ball or Ferguson; while the latter is eminently silent. It is saying nothing about either candidate, except to give accounts of the speaking engagements of both of them. Heretofore they have always assumed the attitude of oracles and dealt out deliverances to the people with authority and self-assumed wisdom. But now when you pick up one of them and glance at its editorial page you have the same feeling that you once had as a boy when you passed a graveyard after dark. You become lonesome and only imagine that you hear sounds! You want to hasten by and get out into the neighborhood where people are alive. Just what has come over the spirit of these two militant political partisan papers we cannot divine. There is something unnatural in this anomalous condition of things.

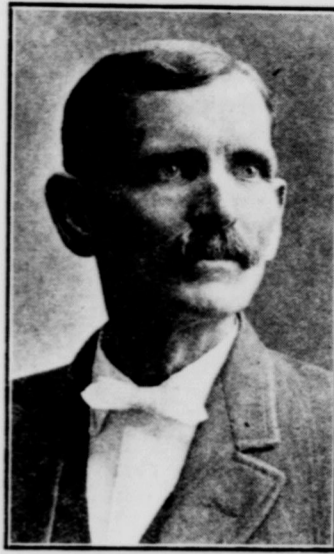
Not many self-respecting people will believe Mr. Ferguson when he says, as he is constantly saying on the stump, that Col. Ball has received \$2000 as a contribution to his campaign fund from a leading saloonkeeper of Houston; and that Col. Ball is a high-toned saloonkeeper. As to the former charge, Mr. Ball has asked Mr. Ferguson to either prove his charge or to retract it, but to date he has studiously declined to do either. As to the latter, it is beneath Col. Ball's dignity to pay any attention to the reckless statement. It is so bald and barefaced that it needs no denial. What a pity that a man who aspires to be Governor of a great State like Texas will resort to that reprehensible sort of campaign. Some of Mr. Ferguson's campaign workers are even circulating the rumor that Col. Ball is a whiskey drinker. Worse and worse!

Strange that no such rumors were put into circulation until Col. Ball became a candidate for Governor. We have known Col. Ball for nearly twenty-five years, and we have always esteemed him as a high class Christian gentleman, and he is now too old in years and too well known to the public to even undertake to defend him against slanders of this sort. Go to Huntsville and Houston, where he has lived more than a half century, and ask the best people in those communities what they think of his private and public life as a citizen. He is not without honor even in his own community and among his own people.

Within the next few months we will be in the throes of political excitement. Public sentiment will be stirred deeply. Fiery speeches will be delivered and criminations are re-creminations will be indulged in. Men will lose their heads and say things that ought to be left unsaid, and bitterness and heated passion will be generated. It is, therefore, a time for Christian men to be deliberate, prudent, prayerful and wise. Let them get a grip on their feelings, think soberly and manifest a spirit of good will and charity. Of course they must study the issues involved, come to sound conclusions, and vote honestly and on the right side of all questions. But let no one claim a monopoly of wisdom and integrity. Do not fall out with your neighbor because you cannot see things and men just alike. Give and take and continue on terms of friendship and good will. Let our preachers be prudent and discreet in their speech and conduct. They are the representatives of Jesus Christ, and while they have all the rights of citizens, they are not called upon to become rash and excessive partisans. Let them stand on the right side of all questions and vote their honest sentiments. They can take the moral phases of all issues into their public deliverances; but in the pulpit let them eschew all purely political questions. Prohibition is a moral issue, and so is submission, but party politics belongs to another class of subjects. It is settled on the hustings and at the ballot box. Speak the great principles of truth to the people boldly, and point out their duty to them as Christian men entrusted with the responsibility of Christian citizenship, but leave to the politician the harangues of partisanship. Pure morals and lofty views of right belong to the pulpit along with spiritual religion; but the low politics of the gutter and the hustings is out of place in the house of worship. Let the Church do its duty in these times of stress and inflamed public sentiment.

COL. THOMAS H. BALL AMONG HIS OWN PEOPLE.

Last Friday night in the city of Houston, Col. Ball addressed his home people and they paid him a merited compliment. A great deal of his life has been spent there and they poured out to do him honor. Men and women gave him a great audience, and right there in that whiskey center he put himself on record without equivocation as a Prohibitionist. He did not mince matters, but uttered his honest sentiments, and many of his Anti friends pledged themselves to stand by him, though they deplored his attitude on the Prohibition issue. He denounced as false the charge made by his opponent the other day that a prominent saloon man had contributed \$2000 to his campaign fund and stated that no money, if offered from that source, would be accepted by his campaign manager. But he added, "No money from that source will ever come toward me." In denouncing the slander being circulated by men of evil minds, he made the following declaration, and the great audience showed their confidence in him by a rising vote: "There is an organized campaign going on in this State, largely inspired by sinister interests in this city, seeking to discredit me before the people of Texas; and sending out paid hirelings and emissaries, charging me with being a drunkard, owing large unpaid bills for liquor, and slanders of that kind; and it will doubtless be used among those who do not know me along with such other slanders as such vicious creatures may concoct. "I had sent to me the other day an extract from a Bohemian paper, The Texas, published at Granger, declaring that the people will not have any faith in a Prohibition leader who is drunk nearly every day. Now, I feel sure that this Bohemian has been imposed upon, and is not to blame. Right here in this city men who know better, but who are capable of anything, and who are drawing money from the liquor interests, are sending out this character of stuff. "I do not ask anything at the hands of the people of Houston because of any service I may have rendered in the



REV. R. F. DUNN, Pastor Maypearl, Texas, Central Texas Conference.

Brother Dunn has a life membership in the Advocate Honor Roll. It is his habit to bring up a fine report for the Advocate every year, for he looks on the Advocate as his assistant pastor. He placed all his stewards on the roll last year and has added more than twenty new subscribers during his pastorate at Maypearl, and is still at work. Brother Dunn proves the rule that a pastor who circulates the Advocate brings up a good report on all lines. The minutes show for Maypearl last year everything in full and a surplus on several items.

past. I do not want the vote of any man in Texas who does not believe that my election as Governor will redound to the happiness and prosperity of our State; but I do feel that my record as an official and my services as a citizen to this community entitle me to a square deal, and while I know that when the votes are counted in the July primaries the best and most representative citizenship of this county, pro and anti alike, will be behind me, I want this audience tonight to testify by a rising vote, whether for or against my candidacy, that they have no sympathy with any low, unfair means being used against me, and that they have personal confidence in me as a man, a citizen and a lawyer."

The 100 Per Cent Roll

This list is not complete, as there are a number of other charges yet to hear from. Will the pastors, or presiding elders, notify us at once of any other charges belonging on this list, so the full list may appear correctly. Every district should have full credit, and the pastors can help in this by making prompt report of their charges).

New Mexico Conference.

- El Paso District: Toyah—Rev. G. H. McAnally, Van Horn and Kent—Rev. E. D. Lewis

West Texas Conference.

- Austin District: Austin, First Church—Rev. W. D. Bradfield, Austin, Ward Memorial—Rev. L. C. Lilly, Flatonia—Rev. B. W. Allen, Lagrange—Rev. A. S. Haygood, Smithville—Rev. F. A. White, Webberville—Rev. W. R. Keithley, Weimar—Rev. G. T. Gibbons.

- Beeville District: Floresville—Rev. G. M. Boyd, Kingsville—Rev. O. F. Hatfield, Sinton—Rev. E. Y. S. Hubbard.

- Cuero District: Goliad—Rev. J. E. Buck, Hallettsville—Rev. D. A. Williams, Nixon—Rev. J. W. Rowland, Smiley—Rev. E. G. Hocutt, Stockdale—Rev. R. G. Flummer, Yoakum—Rev. J. F. Webb.

- Lampasas District: Burnet—Rev. P. B. Summers, Llano Station—Rev. J. F. Lawlis.

- San Angelo District: Brady—Rev. I. T. Morris, Junction Circuit—Rev. C. W. Rylander, Menard-Eden—Rev. W. L. Wall, Ozona—Rev. W. M. Crutchfield, Sherwood—Rev. J. F. Simpson.

- San Antonio District: Bandera—Rev. J. H. Meredith, Rev. I. E. Wood, Boerne—Rev. R. W. Fischer, Center Point—Rev. R. E. Duke.

- San Antonio: Alamo Heights—Rev. Gaston Hartshield, McKinley Avenue—Rev. S. B. Johnston, Travis Park—Rev. D. E. Hawk.

- San Marcos District: Gonzales—Rev. A. B. Davidson, Harwood—Rev. G. T. Hester, Leesville Circuit—Rev. J. D. May, Manchaca Circuit—Rev. W. A. Hart, Wadler and Thompsonville—Rev. J. G. Forester.

- Uvalde District: Devine and Lytle—Rev. C. E. Wheat, Hondo—Rev. M. K. Fred, Moore—Rev. W. G. Callahan, Pearsall Station—Rev. E. E. Sarason, Sabinal Station—Rev. W. L. Barr.

Central Texas Conference.

- Brownwood District: Gouldsburg—Rev. A. D. Cosgrove, Wingate—Rev. J. L. Speer.

- Cisco District: Breckenridge—Rev. J. H. Baldrige, Carbon—Rev. W. T. Singley, Cisco Station—Rev. J. E. Crawford, May—Rev. C. V. Williams, Ranger—Rev. J. M. Armstrong.

- Cleburne District: Cleburne, Brazos Avenue—Rev. E. F. Hudgens, Glen Rose Station—Rev. W. M. Bowden, Godley—Rev. B. H. Oxford, Walnut Springs Station—Rev. S. P. New.

- Corsicana District: Barry—Rev. I. U. McAfee, Big Hill and Odds—Rev. I. F. Isbell, Chatfield—Rev. B. E. Kimbrow, Purdon—Rev. T. H. Burton, Rice—Rev. P. M. Riley.

Texas Conference.

- Beaumont District: Beaumont, Roberts Ave.—Rev. I. J. Powell, Komtze—Rev. A. G. Scroggs.

- Brenham District: Ray City—Rev. J. F. Carter, Brookshire and Patterson—Rev. T. S. Willford, Glenora—Rev. I. F. Hardy, Hempstead—Rev. M. P. Hines, Lexington Station—Rev. I. L. Williams, Evans Mission—Rev. S. W. Stokely, Matapora and Lane City—Rev. D. S. Burke, Richmond—Rev. A. A. Tharp.

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CAPT. L. G. WHITE, Of the Texas National Guard.

Who resigned the pastorate of Weatherford Street Church, Fort Worth, to go with his company when ordered into service on the border. The above picture was sent to us by Rev. J. S. Bowles, of Brownsville, whose pulpit Capt. White filled on Sunday, May 3, preaching to a large number of soldiers as well as citizens.

- Dublin District: Conanche Circuit—Rev. H. B. Clark, Daddin Station—Rev. S. G. Thompson, Stephenville Circuit—Rev. C. O. High tower, Toler and Lipan—Rev. S. C. Baird, Fort Worth District: Fort Worth, Glenwood—Rev. S. Richardson.

- Gatesville District: Copperas Cove—Rev. J. F. Adams, Fairy and Latham—Rev. H. B. Henry, Gatesville Circuit—Rev. J. W. Bowden, Hamilton Station—Rev. Alonzo Monk, Jr., Killen Station—Rev. R. A. Walker, McGezorg Station—Rev. G. F. Campbell, Meridian Station—Rev. S. B. Knowles, Ogleby—Rev. R. H. Heizer.

- Georgetown District: Hutto—Rev. J. E. Matlock, Salado—Rev. E. R. Patterson, Taylor—Rev. A. E. Carraway, Temple, Seventh St.—Rev. E. V. Cox.

- Hillsboro District: Brazos—Rev. J. F. Tyson, Goodidge—Rev. C. W. Macune, Covington and Osceola—Rev. J. W. Head, Hubbard Station—Rev. I. A. Webb.

- Waco District: Bosqueville Circuit—Rev. N. E. Gardner, Hewitt and Spring Valley—Rev. M. A. Turner.

- McCallum Station—Rev. B. A. Evans, Waco, Herring Avenue—Rev. W. T. Gray, West—Rev. W. T. Kinslow.

- Waxahachie District: Bethel Station—Rev. S. B. Sawyers, Mansfield Station—Rev. H. I. Munger, Midlothian Station—Rev. R. F. Brown.

- Weatherford District: Elvasite—Rev. M. M. Chunn, Olney—Rev. H. L. Vincent.

Northwest Texas Conference.

- Abilene District: Caps—Rev. R. E. L. Stotts, Trent—Rev. C. W. Young, Tye—Rev. M. H. Hudson.

- Amarillo District: Amarillo, Polk St.—Rev. E. E. Robinson, Amarillo Mission—Rev. W. I. Caughren, Dalhart Station—Rev. J. W. Mayne, Dumas—Rev. B. J. Osborn, Higgins—Rev. Z. B. Pirtle, Stratford—Rev. J. F. Patterson.

- Big Springs District: Gail—Rev. W. C. Hart, Lamesa—Rev. S. H. Adams, Seminole—Rev. J. W. R. Boardman, Stanton Station—Rev. W. C. Hinds.

- Clarendon District: McLean and Groom—Rev. J. T. Howell, Neahlu—Rev. C. O. Huff, Wellington Station—Rev. A. I. Bowman, Wellington Circuit—Rev. J. E. Eldridge, Wheeler—Rev. A. V. Hendrix.

- Hamlin District: Aspermont—Rev. M. M. Beavers, Tuxedo—Rev. M. L. Moody, Vera—Rev. C. D. Pipkin.

- Plainview District: Crockett—Rev. C. E. Lynn, Hale Center—Rev. J. A. Sweeney, Kress—Rev. B. W. Wilkins, Lockney Mission—Rev. V. L. Formway, Plainview Station—Rev. S. A. Barnes.

- Stamford District: Bonarton—Rev. I. V. Lipscomb, Goree Circuit—Rev. J. H. Watts, Munday—Rev. W. C. Childress, Throckmorton—Rev. F. L. Meadow, Word Memorial and Lueders—Rev. W. B. McKeown.

- Weinert—Rev. V. H. Trammell, Westover—Rev. Ed Tharp, Woodson—Rev. J. W. Watson.

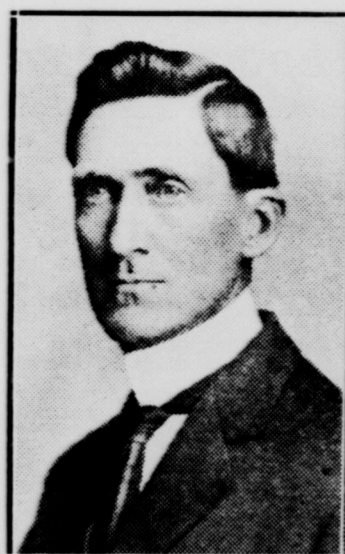
- Sweetwater District: Blackwell—Rev. G. H. Gattis, Westbrook—Rev. C. F. Carmack.

- Vernon District: Chillicothe Station—Rev. M. Phelan, Paducah Station—Rev. C. S. Cameron, Vernon Station—Rev. A. W. Hall.

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REV. J. A. SWEENEY, Pastor Hale Center Plainview District.

Presiding Elder Kiker furnishes us the above picture of the latest addition to the pastors in Plainview District who have every official reading the Advocate. Brother Sweeney can always be depended on to be in the front rank of every good work.

- Rockdale—Rev. E. G. Cooke, Somerville—Rev. C. M. Myers, Wallis and Fairhear—Rev. W. W. Horner, Houston District: Houston, First Church—Rev. C. S. Wright, Houston, Grace Church—Rev. E. W. Potter, Seabrook and Pasadena—Rev. E. J. Harris, Velasco Circuit—Rev. C. E. Clark.

- Jacksonville District: Fustate—Rev. A. G. Coleman, Frankston Circuit—Rev. Preston Florence, Kellys—Rev. J. M. Mills, Malakoff—Rev. E. C. Escoe.

- Marlin District: Centerville—Rev. T. C. Sharp, Kosse—Rev. O. F. Zimmerman, Normangee—Rev. R. H. Jewelling, Roseland—Rev. A. A. Wagnon, Teague—Rev. A. T. Walker.

- Marshall District: Henderson Station—Rev. C. A. Tower, Jefferson Station—Rev. H. T. Perrette, Kilgore—Rev. A. J. McCarty.

- Navasota District: Groveton Station—Rev. C. C. Bell, Shiro—Rev. D. W. Gardner, Walker Co. Miss.—Rev. J. L. Webb, Pittsburg District: Wynnboro Cir.—Rev. J. H. Westmoreland, Texarkana, First Church—Rev. G. W. Davis.

- Timpson District: Burke and Doholl—Rev. P. S. Wilson, Center Station—Rev. C. B. Garrett.

- Tyler District: Ben Wheeler and Holly Springs—Rev. L. F. Jewell, Edom and Chandler—Rev. E. P. Swindall, Whitehouse—Rev. J. M. Fuller.

North Texas Conference.

- Bonham District: Ector—Rev. M. R. T. Davis, Honey Grove—Rev. C. B. Fladger, Ravenna Mission—Rev. J. A. Wheeler.

- Bowie District: Bellevue Station—Rev. J. W. Beck, Burkholder Station—Rev. W. F. Davis, Mezerger Mission—Rev. A. Wall, Ringgold Mission—Rev. P. S. Warren, Wichita Falls—Rev. J. W. Hill.

- Dallas District: Dallas, First Church—Rev. G. M. Gibson, Dallas, Ervay St.—Rev. W. D. Thompson, Dallas, Forest Ave.—Rev. E. I. Wright, Dallas, Oak Lawn—Rev. C. M. Timpson, Dallas, Trinity—Rev. New Harris.

- Decatur District: Bridgeport Station—Rev. T. M. Kirk, Justin and Ponder—Rev. C. N. Smith, Gamesville District: Marysville—Rev. M. A. Stout, Myra and Hood—Rev. J. W. Slagle, St. Jo Mission—Rev. E. V. Cole.

- Greenville District: Campbell—Rev. J. V. Davis, Celeste—Rev. L. E. Conkin, Lone Oak Station—Rev. W. H. Wright, Wolfe City Station—Rev. J. H. McLean, Greenville and Cash Mission—Rev. C. H. Russell.

- Jones Bethel and Wesley Chapel—Rev. S. L. Crowson.

- McKinney District: Lewisville—Rev. Minor Bounds, Carrollton and Farmers Branch—Rev. D. F. Fuller, Nevada Station—Rev. J. O. Davis, Plano Station—Rev. R. B. Wilkes.

- Paris District: Avery Mission—Rev. J. J. Mason, Blossom Station—Rev. A. J. Hendrix, Deport Circuit—Rev. A. D. Hill, Detroit Station—Rev. T. W. Lovell, Pattonville—Rev. J. W. O'Bryant.

- Sherman District: White-shoro Station—Rev. W. R. McCarter, Sulphur Springs District: Como and Forest Academics—Rev. J. H. Scrimshire.

- Cumby Circuit—Rev. J. L. Rea, Lake Creek—Rev. J. C. Gibbons, Pecan Gap—Rev. W. B. Byars, Sulphur Springs—Rev. J. B. Gober.

- Terrell District: Mahan—Rev. E. B. Jackson, \*Those marked with a star have every member of the Quarterly Conference as readers of the Advocate.

REV. M. A. STOUT'S METHOD.

As I make my pastoral visits I look for the Advocate, and if I fail to find it, I ask if they take the Church paper. If they don't, I go to work telling them of its merits; that it is the best paper in the world. Where the Advocate is in the home there is no danger of any one proselyting their children. There has been but few times in my life that I have had to make any argument at all to get the people to see that they need the paper. They are all as a rule ready to subscribe for it.

I have the paper in other homes that do not Methodists. I have but few homes that do not take the Church paper, and before long Marsyale Circuit will be a solid Advocate field. M. A. STOUT.

REV. J. F. TYSON'S METHOD.

Often I take the Advocate into the pulpit, and at time of making announcements I use the Advocate for a text for a short sermon. I seldom go into a home that I don't mention the Advocate. It is one of the topics for discussion.



## Epworth League Department

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### Encampment, Epworth-by-the-Sea.

JULY 15th to 26th, 1914

#### A PEEP AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

We were present at the second day's session of the General Conference in Oklahoma City and witnessed much of the initial proceedings of this important gathering. St. Luke's Church, where the conference is being held, was filled with delegates and visitors well before the hour set for the call to order. The roll call showed but few absentees. A feature of the morning session was the presentation of a gravel honoring the memory of Rev. Andrew Hunter, a pioneer in Methodism, who rendered valuable service in laying a broad foundation for the building of Christian civilization in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

The first official call for memorials and petitions was made and about three hundred were filed, the questions receiving most conspicuous mention being the Vanderbilt case, the use of tobacco and lady rights for the women. We sat near the table of the secretary charged with the listing and committee distribution of these papers and watched carefully for any affecting the Epworth League. It is significant, we think, to note that out of that vast number only one touched in any manner upon our young people's organization, and this was a memorial from the St. Louis Conference providing for the reception of new members at the devotional instead of the business meetings of the chapter, a provision which already is written into the constitution as an optional measure, and a practice which has been followed in certain sections of Texas for more than two years.

#### Rumors Abroad.

We were told, however, of a few memorials awaiting a later filing, the most drastic one being drafted by one of our prominent Texas ministers, but the overwhelming sentiment seemed to forecast only constructive legislation for the Epworth League. The bishops, in their address, went on record in positive and unmistakable terms of endorsement of the League. For a while, from certain quarters, we have heard much said about the Epworth League being put under control of the Sunday School Board. There is no possible chance for this to be done, the best evidence of which is the expressed wish of the Sunday School Board to stand alone. The autonomy

of the League is going to be preserved, regardless of what legislation might be enacted.

#### League Board Meets.

The annual meeting of the General Epworth League Board was held on May 6 and 7 and a complete revision of the Senior and Junior Constitutions was made, with one provided for a new organization, "The Girls of Epworth," corresponding to the work for boys among the older girls. The board also prepared a revision of the chapter in the Book of Discipline, the most radical feature of which was the provision made for a

#### Director of Young People's Societies.

It is sought through this office to not only agitate and organize new societies of the several kinds, but to harmonize the work of them all, prevent any overlapping of energies and strengthen the young people's work in general. Of course it remains to be seen what the General Conference will do with this plan, but that it stands a splendid chance of adoption there seems no doubt.

#### A New Mission Field.

Having accomplished what it set out to do, the League will not direct attention further to Cuba, but will take up work in the African field. The budget for this field calls for \$16,000, and the entire sum is to be raised by the League. We raised more than twice this sum last year, and it is not to be understood that there is to be any decrease in our giving, but it will be directed into different channels. We believe the African budget will at once become the most popular of any the League has ever assumed. The League has answered Bishop Lambuth's call, and in connection it might be of interest to our readers to know that four of the six missionaries already in this field are direct products of the League. Their names are Rev. and Mrs. Stockwell and Rev. and Mrs. Mumpower.

#### Plans for Epworth.

We took advantage of our visit to the General Conference to consult with Dr. Harrison and Brother Joseph at Epworth-by-the-Sea, and incidentally secure some speakers for this occasion. The details of the program were all agreed upon and in just a short time we will be able to announce it in completed form.

#### Time Advanced One Day.

We have decided to open the Encampment on the evening of July 15, instead of the morning of the 16th, and the date therefore will be July 15 to 26. Let our Leaders make note of this change.

#### A Few Notes.

Former President F. P. Works is a delegate from his conference and a member of the Epworth League Committee.

Bishop Joseph S. Key is an active participant in the conference.

Dr. J. E. Harrison's rules of order were adopted for the government of the conference.

G. W. T.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

#### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

During the sessions of the General Conference the editor of this department will claim space for only the necessary notices and very short communications.

#### PLAINVIEW DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES.

Early in the conference year Plainview District was divided into four Sunday School zones. A Sunday School Institute has been held in each zone. They were at Lubbock, March 12, 13; Tulsa, April 1, 2; Lockney, April 2, 3; and Matador, April 2, 3. All these institutes were very well attended and much interest was manifested. It was their purpose to help the Sunday School to fill its place by assisting it to solve the problem that had for so long a time been standing in the way of its success, and to urge it to come up to the "standard of efficiency" adopted by our Church.

The subjects to the general topics were thoroughly discussed by the presiding elder, pastors and laymen of the district. Already we have heard of good results coming from those splendid talks.

We find that the great hindrance to Sunday School work in our district is the lack of church buildings in which to have Sunday School. If the Church and Sunday School are to prosper in Plainview District these big-hearted Western people must provide homes for them, and we believe they will.

There are twenty Sunday Schools in the Plainview District, and the membership in almost everyone of them equals or exceeds the membership of the Church. But, sad to say, few of them are wholly standardized. Many have begun to work up to the "Standard of Efficiency" since an institute was held in their zone. At the last institute, at Matador, it was resolved that every Sunday School in the District be brought up to the standard; and it is the aim of the presiding elder, district secretary, pastors and superintendents to accomplish this before the close of the year.

We owe a great deal to our presiding elder, Rev. O. P. Kiker, for the success of the institutes. He is one of the greatest Sunday School men in the conference, and is doing a great deal for the work in the Plainview District.

The pastors and superintendents are also "live wires" in the work. With all these faculties and the help of the good people, we hope to make Plainview District the best Sunday School District in the Northwest Texas Conference. (Miss) O. A. PAGE, District Secretary.

#### TO THE PASTORS AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Sunday School Board of the Texas Conference has arranged to furnish all applicants for Children's Day program and the board will pay for the same. We earnestly urge all pastors and superintendents to have a Children's Day exercise of some kind, take an offering and remit to Dr. I. E. Cox, Brenham, Texas. These exercises can be held at some time most convenient to you, but we are endeavoring to build up the Sunday Schools of our conference and we ask you to help us at least this much.

W. F. DAVIS, Chairman.

### DISEASE DANGERS OF MEXICAN INVASION.

The possibility of war with Mexico has been before our people for some time; if a general war occurs it means invasion of Mexico territory. The question would be a matter of time. The disease dangers which will confront American soldiers in Mexico? It has long since passed into a truism that in war, disease kills more than bullets. Will this prove true in a Mexican war? The increased knowledge of preventive medicine since the Spanish-American War has encouraged the belief that the mortality from disease will be materially lessened. To what extent is this belief justified, and what are the diseases from which our troops may suffer in a tropical country and from which they should be protected? These questions, which have long been in the minds of many of our people during the last few weeks, are answered in a recent issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

Aside from the ordinary diseases which might prevail among any body of two or three hundred thousand men, there are several which are particularly exposed. These are especially smallpox, typhoid fever and dysentery. Smallpox may be disregarded, as any troops sent into Mexico will be immune from this disease through vaccination. Typhoid fever, in the past, has been the awful scourge of military camps. The appalling experience of the Spanish-American War has not been forgotten by our people; the record of twenty thousand cases of typhoid in the army in six months produced an impression which can never be obliterated. But since then progress in preventive medicine has been made, and vaccination against typhoid is a result. Antityphoid inoculation has been subject to rigorous tests on a large scale in the army during the past two years, with the result that in 1913, out of ninety thousand men at home and abroad, there was only a single case of typhoid fever among the inoculated, a record that can well be regarded as a triumph for preventive medicine. It is believed that the army surgeon now has a weapon against typhoid that will make the next war unique in this regard. Every officer and man now in the United States Army and Navy is practically safe against this disease, and each recruit will be inoculated at the time he is sworn into the service. The next campaign in which the United States Army will participate will be a practical test of typhoid prophylaxis on a large scale. That it will prove the value of inoculation and will reduce warfare to order of its most horrible accompaniments there is little doubt.

The dysenteries can be divided into those due to bacterial invasion and those caused by protozoa in foods. While the water and food of the soldiers will be more carefully guarded than ever before, a certain amount of food that has taken place in the last decade, it can safely be predicted, however, that the nation will be spared a repetition of the "cholera belt" scandals of 1898. The work of the general staff of the army, the development of departmental officers of high efficiency and the enormous amount of publicity on typhoid that has taken place in the last decade, ought to insure the American soldier a wholesome food supply. After the experience and warning of the past, the American people will hold to a strict accountability any one responsible for supplying the army with food materials which are not in every way up to the standard.

Of the diseases peculiar to tropical and semitropical countries, yellow fever, malaria, lubeanic plague, cholera and typhus must be considered. The brilliant work of the last fifteen years in demonstrating the transmission of malaria and yellow fever, the mosquito has put our Army and Navy surgeons and sanitarians in possession of all the knowledge needed to control these diseases. The convincing demonstration of the practicability of their control given by General Geras in the Canal Zone has proved that malaria and yellow fever can be completely controlled in settled communities. Where men are being in fixed habitations, which can be screened and where all possible breeding places of mosquitoes for a necessary distance can be destroyed, the complete eradication of these two diseases is possible. It remains to be seen whether malaria and yellow fever can be prevented among soldiers in the field. Mosquito-nets, can of course, be carried, and patients in the field and hospitals can be protected as well as troops in barracks or permanent quarters. But how about troops in the field, scouting parties, pickets and outposts? Undoubtedly, more intensive work will devise methods to treat the needs, and the dangers of these two diseases will be greatly diminished, although occasional cases may be unavoidable. Epidemics, however, will be practically impossible.

Cholera, being borne through water, milk, flies or human excreta, can be prevented only through cleanliness and by maintaining the purity of water supplies. It is not today a particularly dangerous possibility, as it can enter Mexico only by way of the seaports, most of which, in case of a campaign, would soon be in the hands of the navy and under sanitary regulations. Regarding typhus fever it is a strange coincidence that the work of Ricketts, by which he demonstrated, at the loss of his own life, that the body-louse is the carrier of this disease, was done at Mexico City, where he went to carry on his investigations on account of the prevalence of typhus among the lower class Mexicans. This disease, which in past centuries caused enormous loss of life in camps and on shipboard, is limited in its danger and can easily be prevented by avoiding dirty dwellings and contact with dirty individuals. There is as yet no known method of prevention except the avoidance of infection. If needs be, there are among any large number of soldiers in Mexico, a few cases of this disease will develop.

Rubonic plague is endemic in many of the nearby South American ports. It would probably be constant danger in the Mexican sea-

ports. Fortunately, it would be confined largely to the seaports and large towns. An army in the field, living in tents on the bare ground, would be practically safe from it. Probably one of the first measures inaugurated by our medical officers on taking possession of a Mexican seaport would be a campaign of rat extermination, as this animal has been shown to be responsible for plague propagation.

#### JAMES J. HILL AND HENRY EXALL, PROPHETS AND BUILDERS.

James J. Hill, multimillionaire, master financier, empire builder of the North, is giving the American people the cold facts as to their future in relation to agricultural development in the United States, and these facts so closely parallel the teachings of Henry Exall that a statement of the two together is more than a statement of the things to be done, but their views are also the same.

For instance, James J. Hill recently wrote to the editor of a national farm periodical: "You ask me to name the essential things that must be done to conserve the soil, and at the same time to give its cultivator a large and increasing return. I have stated them many times. It is an old story. The essentials are:

"Rotation of crops.  
"Thorough cultivation.  
"Chemical soil analysis to discover in what elements of fertility, if any, it is deficient, and supplying them.

"The keeping of live stock and the liberal use of barnyard manure.  
"The selection of only the best products for use as seed, and a careful test of germination before planting.

"Always more and better cultivation."  
Paraphrasing these, here are the teachings of Henry Exall:

"A well planned rotation of crops, including cowpeas.  
"Deep fall plowing, and maintaining the soil mellow during the growing season—in other words, rapid, thorough cultivation.

"Careful observation of the manner of growth and fructification of the crops to discover in what elements of fertility, if any, the soil is deficient, and supplying them.

"The keeping of live stock and the greatest possible use of barnyard manure and of commercial fertilizers where barnyard manures are not available.  
"The plowing under of cover crops to provide humus where live stock can not be kept.  
"The selection of seed from the best plants and use of the germination test.  
"Continued cultivation until the crops have fruited."

James J. Hill has been very active in promoting agriculture along the Great North road line in the Northwest. His plan of popularizing scientific agriculture has been to have the farmers set aside 5-acre tracts in their farms and to pay them \$8 per acre for farming them as directed, in addition to what they receive from the increased yields. The results have been that the scientifically farmed tracts have not doubled the yields of the remainder of the farms.

Henry Exall, through the Texas Industrial Congress, held State-wide competitions in production and net profits, and in co-operation with the business men of Texas, gave away \$30,000 in gold as prizes for the best results. He did not require the farmers to follow directions to them and urged them to make use, also, of the work of county demonstration agents, and of the A. & M. College and Experiment Station service. The contestants for the prizes have maintained averages of production about three times the State average. Both men have exerted a powerful influence for better farming, their work causing farmers in great numbers to lay hold of the better methods worked out in the experiment stations and agricultural colleges of the State and by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

#### SECURING A GOOD CROP STAND.

Most farmers recognize the fact that it is necessary in order to make a good yield to have a good stand of plants upon the land. But the securing of a perfect stand is such a difficult thing with our usual methods that we are apt to consider what is really a poor stand as rather a fair one. In other words, we are so used to poor stands that we do not know a good one when we see it. It is rare indeed to find a crop, especially of corn, that has not missing stalks amounting to ten per cent of the total when the soil should be perfect and when the average man recognizes that he has a poor stand the percentage of missing stalks will run as high as fifteen to twenty-five per cent. Of course under these circumstances our yield is poor indeed from the start to the end, but that is not the worst part of it. Many corns do not mature, as the surplus food will make the adjoining stalks yield that much better. If we have spaced our crops correctly at the beginning, however, this is a mistake and this land is that much wasted. On the other hand, it takes eternal vigilance to prevent the growth of weeds and grasses in the missing places and those not only take substance that we counted upon going to the plants but also serve to seed the ground with weeds that will give us trouble and expense to control the next year.

Securing a stand is comparatively easy when we observe certain rules, but almost an impossibility when these rules are violated. First, of course, see that the seed are sound. Then, if we prepare the soil properly and place the seed in the ground properly when the temperature is right there should be no difficulty. But after the seed are up, whether there is a stand or not we are often tempted to save the first plants either by leaving the vacant places to go unweeded or attempting to make up for them by replanting. Of the two the former is generally preferable. As a rule the resistant set-tem does anything as it is shaded out by its more vigorous neighbors and the cultivator who has to be controlled to meet the elder crop are generally not suitable in the replant. It is generally best, if the stand is lacking more than ten to fifteen per cent of being perfect, to plow the whole crop up and replant. The seeming loss of time by this process is not as great as would at first seem, as the first place the new planting comes up promptly and grows off vigorously partly due to the better condition of the soil and partly due to the fact that the first planting was probably too early. When this is done later cultivation can be made to suit the age of the plant and almost invariably this is preferable to trying to make a full crop with a poor stand.—Bulletin No. 6, Texas Industrial Congress.

#### KEEP THE BALANCE UP.

It has been truthfully said that any disturbance of the even balance of health causes serious trouble. Nobody can be too careful to keep this balance up. When people begin to lose appetite, or to get tired easily, the least impudence brings on sickness, weakness, or debility. This system needs a tonic, craves it, and should not be denied it; and the best tonic of which we have any knowledge is Hood's Sarsaparilla. What this medicine has done in keeping healthy people healthy, in keeping up the even balance of health, gives it the same distinction as a preventive that it enjoys as a cure. Its early use has illustrated the wisdom of the old saying that a stitch in time saves nine. Take Hood's for appetite, strength and endurance. (Adv.)

### POSTING THE DRUNKARDS.

It may not be generally known that the State of Washington has adopted the practice of publicly posting the names of persons who have been adjudged drunkards. The determination of the status of the posted persons lies with a county court. Saloon keepers are compelled to put the lists up in their saloons. A recent list containing twenty-eight names was accompanied with the following statement: "Each of the persons below named and listed has been adjudged an habitual drunkard by decree of the Superior Court of Spokane, State of Washington. All persons licensed to sell by retail intoxicating liquors in said county are forbidden to sell or give any of said habitual drunkards any intoxicating liquors, and are required to keep this notice and list posted in some conspicuous place in their place of business, under penalty of law." The question of prohibition is now before the people of Washington, and will be voted on November 3, 1914.—United Presbyterian.

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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.

## TO THE MISSIONARY LADIES OF NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

We want to say, Don't fail to be present at the annual meeting June 6-10. There are one hundred and fifty hearts and homes opened to you, anxiously awaiting your coming. Let every auxiliary in the conference be represented and even those places that have no organization send a representative. You will be more than welcome. It will be a great disappointment to us if this is not the greatest meeting in all respects of any previous one.

Send your names to Mrs. O. B. Jackson, State the day and train on which you will arrive in the metropolis of the great West. MRS. T. E. RICHARDS, President. MRS. S. A. BARNES.

### CISCO DISTRICT.

The Woman's Missionary Conference of the Cisco District convened at Ranger April 20 to May 1.

The conference hostesses met the trains in automobiles and conveyed the delegates to the parsonage where a delightful luncheon was served before the opening session in the afternoon.

The programs from first to last were interesting and uplifting.

Our District Secretary, Mrs. Kimble, is alive and wide-awake on all subjects pertaining to the work of the district. Though not strong physically, her enthusiasm and the amount of work she accomplishes is an inspiration to the women of this district.

Mrs. Foster, the enthusiastic District Secretary of the Beville District of the West Texas Conference, was presented to the conference and gave an interesting account of the work of her district.

Miss Mitchell, city missionary of Thurber, gave an account of her work among the foreigners and presented the great need of a piano for the school building where all work for the foreigners is conducted. Little Eiretta Gilloisini, of the Thurber kindergarten, sang "Father, We Thank Thee."

Rev. J. F. Patterson, of Desdemona; Rev. C. E. Lindsey, presiding elder of the Cisco District; Rev. J. M. Armstrong, of Ranger; Mrs. Root, President of the Baptist Missionary Society, and Professor Olor, Superintendent of the School at Ranger, were presented to the conference.

Miss Baker, head resident of Marston Hall, at Thurber, gave a very interesting account of the work carried on by this institution.

An informal reception was held in the church at the close of the afternoon session, where we had a delightful social hour and were served with fruit punch.

The Philathea Class of Methodist Sunday School added a beautiful number to the night's program by giving a pageant representing the Christian women and the women of heathen lands. Rev. Lindsey preached a specially helpful sermon at the night service.

One of the most helpful features of the conference was a model business session, conducted by Mrs. Kimble.

Nearly all the auxiliaries in the district were well represented and the reports from the delegates were very encouraging. Our next meeting will be held at Thurber. Ranger contained us royally from the first hour to the last.

SUSIE MITCHELL.

### A CALLED MEETING.

During the meeting of the Woman's Great Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in Fort Worth, Texas, April 9-16, Mrs. D. L. Stevens, President of the Missionary Society of the Northwest Texas Conference, called the ladies present from the Northwest Texas Conference to meet her in a conference for a few moments. After a brief talk by the President it was voted that we would meet together and that the Table Talk should be our coming conference, which is to convene in June at Plainview. Those present were Mesdames Stevens, Camp, Smith, Shaw, Perimeter, Davidson, McKennon, Hanks, Truelove, Griswood, Hall, Myatt, Anding, Rollins, Woodward, Bloodworth, McHugh, Watts, Farrell, Pierce, Greever, Wyatt, Smith and Lovelace, and Miss Eula Mae Rollins. For various reasons some of our ladies were deprived of the pleasure of the blessed associations that we enjoyed, and the elegant dinner we served. We missed a treat. It would not be true to say that we just talked of conference affairs, for we discussed everything, past, present and future. The memory of the occasion will remain fresh with all those present for years to come, and it will be as sweet as the now-blown rose. The Central Texas Conference can boast of her exhibit—we are proud of it, too, because we are twins, but unfortunately we happened to be born just a little smaller, though we were also proud of the little share we had in making the council a success. Wait until Amarillo, Claydon, Memphis, Childress, Oganah, Vernon, Plainview and many other places I could mention have time to develop a little more, then we will give you a race for your money. One thing more: This conference can go ahead of us on this?

## THE SWEET-TONED EPWORTH MORE ABOUT THE SWEET-TONED EPWORTH PIANOS AND ORGANS AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN OKLAHOMA CITY.

The Epworth piano and organ at the General Conference display rooms are crowded with visitors from all parts of the South. Many of the ministers and laymen too are taking advantage of this good chance to get a sweet-toned Epworth at the special General Conference price and easy terms of payment. Readers of this paper who are needing pianos or organs will do well to write a postal to the Williams Piano & Organ Co., Chicago, department 341, and ask for a free Epworth piano (or organ) catalog and special offer on the General Conference instruments, which will be sent anywhere freight paid on trial.

Every district, except two, in the Northwest Texas Conference had a representative at the council to learn more and more of the work. Little Paul Ezra Hall was vice-president of the Northwest Texas Conference delegation. MRS. GEO. S. WYATT.

### WEST TEXAS EXHIBIT.

The West Texas Publicity Exhibit was among the many others that could not find space on the walls at council and was lost in the general confusion incident to putting the rooms in order for the opening session. I regret this very much, as we had hoped to use the posters in our annual meeting at Pearsall. Will you Publicity Superintendent not send me any you may have for our conference? Remember the date, May 29. You are most cordially invited to this delightful, healthful little town and if you are not a delegate you could find no more pleasant place to spend a few days.

Please send the names of delegates to Mrs. George Curtis, Pearsall, Texas. Thirty-one of our women, many of them officers, were at the council where the splendid addresses and devotional exercises, the association with the leaders and the looking into the faces of the missionaries who have dedicated their lives to the Master's work, all must have lifted them to a higher plane. May we not hope to feel some of the enthusiasm that they may bring to the annual meeting?

Bishop Mouzon preached the annual sermon at council, taking for his text, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Will you not ask that this meeting will be not only instructive, but a great spiritual blessing?

MRS. J. MYDDLETON WOODS.

### WHAT THE PRESBYTERIANS HAVE DONE FOR THE METHODISTS.

By Dr. D. L. Mumford. So much is being written nowadays about Church unity and federation that a practical illustration of how one denomination may help another will be welcome as showing the extent to which certain denominations can work together. The Methodist Episcopal Conference (M. E. C. M.) is the latest effort of the Southern Methodist Church to extend the Kingdom of Christ to unevangelized peoples. The place selected by Bishop Lambuth in his exploratory tour of two years ago is at Wembo-Niama, far into the interior of the continent, among a tribe of Africans who have never heard from Protestants the story of the Gospel and which is 250 miles from the nearest Protestant mission. The difficulties that lay in the path of carrying the Word to such a place and to a people not for their warlike tendencies were innumerable and called for all the aid possible from any conceivable source. There were the barriers of language, of inaccessibility, of native suspicion of the white man, of strange customs and of a hostile religion. There were a thousand and one matters of detail, aside from such a policy, that came up in any pioneering work, which can not be anticipated by the shorthand, and must be solved only upon the field. In the solution of all these difficulties the American Presbyterian Congo Mission, the creation of the Southern Presbyterian Church, has been a father, a teacher, and a companion for the band of new missionaries of the Southern Methodist Church. So close has the bond of unity already become between the two missions that someone has suggested, perhaps lightly and withal seriously, the union of the two under the name American Presbyterian Methodist Mission.

come a matter of such widespread knowledge. The story of Bishop Lambuth's tour to the heart of Central Africa two years ago has been repeated is not necessary. Its result is shown in the decision of the Board of Missions to open work in Africa and in the appointment of three missionaries—preacher, builder and physician—for that field. On that tour the Presbyterians were of untold assistance; it was, indeed, the acquaintance of one of the native Christians who came from the Presbyterian Church at Lucho and who accompanied Bishop Lambuth with the chief of Wembo-Niama that formed an important reason in beginning work at this place. The establishment of our Church in this continent has been a matter of prayer among the Presbyterians of Lucho for over ten years. This of itself is worthy of our unending gratitude.

When the three missionaries and their wives left America in the summer of 1913, they carried with them the same list of suggestions that the Southern Presbyterians furnish their missionaries for African service. In London the same firm that had acted as the representative of the Presbyterian Mission had been chosen as our representative also. The same Mr. Robert White, whom Samuel N. Lapsley speaks of in his diary with such gratitude, welcomed us into his home, prayed with us, and bade us God-speed on our journey.

On the three weeks sea voyage from Antwerp to Africa, we formed a very close personal friendship with Rev. W. M. Morrison, then returning from his first year in America to his work as leader of the Presbyterian Mission in Africa, who had spent almost a score of years in this work. He answered our unending and often irrelevant questions without impatience; he gave of his time and strength in a series of studies with us in missionary problems as applied to our field; he made out for us a short analysis of his grammar of the Buhla language, which has been of immense value to us in grasping the principles of the Batetela language.

At Stanley Pool, the beginning of navigation upstream of the Congo, we again fell into the hands of the Presbyterians. Their steamboat was awaiting us, the "Samuel N. Lapsley," one of the best of the craft on the river. It carried us 1000 miles farther on in our journey, saving us great expense, great discomfort and much time. We were landed at Lucho, the center of the Presbyterian missionary work in Central Africa. Here again the Presbyterians fell upon us, captured us after no resistance, and took us to their homes. For a whole week we had the pleasure of being entertained by this mission. They laid aside important duties of their own to help us with theirs; they gave us the best rooms in their homes and slept we knew not where. From their store we were supplied with necessary articles which we had failed to transport in London, or which were delayed in purchase—salt, cloth, matches, saws, blankets, tent equipment, ammunition, food supplies; from their dispensary we purchased medicine; from their printing office we obtained blackboards, stationery, Batetela hymn books and catechisms (the Batetela being the tribe among whom we work), work books and contracts. They gave us valuable suggestions as to the pay and management of our workmen, and cashed our check for 500 francs without question. Not content with this they did the best possible service in giving us as permanent pos-

sessions their two best native evangelists men who were Batetela and spoke the language perfectly; also eleven of their native Church members, thus enabling us, before we had been at our new station two weeks, to organize a Church and begin evangelistic services. When they had finished with us there, they put us on the "Lapsley," giving us an encouraging and inspiring ovation as we left, and sent us on to another of their stations, Lusambo, several hundred miles closer to our work.

At Lusambo were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McKinnon and Rev. R. D. Bodinger. The latter had already been appointed to receive and store our goods as they came up the river from Stanley Pool. Lusambo is the base of our overland travel; it is, therefore, an important point and entails much work on Mr. Bodinger. We were given the best rooms in the home of Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon; we were assisted in getting up a caravan of 200 men to carry us and our effects to Wembo-Niama, an exceedingly difficult journey of 250 miles. Mr. Bodinger left important matters in his own to come with us, taking upon himself ungrudgingly a thousand duties and responsibilities rightfully belonging to us. He stayed at Wembo-Niama with us two weeks, assisting in settling "palavers" with the chief and in organizing the first Methodist Church in Central Africa. Five weeks of his own time he gave us as freely as if we were of his own Church.

But we must stop here, though the ball has not been told. Better than anything that has been spoken of is the promise of over 10,000 native Church members to remember our mission daily in prayer, prayers which are already being richly answered. Comment on all this is unnecessary. The relationship between these two missions is as beautiful as it is inspiring and must fill the great heart of Jesus himself with joy, who prayed the matchless prayer "that they may all be one."

Wembo-Niama, Congo Belge, Central Africa, Feb. 23, 1914.

### MISSION STUDY.

By Mrs. W. C. Bouldin, San Marcos, Texas. No enterprise of even the most ambitious earthly enterprise has ever had a sweep so vast as this project of conquering the world for Jesus Christ. It involves the mastery of all languages, a knowledge of the customs of all countries; the establishment of great evangelistic, educational, medical and industrial movements; the collection and careful expenditure of millions of dollars; the enlistment of armies of men and women who leave homes and friends in order that they may win all men to the love of Christ. This robust effort to conquer the world appeals to the heroic in every one. They are heroes indeed who endure the hardships of this work in the slums of our cities, on the frontiers, in the mountain regions, and in the darkness of heathendom in foreign lands. Knowledge of the work being done by these devoted missionaries is sounding a note throughout Christendom which is constituting the loudest call to heroic consecration that the Churches have ever heard.

The study of missions brings us into intimate association with our Christ, whose heart was set upon the saving of the world as it was fixed upon nothing else. When a man (or a child) comes to realize Christ's desire and purpose that all nations shall know him, and when he sees how many are still unreached by the truth and knows how great are their needs, then there can be no question as to the obligation of the Christian. Missionary education is a heart as well as a head, and involves instruction first in principles, then in facts, then in obligation. When the principles and facts of missions are understood, the obligation is evident. An informed person is a willing person. When information concerning the gospel and progress of missions is freely furnished, the habit of sympathy and the habit of giving are easily formed.

Every organization of whatever character disseminates its own literature in order to gain a following and a support. Commerce and all business enterprises have learned the value of printers' ink in advertisements. Foolish indeed would our Missionary Society have been if it had set at naught this world-wide lesson and furnish no literature for the inspiration and instruction of our people. But few of them would have known of or cared anything about the subject, still fewer would have become capable of conducting its work.

The study of missions broadens our lives. There are men and women who are dead to all vital interests around about them, who see to them only a certain church building and sect. Charity means only giving a little money to an organization which protects them, so to speak, from the poor. Work and family affection are the only channels of life to them. There are women who are alive only to the department store and matinee, outside of their home life. There are men alive only to business, and girls alive only to frivolity and flirtation. Their lives have become narrow by shutting their lives to what they like and what suits them best. "O that shutting the 'eyeballs of the mind'!" The spirit of not caring is the shutting of the mind's eye from the things you do not want to see; great truths of God, great needs of humanity, great opportunities of doing good. Life begins to broaden whenever we can do a kindness, learn a lesson, win a friend, recognize an opportunity. And so village is too small, no life too obscure but that we can widen it each day.

As we remember the command Christ gave to his disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," and as we reflect on the customs of these different nations in our mission study books, there comes to our hearts and minds such a sense of duty of carrying on this great work that Christ began. What the Master says amounts to this: It is my work you are doing; it is my power with which you are endued; there is, therefore, no room for doubt or fear or failure.

Have you ever thought of or asked yourself this question: "What do I owe my heathen sister?" We owe to that sister a share in every individual blessing that is a distinct gift to us from God. When we begin to distinguish and summarize these individual blessings, there unfolds itself before our eyes a great scroll, revealing a heritage of countless treasures of most always absolutely useless lives of heathen women. Try to think all love out of your lives—all human love—and what would be left worth living for? What would you take in exchange for a mother's love, that warm, tender, enfolding love that would shield you from every form of blow, that rarely does not always react to the love of God? If there were no other reason that would make us missionary in spirit, this should make us spend part of our lives and energies in making possible such a motherly love to the daughters of heathendom.

Consider your husband's love. What does it mean to you that every morning you open your eyes into the eyes of love and walk through the day shoulder to shoulder and hand in hand with a man who respects you and loves you? O, wives, living all your days in an atmosphere fragrant with love, with so many caresses bestowed upon you, that you do not always remember to be grateful for them, when there are poor heathen hearts crying out for one caress! Surely the knowledge of all this would broaden the outlook of any student and be a great inspiration to nobleness of aim and effort. But, more than all else, we owe the heathen the know-

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edge of the salvation in Jesus Christ, a chance to be forgiven of sin, to live nobly. All human love may be stripped from us, and we can still live on, because we know the everlasting arms are around about us, and in the end there is a mansion prepared for us.

If ever the Church is made ready for her enlarging opportunity to take the world for Christ, a generation must be educated in the Gospel and history of missions. Education implies the teacher, the textbook, the pupil, the class hour. Our Sunday Schools are in shape to do this without additional machinery. Then there is the "Reading Course" which we should devote much time to, both for our own development and for the development of the work. The books are not of the "dry-as-dust" variety, but deal with the living issues of the "day that affect our own lives as well as that of the nations for aye or no."

Shall we deprive ourselves of such valuable knowledge by excluding from our reading and libraries these books? In this day, as well as in the past, it is true that "a man of knowledge increaseth in strength," and "by a man of understanding and knowledge, the State shall be prolonged."

Every man is happy when he does his best. Even a donkey seems to enjoy his own singing as well as a nightingale does his.

It is a great mistake to think you never make a mistake but it is a greater mistake to think that all you have done was a mistake.

The brightest lives and souls are often those that have passed by the grace of God through the darkest days and the gloomiest experiences.

### A CHILD'S CONVERSION.

Some grown folks make a serious blunder when they demand the same demonstration from a child at the time of its conversion that they do from an old, hardened, besmirched sinner. Too often God's little ones are offended because of such a fallacious belief and demand. God in his plan of salvation and regeneration deals with the child as a child. It is time for us who are older, who are his disciples, to learn this lesson.—Religious Telescope.

An honest man with a heart aflame, will never think or act in vain. Though his thoughts or acts may be unwise, his success will be such as to cause surprise. For faith, not wisdom, wins the prize.

### Nervousness and Nerve.

The more nervous a man is, the less nerve he has. That sounds paradoxical—but it isn't; for nerve is stamina.

Hood's Sarsaparilla gives nerve. It tones the whole system, perfects digestion and assimilation, and is therefore the best medicine a nervous person can take.

If you get tired easily, mentally or physically, take it—it will do you good. (Adv.)

A God-like life is the best proof of the existence of God and the miracle of Christianity today proves the authenticity of the miracles of Christ in the Bible on which it is based.

### Mrs. Vest Felt Like Crying

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



The Passing Day

Four thousand troops stationed on the border were reviewed at El Paso last Friday by Brigadier General J. J. Pershing.

The wireless operator on the Pacific mail liner Mongolia, at San Francisco, reports that on April 21 he picked up a wireless message from Boston, 8500 miles away.

Several wealthy men from Colorado Springs and Colorado, California, went out in a yacht to the Coronado Islands and scaled one of them, raising the American flag on a 50-foot pole.

At the opening session of the twenty-fourth annual convention of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association at Cleveland, President John R. Hovland of Chicago said: "Thank goodness, the time has passed for freak styles in women's clothes."

Dr. J. C. Shaw, of Marlin, Texas, has just been presented with a diploma from the University of Alabama. The doctor was a student there when the war broke out.

At the instance of the Adjutant General of Texas the War Department at Washington and the Southern department at San Antonio have impounded Arthur A. Stiles, Texas State Reclamation Engineer, to organize a battalion of topographic engineers for service in the field in the event of war with Mexico.

The Confederate Reunion at Jacksonville, Fla., came to a close last Friday. One of the events of the twenty-fourth annual gathering of the "old boys in grey" was the return to a delegation of Union Veterans from Ohio of a flag captured from the Seventy-Sixth Ohio Regiment at the battle of Rensselaer Gap in 1863.

Representatives of sixty-eight oil companies with interests in the Tampico region have adopted resolutions asking President Wilson to restore American gunboats in Tampico harbor and afford protection for Americans operating in the oil districts.

There were ten road and bridge bond elections conducted in the various counties of Texas during April, according to a report issued by the Texas Business Men's Association. Of this number, six resulted in victories authorizing the issuance of highway improvement bonds in the sum of \$5,99,500, compared with \$6,49,000 for the same month of 1913.

Major Robert E. Noble, of the Medical Corps of the United States Army, has gone to Vera Cruz, where he will join Colonel H. P. Birmingham, Chief of Medical Officers. These officers will take charge of the sanitary work at the army base.

W. E. Taylor, of Pueblo, Colorado, while demonstrating a fire escape at Dallas, fell a distance of sixty feet from the top of the Central Fire Station and was killed. He is survived by his mother, a daughter and brother.

The first case to reach the Supreme Court involving directly the constitutionality of the Federal income tax was docketed there last week. It was an appeal from the refusal of the Federal District Court in Southern New York to enjoin the Union Pacific Railroad at the instance of a stockholder, Frank A. Roushauer, from paying the tax.

A National Association of Cotton exchanges was organized at Augusta, Georgia, last week. Among the exchanges enrolled were the following: Mobile, Meridian, Augusta, New Orleans, New York, Selma, Little Rock, Savannah, Birmingham, Dallas, Montgomery, San Antonio, Waco, Texas Cotton Association, Mississippi Cotton Association.

Judge Benjamin H. Hill, of the Superior Court at Atlanta, Georgia, has denied the petition of Leo M. Frank for a new trial. The court's action was taken immediately after the conclusion of arguments of attorneys for the defense and the state.

Millions in counterfeit constitutionalist paper money, said to have been printed in San Antonio, are circulating throughout such portions of Mexico as are held by the faction, according to Lauro Carrillo, local agent for Carranza, who says that he has been instructed to ascertain which print shop there issued the money.

The Texas Bankers' Association, which met at Fort Worth last week, commended the work of the late Colonel Henry Esall and at every mention of his name great applause followed. The work of the Industrial Congress was emphatically indorsed and it was proposed that the Bankers' Association make an annual donation of \$10,000 to the prize fund of the congress.

The latest attempt to readjust finances of the Gould railroad system came to naught when Kuhn, Loeb & Co., bankers, refused to extend the \$25,000,000 Missouri Pacific Railway three-year notes maturing June 1. The bankers stated no reasons for their conclusion except to say that "conditions governing the affairs of the property do not warrant such an undertaking at this time."

Instructions have been issued for the infantry companies of the State militia that were on duty at Brownsville to increase their strength to 150 men. These instructions are taken to mean that the men will be needed later, as it is expressly stated that they are to be held ready for duty at a moment's notice.

The Commerce Committee of the Senate has approved Senator Sheppard's amendment for an additional \$50,000 expenditure on locks 3 and 5 in Trinity River. This makes a total of \$255,000 for Trinity Navigation.

A proposal to bar from the printed record of the Colorado Senate a resolution criticizing the Ammons administration in connection with its policy in the coal strike, caused heated debate in the Colorado Senate. The vote was a tie. Lieutenant Governor Fitzgerald withheld his deciding vote and the motion was declared lost.

Corpus Christi and Port Aransas are having a contest for the customs station. Corpus Christi has had the station for years, but a recent order from the Treasury Department contemplates its removal to Port Aransas. Now Corpus Christi is up in arms and is trying to convince the Treasury Department that as the largest coast city in the Southwest they are entitled to the customs office.

The acting director of the Office of Public Roads at Washington has advised Governor Coulmitt of the pro rate of each of the four counties interested in the construction of the proposed road between Austin and San Antonio. The apportionment is as follows: Travis County, \$31,000; Hays, 464,555; Comal, \$44,750 and Bexar, \$29,400. The Governor has notified the County Judge of each county of their pro rata and requested them to deposit the money.

Earl Grey, former Governor General of Canada, will head a syndicate of British capitalists who will spend millions for the purchase of two of the largest oil companies in California.

Funeral services for General Daniel E. Sickles, one of the brigade commanders of the Civil War, were held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. Full military honors were accorded the old hero. The coffin bearing his body was placed upon a gun caisson by the pallbearers, comrades from Phil Kearney Post, G. A. R. The body was taken to Washington for interment in Arlington.

Members of the House will have their votes recorded with an electrical device at the opening of the next session of Congress. Decision to install such a device was agreed upon at a conference of House leaders. The House will be asked to appropriate \$30,000 to purchase the apparatus, and Elliott Woods, superintendent of the capitol, will supervise its installation during the recess of Congress.

A bill appropriating \$5,000,000 for the construction of good roads, probably will be agreed upon by a subcommittee of the Senate justice committee. This measure is a substitute for the House bill authorizing an appropriation of \$25,000,000 for this purpose. The present plan is to hold a meeting of the subcommittee this week.

The Dallas soldiers have returned from Brownsville, where they were ordered for border duty by Governor Coulmitt about two weeks ago. Private H. J. Ingham, and Company G, of the Fourth Infantry, were the two companies from Dallas. The Fort Worth and Sherman companies also returned home.

The railway committee of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting last week, endorsed the Denton Interurban and advised the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce in selling \$100,000 worth of 8 per cent interest stock. The action of the Chamber of Commerce," said Mr. E. P. Turner, president of the Interurban company, "will assist the Denton line. With this assistance we can build the line."

Nearly every State in the Union was represented in a procession of several thousand women, who marched along Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House to the Nation's capitol last Saturday. They went to present to Congress the petitions adopted in the several States at meetings held a week or two since. States at meetings held at the steps of the Capitol and with several bands and chorus of 100 girls at the entrance to the building, the enthusiastic paraders sang "The March of the Women," by Dr. Ethel Smyth of England, and only heard once before in this country. This spectacular feature of the afternoon's demonstration was witnessed by thousands of persons who filled the immense plaza.

Orders were issued Saturday by Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, commanding the Department, for the transfer of a squadron of the Twelfth Cavalry from Fort Bliss, El Paso, to the Brownsville country. It will require two trains for the handling of the four troops and all the equipment. Placing these troops on the Lower Rio Grande border is expected to allay the fears of some of the residents in that part of Texas. It will also satisfy Gov. Coulmitt, who has been insisting that the Federal Government give that part of the border proper protection against raids.

Capt. Aspinwall, of the steamer Gregory, at New York, from Epinitos, 2500 miles up the Amazon River, reports a massacre of forty-five Peruvian soldiers, all Indians, who had mutinied and killed their officers. The mutineers when captured were shackled together, taken out on the Napo River on a lighter and a machine gun on a gunboat

turned on them and all were killed. Their bodies were thrown in the river.

Charles W. Post, the wealthy cereal food manufacturer of Battle Creek, Mich., while temporarily insane shot himself to death with a rifle last Saturday at San Barbara, Cal. Mr. Post had but recently returned there from Rochester, Minn., where he underwent an operation. Mr. Post formerly lived in Fort Worth, Texas, where his mother, father and brother still reside. He first went to Battle Creek in search of health, which being restored, he established the great cereal business, which from a very small nucleus has grown to great proportions. He is reputed to have amassed a fortune of several million dollars. Post City in Garza County, Texas, one of the live little towns of West Texas, was founded by Mr. Post, and he frequently made visits there. Mr. Post was a native of New York State, and was sixty years of age at the time of his death. His remains will be taken to Battle Creek for interment.

In Vienna, Austria, a boys' club, which has existed for several years, has been denied a charter and suppressed by the Austrian Government. It became known that among the objects of the organization were: Abolition of the home; election of school teachers by the pupils; recall of unpopular teachers; members to "put pressure" on their parents so as to obtain flats for their own use. Investigation showed that "putting pressure" means threatening suicide.

The Russian Government has decided to send two steamers and a motor ship to search for the Arctic explorer, Lieutenant Sedoff, who started for the North Pole two years ago. The relief expedition will be commanded by Captain Islanhoff.

Madame Lillian Nordica, the famous American singer, died at Batavia, Java, on Sunday. Madame Nordica, whose true name was Lillian Norton, was born in Farmington, Me., in 1850. Her admirers ranged from the men of the Bowery section of New York, where she had sung at mission meetings, to the most critical music lovers of America and Europe.

Since he became the head of the Postoffice Department, fourteen months ago, Postmaster General Burleson has appointed 23,317 postmasters, 5571 of whom were presidential grade and 18,746 of the fourth class. There were at the beginning of the present year in the United States and its possessions 8610 presidential postoffice, and 18,930 fourth class offices, a total of 57,540.

Memorial windows in the American Cathedral at Manila have been dedicated to Major Archie W. Butt, former aide to President Taft, who lost his life in the Titanic disaster, and Dr. Paul G. Freer, who died in the Philippines while head of the United States Government Scientific Bureau in Manila.

A great earthquake last Friday night brought death and destruction to many villages near Mount Etna, Sicily. The number of deaths is placed at 183 and injured about 350. A large part of the devastated territory has not yet been inspected. For centuries this region has suffered from earthquakes, owing to the activity of Mount Aetna. Yet it is thickly populated, as the land is fertile, vineyards growing with little attention.

Provision for free distribution of seeds was stricken from the agricultural appropriation bill by the Senate. Advocates of seed distribution expect the provision to be put back into the measure, in conference, as has been done many times in the past.

While drilling for oil on the farm of Ella Schultz, west of Burk Burnett, Texas, gold ore assaying \$10,000 per ton was found by Andrew Urban. The ore was penetrated by the drill in a formation known as "Big Lime" at a depth of 2000 feet.

A. H. Sutherland, an agent of the American Bible Society, arriving in San Diego, Cal., from the disturbed parts of Northern Mexico, reports a visit to an island off the coast of the extreme end of the peninsula known as Lower California. On this island is a lake of the purest white salt—enough to flavor the world for generations. The lake is more than a mile long, and the curious thing about it is that when workers remove a ton or two of salt, the day after they return to find the hole is filled up again with salt, and always of the very best. This process of taking out salt, and its replacement, has gone on for ages, and there is absolutely no diminution of the remarkable supply, nor of the curious way of obtaining it.

Motion pictures illustrating the work for "defectives" featured the general session at Memphis of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, the subject being provided by the Cleveland, Ohio, delegates and Alderman J. Johnson of Vincennes, N. I., chairman of the committee on defectives. In his report as chairman, Mr. Johnson declared that the States of the Union are not taking proper care of the mentally defective.

Col. Milton Park, aged sixty-eight years, a Confederate War veteran, died at his home in Dallas Friday night. Col. Park was stricken with paralysis about two weeks ago. On Friday he suffered the second stroke, and his death came a few hours later. Col. Park was a native of Alabama. He came to Texas in 1860, and for several years taught school. He later became active in politics and was a leader in the Populist party in Texas. For a number of years he published the Southern Mercury, a farm paper. He disposed of this about six years ago, and since has been engaged in various enterprises. His interment took place Sunday afternoon, the funeral being under the auspices of the Masonic order and Sterling Price Camp of Confederate Veterans.

The Pierce Oil Corporation, a Virginia concern, is not entitled to receive a permit to do business in Texas, according to an opinion by State Attorney General B. F. Looney. The opinion was in reply to the company's request for a permit to enter Texas. Refusal was based on the claim that the Pierce Oil Corporation is the successor of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, which was ousted from Texas in 1907 for violation of the State anti-trust laws. The company will carry its request to the State Supreme Court.

Articles of incorporation of the Provident Loan Association of Dallas are being prepared by attorney and will be forwarded to the Secretary of State at Austin in a few days. The society will start with a paid up capital of \$25,000, which later may be increased to \$50,000.

The United States steamship Montana with the bodies of the seventeen "Jackies" and marines who lost their lives in the capture of Vera Cruz arrived in New York Sunday. On Monday the bodies were taken ashore at the Battery and mounted on caissons, escorted by naval and military forces, were taken to the Brooklyn Navy Yard. It is estimated that over a million people viewed the cortage as it passed through New York's streets to Brooklyn bridge. The solemn ceremony attending the reception of the bodies of the American heroes was presided over by President Wilson, who came from Washington to deliver the address. In opening his address the President said: "I know that the feelings which characterize all who stand about me, and the whole Nation, at this hour are not feelings which can be suitably expressed in terms of attempted oratory or eloquence. They are things too deep for ordinary speech. For my part, I have a singular mixture of feeling. The feeling that is uppermost is one of profound grief that these lads should have had to go to their death and yet there is mixed with that grief a profound pride that they should have gone as they did, and, if I may say it out of my heart, a touch of envy of those who were permitted quietly—so nobly to do their duty. Have you thought of it, men, here is the roster of the navy, the list of men, officers and enlisted men and marines, and suddenly there swing nineteen stars out of the list—men who have suddenly gone into a fragment of memory, where we shall always see their names shine, not because they called upon us to admire them, but because they served us without asking any questions and performance of duty which is laid upon us as well as upon them."

Out of respect to the American dead who perished in the fighting at Vera Cruz, Mex., and whose funerals were being held Monday, a recess of one minute was ordered taken in the United States District Court at Dallas immediately after court convened by Judge Edward R. Meek. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, had requested that this action be taken during the funerals of the dead soldiers in all branches of the Federal Government.

A tornado swept Southern Wisconsin Monday morning. Four lives were lost and property damage, including buildings and crops, amounted to \$1,000,000. Lake Michigan's shores were swept over a hundred miles with a giant wall of water. The water was four feet high in Chicago and three feet in Racine and Milwaukee, Wis.

Sam Parks, an orderly for Col. Elmore F. Taggart, of the Twenty-eighth Infantry, stationed at Vera Cruz, wandered into the enemies' lines, was captured, and executed. At the time of his capture he was riding one horse and leading another, both being the property of Col. Taggart.

Arthur A. Stiles, State Reclamation Engineer, has directed letters to J. H. Rogers, United States Marshal at San Antonio, and the sheriff of Milam County, directing attention to the wanton destruction of bench marks near Cameron in the Little River Valley. The vandals are subject to punishment by both State and Federal courts.

Southard P. Warner, United States Consul at Harbin, Manchuria, committed suicide in the hospital there where he was undergoing treatment. Mr. Warner was born in Washington, D. C., in 1881. He had been Consul at Harbin since August, 1912.

Donald Ingram, of Fort Worth, has been named as assistant consul, and will appear to attend the consular school of instruction at Washington. H. C. Von Struve, of Plainville, Texas, and B. H. Carroll, Jr., of Houston, both appointed consuls, will also attend the school of instruction.

Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and Lieutenant J. O. Richardson, of the Navy Department, will begin the investigation of the Government oil pipe line project, under terms of the Gore resolution, at Independence, Kan., May 21. They will be in Muskogee, Okla., May 22; Tulsa, Okla., May 23; and then go to Oklahoma City, Dallas, South Texas and Baton Rouge, La., dates for other towns not having been made public.

The Greek Legation at Washington is in possession of an official dispatch from Athens categorically denying the story cabled on May 1 from Durazzo, Albania, that Mohammed Albanians, captured by the Epirotes at Hormova, were crucified in the orthodox church at Kodra.

James Kirksey, a well known hotel man of Hillsboro, Texas, was killed Saturday night near Waxahachie when his auto collided with an interurban car. Mr. Kirksey was returning home to Hillsboro from Dallas.

Representative Neely, of West Virginia, Monday, in the House formally impeached United States District Judge Weston G. Dayton of the Northern District of West Virginia of alleged high crimes and misdemeanors. He lodged a number of charges with the House Judiciary Committee, and introduced a resolution of impeachment, which will require action by the committee.

The Supreme Court of the United States on Monday set aside the conviction of President Gompers, former Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor. They were convicted of contempt of court in the celebrated Buck Steve and Range case.

Former Solicitor Frederick W. Lehman, of St. Louis, and Supreme Court Justice Lamar have been selected to represent the United States before the mediators in the Mexican controversy. The "Alphabet" mediators will meet at Niagara Falls, Ontario, May 18.

Leon Carlenys Martinez was hanged at Pecos, Texas, Monday. He was convicted on the charge of killing Miss Emma Brown on the afternoon of July 22, 1911. Martinez, through his attorneys, made a stubborn fight for his life. Twice Governor Colquitt came to his aid and issued a respite. His case was heard on a writ of habeas corpus before the Court of Criminal Appeals and then taken to the United States Supreme Court, but was dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Labos Island lighthouse, one of the important lights between Tampico and Texpan, will be kept "trimmed and burning" by Uncle Sam. Huerta protested to the mediators that the United States had violated the terms of the armistice in seizing the lighthouse. Admiral Rodgers, who has taken charge of the light, justifies his act because of information received by him that it was to be destroyed by Mexicans. The United States claims this action was in no way an act of aggression.

The strike situation in Colorado is now pretty well in hand. President Wilson, through the War Department, has instructed Colonel James Lockett, commanding Federal troops in Southern Colorado, to permit no importation of strikebreakers and announced a time limit would be set immediately within which delivery of arms must be completed. It is announced that the War Department will permit rehabilitation of the strikers' tent colony at Litchios, provided Federal military officers are given a roll of the inhabitants, together with the former addresses.

During an electrical storm near Tulsa, Oklahoma, Monday, two oil tanks containing 9000 barrels of oil were struck by lightning and destroyed. The tanks belonged to the Pierce Oil Corporation.

Gambling in Vera Cruz is to cease. Brigadier General Funston has issued an order for all houses running games of chance to close, and stating that any person found guilty of maintaining any game would be subject to a fine of \$1000 and one year's imprisonment at hard labor. The order was issued at the behest of a committee of local business men who had protested to General Funston against the city being run wide open.

In the American Embassy at London, England there are several large cases containing gold watches, binoculars and gold medals which have been forwarded to Foreign Secretary Grey for presentation in behalf of President Wilson to the Captains and crews of British vessels for their services rendered to American wrecks.

Surgeon General Rupert Blue, head of the Public Health and Marine Hospital service, has worked out a plan for protecting the soldiers of the United States against those scourges of the tropics, typhus and yellow fever. While the troubles in Mexico are the direct cause of the health campaign the various ports of the United States are being safeguarded. During the early part of the last week the Public Health Service, acting under the orders of the Surgeon General, sent a staff of thirty-five surgeons to the quarantine station below the city of New Orleans to increase the medical staff which was caring for the American refugees at that port.

Systematic training of backward and defective children by modern methods will be introduced into St. Louis schools next September. Professor J. E. Wallace Wallin, now of Pittsburgh, will take charge of the new psychological clinic and of the special schools for such children. Professor Wallin has devised methods of teaching such children in groups, so far as that can be done, and methods of individual instruction for those who require it. "The country each year spends \$27,000,000 to educate children a second, third or fourth time in the same grade," says Professor Wallin. "This is waste which may be avoided."

Internes at the Charity Hospital in New Orleans have extracted a needle from the left thigh of Miss Bonnie Desbue, a resident of Slidell, Louisiana, which had remained in her body four years. The needle had worked its way from her left foot. Four years ago, according to Miss Desbue, she ran the needle in her left foot while walking about her home. She paid no attention to it until a few days ago when she began feeling a pain in her left thigh.

With his police helmet as his only weapon of defense and at the risk of being torn and mangled, Charles E. Hewson, patrolman of the Portland, Oregon, Police Department, prevented a lion from escaping from his cage in a circus parade. His act averted a possible panic in the downtown streets, with perhaps a loss of life. The door of the beast's cage in one of the big circus wagons came unfastened and swung open. The lion, with his head and shoulders thrust out of the cage above the heads of the bystanders, was pressed ready for a leap into the crowd, when Officer Hewson forced the lion back by hitting at him with his helmet.

Mrs. D. C. Matthews, of Luganovet, Indiana, whose husband was killed in a motorcycle accident three years ago, has obtained \$1500 from an iron safe that had been discarded as junk. Among her husband's property was the safe, the combination of which was unknown. Several attempts were made to open it, without avail until a lock expert was called in.

The thirtieth Jubilee Saengerfest opened in Dallas Tuesday night. Singers from all portions of Texas have gathered in addition to noted singers and singing societies from musical centers of the United States.

The Old Dominion line steamer Jefferson, from Norfolk to New York, exploded one of her boilers Tuesday morning. Seven men were burned to death and a number injured. The vessel put in to Norfolk, where the dead and injured were carried ashore. She then proceeded under her own steam to New York. The explosion occurred off the Virginia Capes.

After the death of his wife, Jacob Stefanitz, of Gould City, Mich., carried a lot of her clothing out to the yard preparatory to burning the garments. While placing the clothing in a heap before applying a match \$200 fell out of the lining of an old cape. The wife had saved the money unknown to her husband.

The Mexican Federals continue to hold John R. Silliman, American Vice-Consul at Saltillo, a prisoner, though demands for his release have been made. Secretary Bryan insists that the release of Silliman must be brought about at once. He has not stated what would happen if the Vice-Consul is kept in prison, but he is bravely emphatic in announcing the Government's determination to have him free.

I. Foot, President of the defunct Mississippi State Bank of Canton, has turned over to the receiver deeds conveying all of his real and personal property to the institution, leaving himself and family penniless. In a pathetic letter, addressed to the depositors, the former president, who for thirty years was one of the leading financiers of the State, Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Va., in order that he can give to his wife his meager pension of \$15 per month for her support.

The naval appropriation bill providing for an increase of chaplains in the navy from twenty-four to fifty-two, and for the creation of the grade of acting chaplain have been stricken out in the House of Representatives.

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The bill goes to the Senate with no provisions to correct the inadequacy of the law of 1842 fixing the number of chaplains at twenty-four. There were 12,000 men in the navy, now there are 67,000. The paragraph was cut on a point of order in Committee of the Whole, made by Mr. Tribble, of Georgia, who insisted that chaplains have too much authority on ships in determining the character of religious service and in compelling men to attend. Friends of the measure are hopeful the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs will restore the paragraphs.

Three Texas banks have been named among the five selected by the organization board of the treasury to execute the certificates of incorporation of the Dallas regional bank. They are the First National of El Paso, Union National of Houston and First National of San Antonio. The banks outside of Texas named are the First National of Shreveport, La., and the Durant National of Durant, Okla.

A negro named Ed Hamilton criminally assaulted a little white girl, aged ten years, at Shreveport, La., Tuesday morning. He was arrested shortly after and locked up in the parish jail. A crowd of outraged citizens soon gathered, and by means of heavy steel rails battered down the strong barriers and gained access to the jail and the prisoner. Hamilton was taken out and hanged to a telephone pole opposite the courthouse. The condition of the child is very serious, and further outbreaks are expected, as race feeling was high. The negro population in Shreveport is about equal to the whites.

The Senate cannot reach a vote on the proposed repeal of the Panama tolls exemption for at least ten days or two weeks, unless Democratic leaders make extraordinary efforts to speed up proceedings. A number of Senators have announced their intention to speak on the question.

The first intimation as to the details of the plans of the mediators has become known in Washington. It proposes the elimination of Gen. Huerta and the establishment of a provisional government in Mexico, in which both the Huerta and Constitutional factions would be represented. The proposal might be that the setting up of a temporary government be undertaken by a commission of five persons, two of them to be named by Huerta, two by the Constitutionalists, and the fifth by the mediators.

The Southern States Cotton Corporation case is being tried before Judge Meek in the United States District Court at Dallas. It will be determined by a jury whether or not the Cotton Corporation should be adjudged a bankrupt.

The Federal Industrial Relations Commission has prepared a tentative draft of a bill for submission to Congress creating a National Board of Mediation and Conciliation to prevent strikes and lockouts that may involve the Federal Government. The measure is the result of extended investigations of the workings of similar boards in the various States and foreign countries.

The State Medical Association began its session at Houston Tuesday, Dr. M. L. Graves, of Galveston, State President, called the meeting to order. The attendance is the largest in the history of the association. All the officers are present and there are many notable visitors from outside the State.

Senator Morris Sheppard introduced to the Senate Tuesday a petition for prohibition with 6000 signers from various States in the Union.

The State Jewellers began their annual State Convention in Fort Worth Tuesday with J. E. Mitchell, State President, presiding. About five hundred members are in attendance.

After exhausting several venues a jury has finally been secured and the second trial of Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, charged with complicity in the murder of the gambler, Rosenthal, is on in New York. Becker was sentenced to death and spent a year in the death chamber at Sing Sing. He was finally granted a new trial and since then has been confined in the Tombs prison.

Prince Alexander of Teck, third son of the late Duke of Teck, will succeed the Duke of Connaught as Governor General of Canada. Official announcement of this appointment has been made.

Jury fees and court costs in a suit in which a 1-cent verdict was rendered will cost Jackson County, Missouri, about \$150. The verdict was returned by a jury which wrangled all the previous day and finally sent in the verdict of one cent damages by only ten of the jury members.

George W. Thompson, of Atchison, Kan., has sworn off voting for presidents. Thompson has voted at every presidential election since 1878, and the only candidate who received his vote and won was Franklin Pierce. "Either my judgment is rotten or I am a hoodoo," he said.

The old mansion in Baltimore in which Jerome Bonaparte, brother of the great Napoleon, and his bride, Betsy Patterson, passed six months of their honeymoon, is about to be razed. It once was the country seat of William Patterson, Baltimore's first "merchant prince," whose daughter captivated and won the brother of the French Emperor.

A JUST DEMAND.

If society has the right to demand from motor-men and locomotive engineers total abstinence from intoxicating liquors as a safeguard to life, it has also the right to demand from its great governmental, political, commercial, and social engineers a similar freedom from conditions that befuddle their own brains and endanger public safety. Indeed, every man who is in any way responsible for the welfare of others is under obligation to be a teetotaler.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

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of the Council meeting in Fort Worth, where they seem to have become almost inspired.

Miss Hudson, of our Co-Operation Home, was one of the most interesting speakers on the program, and we are proud of our part in this institution where many girls have all the comforts, pleasures and chaperonage of a real mother home. The Home is full all the time, and has a long waiting list.

Now this is a lengthy article, and it is not one-eighth of what was said and done that you ought to hear and know. Give a day to your delegate and keep her reporter to. Then once a month have Minute Day, when some vital parts of the minutes are studied till you know all about your conference work and meeting. That is why it is printed—for your use.

The election of officers went as follows: President—Mrs. O. L. McKnight, of Center (re-elected).

First Vice-President—Mrs. W. H. Beasley, of Shepherd.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. A. S. Whitehurst, of Orange.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. J. W. Mills, of Timpson.

Fourth Vice-President—Mrs. Paris Smith, of Bay City.

Corresponding Secretary, Home Department—Mrs. J. W. Spivey, of Marlin.

Corresponding Secretary, Foreign Department—Mrs. J. W. Spivey, of Marlin.

Treasurer, Home Department—Miss E. L. Hill, of Livingston.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. T. Spencer of Marshall.

Superintendent of Bureau of Supplies—Mrs. J. B. Turrentine, of Texarkana.

Editor of Conference Minutes—Mrs. W. T. Spencer, of Marshall.

District secretaries were named as follows: Beaumont, Mrs. W. W. Dies, of Kountze; Brenham, Mrs. Helen Farmer, of Richmond; Houston, Miss Althea Jones, of Jacksonville; Mrs. H. T. Cunningham; Marlin, Mrs. Frank M. Burkehead; Marshall, Mrs. C. F. Adams; Navasota, Mrs. M. W. Byers; Shepherd, Mrs. W. H. Beasley; Pittsburg, Miss Drake; Timpson, Mrs. A. V. Simpson and Mrs. W. E. Wilson; Tyler, Mrs. C. S. Collier and Mrs. C. F. Pierson.

Mrs. George Call, of Orange, and Mrs. H. W. Potter, of Beaumont, were appointed by the conference to serve on the immigration committee at Galveston.

Mrs. O. L. McKnight and Mrs. W. T. Spencer were elected alternates to the Council meeting in California in 1914.

Those present and entertained by hospitable, delightful Beaumont hostesses, as follows:

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.

By Mrs. Yeb Harle, San Marcos, Texas.

The source of motive power of all true giving is love. For God is love, and God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God's gift to us was his only begotten Son, and when the wise men of the East came to worship the Saviour, our newborn king, they brought with them gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh in connection with their worship.

What should be our first gift to God? Our life? Is it our own? We were bought with a price, and we were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. Of his own will he begot his Son, so our first gift should be ourselves, our talents, our time, our personality.

Honest stewardship is to recognize that all power to do, to be, to acquire, to possess, is God-given, and any success comes only as we use the faculties and power entrusted to us, whether the increase be great or small. There must be increase, or we will be held responsible as dishonest and unprofitable servants. Our abilities are most misused when not used.

The highest expression we can give of our love for God is the giving of ourselves in lives of obedience and in loving service for humanity.

We should remember that one day we are to give an account of all that we have and are—our time, talents and material possessions.

Paul, in writing of the Churches of Macedonia says, "And this they did, not as we hoped, but first, gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God." Then, of their material gifts, he said, "How, that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy, and their deep poverty, abounded into the riches of their liberality." "Deep poverty, affliction and liberality." By their liberality they proved the sincerity of their love for Christ. Christ, who thought he was rich, yet for our sakes, he became poor, so rich, that he had not where to lay his head, that we, through his poverty, might be rich.

The next gift to God should be our talents. We are responsible and must account for every power, talent and attainment with which we are entrusted; our power to write, to speak, to think. Do we give of these freely to the Lord, the giver of all?

How many render service freely, cheerfully, in the Sunday School, League and Missionary Society?

How many attend choir practice regularly and cheerfully, that you may be able to sing songs of praise and thanksgiving?

How do Church members meet women? Women who will work and pray, for the Missionary Societies, the Sunday School and the Leagues.

The recent low scout convention at Washington, it was said, "In ten years' time we could empty the jails of this country by the training these boys receive if we could only find leaders for them. What are those who need to give of their time more than the gift of money?"

What of your education, culture, refinement, beautiful homes, unless you share these with those less fortunate? You, who possess a musical talent, did you ever think you could serve God and man by teaching some one who could not afford to pay? You could thus bring joy and sunshine into a home. You may say, "I have no talent." We all possess the talent to do good. We can all "comfort the sorrowing, relieve the distressed, encourage, sympathize. We can put a new song in the heart of the sad and brighten the eye that is dimmed with tears." Let us not neglect this gift that is in us.

In our time, God required more than one-tenth—it was to be one-seventh. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Leaving the discussion of the Sabbath alone, let us consider our time. How much do we spend for God, reading his Word, in prayer, in visiting the sick and the stranger?

Can we pray for his blessing upon our missions and workers if we are ignorant on the

subject and do not know where our fields are, or who are our workers?

Those who love the Savior ardently will devote a large part of their time to him, and those who are cold, will give just as little as possible to him. Our love for Christ is measured by our gifts to him.

Indeed, giving is a Christian grace, and like all other graces, it is instilled upon in the Scripture for its own sake—not because there is so much suffering to be relieved, but because it is good and right for us to engage in its relief. God will have us give, not of necessity, but from the heart. "Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

We might say that all human suffering that pleads for human charity, and all the heathen darkness that lingers upon the nations, for human benevolence to enlighten is suffered to exist, among other purposes, as a means of developing Christian character.

Christ comes to us, in the person of the poor, and begs. Lowell says, "He who giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord." Also

"He who gives himself with his alms feeds himself, his hungry brother and me."

The children of Israel brought their gifts to build the tabernacle until they had to be restrained. Moses and Aaron lifted up their hands and said, "Tell the people to cease bringing, we have more than enough already." What a blessed day it will be when our missionaries will say, "Tell the people to send no more money, for we have more than we can use already!"

Now, when the children of Israel honored the Lord with their substance and with the first fruits of all their increase, their hearts were filled with plenty and their presses burst out with new wine, but when they offered God in tithes and offerings, they soon found that they had robbed themselves, and God said, "Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

Is it not true, now, that we as Christians adopt God's rule for Christian giving, which is without show. When thou doest alms let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; that thine alms may be in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret, himself shall recompense thee.

We must give cheerfully and liberally. "God loveth a cheerful giver." Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete, what it shall be measured to you again. Involving sacrifice. "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God, of that which doth cost me nothing."

We should give systematically. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." The amount we should give, "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God, which he hath given thee."

The Savior commended the poor widow who gave all she had, even all her living. A Church made up of such members could take the whole world for Christ. But only a few are devoted.

We say, "Well, should not the rich give more than the poor?" The Bible says, "As God hath prospered him," but, have we given as God hath prospered us? "I shall I give one-tenth when I am in debt? Yes, or you will always use that as an excuse to keep you from meeting your obligations."

Can you not trust God when he says, "Bring as well the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open unto the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Let us take stock and invoice and see wherein we have robbed God. Then let us ask ourselves honestly and prayerfully, "How much must I give?"

If we do this we will exclaim with the Psalmist, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

NOTICE.

I am glad to say that I feel able to give my full time to the work of the pastorate. If there should be any openings in presiding elders' districts, or any pastor needs help in his meeting, I would be glad to have you write me at 208 South East, Dallas, Texas.

C. L. BROWNING.

DEDICATION.

Rev. I. F. Betts, presiding elder of the Marlin District, will dedicate the Church at Flynn, Texas, Sunday evening, June 17, 1914. All former pastors and friends cordially invited.

J. C. MARSHALL, P. C.

AN APPEAL.

My husband and I live in a little country village of about one hundred inhabitants. All Baptists except us two, and our church is condemned; the foundation has crumbled and gone down and we have no place for Methodist services, only in a dance hall. This is continually on my mind. What can I do to have the work done. We are here alone and seem very weak, but when I think of what one grand united family the Methodist people are I take courage by this method of asking every Methodist who reads this for the small amount of 50 cents with which to repair or rebuild. This is such a small amount I feel sure each one will gladly respond, and by doing so I can get help enough to have the work done. Reference, Dr. E. W. Solomon, as to condition of the house and how bad the work is needed. I am respectfully,

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MARLIN DISTRICT.

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Following are the committees: License to Preach and Admission—W. E. Packard, J. D. F. Houck, L. H. McGee. Orders—A. A. Wagoner, W. D. White, Allen Tooke.

Scholarships—A. T. Walker, J. L. Red, I. E. Thomas. Opening sermon will be preached by W. D. White. I. F. BETTS, P. E., Marlin, Texas, May 9, 1914.

DALLAS DISTRICT.

Dallas District Conference will be held at Oak Lawn, Dallas. Opening sermon, June 10, at 8 p. m., by Rev. I. W. Clark.

The committees: License to Preach and Admission—W. D. Thompson, C. O. Shugart, Walter Douglas. Deacons' Orders—J. T. Bloodworth, C. P. Combs, E. R. Barcus. Elders' Orders—J. L. Morris, G. M. Gibson, New Harris.

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WILL HELP IN REVIVALS.

In response to kind calls by the brethren I have agreed to help in a few meetings running through July, August and September. Now, let us preachers and people get ready. First, let us "tarry" till we are endued with power from on high. "Without me ye can do nothing," so said the Master. I know a little about preaching and a good deal about revivals and I'll declare I never saw a real sinner, soul-saving revival without much prayer, public and private, and some fasting. My first presiding elder, the late Dr. A. R. Winfield, used to say to us boys, "Dig deep; don't resort to clap-trap methods—if you do you will fill your Church with unconverted people." I realize that methods may change, and in some sense we ought to keep step with the procession. But I'd rather have one Holy Ghost conversion than a churchful of the mere "joining sort." So ask your people to observe a day of fasting and prayer. Let's have much good singing, instrumental if convenient, and vocal. Let's have good lights and plenty of good fresh straw in your altars. We hope to see some people kneel at the altar and "get religion." As we have some camp meetings, let us be on the ground at least by Friday night. Advertise your meetings and get all the good workers possible. Personally I'll be glad to have a long bed, quilt and soft pillow and a crowd. In hope,

T. M. WINBURNE.

Amarillo District—Third Round.

- Bovina, at Black, May 30, 31. Canyon, May 31, June 1. Texline, June 6, 7. Dalhart, June 7, 8. Channing, June 13, 14. Pathandale, June 20, 21. Bererton, June 27, 28. Hansford, at G. P., July 1, 5. Ochiltree, at Locust, July 8, 11 a. m. Dumas, at Spurlock, July 11, 12. Stratford, July 12, 13. Wildorado, at Adin, July 18, 19. Glazier, July 25, 26. Higgins, July 26, 27. Amarillo, Polk St., Aug. 1, 2. Buchanan and H., Aug. 2, 3. Umbarger, Aug. 8, 9. J. T. HICKS, P. E.

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SHOEMAKE WARD—at the Methodist parsonage, Whitesboro, Texas, April 28, 1914, Mr. T. E. Shoemaker and Miss Theo. L. Ward, Rev. W. R. McCarter officiating.

COUNTS BRADSTREET—Near Clifton, Texas, May 5, 1914, Mr. R. J. Counts and Miss Margaret Bradstreet, Rev. J. H. Braswell officiating.

HARPER LOAN—at the residence of Mrs. A. B. McDaniel, Hubbard, Texas, May 2, 1914, Mr. D. C. Harper and Miss Laura Sloan, Rev. L. A. Webb officiating.

Cisco District—Third Round. Gordon, at Russell's Ch., May 23, 24. District Conference, at Ranger, 3 p. m., May 26.

May, at Bethel, 11 a. m., June 6. Rising Star, 8 p. m., June 7. Polk, at Baker, June 13, 14. Wayland, at Mt. Zion, June 20, 21. Pioneer, at Crosscut, 11 a. m., June 25. Gorman, June 27, 28.

Sipe Springs, at Macedonia, 11 a. m., July 1. Carbon, 11 a. m., July 2. Staff, at Flatwoods, July 4, 5. Romney, 11 a. m., July 7. Scranton, 11 a. m., July 10. Cisco Miss., July 11, 12. Cisco Sta., July 12, 13. Desdemona, at Salem, 11 a. m., July 24. C. E. LINDSEY, P. E.

Corsicana District—Third Round. (Complete) Kivim and Streetman, at C. G., May 28. Kerns and Powell, at P., May 29, 31. Smokey School and League Conference at Winton, June 2, 3.

Corsicana, First Church, June 6, 7. Corsicana Ch., at Pleasant G., June 13, 14. Rice, June 14, 15. Groesbeck, June 20, 21. Thornton and Steel Cir., at T., June 27, 28. Corsicana, 11 a. m., July 4, 5. Horn Hill Cir., at Central Institute, July 7. Barry and Embouse, at Croyer Creek, July 9. Emmet Cir., at Jones Chapel, July 10. Frost, July 12, 13.

B. G. Hill and O'Neil, at O., July 19, 19. Pardon, at Dean, July 23. Blooming Grove, July 22, 26. Chatfield, at Baret, July 28, 29. Harmony, at Pearsley, July 31. Dawson, Aug. 2.

Northam and Richland, at R., Aug. 5. Mexia, Aug. 8, 9. Richland Miss., at David, Aug. 12. E. A. SMITH, P. E.

Marlin District—Third Round. Hearne, June 14, a. m. Calvert, June 14, p. m. Marquez Miss., at Easterly, June 21, a. m. Franklin, June 21, p. m. Reagan and Stronger, McClanahan, June 27, a. m. Marlin, June 28, p. m. Durango, at Blvains, July 4, 5. Lott, July 5, 6. Travis and Clinton, at C. S., July 11, 12. Roseland Sta., Cir., and Bolman Miss., July 12, 13.

Rosetta and Cir., July 14. Richmond, at Broom, Priddy, July 15. Mayfield, at Sneed's Chapel, July 18, 19. Cameron, July 19, p. m. Davilla, at Davila, July 21, a. m. Gause, at Milano, July 22, a. m. Buckhoffs, at Salem, July 25. Ucon Miss., Aug. 1, 2. Centerville, Aug. 2, 3. Flynn, at N. Zulech, Aug. 8, 9. Normangee, Aug. 9, 10. Jewett, at Jewett, Aug. 16, a. m. Teague, Aug. 16, p. m. Fairfield and Dew, Aug. 17. Wheelock, Aug. 22, 23. I. F. BETTS, P. E.

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GIBBS—Mrs. Mahella Gibbs, daughter of R. N. and M. C. Craven, was born near Chico, Wise County, Texas, December 23, 1882. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of fourteen and lived a consistent member of the same until the day of her death, which occurred at her home near Park Springs, Wise County, January 27, 1914. She moved with her parents to Harleton County, January 12, 1906. She was married to J. A. Gibbs, October 30, 1910. Mahella was educated at Chico High School. She was a good student and never gave her teachers the least trouble. She had the highest regard for her father and mother and was always perfectly obedient to them in all things. When her parents entered her in school her mother said to those who were to board her, "My daughter will do right," and we found it to be so, for we had the pleasure of boarding her as long as she remained at the high school, and she never gave us a moment's trouble. Mahella was a young lady of fine graces. She cared nothing for that which was gay, light or frivolous. She never engaged in anything that was unbecoming in a Christian. She did not frequent places of doubtful propriety. She always gave religion the advantage of the doubt. If she had any doubts as to being the right place to go she remained at home. Having lived a clean life she was always able to give a reason for the hope within her, and ready to do her duty at all times in the Church. She leaves a husband and one little boy, eighteen months old, a father and mother, two brothers and one sister, to mourn their loss. She said nothing in regard to dying, but she did if she never got well, she wanted her father and mother to raise her little boy. Her funeral was preached by E. L. Stillman, and her remains were laid to rest in the old family graveyard at Chico to await the resurrection of the just. H. E. SMITH.

REV. JAMES W. DOWNS. Rev. James W. Downs was born in Fanola County, Texas, June 30, 1862, and died in Mineral Wells, Texas, Sunday morning, March 29, 1914, being 45 years, 8 months and 29 days of age. That he was prepared for the change no one in this big world who knew him will entertain the shadow of a doubt. He was buried in the city where he died, with everything about him spotless white, and emblems of the white life which he had lived. James W. Downs was converted and joined the Church in his early youth, and from the first heard the call of the Master to active service, and set about getting ready for it. He made good use of the schools near his home, and got what education they could give him, and then entered the Summer Hill Select School of Prof. A. W. Orr, at Omen, Smith County, and later went to Southwestern University. He was licensed to preach by Rev. T. P. Smith, presiding elder of the Tyler District, at Ashburn Camp Ground, on the Edom Circuit, August 13, 1892, Rev. S. N. Allen being his pastor. He was admitted on trial in the East Texas Conference at Nacogdoches the following December, Bishop Hargrove, presiding. He was sent to De Berry Circuit for 1893, and Kilgore Circuit for 1894. At



Rev. James W. Downs.

not know of that other and better life where he waits. May heaven help and comfort his sorrowing father and mother, and brothers and sisters, and his stricken wife, and boys and baby girl, in my heart's prayer. J. T. SMITH, Tyler, Texas.

AN APPRECIATION—REV. J. W. DOWNS

My friend and brother, Rev. Jas. W. Downs, has been called from labor to refreshment. "A great man and a prince has fallen." I loved him as I did but few men. He was worthy of my highest esteem. To know him was to love him, and acquaintance only magnified his virtues. Bishop Candler's appreciation of him made me anxious to know him, and when he asked me to take him to Mineral Wells, that he might transfer him from a malarial district to save his life to the Church and family, I said, "By all means bring him." It was no easy task for either he or the Bishop to prevail on the Official Board at Crockett to give him up. For three years a pastor and presiding elder we labored together in perfect accord. He was all that a pastor could be to a presiding elder, and everything was in readiness for the Quarterly Conference.

He was deeply spiritual, a fine preacher, and to the end of his physical strength he went in search of the sick and dying. He had passion for the souls of lost men, and knew how to lead them to Jesus. He was a rare student, and his sermons were model productions. His delivery was unique, having been trained in the art of public speaking. He was graceful, gentle, of pure speech and the old prophetic fire flashed as our heart burned within us.

His earthly idol was his family. He lived for them, and they adored him. His wife was his companion at home, at church and on the road, and he met the enemy of souls, and led the dying to trust and faith in Jesus. Do you wonder that I loved him, he who was an inspiration to my work and life? His quiet tread, his gentle voice, his kindly hand, shall I see and hear it no more? All when the mist has cleared away and the "roll is called up yonder" he will be recognized by us. To his God we commend his family. Our hearts go out after the boys and little Mary. Led on by the hand and prayers of a truly great mother, may they find refuge in Jesus. They still have a place among us and in our hearts, and deserve of the best home that we can provide for them. While his body rests in the city of the dead at Mineral Wells his pure spirit lives forever. M. K. LITTLE, Gatesville, Texas.

DUPREE—Captain F. G. Dupree was born in Washington County, Georgia, April 14, 1826; died at the residence of his son, C. S. Dupree, at Magnolia, Texas, April 22, 1914. Deceased moved with his father Colonel Louis Dupree, to Texas in 1840, settling permanently in Montgomery County, Texas, in 1843, where he has since lived, engaged in farming and lumbering. December 16, 1847, he was married to Miss Caroline Springer. Eight children were born to them, five of whom are still living. In 1861 deceased entered the Confederate Army, where he served as Captain of Company F, Meyer's Regiment, General Debray's Brigade. He had been a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1847. The writer received him into the Methodist Church about twenty years ago. He has since lived a consistent Christian life. He was married to Miss Samantha Helin in 1885. She died in 1910. His five children were with him when the end came. We would say to those sorrowing ones, "Mourn not as those who have no hope." Their father has left Groves, Ark., in a short time, if faith in the discharge of duty, they may meet him in a better land. His friend and brother in Christ, J. J. SANDERS.

BELL—J. M. Bell was born in Calloway County, Missouri, August 8, 1833, and died April 12, 1914. When a boy seventeen years of age he gave his life to Christ and united with the Methodist Church, South. He was married August 12, 1858, to Miss J. J. Norfleet, of Miller County, Missouri. To this union were born four children, three of whom survive him. At all times in his life he was a member of the Church and State, he stood for Christian principles. By his untiring zeal and labor, by his example and exhortation, he has been the means of bringing hundreds of souls to Christ. His life has been a shining light, his faith steadfast, his hopes ever brightening, and when nearing his last frange here for a few hours, he was asked if he was ready, replied: "O yes, I have long been ready and waiting. I am living on borrowed time. The battle is fought, the victory won." He has gone from us, but we shall see him again. D. C. BELL, Gotebo, Okla.

THARPE—Jesse Robert, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tharpe, was born May 3, 1913, and died April 12, 1914. "Fare thee well, Bob," as he was affectionately called, Engaged on earth just long enough to securely fasten himself in the affection of his parents and the family circle, after which his angelic spirit took its flight back home to God. A beautiful little flower, blooming and shedding its fragrant perfume, and going away so soon that his little life seems but a dream. Good-bye, Jesse Bob, but not forever. We will see you again. Heaven is richer for your early departure, earth, with its millions of disappointments, is less dear. Tender, loving hands laid him away in Throckmorton Cemetery, Saturday, April 25, conscious that he was not dead, but sleeping. May the good Father, who doeth all things well, comfort and keep his parents, and one day reunite the broken chain. F. L. MEADOW, Throckmorton, Texas, May 4.

BELL—Dr. Vincel B. Bell was born in Vernon County, Missouri, October 3, 1880, and died of pneumonia in Prairie Grove, Ark., April 12, 1914. He professed religion and joined the Methodist Church, South, in youth, while attending Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, Texas. A few days before his death he had returned from the Chicago Veterinary College, where he had attended for two years, preparing himself for his life work. He was true to principles of right, courteous to all, kind and sympathetic, loved his home and fellow men, as was shown in many sacrifices. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn their loss; but earth's loss is heaven's gain. He was buried in Prairie Grove Cemetery, beside father, to await the angel's trump, when time shall be no more. D. C. BELL, Gotebo, Okla.

JACKSON—Elizabeth Ann was born September 5, 1856, and died April 6, 1914. She was married to J. H. Jackson November 5, 1875. To this union were born nine children, five sons and four daughters, a son and daughter dying in infancy. The others were all with her during her last hours. She joined the M. E. Church, South, in childhood and lived a consistent, Christian life. She had been a great sufferer for a number of years, yet never complained to any one. The desire of her life was that her children might be Christians and be a blessing to the world. Often when we would gather together in the home she would have us sing that sweet old song,

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"Heavenly Sunlight," and while we would sing she would praise the Lord. She lived a great life, and left her children a fortune in a great name. She died in the community in which she was born, and left an influence that will abide forever. A mother in Israel indeed is fallen. I would say to the children, Let us live as mother lived and we shall see her again. Good-bye, mother, but not forever. The Lord greet and the Lord take her away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Her son, E. B. JACKSON, Maybank, Texas.

MOORE—Nelle May Moore was born August 8, 1912; died April 2, 1914. Nelle May was the only child of Brother and Sister Willis and Alice Moore. While she was not permitted to stay with us long, she was able to make us know how sweet and gentle they can be and how our hearts can be made to feel the love of a little child. We have looked so many faces in death, but a more beautiful face we were never permitted to see. I am sure she is now enjoying the sweet rest with Him who said, "Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of God," and to the loving, heart-broken parents and loved ones we say, Weep not as those who have no hope, for she has surely gone to that place where Christ said, "I go to prepare a place for you." Nelle May will never have to suffer again, but is now standing and beckoning you to come that way. Will you hear her voice again, or will you turn away? She can't come back to you, but you may go to her if you will. So I say to you, Look to Him, the giver of all good gifts, and who doeth all things well and he will give you assurance of a home with Nelle May. W. W. THOMAS, Gary, Texas.

MABRY—J. I. Mabry died in Seadrift, Texas, at 4:45 a. m., March 18, 1914, being 44 years, 10 months and 8 days old. Brother Mabry and his family had not resided in Seadrift but a few months, but we had learned to love him for his unforgotten friendship, his study Christian character and loyalty to Christ and the Methodist Church. His good wife and children and his aged father and mother and other relatives, have many sympathizing friends here, who, with them, by faith can well say: "Thou art gone to thy grave; but we will not deplore thee, whose God was thy ransom, thy guardian thy guide; he gave thee, he took thee, and he will restore thee; and death has no sting, for the Savior has died." N. W. CARTER, Pastor.

HENSON—Jerome Key Henson, son of Brother and Sister J. R. Henson, was born in Otterford, Texas, March 13, 1891, and died in Otterford, Texas, May 4, 1914, at 3:40 a. m. He joined the Methodist Church in Amarillo when but a baby and was baptized by Bishop Joseph Key and was also named by and for him. At the time of his death he was a member of the Methodist Church at Quanah, Texas. He was also a member of the State militia, enlisted in Company F at Crowell, Texas, under Captain Adams, and but a few days ago answered a call from his Captain to join his company at Chillicothe to go to the Brownsville under orders of the Government. Though hardly able to walk because of poor health for several months, he answered that call and joined his company with the courage and grace of a soldier indeed. After having joined the company, the Governor ordered them to return to their homes. He arrived home Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and laid down, broken in body, but brave in spirit. He was so cheerful and courageous that not even his father and mother suspected that he was seriously ill until Saturday night.

when it was discovered that the surgeon's knife was the only possible hope. The suffering mother questioned if not spelled out brave spirit nor changed his gentle, affectionate nature. He assured those around him hours before he passed away that his every sin had been forgiven and that if he died, as would go home to heaven, and in the last hour of his earthly pilgrimage there came over him that unmistakably quiet peace that knows no fear that can only come to the released of God, and his spirit passed quietly out amid that company of angels that had brought the summons to report to the great Commander and God eternal in heaven's headquarters. J. I. WALKER.

DURHAM—Hermania Durham (nee Lindeman), daughter of John and Eva Dekker Lindeman, of Marconweeder, Kongestadt, Kreis, Province, Germany, was born February 26, 1849; departed this life March 31, 1914, at 1 o'clock a. m., having lived 74 years, 1 month and 5 days old. She came to America from the above named place in Germany when four years old, arriving at Velasco, Texas, from which place the family came to Guadalupe County, to the old settlement near of Shumanovino, Texas. In 1854 the family came to and settled in Blanco County, where she has lived over sixty years. Sister Durham professed religion when but a young girl, in the days of her youth, and at the same time joined the M. E. Church, South, in which Church she lived a consistent, faithful life, and died a triumphant Christian. She was married to Samuel Durham November 22, 1860, by Rev. Samuel Johnson, and to this union there were born four children, two sons, Thomas and Clem Durham, of Blanco, Texas, and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Durham Reese and Mrs. Annie Durham Cagle. With these four children she has thirteen grandchildren who mourn the departure of this mother in Israel. Sister Durham was a kind, loving mother, a good neighbor, a pure, devoted Christian, and a consistent, faithful member of the Church. She lived right and when she passed away she left a deep impression in Jesus and her soul went home to God. REV. H. R. OWENS, Blanco, Texas.

STOVALL—William Albert Stovall was born in Winnfield, Louisiana, July 24, 1869, and died near Austwell, Texas, March 10, 1914. He came to Texas with his parents when a small child. His parents settled in Guadalupe County, where he grew to manhood. He was married to Miss Nettie Allen, May 15, 1884, who, with seven children, survive him, and two have preceded him to the better land. One of these two was a blind daughter, dying one month and ten days before her father. Besides his wife and children he leaves three sisters and two brothers, a third brother, J. W. Stovall, who was a Methodist preacher and a member of the West Texas Conference, dying eight years ago. Only God knows our loneliness. He was a kind and loving husband and father. But he is gone, and our loss is his gain. He was a true Christian, was converted and joined the Methodist Church in July, 1884. MRS. N. B. WALKER, Beeville, Texas.

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GORDON—On March 3, 1914, from his home in Burlington, Texas, Brother C. M. Gordon was called to his reward. Brother Gordon was born November 17, 1847, in Giles County, Virginia. With his parents he came to Texas in 1870 and settled in Johnson County, where he was married to Miss E. L. Cox in 1876. This union was blessed with seven children, four of whom have gone on, seven are left to mourn the loss of a good father. No better sons and daughters are to be found. I have never known a better ordered home. It might be said of him, as it was of Abraham, "I know him that he will command his children and household after him." To help make his home an ideal home, he was a good wife, who has walked with him these thirty-eight years. Brother Gordon was a good citizen, always found on the right side of every moral question. A true husband, a loving father and a devout Christian. He prayed much. He had the old-time family altar. To help make a day passed but that the entire family present worshipped at that altar, and best of all he lived as he prayed. Did it say? He started without a home; he left his family a beautiful home and plenty of this world's goods; he left a sweet memory to his good wife and children; he left a name that a stranger upon it. He has had an abundant entrance to his Father's home. I pray that God may still lead the good wife and children so that they may have a peaceful crossing and be reunited with their loved ones forever and ever. W. T. GRAY.

BAGLEY—Mrs. D. S. Bagley (nee Bledson) was born in Missouri, April 30, 1825, and departed this life at her home in Cleburne, Texas, March 8, 1914. She was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in early life. She was married to D. S. Bagley, December 24, 1876. To this union were born four children, one of whom died in infancy. They moved to Texas in 1878. She was a sufferer for thirty-five years and was confined to her bed for the past two years. She was an earnest student of God's Word and communed much with him during this time. It seemed that the Master wanted her life rather than her active service. She was an example in patience, and many were the silent sermons that were preached from her sick room as well as the words of abiding faith and constant hope that were always in her heart. She never lost an opportunity of speaking a word for her Master. She lived just across the street from the church, and was always interested in its plans and progress. She loved the Church and her pastors. Once a month we went over and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to her. The first Sunday in March she said, "The next time I take it, it will be in my Father's house," and so it was. She leaves a husband, three children, all of whom are Christians, and a host of friends to mourn their loss. We greatly miss her, but we expect to meet her again where there will be no more partings. C. A. RICKLEY, Cleburne, Texas, Pastor.

RICHARDSON—Mrs. Mary Jane Richardson (nee Partlow) was born in South Carolina, June 2, 1832; departed this life in Liberty, Texas, February 20, 1914. Professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, and has been a faithful and consistent member for over sixty years. Coming to Texas in the early fifties, she saw it emerge from a wilderness to one of the great States of the Union, and to one of the great States of the present generation largely owe our success, for a life like hers, pure, gentle and full of love, is like a mountain stream making fertile all it touches on its way to the ocean. She took an active part in the Church and all of its enterprises until failing health kept her away, and during the long confinement of six months her inquiries and interest in the welfare of the Church was her deepest concern. She was a model of patience in her suffering. She realized "that all things work together for good to them that love God." Hers was a life perfect in example and after life's fitful dream is over we shall meet her in our Father's house eternal in the heavens. Her pastor, A. E. BLOUNT.



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## THE INFANT AND GOD'S KINGDOM

By Jno. L. Sullivan, Byers, Texas.

Number Three.

(d) If Infant Salvation Will Do for the Innocent Infant to Die in will it Do for the Child to Live By?

Whatever child salvation does, or does not mean, we are, as Methodists, agreed that it is such that the infant may safely die in it, and, without faith, will or repentance; even without baptism, enter through the gates into the City of the New Jerusalem, the great Church above and live forever.

But we are not one in the belief that such salvation will be safe for the same child to live by through childhood, youth and adult years of earthly, or visible, Church life, and at the ending of a long, unbroken life of faith and faithfulness, enter heaven, there to walk those streets of gold, and eat of the fruit of the tree of life while eternity lasts.

Jesus died to save the infant; then must the infant die physically before it can have life spiritually?

Is it consistent to claim that our Heavenly Father requires less as a passport to enter through the gates into the City of the New Jerusalem and walk those golden streets, endless in stretch and boundless in beauty, than we are that the same child gain entrance into the visible Church, pass through youth, walk life's pilgrim way, and at the ending of a long life of faith, and faithfulness to a God whom he has loved all his life, enter into the house not made with hands, eternal and in the heavens? I think not.

### Child Salvation Unconditional.

Dr. Ralston, quoting Paul to the Romans, thus: "Therefore, as by the offense of one, judgment came upon all men unto condemnation; even so, by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."

"Here," says he, "if all men in the first instance, includes the whole human family, so it must in the last instance. If this verse means anything at all, it means that all who fell in Adam, are provisionally restored in Christ."

"That all are actually and immediately justified, cannot be the meaning."

"Provisionally" signifies, in a temporary manner; by way of provision for present time or need; not permanently.

Then to those of Dr. Ralston's way of thinking, (and they are quite numerous, I find) infant salvation serves against the contingency of death. In the case of the infant, it must die or such salvation cannot save.

Now I must confess I do not see that such a theory is any better, or more consistent than that certain "confession" that says, "We believe that all infants who die in infancy are elect, and that all infants, therefore, dying in infancy, are saved."

If the restoration of the "all men" who in Adam fell, is only "provisional"—only a provision for the present time (not for the future, future as to time and future with reference to eternity), then, pray tell me, what is such salvation (?) worth to the dying little child?

"Then," says one, "if we are naturally innocent, we also have by nature, the ability to remain so, and by the proper use of such power can avoid standing in need of the salvation purchased by Jesus Christ for the condemned."

Not in one word nor syllable have we intimated that the infant is naturally pure. We hold that in Christ, and by the "free gift," of "Justification of life," and not by inherent nature-purity, the child not only has

purity, and innocency, but in the redemption of Jesus for the child (and "all men") we see, not by nature, but by the free gift, grace of God in Christ, "Justification of life" which must imply, at least, regeneration in "all men." For if "In Adam all die," then the infant in its very nature is morally dead, and this death became potent before the child was born and as soon as it became an individual human soul, this death as the needle to the pole, "Past upon," or "Come upon" the child just as it did "Upon all men." Now why should we be puzzled about how Christ could have provided life, by regeneration, for the person that is not? If "sin" could have come upon, or past upon, "all men," born and unborn, unto condemnation of death, "Even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." (Rom. 5:18.)

I call the attention of the reader to the "how" of the child receiving or becoming, the beneficiary of this life now found where before only death was—which can only be by the power of regeneration—it simply "Came upon it!"

Some one may say: "Well, it makes but little, or no difference to me whether my child was regenerated or not, just so, when it is dead, the preacher can truthfully say to me: 'Your little one is in heaven.'"

Let's see if it does. In Adam's sin your child found spiritual, or soul, death—with the rest of the human family it became separated from God, its only source of spiritual life. Then if your child was not regenerated by the power of the Holy Spirit through the atonement of Christ, and thus brought back into vital union with God, its spirit—life source, though your child may be in heaven, it is dead.

Poor consolation—Ah! It were madness, that at the grave the preacher should say to the weeping mother: "Your child is not lost, for he who said 'suffer the little children to come unto me,' hath taken your darling to be with himself in heaven; while your child is dead, forever dead, it is not lost, and when you reach heaven you'll find it there—it could not be born again because it died before it could repent and believe the gospel," hence it is dead; but being too innocent and pure to be lost, it is with the Lord."

Blood curdling! Indeed! Thanks be to the Father, in Christ the child has the gift of life regenerate.

On page 156, Elements of Divinity, Ralston, we read the following: "The adult is justified by faith when he is born again. The infant is not required to believe; but if it die in infancy, the Spirit of God can create it anew, and fully justify and prepare it for heaven."

By the above, did the skilled mind of that great theologian mean to hold forth the idea that, in the case of the child, physical death is essential to the salvation of the infant? Are we to conclude that as the adult is justified by faith, so also the infant who dies in infancy, "the Spirit of God can create it anew, and fully justify and prepare it for heaven," not by faith; "the infant is not required to believe," but it is logically by death. Then, I ask, what did Christ do for the child? According to the notion to which I have called your attention, our children, infants, who are alive and not dead, have no such thing as salvation. Salvation means, first: the redemption, universal, of man from original guilt and its consequent (spiritual) death.

It means, secondly, in the case of the adult who has turned his back upon "That light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world," by sinning against him, by unbelief or otherwise, but who, coming to himself, as did the other prodigal, as spoken of by Christ, repents of his sins—saved in conversion from his own sins.

And in the third place it means to all God's children, who, having been born into his kingdom, and endured to the end; having lived in Christ, by grace in infancy, or faith and faithfulness of the adult and in the end "Died in the Lord," and at the judgment day, the body coming forth from the grave, resurrected to immortality of the flesh, and re-united with the soul, which is the full fruition of this "So great salvation, which at first began to be preached by the Lord of Glory."

More briefly stated: First: Salvation from soul-death entailed by the fall. Second: Sal-

vation of the individual from sins, and consequent condemnation of his own volitional transgressions. Third: Salvation of both soul and body in heaven at last.

Now this first salvation, or salvation as in the first sense, is not provisional. Having thus been saved, in Christ, from such condemnation and death, whether living righteously, or wickedly, this condemnation, and this death, can never come upon such a soul as long as life lasts. (And as condemnation comes upon all men, so also this salvation came upon all men.)

Though one, having reached the years of accountability, commit actual sins against God, and live all the remaining days of his earthly life in sin, neither this Adamic condemnation nor death can pass upon him from the earliest to his latest breath of life. Hence, when we call sinners to repentance, we do not ask them to repent of original, but actual sins.

But in case the transgressing adult does repent, and dies in his sins that he hath committed, he goeth down to hell, not because Adam entailed death upon him, but that his own sins hath wrought death in him. But when this has happened, then, and not till then, he is again guilty, and accountable to God for original hereditary guilt; and that the death that Adam brought upon himself; and that "passed upon all men," recurs, passes upon him again. Final rejection of Christ is forfeiture and rejection of this universal redemption. All such "Shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death." (Rev. 21:8.)

But let us return to the proposition that the infant's salvation is only provisional, for time only, and yet not availing except it die, and not existing except the child be dead.

For, if the theory be true—that it is just for time, and present need—when the child passes out of time, and into eternity it has no salvation—its only for time. But "if it die," though he could not do it while it lived, "the Spirit of God can create it anew, and fully prepare it for heaven." So it must find life in its own death, and not by the death of the Son of God.

If such a theory be true, then children find salvation in death, but none for the living infant—salvation to die in, but none to live by.

Then let us consider next: (e) In the absence of either accountability or sin, can God's Spirit regenerate a soul?

In provisional salvation we must understand that one born of woman must have attained to the years of accountability, if not to have actually committed sins, ere he can have permanent restoration; and before "the Spirit of God can create it anew, and fully justify and prepare it for heaven."

In the case of the adult, accountability must exist before the individual can sin against God. Hence, accountability is essential to actual sin, and sin is essential to one's justification, as an adult; for in the absence of sin in the individual—committed by himself, there is no condemnation; hence, no place for such a work of grace.

If God, as it has been claimed, cannot restore, fully justify, and prepare for heaven, a living infant (it is asserted, as we have shown, that he cannot); then it follows, logically, that either accountability, or sin, one or both, is essential to the saving of the children that be living and not dying.

Under the same conditions that God did create, the Savior can recreate.

The same state that in Adam admitted of generation, will be no bar to regeneration.

In man, the newly formed animal, who was to be above all other animals, in that he should be a living soul; as we look upon him as God is about to "generate" in him a living likeness of his Creator, we find in this new, original, creation, no will power, no accountability, and no sin. In the absence of all these, God effected a creation, and "breathing into" that head of the human family, even "into his nostrils the breath of lives," thus God generated original life.

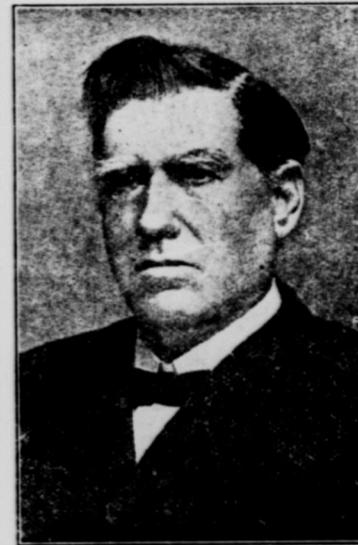
We now turn to the infant as it is just breathing its first breath of life, or, even before it has life independent of its mother. In it we find no will-power to resist, nor seek life physical, no spiritual. We discover no accountability.

To be sure, we find no sin. It stands to reason that if where these were not, God could create, and generate in the first instance, that we need not stagger at the thought of him recreating and regenerating in their absence in the second.

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In paper No. 4 will consider: (f) Must the child "sow wild oats" before it can receive the gift of the Holy Ghost?

### RESOLUTIONS—MRS. ALICE E. DRUMM

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our worthy sister, Mrs. Alice E. Drumm, be it resolved:

1st. That we have lost a worthy member, the community a good neighbor and the husband and children a devoted wife and mother.

2nd. That we, the members of the W. M. S., do hereby tender the bereaved family our heartfelt condolence in this hour of sore bereavement.

3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family and a copy be sent the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. S. CARLISLE, MRS. A. M. WALKER, MRS. O. J. LOWMAN.

Staples, Texas.

### RESOLUTIONS—SISTER J. S. MOORE.

Whereas, It has pleased God to take from her earthly labors, Sister J. S. Moore, wife of our beloved former pastor, Brother J. S. Moore, who labored with us for three years and was a faithful worker in our Sunday School and founder of our Church; therefore be it

Resolved, By the members of Cotton Flat Sunday School that we deeply deplore the passing of our beloved sister and friend and tender to the bereaved husband and daughter our tenderest sympathy in the loss of the devoted wife and mother, and though we can not bind up the broken chords of grief, we extend to them our warmest sympathy. Therefore be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions

be sent to the Midland Reporter and a copy to the Texas Christian Advocate and a copy to the members of the family.

MRS. S. H. GAYN, Chairman of Committee.

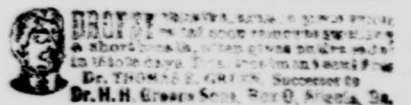
"Better out than in"—that humor that you notice. To be sure it's out and all out, take Hood's Sarsaparilla. (Adv.)

It is a very natural blunder and one that is often made, of having an idol and misnaming it an ideal.

The self-communion of the blues and the determination to be cheerful and at a sunny disposition acts almost like a midwinter visit to Florida and the orange groves.

### Kansas Woman Helpless

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





# Southern Methodist University

## NOTES OF PROGRESS

The various invitations extended in a general way to the Methodists of Texas to visit the University buildings and grounds are being accepted in a wholesale way. Not a day passes that Methodists from different sections of the State do not report and urge that they be shown the plant. Numbers of others visit the grounds and report to us later that they have been there and what they thought. In every case they have expressed astonishment and delight.

Our friends are now beginning to realize that the promises made by the administration and the city of Dallas are to be realized. One reason why no more has been said about it in the press is because it is impossible to convey any adequate idea and such description must necessarily conclude with an exhortation to everybody everywhere to "come and see."

We quote only a few letters, as indicative of what we believe is the sentiment of all.

It might be announced, however, appropriately, that the tremendous undertaking of providing sewage, streets, sidewalks, curbs, gas, lights, etc., has about been arranged for and work is progressing as rapidly as the weather will permit. Many teams and men are continually employed and Methodists of Texas do not have to exert themselves to foresee a great Methodist city on a most beautiful elevation overlooking the entire city of Dallas. Several different lines of transportation to and from the city are being arranged for, and it is hoped that early summer will find the University force in the building ready to receive their visitors as they come.

It might also be stated that steady progress is being made in all the campaigns for building and endowment. Collections have been marvelous. The Executive Committee recently made investigation and were amazed at how splendidly have been the responses of our people. All in all the University goes steadily and triumphantly forward, conscious of certain and glorious accomplishments, anticipating the early day in which Methodism will have such a stronghold at S. M. U. as will enthuse the entire Church and multiply her efficiency beyond any measure.

Again we invite our Methodist friends to "come and see."

Mr. Eli Sanger, of Sanger Bros., has this to say about his visit to the buildings:

I have always admired Dallas Hall from the Richardson and Preston Pikes, and was very anxious to go through the buildings. To say that I was surprised, expresses only in a mild way what I felt. In going through the Dormitory I said to Dr. Hyer: "It makes one feel like wanting to go to school again." As far as I can see, the building is throughout suitable and thorough in every way.

Mr. L. H. Lewis, of Harris-Lipsitz Company, writes as follows:

Several days since it was my pleasure to inspect the buildings of the Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

The magnitude of the work accomplished in so short a time is remarkable. I had little conception of what was really being done.

I was very much impressed with the beauty and magnificence of "Dallas Hall," the interior appointments of which seem to leave no room for improvement, and the building as a whole stands as a splendid monument to the citizenship of Dallas as well as to its planners and its builders.

The Dormitory Building is complete in every essential detail and comes in for a share of my praise.

Mr. R. M. Kelly, of G. A. Kelly Plow Company, Longview, has this to say:

Through the courtesy of Dr. Hyer and your S. M. U. Cadillac the pleasure of visiting the University grounds was accorded me last Wednesday.

I was very agreeably surprised at the amount of work accomplished to date, and the visit and inspection of the Men's Dormitory was a revelation to me. I have been in several dormitories and the convenience and excellent arrangements for caring for the students surpasses anything I have seen, and the plan of renting rooms by the front foot is both novel and attractive. The room arrangements with nearby bath connections and other conveniences are excellent, and this dormitory will be a delightful home for the thousands of boys who will live there during their course at the University.

The magnificent Dallas Hall presents a most pleasing effect and lines up with the "eternal fitness of things" as a great work of art always does. This building is an attraction in itself and affords one great pleasure in looking at it. The interior arrangements and decorations cannot be surpassed, and only a master mind behind a master hand could construct such an edifice.

You and your co-workers are to be most heartily congratulated on the progress in your work, and since the business men of the Church are beginning to see that you are doing big things they are going to rally to your support. This great institution cannot fail, for your Church is behind it and success will crown your efforts.

A little letter from Mr. S. Y. Matthews, of Matthews Brothers, a brother to Rev. W. H. Matthews, our pastor at Cleburne, and known all over Texas:

April 21, 1914.

Mr. Frank Reedy, Bursar, Southern Methodist University, City.

My Dear Mr. Reedy: I was one of the number who had the pleasure of visiting the buildings of Southern Methodist University in company with Dr. Hyer, on the 15th instant, and I would like to express to you a faint idea of my surprise, enjoyment and appreciation of the work you now have in hand—for I am frank to say I had but little conception of what I was going to see.

Dallas Hall is the most beautiful University building it has ever been my pleasure to visit—not only the beauty of lines and decoration, though they are wonderfully wrought, but also the beauty of arrangement, of suitability and of substantiality. I cannot say enough about its impression on both myself and my companions.

As to the Men's Building—it seems to embody everything necessary for the convenience and desirability of the student, and it almost made me wish to enroll once more as a student and settle down again in the class room in order to count myself a member of those who shall have the privilege of living for most of the year in the building provided.

I have said only a small part of what I felt on my visit to the buildings, and I certainly wish you people God-speed in your undertakings. This is to me one of the best investments the city of Dallas will ever make.

Yours cordially,  
S. Y. MATTHEWS.

Brother L. S. Barton, who has been giving some time to the campaign for the Theological Department in Oklahoma, dropped in en route to General Conference, in great haste, but with much volubility; talked about the great Oklahoma country and its enthusiasm for Southern Methodist University and left in the office several thousand dollars of good subscriptions to the Theological Department. At this time they have not been checked up but it is safe to say that Oklahoma will subscribe before Annual Conference her quota of the endowment.

Brother McClure has had double affliction in his family in the illness of his brother, brought from Arizona in a desperate condition, and his wife, but nevertheless in spite of rain, on Sunday before last presented the Department of Education to the Mulkey Memorial Sunday School in Fort Worth and to the Arlington School, securing nine bonds from these two good Sunday Schools, though he has not yet turned them into the office.

Brother Wilson is still working on the McKenzie Memorial, bringing in new donations to that fund, and has in hand the banquet at which they expect to have present all of the living ex-students of Dr. McKenzie, a great reunion.

The following letter from Brother Young speaks for itself:  
"Im just in from several days' trip in the Northwest Texas Conference,

embracing the Panhandle section of the State, in the interest of the Key Memorial, also the Ministers' Memorial. I haven't time, only to say, here's about \$1,000 to be applied to the above memorials, as I am now off for a few days' trip towards the central part of the State.

"Where I have been, I have found a liberal response to both of these memorials, and of course, it is needless for me to say that it is only a matter of time until they should be complete in every detail.

"Yours in enthusiasm and also great haste for success."

J. D. YOUNG.

### THE MINISTERS' MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN.

Our Methodist people are realizing the privilege and happiness of immortalizing the deceased heroes of the Methodist ministry in Texas by means of this Ministers' Memorial Campaign.

It is well to repeat that this is a portion of the great campaign for the endowment of the Theological Department of Southern Methodist University. It is admitted that no more appropriate or profitable memorial of a Methodist preacher could be designed than the establishment of a great department for the benefit of the young preachers of the future. Many have been the stirring appeals and expressions of approval of the superannuates concerning this work, and the people are realizing what a holy, sacred and happy work it is.

The architects submitted a few days since some designs for this great tablet. It is impossible to describe their beauty; but some idea may be gotten from the fact that some spaces left in the building for such tablets are fourteen feet high, and for a beautiful bronze tablet occupying a space of that size in a memorial hall unequalled in the South for beauty, will be of untold blessing to the builders and to the students in the future. These names will be embossed, or rather, molded, into the bronze—an everlasting memorial of the works of these good preachers. To place a name on this tablet will cost five hundred dollars, for which a note calling for payment of a hundred dollars a year for five years, is taken, the note to be signed by one or more persons, as may be desired. In some instances it will be no trouble to get a hundred men to sign memorials to these preachers.

The list is growing steadily; quite a number of names have been provided for. The following memorials have been partially provided for, and we hope before many days to have sufficient subscriptions to place these on the memorial tablet:  
Rev. J. T. Hosmer, E. A. Bailey, Josiah Whipple, F. P. Ray, Daniel Morgan, J. T. L. Annis, J. M. Sherman, J. W. Downs, J. J. Davis.

WANTED—Superintendency of city schools by one of the most successful school men of the State. One of the best Sunday School superintendents in our Church, and his wife is equally as good in the Primary Department of both day school and Sunday School. Who wants these good Methodists?

What place needs a good Methodist doctor? We are in touch with such a man, who is anxious to return to good location in Texas.

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### CONTENTMENT.

It is not what we have that sweetens life,  
Nor yet the circle where our lot is cast:  
It is not leisure nor the warp we spin  
That gild the moments as they hurry past.  
It is not Nature's anthems nor her hurry songs—  
The beauty that she flings along the way,  
Her pageants, her sweet ministry alone—  
That bring the gladness of the passing day.  
It is not Love's soft whisper nor her song,  
The touch of clinging hands we call our own.  
It is not simply these that sweeten life—  
There must be something more than these alone.  
It is contentment with the sphere we know,  
With tasks our earnest hands accept as ours,  
With nature as we find it, and with love—  
It is contentment sweetens all the hours.  
—Geo. Klinge.

### POLYTECHNIC HOME COMING MAY 30.

Alumni, Come! Former Students, Come!! All Come!!!

To the Alumni and Former Students: The faculty and students have planned a final "Home-Coming" for May 30. In order to make it a success you must begin plans at once to be here.

The enclosed bulletin contains information in detail concerning your entertainment. Read it carefully and then write your classmates and friends that you will meet them here. Boost with all your might these next three weeks. As early as you can drop a line to the committee, advising them of your coming. The faculty and students alike have promised to lay themselves out for your comfort and pleasure.

Awaiting to give you the glad hand of welcome, we are, yours for fun and a good time,  
HOME-COMING COMMITTEE.

### EFFICIENCY.

I wish to say a few words in reply to a letter which appeared in the Advocate of April 9, by Mrs "W. B. H." of Lovington, New Mexico. She has voiced things which I have desired for several years would be given more consideration by the conference. Above all let "efficiency" be one of the watchwords with regard to our ministers. Any locality, no matter how illiterate or non-religious they may seem, naturally looks to a minister as some one who is thoroughly competent to give them the right kind of help, not only in Church affairs but in schools and the general welfare of the community. Therefore, if he is a poor illiterate preacher who is given a charge occasionally he cannot keep at the work with his whole heart, consequently the people soon see his much-visible weakness and lose all confi-

dence in him as God's representative. The man who can convert the most sinners is the man who is strongest, physically, mentally and above all spiritually.

The faith of our people here in the West has been so utterly shocked and torn by poor, incompetent preachers that we certainly need good ones now to re-establish that faith. If we could only get the cattle and sheep men into our Church think of the thousands of dollars which would be spent each year for the cause of Christ which is now being spent in the saloons.

I have been a resident of this one locality for twenty years and during that time, with the exception of three or four revival meetings, the average person has not heard three sermons a year. Do you wonder why the saloons and dance halls of the Western towns prosper and people of Eastern States think we are half civilized and grow horns like the cattle?

Give us good preachers and with the help of God we will do the rest.  
LEWIS MANS,  
Queen, New Mexico.

The University community has enjoyed the privilege of entertaining Rev. Geo. M. Boyd, one of the best equipped members of the West Texas Conference, during the track meet and debating week. He remained over Sunday and preached that morning for the University Methodist congregation. His sermon was an able and eloquent treatment of "The Enrichment of Personality." It made a profound impression upon a large congregation. Mr. Boyd is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, has served with eminent success as pastor of the famous School for Boys in Tennessee, also as missionary to Brazil. He is justly recognized as one of the coming men in the West Texas Conference. He will always receive a cordial welcome to Austin.—The Daily Texan.