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The Northwest Texas Conference

The fifth session of this Conference met in Sweetwater Wednesday, the 4th instant, with Bishop McCoy in the chair. Sweetwater is one of the prosperous towns of the West, 235 miles from Dallas and on the main line of the T. & P. Railroad running from Fort Worth to El Paso. The town began its existence about the time the railroad reached this section, but did not begin to grow until about 1900. At that time it had a wild western population of some 500 people. Of course there were many excellent citizens among them, but the wild and woolly predominated. Saloons were in evidence with their train of evils. In the country the cattle industry prevailed and the cowboy was in his glory. But by and by things began to change. In 1903, after previous efforts had failed, the county voted out the saloons, and the Orient Road came through and a few years later the Santa Fe put in its appearance and things began to look lively, and today we find a town of 6000 people, the most of whom are moral and law-abiding citizens. Large brick business houses abound, the streets are paved, good sidewalks, a splendid school system, waterworks and all modern conveniences. No considerable number want the saloons back or would have them back.

The country adjacent is fertile and productive. Cotton, milo maize, kañar corn and the like are the staples; and the cattle business still thrives. When they have seasons, it is a wonderfully productive country. Prior to this year the dry weather played havoc with the crops for four or five years in succession. But this has been a year of rains and the crops are abundant. In some instances they have made a bale and a half to the acre; and it will mostly yield from three-quarters to a bale. The vast fields are still white unto the harvest. The gathering is in progress. The grass is flourishing and the cattle are as fat as if they had been stall fed. While the price of cotton is low that of the cattle is high. True, money is scarce, but everything for man and beast is plentiful. The people really seem to be prosperous despite the hard times. The price of land has not declined. But land can be bought at \$20 per acre in the country. Near the railroads and the towns it is higher. It is a fine farming country when the rainfall gives it a half chance.

Sweetwater threw wide open her doors to the Conference and gave to us all an enthusiastic welcome. I have never seen a town enter more beautifully into the entertainment of a Conference. The hospitality is of the old-fashioned Western type and it cannot be excelled. How the brethren enjoyed it!

We have a commanding church edifice, large, modern and commodious. It was built a couple of years ago under the pastorate of Rev. A. M. Martin, and the surprise is that it was done in the midst of a drouth when the country looked parched and withered. How he and his plucky people ever did it no one seems to know. It is not completed in its exterior, but the inside is about finished and it is attractive and imposing. The

auditorium and the Sunday School room can be easily thrown together into one and 1200 people can be accommodated. It is said that Brother Martin superintended the building, gathered in most of the funds and did a good deal of the work with his own hands. The original estimate of the cost of the proposed building was \$30,000, but they managed to bring it down to \$20,000 when completed. As far as they have gone it has cost \$18,000, all of which was paid during Brother Martin's pastorate of one year except about \$3000. He seems to have done the impossible. There is a great, roomy basement, which when finished will afford all sorts of room and accommodation. In looking at the edifice inside and out one would guess that it cost about \$40,000.

We have a membership of something over 400, a good Sunday School and all organized departments. Rev. Simeon Shaw succeeded to the pastorate one year ago, and he has given to them a vigorous ministry. He was the host of the Conference and he and his helpers looked diligently after the wants of all. He and they are entitled to much credit for the splendid entertainment of the body.

Rev. A. W. Hall, a former pastor, preached to a large congregation Tuesday night.

Wednesday morning was as bright and beautiful as ever dawned upon the West. The preachers were present in force. The Bishop took the chair at 9 and called the Conference to order. "All hail the power of Jesus' name" was sung, and the Bishop led the prayer. He then read the lesson from second chapter of Philippians and made pungent comments. "The apostle wants us to find in this passage the norme for determining the real quality of spiritual life. What is it to be a real Christian? In Paul's day it was necessary to determine and to settle this question. They had many views of this matter. A great many of those early Christians had drifted into an artificial standard of religion. We are not always free from this sort of thing. If Jesus taught anything it was that religion was not a thing of creeds, or rubrics or traditions, but that it was a thing of life. He did not put in his time teaching formal dogmatic theology or in elaborating a well organized ecclesiasticism, or in developing an extensive ritualism. He gave himself to the work of developing a deep spirituality in life and character. His one aim was to teach people how to live the right sort of a life before God and all men. He taught that men must go into the deep things of God and get right in heart and mind. Christ illustrated this principle in his daily life. Under all circumstances he found pleasure in rendering service to humanity. He lived a genuine and a real life among men. His life was a normal, spiritual life, a life that brought God among men. Hence the apostle said: 'Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.' What we want to do is to translate the mind of Christ into the terms of modern life."

Rev. A. L. Moore, former Secretary,

came forward and called the roll. Brother Moore was unanimously elected Secretary. He is a good one and the Conference appreciates him and they gave him their endorsement. He was given a good list of assistants.

Rev. O. P. Kiker was elected editor of the Conference Minutes.

The presiding elders nominated the Conference Committees. The Connectional papers were referred to their respective committees without reading. The one from Bishop Candler anent the Vanderbilt issue and the two Universities at Atlanta and Dallas were read to the open Conference.

Mayor Wilson, of the city, was introduced and he delivered the address of welcome upon the part of the city to the members of the Conference. It was a very cordial and happy address, and it was greatly enjoyed. And it had a fine religious spirit running through it. Bishop McCoy made fitting response in behalf of the Conference.

A large number of visiting brethren were introduced to the Conference and accorded a welcome.

G. W. Backus, the efficient teller of the Conference, called upon the brethren to report to him at the Texas Bank so as to enable him to make out his financial report.

The names of the presiding elders were called and they reported as follows:

Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson, P. E., Abilene District: We have made substantial progress in the Abilene District this year notwithstanding the many discouraging things in the way. We have had four feet of rain on the district since last conference. This has damaged the cotton and other crops, discouraged some people and made it very difficult for the preachers to make their collections. We have had revivals of old-time power in which souls were converted to God. There have been 700 conversions and 600 accessions to the Church. One new church has been built on the Nugent charge by Brother Yeats and paid for. Two parsonages have been added this year. One on the Hawley Charge served by Brother Ross and the other at Tuscola which is in charge of Geo. Smallwood. The district has paid more for missions this year than last. More money has been paid on salaries than last year. Four hundred and ten Texas Advocates and twenty-three copies of the Nashville Advocate are taken in the district. The preachers have been faithful to the trust committed unto them.

Rev. J. T. Hicks, P. E., Amarillo District: Built one good church, bought one good parsonage; 700 conversions, 550 additions; some other improvements made; finances well up; secured 155 Tithers. Preachers have all done faithful work. We are making progress.

W. H. Terry, P. E., Big Springs District: We have had a splendid year. Fine revivals have been held, resulting in something like 700 conversions and about 400 accessions. Our finances are about ninety-five per cent up. One church has been built, a district parsonage secured and two circuit parsonages are being built. Splendid crops have been made by the farmers in our territory and range conditions are excellent for the stockmen. We seem to be at the opening of an era of great prosperity and development.

J. W. Story, P. E., Clarendon District: We have had good revivals

in almost all the charges on the district. The preachers have their own meetings and helped each other and employed successful evangelists. The results have been more than 800 conversions and more than 700 accessions to the Church. The statistics will show a net gain of 480 members for the year. Notwithstanding the financial depression of the whole country, our financial showing will be in advance of any former year. The Sunday School work has steadily gone forward. The Woman's Missionary work is advancing throughout the district, and every interest of the Church is doing well.

G. S. Hardy, P. E., Hamlin District: Have had 640 conversions, more than 500 accessions, a small net increase in membership. Bought one parsonage and built another; about ten thousand dollars has been expended in improving and paying debts on church property; eighty per cent of salaries and collections have been paid.

O. P. Kiker, P. E., Plainview District: Three new churches, two new parsonages, 600 conversions; some charges paid in full, some overpaid, some not up. Sunday School enrollment greater than membership of the Church. Seth Ward College largest enrollment in its history. This district is one of the most populous in the plains country and Plainview is noted for its shallow water and irrigation advantages.

J. G. Miller, P. E., Stamford District: This in many respects has been the hardest year's work in all my experience. The preachers have been faithful and true and in view of all the circumstances they have wrought well as their reports will show. Several of the charges will pay salaries and collections in full. Others will fall short on either salary or collections, but some will fall on both, but the failure is owing to conditions which I shall not attempt to explain. Have had good revivals in almost all the charges and some remarkable meetings have been held. Have had about 700 conversions and received about 675 into the Church. The pastors' reports will show a net gain of about 430. There are about 550 Texas Christian Advocates taken in the District. As a rule the preachers and occasionally an official takes the General Organ. Have built one Church and paid for it and it has been dedicated. Have brought to completion another handsome brick church which is finished and furnished and clear of debt. Have secured one parsonage, a splendid property, and which has a balance to be paid. Have paid a nice sum on the debts which are on our church property. In Stamford under the wise guidance of the pastor we have paid on the Church debt more than \$4000. Stamford College is still in the land and among the living. As to the school proper, I am sure it has never done better work than it is doing this year, and I am sure that the President, Brother Strother, has never had the matter of the success of the college on his heart more than at the present time and we hope for a great year.

B. W. Dodson, P. E., Sweetwater District: Have been on the district three-fourths of the year. We have had more than 700 conversions, more than 500 accessions. Magnificent church built at Snyder worth \$25,000. Snyder has raised for all purposes more than \$14,000. Debt paid at Fluvanna by means of a cotton crop raised by the pastor, S. H. Young, and his members. In the Sweetwater District about 100,000 bales of cotton have been raised this year, and the finances are behind, but about equal to last year.

J. G. Putman, P. E., Vernon District: There are seventeen pastoral charges in the Vernon District. The

seventeen pastors appointed to serve these several charges respectively have all been at their posts of duty, faithful during the year. Have had about 800 conversions, 700 additions to the Church. Have built one new house of worship and paid for it. Reduced the indebtedness on some other houses of worship and parsonages and made some improvements in the way of repairs and additions on others. The finances of the district, upon the whole, are about ninety-five per cent up. This year, in Church work, has been a hard one, and the work has been done under very discouraging conditions. But withal it has been a pleasant year, and we are glad to report, at least, some measure of success.

In the afternoon Dr. Rawlings spoke to a good audience on "The Coming Layman."

At night the auditorium was full to hear an address on the Sunday School issue by Rev. Emmett Hightower, Division Superintendent for Texas, and two or three other States. He is now a Connectional man, employed by the General Sunday School Board. His address showed the wisdom of his appointment. It was a live, up-to-date discussion of the question, and he kept his hearers wide awake and full of interest from beginning to end. He is beyond a doubt, the man for the place, and he will be heard from as the months go by. He surprised, even his warmest friends. The fact is, he is about the liveliest wire in the Sunday School field in this section.

The names of the preachers, except the undergraduates, and those in nominal relation, were called and their characters passed. None of these took time to report. The business of the conference has become so extensive that there is not time to hear reports from all the members. This is a good arrangement and saves the conference much valuable time. When the name of Rev. W. T. Coughran was called, his presiding elder stated that he had withdrawn from our ministry and Church in order to become a minister in another denomination, and his name was dropped from the roll.

The names of the old guard were called and their characters were passed. A few of them were present and they spoke a few brotherly words to the conference. George F. Fair is one of the veterans of the body. During the year he has preached often, held meetings and had more than forty conversions. Rev. I. L. Mills is another whose name is a sweet smelling savor among his brethren. He has not only had long experience in the ministry, but also on the frontier with his gun fighting the wild Indians. He spoke a few words to his brethren. He did some active work during the year. Rev. W. E. Caperton is not such an old man, but on account of his health, had to retire. In his well days he was an efficient worker in the conference. His words were appreciated. Rev. W. P. Davis is still in middle life, but his health is not strong. He is an intelligent man and a good preacher.

Rev. J. D. Scott, of the San Antonio Rescue Home, made a short address concerning that important work. Rev. R. E. L. Stutts,

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The New Theology.

By REV. J. E. HARRISON, D. D., San Antonio, Texas.

Its Principal Advocates.

The Congregational Churches in America, without a general disruption, divided in sentiment concerning Christian theology about the middle of the eighteenth century.

Congregationalism in its orthodox days, under Edwards and Dwight, was a mighty power in the colonies and in the first years of the American Republic.

The liberal party in the Church early showed a tendency towards Unitarianism. This liberal party revolted against the five points of Calvinism and naturally swung too far, going beyond the perpendicular of Bible truth and began to deny the corruption of human nature, the deity of Christ, the need of an atonement and eternal punishment.

This party in Congregationalism became very active in educational matters, their efforts at first being to place men of their way of thinking in professorships of Harvard.

Among the first fruits of their teaching were the Unitarian Churches that came out of former Congregational Churches.

The placing of liberal men in the Harvard chairs finally made Harvard a Unitarian school.

In the case of Andover Seminary, this same practice was followed, but was slower in results.

In the time of Col. Bob Ingersoll, Andover was orthodox, or at least sufficiently so to call forth Ingersoll's denunciation. "They have in Massachusetts, at a place called Andover, a kind of minister factory; and every professor in that factory takes an oath once in every five years that not only has he not during the last five years, but, so help him God, he will not during the next five years intellectually advance."

But in the latter part of the nineteenth century the "Andover Controversy" arose, in which the Liberal or Unitarian branch, who styled their views, "New Theology," and who claimed to be "Christocentric," was completely successful in taking over Andover Theological Seminary. Under their control Andover held radical views of inspiration and of the office of Biblical criticism, and thus came out from under Col. Ingersoll's denunciation.

Harvard Divinity School had for some time been "advanced." Now that Andover entered the class of progressives something ought to happen. And it did. After Harvard and Andover threw off the shackles of creed and old-fogyism and took advanced views concerning the Holy Scriptures, these two wealthy and thoroughly equipped

schools for theological instruction, with intellectually advancing professors, counted their students. It did not take long to call the roll. Harvard had twenty-seven and Andover had nine. It was thought best to unite these two great schools at Harvard and leave the immense plant at Andover. They united; and when the united roll was called the combined attendance was twenty-seven plus nine Divinity students. And why not? If the Bible is not God-given, why not put it in the academic work of the university and let it take its chances with Babylonian, Greek and Latin Mythology?

It is true, at least, that as these two Divinity schools took on what Ingersoll called intellectual advancement, the attendance of students dropped down to almost a negligible quantity.

Now is it from the men whose teaching brought Harvard and Andover down to almost nothing and forced a combination of the two schools with pitiful results in attendance? Is it from leaders of this class we would have our young Methodist preachers learn theology? Col. Ingersoll ridiculed orthodoxy as blighting to the intellect.

New Theology ridicules orthodoxy as fossilism.

How do we judge between New Theology and orthodox Methodism? By their fruits.

Methodism holds that man was created holy, and by disobedience fell; that all men are fallen in Adam; that Christ died to redeem men; that the Bible is God's word; that salvation is by faith in Christ, and the regeneration of the Holy Ghost.

New Theology holds that man is the result of evolution; that there was no fall; that all men are naturally pure; that Christ's death has nothing to do with man's salvation; that the Bible is only a record of men's religious experiences; that salvation is by character and not by faith; that man works out his own regeneration.

Mr. Wesley took the orthodox teaching, and under his preaching England was regenerated socially, politically and religiously.

Under the preaching of orthodoxy in America the United States became the great Christian Nation of the world.

New England has been the seat and center of New Theology teaching and influence. For half a century New Theology has reigned supreme in the New England States.

In that time Protestantism has lost and Catholicism has gained in those six States, until, at present, in each of them the Catholics have a majority vote.

The "New Theology" Once More

By REV. J. W. W. SHULER, Hubbard, Texas.

That second edition from the pen of Brother C. W. Webb, which appeared in the Advocate of November 5, has in it some marvelous revelations. We beg pardon for having delayed so long any notice of it, but an Annual Conference, a move and attendant distractions make up our excuse.

The last state of Brother Webb's arguments is worse than the first. He cites us to the incident in our Lord's ministry where some were casting out devils in Jesus' name but followed not with the disciples; and indicates that those who believe in the Virgin birth and sacrificial atonement of our Savior do not want those who do not thus believe to cast out devils. Brother, you were never more mistaken in your life. The thing that we object to is, that when men begin to believe this "new theology" they cease to cast out devils and begin to tell us there are no devils to cast out, but that these ailments are "epilepsy, lunacy," or some other physical or mental disorders. We do not object to the casting out process; what we object to is the denying process.

Then again the parable of the good Samaritan is brought forth; as if there was some conflict between helping your neighbor and believing in the Scriptural account of the Virgin birth and sacrificial atonement of our Lord. Can a man not believe all that and still pour in the oil and wine and set the wounded on his own beast? Can a man not believe these things and still become servant of all? Can he not believe all these Scriptural statements and "love one another as I have loved you?" Does a man cease to bear "fruit" when he accepts plain Bible statements as true? Does a man become a "fruit bearer" when he rejects the state-

ments of the gospels and takes up the theories of men? If so, what kind?

With Brother Webb the principles taught by Christ stand higher than Christ, or his words are meaningless. "I must confess that the principles taught by him have influenced my life more than the things of him." The speech is greater than the speaker. To say is greater than to be. What Christ claimed for himself may have little weight but what he told the world to do is everything. This latter is good and must be obeyed, but without the former it has no authority. A speaker's authority is much more vital than his speech. What Christ taught is all right and the principles that he laid down are faultless; but if he was not all that he claimed for himself and all the Bible claimed for him then the whole is without foundation and is but a web of fancy.

Brother Webb acknowledges that according to his theory of Christ and what he stood for that "Joseph Smith" would do as well if he had the "principles" but claimed that he did not have them. Now, I am of opinion that "Joseph" lacked several other things, besides the principles, of being Christ. "Joseph Smith" was not "the only begotten Son of God." "Joseph Smith" did not "by the grace of God taste death for every man." Ah, brother, "Joseph" falls down at several points.

That "conscience" proposition bewilders me. Listen! "Conscience is co-equal with the Holy Spirit." Now I had understood that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit were equal and formed a trinity; but I was not aware of co-equality of conscience. If I were sure of that proposition I would begin it with a capital letter. Now, let's look into that just a little—conscience is equal to the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is equal to God, therefore conscience is equal to God, since things equal to the same thing are equal to each other. Now, I believe there must be some fallacy in that syllogism and I incline to the view that it is in the premise.

"The Holy Scriptures and all else that has ever been written by men inspired of God must pass this sentinel." What if it does all pass this "sentinel"? Can the sentinel change it? If the conscience does not approve, does that make it untrue? Are the Holy Scriptures dependent on the whims of conscience for their stability and authority?

It is acknowledged that this conscience sentinel may pass on thoughts, views, deeds and actions, for good or evil, weal or woe." Now, suppose it takes the evil side and makes it stand for the same, does the Bible teaching fall before its mandates? I am of opinion that this conscience claim is somewhat overworked. "Roman Catholicism, and the divine right of kings" may have come about by following other men's conscience, and that is why I believe in following the Bible rather than any man's conscience. Bend conscience to fit the Bible and not the Bible to fit conscience.

Finally, what conflict is there between the old view of the virgin birth, the sacrificial atonement, miracles of Jesus, his bodily resurrec-

tion; and the brotherhood of man, Fatherhood of God and "help your neighbor" spirit in the world? What is the gain in dethroning God and enthroning "the eternal principles of right." With Jesus Christ as the "only name given under heaven among men, whereby we must be saved" exalted to the highest throne of power, both as the Savior and judge of men, do the eternal principles of right suffer? Do the claims of Jesus Christ to divine Sonship, his claims to sacrificial efficacy and to resurrection power put him out of harmony with this age?

That final paragraph of Brother Webb's is almost pathetic. "The question was not whether one could hold to the old theology and be a Christian, but was and is whether or not one can hold to the new theology and be a follower of Christ." Then he quotes, "Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief." Now to me that is a sentence full of pathos. Can a man follow Christ and turn down the teachings of the Bible concerning Christ? Can he be a servant of Christ and not believe in his atoning sacrifice? Can he follow Christ and deny his resurrection from the dead? "If Christ be not raised your faith is in vain; ye are yet in your sins." We are glad to accord to every man a place to work and we want every one to have more than "crumbs" on which to feed.

"The Hand That Rocks The Cradle Rules The World"

By E. BURNETT, Campbell, Texas.

My last remarks through the press to the public were directed principally to the man in authority, subject or text was: "My Son Despise Not the Day of Small Things," and the biggest word I used in that discourse was responsibility. After I closed I thought as I read the lines how hard I had tried to picture this great word on the minds and hearts of the reader; and yet it was like viewing the icy peaks of the great Rockies without the slightest notice of the immense tonnage of material beneath. I am still praying that those lines will reach and arouse the man in authority. But why put so much stress on him? It is true he is responsible for the doings of the present in a measure, but how about the hand that rocks his cradle? Oh, woman, may you hear this as in thunder tone! The responsibility is on you. Take the Bible as your guide. Prov. 3:6 says: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."

Think not to lay up for that boy stocks and bonds that will encourage his idleness and worldly revelry, but try to instill in him a Christly principle and build up a Christian character that will make the world better. Such a life will honor you in your old age and glorify your Father which is in heaven. It has been said that few men ever succeed in life in this way that did not have a Christian mother. Prov. 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

There are several essentials in raising a child in this busy day: First, he or she should be fed daily and freely from some portion of God's Word and have it lived and practiced by those for whom he or she is associated.

Oh, mother, let your life so be that it will reflect the image of your Lord or those of your household. I would not exchange my Christian experience with my sainted mother for all the wealth of an English lord. Be it ever so elaborate, all those things sink into utter insignificance when you come to reckon Christian character.

Then we must all confess that the hand that rocks the cradle really rules the world. Would to God the motherhood of our land could realize the responsibility that is on them. We speak, read and write of peace treaties and war regulations enacted by the Hague and the enlightened nations of the earth, but if you would purify a stream you must aim at the fountain. What I mean is this: With all the most strenuous laws that could ever be legislated would avail nothing without the influence of Christian character behind them. Hence we appeal to you mothers in Christ's name be up and doing now while it is called today, "for when the night cometh no man can work."

Bishop Candler says: "Whatever may have been your past opportunities you now have an available present."

You can't undo what has been done, but you can overcome evil with good. If you are not too late you can teach

the child to suffer wrong rather than resent every little offense. Of course you did not think of doing that older son an injustice when you taught him to never take the last lick, but look what it might lead to. Such seed sown in the heart of the young will develop every strife and hatred. That will surely bring sin, crime and dissipation.

Then come with me and I will show you the final results. Just for a moment let us take a look at the gigantic conflict that is now on in Europe. Listen if you will at the cry of the widows and orphans as the last crumb is divided and eaten. You need not go to the battle front where wounded men die, some being strangled by the life-blood of their fellowman as it flows. No; I say this conflict will never end here. Nor will it be over when the last gun is fired, but will live on through the ages. It has been said that a pebble dropped in the great ocean will have its effect on the opposite bank. Then how careful we ought to be when we know our influence is going out daily to curse or bless the world after us.

Oh! woman, I say again you who rock the cradle hold a nation's destiny in your hand. The responsibility is yours. You must meet the issue. Listen, mother, do you remember that night as you bent over that dear one and how your very soul was almost ablaze with anxiety for its recovery, and how you earnestly plead with the Giver of all good if He would spare its life to you, how you would try to raise it to a life of usefulness? Then as it begins to recover you thought as you looked in its face how thankful you ought to be and how with passionate affection you would respond to its every whim.

I see your zeal if sufficient, but likely to be misdirected. Character must be considered first, last and always. Oh! that God would smile just one ray of heavenly vision on your pathway, rehearse to you your pledged obligations and reveal to you your responsibilities. I say the position our Nation holds with other Nations of the earth today absolutely demands Christian character; hence yours is also an international responsibility. Think of the millions of earth's foreign immigrants that are crowding our ports daily and annually as they mix and mingle their half pagan fanaticism with our religion. We must Christianize them and our force is insufficient, yet we can do it with God's help, provided we begin now and at the cradle.

Now I'll say in conclusion that if you mothers will co-operate with each other by concentrating your every energy in this way you will raise up a Christian generation whose character will not only bless the world, but will so strongly fortify our own Nation that it will ever be an haven of rest for all who long for Christian fellowship, peaceful quietude. Yes, I say that this same Christian character will not only resist the thunderbolts of earth and hell, but will be worth 100 cents on the dollar while this world is on fire and even after this universal elements have melted with fervent heat. God bless the motherhood of America! They are our Nation's pride.

AN INCIDENT IN WESTERN ITINERANCY.

By J. O. Gore.

Were I a poet I would write a poem on the Chase that would beat old man Scott's "Lady of the Lake" chase into a pulp six hours before dawn. Not that it started before dawn, nor that it had such royal coterie of attendance, nor did it last until night-fall, nor was there any falling by the way of "hunter, hound or horn." We were all there when the chase started and we were all there when it ended. We could not weep over the fallen form of our prostrate steeds as "James fits James" cried: "Woe worth the chase, woe worth the day that cost thy life my gallant gray. No horse, no deer, no horn, no hound, no corpse, no deer, though the plains did glimmer with miraged lakes in abundance, but no mountains to climb and no rocks to bar the way."

Some time in July, 1907, while Brother Hardy was holding his third round of Quarterly Conference he came to Tahoka, and on Monday after our conference, Judge T. M. Bartley treated us to the chase of our lives. Starting about 9 o'clock, east from Tahoka, we hoped to find a herd of antelopes in less than an hour's run in the auto. About eight miles out we started a long, lean, hungry-looking wolf. This monarch of the plains seemed anxious that he might be given at least a square deal, and that only the auto be used against him. When the machine was put to action he seemed fairly pleased, and looked back with a banter in his eye. The first section of the run was up grade, and long hungry seemed fairly pleased with it, as it was made on low gear. He drove straight for "Grass Land" wells, the highest point in that region. But in this two-mile run he had not held his own to advantage, and it was then down grade in any direction that he might chose to run. The Judge, sitting at the wheel, and Brother Hardy beside him, Joe Stokes and myself on the back seat. Now if you think that that wolf didn't run with that black monster after him you cannot enjoy the joke gotten off by the little negro down on the Mississippi River in an early day. The old "Black Mammy" had been missing her roasting ears, so she sent Sam to run the negroes out of the corn. Sam got close and hollowed at what he supposed to be a negro, and a big bear dropped his corn and took after Sam. Sam's mammy saw the dust rising and then she saw Sam and a bear after him, and she begun to call out: "Run, Sam! Run, Sam! Run, Sam! Bar sit yer!" And when Sam fell in at the door she shoved the door shutter too between Sam and the bear, but Sam was a philosopher. He rolled over on his back and said: "Mammy, use a fool." His mother protested that she had saved him, but Sam said: "Like as I'd play off in a race like that?" I'd like to, here and now, enter the argument for that wolf that he didn't play off. "Bounding forward free and fair" was no fair deal to that wolf. He simply cut his wolf loose; and if you would not become excited over a race like that your sportsman spirit is dead. It took a great deal of persuasion to keep Brother Hardy from shooting until he got a chance and found that he was too badly excited to hit the ground. Our nerves were all high when the rise was topped and the run begun in dead earnest. To see a huge wolf stretch himself for his life from forty, thirty, twenty and ten feet before a touring car for four miles is of some sport. "Dodge," did you say? Could a bullet stop to dodge simply because the lightning was after it? He was going at the speed that never dodges.

But at last the Judge gave the machine her full supply of essence, and the distance simply faded between the machine and the wolf and he turned turtle, passed between the engine and the wheels, lying head backward. No sooner was the machine clear than he was up and at it again. But he had gone his limit. He had run too far, and when the machine was brought to he did little execution, and soon was overtaken again and was so broken this time that he could not stand again.

That game squeaked and our spirits still high, we located a herd of antelopes, and were starting them nicely, and they were not playing off in the race, either, when the Judge discovered that his batteries were almost out, so after some hesitation on his part he started homeward, and in six miles of Tahoka we lost our "gallant," and Hardy and I walked into town and got Dr. Windham to go out after Judge Bartley and his auto and fetch them in.

So we did not break the game law by capturing an antelope, but if? Well, there was County Judge, a presiding elder and a 2x4 preacher along and, of course, the law was safe.

An Unused Asset

By REV. JOHN A. SICELOFF, Jarrell, Texas.

Some years ago when the Laymen's Movement was being launched Bishop Hendrix, in an address, called attention to the powerful force for Christian service lying dormant in the ranks of the laymen. It was a challenge to the ministry to use, as well as to the layman to be used, in service. There are doubtless many unused assets in the Church today. And one of them is the station pastor.

It is in his relation to the country pastor that I speak of him as an unused asset. When the country pastor has laid hold of the remarkable opportunity offered by the country Church, or, as some will have it, when the country Church problem begins to be solved intelligently and with consecration, it will be found that the station pastor is contributing largely to its solution.

Practically every station pastor in the Central Texas Conference can find a country pastor within a radius of twenty miles of his Church who will be eager to have him come into his charge and preach, were such a service offered. Such a service could be a "one night stand" with a deeply spiritual and inspirational sermon, which will be enjoyed and appreciated as much by the grateful pastor as by the people. Or the service could be from three to ten days' help in a meeting. All of these services could be offered without thought of compensation, except traveling expenses and entertainment.

Country pastors hesitate to approach each other, as well as station pastors, on account of the single question, What shall I pay? I believe that there are very few, if any, of our preachers who would not give freely and gladly of their services, if conditions are stated frankly, and the invitation given far enough in advance. In fact, this is not mere opinion; it is certain knowledge. Are there any busier pastors in the State than H. D. Knickerbocker and R. P. Shuler? Their time is worth much to themselves and their services are worth much to whatever place they may minister. Both have consented to give their services to this country Church; the former for four days during the week in a revival, and the latter for a week-night lecture. It was the heartiness with which these men responded to the invitation, which suggested the thought that the station pastors in every district will co-operate with the country pastors in this way. Are there any professors in the State busier than those at Southwestern, or better equipped to

present with a religious emphasis the messages of their particular departments? Four of them responded willingly to the invitation to give to the country Church lectures along the lines of study in which each man has been specializing for years.

But the co-operation of the station pastor with the country pastor, in a personal way, is only an entrance to a larger field of co-operation. And that is the field of service which the country Church offers to the station. Every country pastor has from two to six congregations to which he ministers monthly. Some of these congregations have no other service, and a Church which has only one service in the month may pay its pastor and its conference claims in full, but very few of them are growing. Most of the religious activity in such a Church is exhibited on "preaching day" and during the summer revival. During the rest of the year the congregation lapses into a state of spiritual coma.

Every organized Christian Church, whether in the city or in the country, should meet weekly for the worship of God. Oftener, if possible. If the pastor cannot meet this demand, there are consecrated laymen in the Church who can be prevailed upon to fill up the breach. And exactly here is the opportunity for the trained workers in the station charges. Practically every station has a number of these Churches near it in which only monthly services are held. And every station has the capacity, developed or to be developed, to minister to these Churches. People in the towns and cities have unceasing privileges of hearing those who inspire and instruct, lecturers and evangelists, preachers and singers, missionaries and mission workers, and if there is no outlet for the uplift and inspiration which flows into their lives, surely their sphere of Christian activity is limited.

If the station pastors in every district will offer to co-operate with the country pastors near them, or, better still, invite the country pastors to their pulpits or prayer meetings to present the needs of the country Church, they will discover opportunities and outlets for genuine service which will call out for immediate duty all of their reserves. There are stale and dead station Churches which should welcome this opportunity to move out into permanent service. It is only running water that continues fresh. The country Church wants you. The country Church needs you and will welcome your co-operation.

HISTORY AT FIRST HAND.

By M. Columbus Hamilton.

There were handed to me for my delectation recently two old relics, dingy, yellow and bethumbed, and so battered of the remorseless years that much of their contents is obscure—one a copy of Harper's New Monthly Magazine for March, 1851, and the other a fragile copy of the Ulster County Gazette, dated Saturday, January 4, 1890, and published at Kingston, (presumably) New York. The special interest that attaches to the latter is the fact that it is a sort of memorial copy, with black, smudgy ink-crepe, inviting attention to the mournful event of Washington's death. With curious eyes, indeed, I look over its ancient pages!

John Adams, the then erudite President, is visited by the House and Senate Committees whose ponderous duty it was to offer condolence. The President's reply begins on the last page of the paper and is concluded on the first, or title, page. "I receive with the most respectful and affectionate sentiments," he says, "of this impressive address, the obliging expressions of your regrets," etc. A crude cut of Washington embellishes the second column following, with an indecipherable Latin subscription. A poem "On the Death of Washington" is blocked in the upper right hand corner. The author is nameless. "By a young lady," it says. Some of the high-sounding, but sincere, lines smack faithfully of the day and time.

"Where'er I turn the general gloom appears,
Those mourning badges fill my soul with fears;
Hark!—yonder rueful noise!—'tis done!—'tis done!—
The silent tomb invades our WASHINGTON!"

The general reading matter is punctuated here and there by quaint advertisements, of which the following are examples:

"A Quantity of Schohary Peas For Sale, or will be Exchanged for WHEAT.

JOHN TEMPER, Decbr. 18, '99."
"LUTHER ANDRES & CO. have this day Been opening goods both fresh and gay.

He has received near every kind That you in any store can find; And as I purchase by the Bale, I am determined to retail For READY PAY a little lower Than ever have been had before. I with my brethren mean to live, But as for credit shall not give."

Still quaint sounds the chronicle of domestic infelicity under the caption of

"SECOND NOTICE

Of my wife Hannah is hereby given, forbidding all persons whatever from harboring or keeping her, and from trusting her on my account, as I am determined to pay no debts of her contracting.

MATYS VAN STEENBERGH."

And this just above the vulgar announcement that in some unaccountable way there has been

"STRAYED.....

A Red Bull,

Branded on both horns P. T. B."

In the cramped spaces are interjected time and again notices of the European wars which, owing to the present conditions, have a most absorbing interest for us, but they are too long to permit of reproduction here. Reports of the activities of Congress, just then in session, are surprisingly complete and they incorporate one speech of the Memorial Session over the death of Washington, the beginning of which is as follows:

"Mr. Marshal with deep sorrow on his countenance, and in a low, pathetic tone of voice, rose and addressed the House as follows:

"The melancholy event which was yesterday announced without doubt,

The Years of Bethlehem

By Rev. Robert E. Goodrich.

O Bethlehem of Judah's land,
Far distant though thou be,
Through grateful tears and fleeting years,
Our hearts turn back to thee.
We dream again of star-lit plain
And shepherd's peaceful fold,
Where holy light streamed through the night,
While angel anthems rolled.

The Gift, by prophets long foretold,
Lay cradled in thy gloom,
For sinful men were heedless when
He sought for natal room.
The white star's splendor gently fell
Where soft-eyed cattle stood,
And in its ray, the Lord Christ lay
In Holy Babyhood.

O Bethlehem, how dark those years
When Christ in thee was born;
The cup of cross, the cruel cross
And crown of piercing thorn!
O darkened hearts of sinful men,
O priests of blinded eyes,
The Son of God hath blessed your sod
And sanctified your skies.

But Bethlehem, since that dear night
When angels sang His birth,
His Holy Name, in sweet acclaim,
Has echoed round the earth.
And waiting mortals still can hear
That song resound again,
While earth and sky, united, cry,
The grand Amen! Amen!

Oklahoma City, St. Luke's Church.

has been rendered but too certain. Our Washington is no more!"

Not less in interest, I think, is the ancient copy of Harper's Magazine. It begins with a very lengthy poem in blank verse and illustrated in beautiful half-tones entitled "Spring." The mutilated copy gives no clue to its authorship, but without doubt it is one of Thompson's "Seasons"—the original print of the same, and is therefore of monumental importance and interest. The illustrations would do credit to a far later day.

Among the items of fiction one comes suddenly upon a startling content in the form of "My Novel; or, Varieties in English Life," that masterpiece of Bulwer-Lytton which has since delighted countless thousands of intelligent readers. But the author's name is nowhere to be found, though it might have been contained in the "Table of Contents," which is missing. One wonders what the publishers of "Harper's" paid for the serial rights of that colossal tale. I dare say it would be but a pittance compared with what is now paid for the best work of our most famous novelists.

There is a department of "Political and General News" which takes notice of the loss and subsequent finding of the steamer "Atlantic" and the election of Hamilton Fish of New York and Charles Sumner of Massachusetts to the United States Senate by comfortable majorities. The President was empowered to "confer the brevet rank of Lieutenant General; it is of course designed for application to General Scott." The Arkansas Legislature had adjourned, after a session of seventy-one days, "which has been fruitful in acts of local importance;" and the Governor of Texas had just proclaimed Thanksgiving Day. No explanation is given as to why this last event is reported so late as March. But jubilant mention is made that the customs of New England are spreading to the New States. General Houston is chronicled as having written to Hon. John Letcher, of Virginia, "rebuking very severely the attempt made by South Carolina to induce Virginia to take the lead in a scheme of secession."

The notes on "Literature, Science and Art" somewhat lionize Henry James, who had been making speeches in New England, and at last bought a house in Stockbridge, Mass., and settled down in the immediate neighborhood of Longfellow. The birth of Burns was celebrated at a public dinner at the Astor House in New York. The poet Bryant was present as a guest, and made a very happy little speech in which he said "that the fact that Burns had taken a local dialect,

and made it classical and given it a character of universality, was of itself sufficient to stamp him as a man of the highest order of genius." Cooper was completing his "Leatherstocking Tales," Agassiz was making a survey of the Florida reefs and keys, "that he may throw some light upon their formations and growth;" and Audubon, the ornithologist, was threading the forest labyrinths of Louisiana. The copy concludes with "Three Leaves from Punch."

How the faded leaves crackle as we turn them! The yellowed, mutilated mass is but a golden treasury—the treasury of the past—from which we draw inspiration for the present a future. As we pass our fingers musingly over these faded relics, and compare them with their twentieth century counterparts, we cannot but exclaim with a sigh of inexpressible relief: "What God hath wrought!"
Missoula, Montana.

THE WAGES OF SIN.

By Rev. J. C. Wilson.

Many definitions of sin have been given by men. Sin is defined as an overt act, the transgression of a specific statute. Actual murder infracts the commandment "Thou shalt not kill;" actual theft, the statute "Thou shalt not steal," and so on. All men are agreed that such acts are sins. But sin is further defined as in the motive rather than in the act. Moral quality of any action is determined by actuating purpose. If to save you from the bite of a rabid dog I shall shoot and miss the dog and kill you I should not be guilty of murder. But if I purposed to kill you and instead should kill a mad dog, thus really saving your life, I should go to the bar of God a murderer. The moral quality of an act is complete with the purpose formed. Every man and woman of us is guilty of all we ever made up our mind to do, whether we ever actually did it or not. Again, sin is defined as being back of motive—that motive is wrong, because the nature is perverted or sinful. We are urged to make a tree good if we would gather good fruit—to make the fount pure if we would have a pure stream. But for our purpose now I would define sin as crosswisdom with or lack of harmony, with being's elemental law. All being is under law. There never was such a thing as a lawless thing; that is, something existing beyond the pale of law. In the universe there are two kinds of law—moral and natural! The moral law is the expression of God's character, the natural law of his will. Moral law is what God is, natural law is what God wills. Because some men have never in their

thinking made proper distinctions in law they have been logically led to doubt miracles, special providence and answer to prayer. All miracles are within the realm of natural or volitional law. Only moral laws are fixed. They are because of what God is. He can never change. Sin kills, not because of God's will, but because of what he is. His nature or character is the unchanging standard, and is the sole arbiter or judge of moral personality. Moral damnation is character damnation. A perfect straight-edge does not have to say anything to condemn the crooked. Itself condemns inevitably. The perfectly clean and white does not have to say anything to condemn the unclean and the soiled. Itself is condemnation. And ultimate separations are character separations. There are no uncrossable special spirit gulfs. Were the devil chained in the white light of God Almighty's throne he would still be in hell. Were a seraph shut up in the bottomless pit he would still be in heaven. Men are not saved by going somewhere, but by becoming somewhat. Heaven is reached, not by transit through space, but by a moral motion to a love center.

Only moral personality is under moral law. All else is under volitional law. So-called natural laws or forces are in their last analysis simply God's volitionally operative in a physical universe. Winds blow, rivers flow, grasses grow, worlds whirl, sunshine and stars tread the track of a prescribed orbit by his volitional law. These are his "time vesture, revealing him to the wise, but hiding him from the foolish." His will becometh them, and his will can change them and end them.

"The wages of sin is death." This is not a divine threat, but the statement of a law that even Calvary cannot change. That divine manifestation of sacrificial love makes it possible for men to live again who are "dead in trespasses and in sin." Moral penalties are never suspended. The judgment is always set. Sin kills right now, in some form and degree, always and inevitably.

Some diseases of the body are of local origin, a change of climate or altitude, and we may escape them. But sin is not a matter of locality—not determined by latitude, longitude nor altitude, but by altitude of being. Men may sin anywhere. They need sin nowhere. Again, certain diseases of the body seem to be of recent origin, or if existent before, were named in different terms. Sin is not a twentieth century product. It began with the fall of angels in their probationary state. It began with man in the Garden of Eden. Sin is a world-wide, age-long fact. Personified, we might think of sin as a serpent that wormed its way out of hell into the Garden of Eden and fastened its foul fangs in the flesh of our progenitors, thus corrupting the lifeblood of the race. And despite the efforts of God and good men to kill it, the trail of the serpent is over all the earth. Sin is a poisoned fountain, bursting through the fissure of man's disobedience, flowing down the channel of the ages and growing in volume and momentum as the years go by. Its black tide turns every wheel of shame and the factories of woe grind remorselessly on! Sin is a siren, singing a song of shame and bloom-built bowers, wooing to unholy touch God's sun-browed sons of the morning. But those who follow her seductive wiles discover at last that her honeyed words are jagged swords and in her hollow heart is a hell of hate! Sin is a moral miasma, a will-o-the-wisp fire, thrown up by the damps of appetite and passion, and those who follow find their feet taken in the quicksands of habit, where many sink to rise no more! Whosoever denies the fact of sin is blind to the glare of its conflagrations and deaf to the wail of its agonies! That sin exists is attested by locks and bars and jails and penitentiaries and madhouses and graves! That sin exists is written in blood on a thousand battlefields and seared in sorrow in the lines of a million faces!

And it kills! Kills what? The whole man. What is there to a man? He is more than bone and flesh. There are yearnings, aspirations, hopes, loves, regrets, despair—soul experiences as real as his body. Certain capacities of being differentiate him from a mere animal. Sin works its ruin in those finer elements. If normal, he has a sense of appreciation of the beautiful and the good. A Christlike man can see more beauty in nature, hear more melody in a baby's laugh or the song of a bird than can a man who is gross and coarsened and hardened by sin. Sin paralyzes, stunts, deadens all the finer sensibilities of the soul. In the normal man there is a sense of reverence for the holy and the high. Sin kills it. Therefore men profane the name of Deity, and have no regard for that which is holy. Sin will blunt the sense of modesty until, instead of the blush of innocence, there will be the leer of the wanton. Men sin to the death of their self-respect, the death of their ideals, hopes—everything.

The Northwest Texas Conference

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of Caps, made the banner Advocate report of the conference. He has fifty-two families in his charge and fifty of them take the Advocate. And his charge is a rural work, but evidently they are a reading people and appreciate their paper, he did a good work in the other departments of Church enterprise.

Dr. Rawlings, of the General Board of Missions, spoke for that great work and the conference gave him an attentive hearing. The Board has done well to send him to the Texas Conferences this year, for he has rendered the cause a valuable service. He has given to us facts and information, and he presented them to us in a lucid and an interesting style. He is an intense speaker with a clear mind and there is no dull passage in his addresses.

Thursday morning was another bright day, but cool and bracing. The thermometer stood at 26, the coldest of the season in these parts. But the air is dry and refreshing.

The Bishop sang with the conference "A Charge to Keep I Have," and called on this writer to lead in prayer. He read a lesson from first Corinthians, with a few running comments. "It is easy to be popular. A genial nature with a few of the tricks of the politicians, will make most any man popular with the multitudes. Strive not to be unpopular, but do not study and court popularity at the expense of principle and character." "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" was sung after which the session was ready for business.

Rev. J. W. Perry, of the West Texas Conference, and stationed at Midland, was present and mingled with the brethren. Rev. Z. B. Pirtle, of Higgins, had a fine year; 324 in Sunday School, a good Woman's Missionary Society, paid \$2000 for all purposes, all officials take the Advocate. Rev. J. A. Laney, of Tolbert and Fargo, had a good year; sixty conversions, fifty-seven accessions, two Epworth Leagues, three Sunday Schools, all claims in full, and raised for all purposes \$2485.40.

Rev. D. L. Collie, Agent for the Superannuate Homes in the Central and Northwest Conferences, made a statement as to the status of his work.

Rev. Leslie Robinson asked and was granted a location.

The names of the first year were called and reported and passed. They made short reports, indicating a good year. Quite a number of these young men however failed to go before the committee and remained in the class of the first year.

The class of the third year was called, and the most of them were passed to the fourth year. Several of these were not before the committee. These young men gave evidence of efficiency in the work of the ministry. Several of them made very fine reports.

The class of the fourth year was called. Nearly all of them finished their course of study and were elected to elders' orders. These are solid looking young men and having served their probation, they are now accorded all the rights and privileges of our ministry.

Rev. B. J. Osborn reported 150 votes in his country and 146 members in the Church and collections more than full, forty-two Advocates and thirty-five tithers. Sent a fine collection to the Orphanage.

The class of the second year was called. Rev. R. E. Burns reported good revivals, sixty odd accessions, but not a church house or a parsonage on his work. Rev. Charles Choal was reported to have left the ministry of our Church and gone to some other denomination. His name was dropped from the roll. The members of this class reported well.

Rev. S. J. Upton, of the Lorenzo Mission, had a net gain of twenty-five, organized one Sunday School, built one new church at a cost of \$2900, when completed, salary in full, and raised for all purposes \$4662.70.

Several young men were presented for admission on trial and they were accepted.

The Bishop announced a goodly number of transfers to the conference.

Rev. J. W. Story was presented with a case of beautiful silver, and it came from the preachers of the Clarendon District. He had just finished his quadrennium on that district. Bro. Story made a touching response.

Dr. R. S. Hyer, of Southern Methodist University, was presented and he spoke for this great school. Dr. Hyer is always brief, crisp, pointed and lucid. The conference does not tire of him. He knows when to begin, how long to continue and when to stop. And he always says the right thing. He spoke encouragingly of the progress of the institution and its needs at this time. He is at the head of the greatest educational movement

in Southern Methodism, and right well does he lead in this movement.

Bishop McCoy added a few strong and pertinent words along the same line.

In the afternoon Rev. Emmett Hightower conducted a Sunday School Institute and it was well attended. He is a most helpful Sunday School man.

At night the Church Extension Anniversary was observed. The auditorium was packed and Dr. F. P. Culver made the address. He is one of the most eloquent speakers in the State and the audience was greatly edified.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, well known in the North Texas Conference, was a visitor to the conference. He has aged considerably, but he is the same sunny, cheerful and hopeful man. It was a great pleasure to meet him and enjoy his brotherly fellowship again. His home is in Oklahoma, and he is a member of one of those conferences.

Rev. V. H. Trammell, of Weintert, made a good report; 100 conversions, fifty-one additions, thirty-three net increase, sixty Advocates, and finances reasonably good.

Rev. A. B. Keen, of Jaytown, reported 116 conversions, eighty-seven additions, finances nearly full, and state of the Church good.

Rev. W. M. Pope, of Shamrock, reported 125 professions, the debt on the church provided for in good subscriptions, sixty-seven additions, collections in full, and \$3713 for all purposes.

B. Y. Dickinson, of Littlefield, is in his first year on a new work, but he reported forty-eight additions and collections in full.

Rev. C. G. Shutt at McCaulley, reported sixty-seven more in Sunday School than on the Church roll, seventeen new subscriptions for the Advocate, forty-three additions and collections good.

Rev. C. S. Cameron, of Paducah, reported a new church built at a cost of \$10,000 with new pews at \$1300, ten new subscribers to the Advocate, advanced from an \$800 salary to \$1200, and his three years' work has been a success along all lines.

Friday was another beautiful day. The conference was opened with the song, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee," and the Bishop read Paul's exhortation to Timothy, "Preach the word, be instant in season," etc., and the Bishop announced that Rev. Simeon Shaw's oldest son was critically ill in Atlanta, Ga., and he requested Rev. J. T. Griswold to lead the prayer and to remember especially the young man in the prayer. The death of Rev. I. Z. T. Morris was touchingly referred to also in the prayer. Brother Morris died the day before in Fort Worth. "Amazing Grace" was then sung and it was sung with spirit and vigor. Rev. H. A. Boaz, Rev. John R. Nelson, of the Central Conference, Rev. F. B. Buchanan, of the West Texas Conference, Bros. Thompson and Kirkpatrick, of the North Texas Conference, were introduced. Rev. A. M. Martin, of Anson, had a good year; 195 additions, an increase of sixty per cent in the salary of preachers, 120 per cent increase in conference collections, and the Church is in good condition.

Rev. A. W. Moore, Big Springs: 150 conversions, 116 accessions, salaries in full, all collections in full, the League is educating a boy in China, special from Cuba, a fine Sunday School, and \$200 spent in parsonage.

Rev. George S. Slover, of Clarendon College, reported that institution in splendid condition. It is one of the strongest junior colleges in the Church and its progress is steady and encouraging.

The report on the Orphanage was read by Rev. B. T. Sharp and Dr. R. A. Burrough made a strong address on the needs of this institution.

E. B. Bynum was elected Conference Treasurer. His address is Abilene, where he is connected with one of the leading banks of that city. His membership is in St. Paul's, Abilene. All the funds of the conference passing through the hands of the several Boards will be placed in his care for disbursement.

Rev. L. A. Humphrey and Rev. H. Howell, of the Louisiana Conference, were announced as transfers.

The report of the Social Service Commission was read and accepted. Resolutions anent lay activities and work of the laymen. Hon. F. P. Works, lay leader made a few remarks. Rev. Simeon Shaw is the President and Rev. C. W. Hearon, Vice-President and Secretary of the Social Commission.

The class for admission into full connection came forward and the Bishop propounded to them the disciplinary questions and then addressed them. There were eight of them. "I hope you will accept what I have to

say, not because it is official, but as coming from a brother in the ministry with you. I am deeply interested in your success. A minister must be a man before he is a minister. A preacher with credentials, and but little manhood does not amount to much. Do not ask favors on the ground that you are a minister. Be red-blooded men as well as preachers. You will have to deal with men of this type, and you must be on your job as men, all the time. Do not waste your time doing those things which amount to nothing. Do a man's job. You must work hard and work all the time. Downright pluck and grit bring results. You can not grasp a text in desperation on Saturday night and get down and groan and groan over it and preach a good sermon Sunday morning. It is well for you to take your text early in the week, read all you can bearing upon it, write it accurately and then leave it in your study and go into your pulpit and turn yourselves loose and the people will hear something. It is well also to put real prayer into your preparation. Do not merely fill the appointment. Have a well-defined purpose and a definite aim when you preach. Let there be the glow of a love of souls when you preach. Your sermon ought to have the saving of souls when you preach. Then join to a successful pulpit an efficient pastorate. You must make your people know that you love them and this will require you to see and know your people. This is the work of the pastor. Know the sorrows and troubles of your people and keep them secret—sorrows buried in your own breasts. Never tell the private matters that people confide in you. Use such information only to make you able to help them and to sympathize with them. Stand against the temptation to become conference politicians. A wire-pulling preacher, practicing the arts and cunning of politics, is an unqualified nuisance. He growing men. Some men are like wasps—they are bigger at birth than ever afterwards. Suspended development will make any preacher a problem on the hands of the Bishop and the presiding elders. There is no deadline in the life of the preacher who continues to grow spiritually and intellectually. Be pure men in life and character. I would rather see you take sick and die now than to ever see one of you disgrace your names and the Church you represent. God bless and keep you to life eternal." The conference voted the class into full connection.

Dr. Boaz spoke in the interest of the Texas Woman's College and gave a good account of that institution and its work.

Dr. C. M. Bishop spoke on general subject of education and specially in the interest of Southwestern University. Dr. Bishop takes a wide range on a question of this sort and he delivers thoughts of large interest. He is one of our strongest men in this line of work. And he is one of our best equipped men and he always holds the attention of our conference when he appears before them. And Southwestern University has a wonderful hold upon the sentiment of these conferences. It has made a great contribution to the Church and civic life of the State. No one school has done more for us than Southwestern University. And our common Methodism is back of this great institution. So Dr. Bishop was given a cordial hearing by all our conferences.

Dr. R. B. Cousins, of the Canyon City Normal, was introduced to the conference and he was received with applause.

In the afternoon the Social Service Commission held forth and Dr. C. M. Bishop delivered the address. It was the same address in substance, that he delivered at the other conferences, and such is its merit that it will bear repetition.

At night Dr. Culver addressed a large audience on the work of Church Extension, and this closed the work of a busy day.

Rev. J. P. Patterson, of Stratford, had one of the best years in the history of the charge. Collections all raised, Sunday School largely in excess of Church membership, and plans made for building a new church.

I met one of the aged saints out in this section, whose acquaintance I enjoyed the more for the fact that she has been a reader of the Advocate for over sixty years. Mrs. B. Wheeler, more familiarly known as Grandma Wheeler. When she began with the Advocate it was the Wesleyan Banner and Dr. Gillespie was its editor. Through all these long years the paper has been in her home and she says it gets better and better. She is still active, loves the Church and attends upon its services. She said she was so glad to shake the hand of the editor of her paper, and the editor was

delighted to shake her hand and look into her sweet old face.

Saturday morning was overcast with clouds and there was a western breeze abroad. But it was dry and bracing. The Bishop conducted the religious exercises.

Rev. G. S. Hardy, retiring presiding elder of the Hamlin District, was presented with a token of love from his preachers. It was a loving cup and a silver ladle. He responded in terms of appreciation. Rev. H. M. Long invited the conference to hold its next session there. Rev. A. M. Martin invited it to Anson, and Clarendon won out by a good vote, and it was made unanimous.

The Committee on Conference Relations reported and it was adopted.

The Bishop presented the interest of the Payne institute, our colored school at Augusta, Ga., for the education of ministers in the colored Church; and he spoke eloquently and earnestly for this school. He said it was in need of extra help at this particular time and he asked for a contribution for this school, and a good little sum was placed on the table.

The Plains Charge, S. B. Cox, had only fifty-four members to begin with and sixty-five miles from the railroad, but they raised for all purposes \$1522.28, making an average of \$28.17 per member. The Church Extension Board reported. Also the Committee on Books and Periodicals reported through Rev. G. S. Wyatt. It was a well prepared document and presented all phases of the subject and was treated wisely. The Advocate was given generous treatment, and the editor was given a good hearing. Bishop McCoy made some very complimentary remarks about the Advocate. He expressed high praise of the Advocate. He was once an editor and he knows what it is to produce a Church paper. Hence our appreciation of his words.

Rev. Simeon Shaw submitted a statement with reference to a superannuate home in Sweetwater and asked for a contribution to aid him in paying for it. A good amount was secured.

The report of the Joint Board of Finance submitted its report. It was read by Rev. C. D. West.

Mrs. Simeon Shaw has a large organization of the small public school children and they hold monthly meetings in one of the Churches. It is to encourage these little people. She had a meeting of them during the conference and there must have been from 300 to 400 present. They sang lively songs, gave their school yells and had a delightful time. Several of us spoke to the little people and it was a delightful occasion. The little people were jubilant and responsive.

Rev. C. D. West was appointed Agent for the Superannuate Homes, in connection with his pastoral work. Rev. W. Y. Switzer read the report on the Bible Cause. It indicated a good increase in the circulation of the Scriptures in home and foreign lands. The conference contributed \$365. Dr. J. J. Morgan, Agent for the American Bible Society, spoke for this great cause.

Rev. O. P. Kiker, for the presiding elders, read the nominations for the Quadrennial Boards. They were elected.

The afternoon session met at 2 o'clock and the hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King," was sung with a zest, and Rev. Emmett Hightower led the opening prayer.

Rev. W. E. Lyon read the report on missions and it contained a number of suggested improvements on the method of conducting the missionary campaign. It contained also, the distribution of the amounts applied to the several amounts to be paid to preachers working in home mission fields. A resolution requesting the appointment of Rev. F. M. Neal as Conference Missionary was offered and adopted. He is a good man for the place. Rev. J. B. McKeynolds read the report on Sabbath Observance. It was a sharp, pungent paper and it was adopted.

J. T. Walker was appointed Conference Lay Leader. His address is Hereford. Brother F. P. Works, retiring Lay Leader, addressed the conference on the cause of lay activities. He was impressive and had an attentive hearing. A paper was offered and adopted asking that the conference hereafter be held not later than the 15th of November. Rev. C. M. Woodward read the report of the Board of Education and it was accepted. It was a comprehensive paper, ably written and covering the field of our educational work in the State. All our schools are well attended and they comprise a large class of young men and young women. The report accepted the assessment from the Theological Department of South-

ern Methodist University, along with the other conferences. Dr. McDonald spoke in behalf of Seth Ward College and stated that the school is in good condition. It has over 300 matriculated this year. Rev. W. K. Strother spoke for Stamford College. Its obligations are provided for by subscription. The college is now comparatively easy and safe. The patronage is good and the prospects of the school is encouraging.

Rev. G. S. Slover spoke for Clarendon College. This is his eighth year as President of this institution. Its patronage has reached its high water mark this year. It is one of the best of the schools of this conference. The old wooden dormitory was recently burned, but it was well insured and a good brick building will take its place in due time. Rev. Comer Woodward made a statement of his work as Dean of the Texas Woman's College at Fort Worth. A motion was made to change the report in such way as to retain one-half of the educational fund for all three schools, for the use of the three junior schools in the conference. The motion provoked a warm discussion pro and con upon the part of several of the brethren and the discussion was the ablest of the session. Those supporting the amendment took the position that it was only a temporary arrangement, that when these junior institutions get on their feet, then all the assessment can go to these higher institutions. It was stated by the mover of the amendment that it did not include the five cents per member assessed for the Theological Department of Southern Methodist University and the assessment handed down by the General Board. The amendment was adopted.

The temperance report was read by Brother Upton and it was accepted. Rev. J. David Crockett read the report on the District Conference records. It contained some sharp and humorous criticisms. It was also received. The Epworth League Board report was read by Rev. W. Y. Switzer and adopted. Bishop McCoy gave emphasis to the report by a few pointed remarks. The Sunday School Board report was read by Rev. V. H. Trammell. It was an able paper and covered all points in the work of the Sunday School work. It contained much valuable information. It was adopted after an address concerning his new relation to the Sunday School work, by Rev. Emmett Hightower, the Divisional Superintendent of territory assigned to him by the General Board.

Rev. R. F. Dunn read the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, and it was adopted without remarks. It showed that the spiritual state of the Church throughout the conference as good and encouraging. The statistical questions were asked and answered. It developed the fact that the conference had a decrease of about 2000 in membership. Many people have moved out of the conference this year. This accounts for the loss.

The night service was given over to the Educational Anniversary. Professor R. B. Cousins and Frank Reedy made the addresses. A large audience heard them to profit.

Sunday morning came in clear and cold. The thermometer stood at 18, and the brethren walked briskly. The love feast opened at 9:30, with Rev. T. M. Miller in charge. He is one of the veterans of the conference and devoutly religious and consecrated. The singing was inspiring. A love feast in this conference means something. It stirs the depths and pitches the 11 o'clock service in a high key. There was only one thing that interfered with the spirit of the love feast and that was the constant coming in of the belated brethren and sisters during its progress. But it was too cold to keep the doors closed. Nevertheless it was a grand love feast. The spirit of it was fine.

A great congregation filled all the space of the large auditorium. There were at least 1900 people sitting before Bishop McCoy when he arose and announced the hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," and the singing filled the place with its spirit and volume. I have never heard the Apostles' Creed repeated with more emphasis by any congregation. The prayer was devout and called forth many amens. The text was taken from 21st chapter and 24th verse of the book of Revelation. "The Church of God had its beginning in a garden, but its final consummation will take place in a city—so say the Scriptures. The race is tending toward city life, and the time is coming when the rural life will be a thing of the past. This good old-time and those good old days are ceasing to be. The conditions of life are changing. We are all living in a comparatively new world. As a result we are having to change the most of our methods of commercial and Church life. As we realize the loss we have sustained in giving up those

old things and conditions, we almost tremble with fear. Nevertheless I believe that there is a divine principle in this change. God is gradually bringing the world together in city life. He is making men teach one another. Men are at their best when they live in close contact and love each other. Jesus came into this world and revealed to the world the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. It is thus that God wants men to live close together in brotherly co-operation. Individuality cannot be overlooked. The gospel deals with mankind in this way; but this same gospel is intended to leave society and thus bring the race into the Kingdom. No wonder John beheld heaven as a redeemed city. It was his conception of perfected citizenship. This city is defined in moral terms. No commerce there. It will be spiritual. Christ will preside over that city. There will be nothing there to disturb, or to confuse. The splendor of God will light it and there will be no darkness, no tears, no sighs and no death.

"Now the purpose of God is to make this world his dwelling place, just as heaven is the dwelling place of angels and the spirits of the just made perfect. And it is our business to co-operate with God in thus bringing about this result. The men engaged in this work are the makers of history and civilization. Look at the early days, and this truth is apparent. The men who wrought in those days to bring men to righteousness were the men who made the coming of the Kingdom possible. We are their successors and it is our duty to carry their work forward until the Kingdom reaches its climax in the perfect city of God of which John speaks in this text where the names of the Apostles are inscribed in the gates and the walls thereof."

The above is the merest outline of this truly great sermon. It was great in its thought, great in the sweep of its spirit, great in its comprehensiveness, great in its application and conclusion. The audience was moved deeply as the burning words of the preacher died away at the close of the sermon. No one thought of him until after the sermon had closed.

Thirteen young men were called to the altar and they were ordained deacons in the Church of God and the service of the hour came to a close.

In the afternoon the memorial service was conducted and it was a solemn occasion. Three of the brethren had died—Rev. J. P. Lowry, Rev. C. B. Smith, Rev. R. M. Morris, Rev. J. M. Sherman. Also a number of the wives of the preachers had died. The service was largely attended and the expressions of appreciation and sorrow were tender and deeply sincere. It was not perfunctory, but it was a genuine heart service.

At night a great throng packed every inch of room in the large auditorium. The whole community with a large contingent of visitors were there. Rev. J. P. Putman preached the sermon. It was on the transfiguration and it resulted in an old campmeeting scene at the close. In the preliminary service, Mrs. Simeon Shaw illustrated the sentiment of the songs with appropriate crayon sketches and they were enjoyed by the audience. At the close of the sermon, the Bishop ordained a class of elders, and then read the appointments and the session of the conference adjourned sine die.

MINUTES

Of the Fifth Session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Sweetwater, Texas, December 9, 1914, ending December 13, 1914; Bishop James H. McCoy, President; A. L. Moore, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Big Spring, Texas.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Warner E. Hassler, Henry Bascom Warts, Albert E. Arnfield, Noah Webster Story, Edward E. White, Joseph Oscar Haynes, Wm. M. Murrell, John O. Little, Wm. B. Woodruff, W. H. Wright.

2. Who remain on trial? O. B. Annis, Z. R. Fee, T. A. Jackson, J. W. Martin, R. W. Wilkins, H. L. Hughes, A. C. Anton, R. V. Dickinson, C. A. Duncan, J. R. Plant, L. B. Smallwood, G. W. Smith, J. E. Veats, J. L. Rucker, G. H. Gattis, R. L. Nance.

3. Who are discontinued? W. I. Coughran, Chas. Schval.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? Robt. E. Burns, Arthur V. Hendricks, Claude O. Huff, Luther N. Lipscomb, Joab O. Quattlebaum, Emmett L. Veats, Samuel H. Young, C. L. McDonald.

5. Who are readmitted? No one.

6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? M. W. Rogers, R. F. Dunn, H. L. Hughes, J. W. Glance, B. H. Oxford, B. L. Nance, W. H. Strong, New Harris, L. A. Humphries, Hays Howell, H. H. Liles.

7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? No one.

8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? No one.

9. Who are the deacons of one year? S. H. Adams, T. J. Rea, T. E. Williams, J. F. Caperton, G. T. Palmer, J. T. Ross, E. A. Tharp, O. M. Addison, J. W. Cadwell, A. D. Jameson, C. E. Jameson, B. H. Oxford, W. H. Strong.

10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Robert Eticus Burns, Arthur Vinson Hendricks, Claude Oliver Huff, Luther Neill Lipscomb, Joab Olin Quattlebaum, Emmett Leonidas Veats, Samuel Harvey Young.

11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Robert Eticus Burns, Arthur Vinson Hendricks, Claude Oliver Huff, Luther Neill Lipscomb, Joab Olin Quattlebaum, Emmett Leonidas Veats, Samuel Harvey Young and E. S. Dorsett.

12. What local preachers are elected deacons? Andrew Clement Aston, Emmett Arnold Cox, Ernest Sylvester Dorsett, Joseph Oscar Haynes, Warner Eliphulet Hassler, Jackson Ross Plant.

13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Andrew Clement Aston, Emmett Arnold Cox, Joseph Oscar Haynes, Warner Eliphulet Hassler, Jackson Ross Plant.

14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Frank Thomas Johnson, Joseph Barnett McReynolds, Frank Levi Meadow, Bryant Jackson Osborn, Ira Andrew Smith, James Washington Watson, Cal Columbus Wright.

15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Frank Thomas Johnson, Joseph Barnett McReynolds, Frank Levi Meadow, Bryant Jackson Osborn, Ira Andrew Smith, James Washington Watson, Cal Columbus Wright.

16. What local preachers are elected elders? No one.

17. What local preachers are ordained elders? No one.

18. Who are located this year? Leslie Robeson, at own request.

19. Who are supernumerary? D. W. Hawkins, A. T. Culbertson, R. B. Bonner, Leon Henderson.

20. Who are supernumerary? A. B. Roberts, Geo. F. Fair, J. L. Hollers, J. A. Crutehfield, W. L. Harris, R. S. Heizer, H. C. Joly, C. S. McCarver, E. F. Gasaway, I. L. Mills, J. R. Mood, J. W. R. Bachman, J. M. Baker, Sam C. Vaughan, J. A. Hyder, J. M. Sallee, Jno. R. Steele, M. D. Hill, A. H. Hassey, W. E. Caperton, W. P. Davis, J. P. Calloway, A. E. Keen, J. B. Wood, L. E. Riddle.

21. What preachers have died during the past year? J. M. Sherman, J. P. Lowry, C. B. Smith, R. M. Morris.

22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? W. I. Coughran and Chas. Schval have withdrawn from Methodist Church and joined another communion.

23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the conference? Local preachers, 168; members, 34,401.

24. How many have been licensed to preach during the year, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? 12.

25. How many candidates for the ministry are there, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? 11.

26. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 563.

27. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1,597.

28. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 81.

29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 2,962.

30. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 222.

31. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 2,464.

32. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the conference year? 29,444.

33. What amount was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$6,477.

34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$5,013.

35. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$5,517; Home and Conference, \$10,362.

36. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$4,269.

37. What has been contributed for Education? \$4,603.

38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$374.

39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$19,605; preachers in charge, \$107,455.

40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1,442.

41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of Societies, 421; number of houses of worship, 201.

42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$894,667; indebtedness, \$141,354.

43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 146; number of parsonages, 130.

44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$191,880; indebtedness, \$10,903.

45. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 9; number of district parsonages, —.

46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$24,000; indebtedness, \$2,650.

47. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 2; amount of damage, \$2324.

48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$539,890; losses sustained, \$—; premiums paid, \$411,166; collections on losses, \$524.

49. What are the educational statistics? Southern Methodist University, value of property, \$1,150,000; endowment, \$130,000. Southwestern University, value of property, \$500,000; endowment, \$207,620; professors, 36; pupils, 1014. Texas Woman's College, value of property, \$300,000; professors, 23; pupils, 450. Clarendon College, value of property, \$122,000; professors, 11; pupils, 266. Stamford College, value of property, \$150,000; professors, 9; pupils, 226. Seth Ward College, value of property, \$75,000; professors, 10; pupils, 220. The above endowments for Southern Methodist University represents only 8 per cent mortgage on black land farms, and is exclusive of conference collections and \$750,000 subscriptions, bonds, etc.

50. How many copies of the General organ and of the Conference organ are taken? General organ, 189; Conference organ, 3543.

51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? J. I. Walker.

52. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Clarendon.

53. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See Appointments.)

APPOINTMENTS

ABILENE DISTRICT.

C. N. N. Ferguson, Presiding Elder.

Abilene, First Church—C. W. Heaton.

St. Paul's—W. Hunt.

St. Luke's—W. E. Hassler.

Anson—A. M. Martin.

Baird—A. W. Waddill.

Capes—R. E. L. Stutts.

Clyde and Eula—J. W. Smith.

Cross Plains and Mission—E. I. Sick; T. H. Davis, junior preacher, supply.

Hawley—T. Ross.

Merkel—W. P. Garvin.

Moran—A. D. Jameson.

AMARILLO DISTRICT.

E. E. Robinson, Presiding Elder.

Amarillo, Polk Street—New Harris.

Buchanan Street—H. B. Watts.

Mission—J. A. Travis, supply.

Bovina—W. M. Pearce.

Channing—B. L. Nance.

Canyon City—J. W. Mayne.

Dalhart—W. M. Pope.

Dumas—B. J. Osborn.

Glazier Mission—To be supplied.

Hansford—N. W. Story.

Hereford—J. R. Henson; D. W. Hawkins, supernumerary.

Higgins—Z. B. Pirtle.

Ochiltree—J. H. Hicks, supply.

Panhandle—W. H. Strong.

Stratford—J. E. Eldridge.

Texline—W. P. Edwards.

Wildorado—G. T. Palmer.

Conference Evangelist—F. M. Neal (Polk St. Q. C.)

District Commissioner of Education—New Harris.

BIG SPRING DISTRICT.

W. H. Terry, Presiding Elder.

Andrews—J. B. McReynolds.

Big Spring Station—A. L. Moore.

Big Spring Mission—S. B. Cox.

Brownfield and Plains—H. L. Hughes.

Coahoma—Thos. Hanks.

Gail—W. C. Hart, supply.

Lamesa Station—A. E. Arnfield.

Lamesa Mission—J. E. Veats.

O'Donnell Mission—W. K. Kirkpatrick, supply.

Post City—W. C. Hinds.

Seminole—S. H. Adams.

Stanton—A. C. Aston.

Tahoka and Slaton—C. H. Ledger.

Wilson Mission—J. J. Smith, supply.

District Commissioner of Education—A. L. Moore.

CLARENDON DISTRICT.

J. T. Hicks, Presiding Elder.

Clarendon Station—M. Long.

Clarendon Mission—J. A. Scoggins, supply.

Canadian—W. Y. Switzer.

Claude—C. S. Cameron.

Geacby—G. G. Shurt, supply.

Goodnight—T. B. Hubbard.

Hedley—M. L. Story.

Lakeview—J. H. Watts.

McLean—J. T. Howell.

Memphis—M. E. Hawkins; Leon Henderson, supernumerary.

Miami and Pampa—P. G. Huffman.

Newlin—C. O. Huff.

Quail—L. B. Smallwood.

Shamrock—J. P. Patterson; R. B. Bonner, supernumerary.

Wheeler and Mobeetie—A. V. Hendrix.

Wellington Station—A. L. Bowman.

Wellington Mission—J. C. Carpenter.

President Clarendon College—Geo. S. Slover (Clarendon Q. C.)

Professor Clarendon College—S. E. Burkhead (Clarendon Q. C.)

Conference Missionary Secretary—H. M. Long.

District Commissioner of Education—H. M. Long.

HAMLIN DISTRICT.

B. W. Dodson, Presiding Elder.

Aspermont Station—M. M. Beavers.

Aspermont Mission—Lee Culwell, supply.

Claremont—To be supplied.

Hamlin—J. H. Hamblet.

Knox City—T. W. Sharp.

Layton—O. M. Addison.

McCaulley—F. T. Johnson.

Rochester—R. D. Steward.

Rotan—M. W. Rogers.

Rule—J. O. Haynes.

Spur—E. E. White.

Sylvester—W. H. Wright.

Tuxedo—G. W. Smith.

Vera—C. D. Pipkin.

District Commissioner of Education—H. H. Hamblet.

PLAINVIEW DISTRICT.

O. P. Kiker, Presiding Elder.

Abernathy—D. C. Ross.

Crosbyton—C. E. Lynn.

Dimmitt—B. T. Sharp.

Floydada Station—G. W. Shearer.

Floydada Mission—B. W. Wilkins.

Hale Center—B. H. Oxford.

Kress and Happy—B. V. Dickinson.

Lockney—J. A. Sweeney.

Lorenzo—T. C. Willett.

Lubbock—W. M. Lane.

Matador and Whitelaw—R. F. Dunn.

Plainview Station—J. W. Story.

Plainview Mission—S. J. Upton, supply.

Soaring Springs—L. A. Smith.

Silverton—T. E. Williams.

Tulia—Hayes Howell.

Turkey—Geo. R. Fort, supply.

President Seth Ward College—C. L. McDonald (Plainview Q. C.)

Financial Agent Seth Ward College—M. S. Leverage (Plainview Q. C.)

District Commissioner of Education—J. W. Story.

STAMFORD DISTRICT.

J. G. Miller, Presiding Elder.

Albany—O. P. Clark.

Avoca—Geo. Smallwood.

Bomarton and Shady—L. N. Lipscomb.

Coree Station—H. H. Liles.

Goree Mission—W. M. Woodruff.

Haskell—E. R. Wallace.

Lueders—J. W. Glance.

Munday—C. B. Meador.

Seymour Station—Ben Hardy.

Seymour Mission—J. O. Little.

Stamford—St. John's—G. S. Weatt.

Stamford Mission—M. L. Moody.

Throckmorton Station—E. L. Meadow.

Throckmorton Mission—W. C. Childress.

Ward Memorial and Bethel—W. B. McKeown.

Weinert and Thorpe—V. H. Trammell.

Woodson—J. W. Watson.

Westover—Ed Tharp.

President Stamford College—W. K. Strother (Stamford, St. John's Q. C.)

District Commissioner of Education—G. S. Weatt.

SWEETWATER DISTRICT.

J. T. Griswold, Presiding Elder.

Blackwell—C. A. Duncan.

Colorado Station—R. A. Clements.

Colorado Circuit—C. F. Carmack.

Catip Springs—T. A. Jackson.

Funn—C. C. Wright.

Fluvanna—S. H. Young.

Hermleigh—J. N. Anderson, supply.

Lea—R. Plant.

Lorraine—C. E. Jameson.

Roly—J. D. Crockett.

Roscoe—L. A. Humphreys.

Snyder—J. E. Stephens.

Sweetwater Station—G. S. Hardy.

Sweetwater Mission—J. T. Trice, supply.

Missionary to Cuba—J. F. Caperton.

District Commissioner of Education—J. E. Stephens.

VERNON DISTRICT.

J. G. Putman, Presiding Elder.

Childress Station—W. E. Lyon; A. T. Culbertson, supernumerary.

Childress Mission—J. O. Quattlebaum.

Chillicothe—M. Phelan.

Crowell—R. A. Stewart.

Dumont—J. W. Martin.

Estelline—G. H. Bryant.

Kirkland—T. J. Rea.

Lazarre—T. H. Varbrough, supply.

Margaret—J. L. Rucker.

O'Dell—O. B. Annis.

Paducah—C. D. West.

Quannah Station—Simeon Shaw.

Quannah Mission—R. E. Burns.

Tolbert—J. A. Lancy.

Tell—J. W. Griffin, supply.

Vernon Station—A. W. Hall.

Vernon Circuit—L. B. Toole.

District Missionary Evangelist—J. B. McCarty (Paducah Q. C.)

District Commissioner of Education—A. W. Hall.

TRANSFERRED—C. A. Clark to East Oklahoma Conference; C. J. Irvin, M. W. Clark and P. E. Riley to Central Texas Conference; S. A. Barnes to North Texas Conference and stationed at Ervay Street, Dallas.

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Northwest Texas Conference:

Dear Fathers and Brothers—Your Joint Board of Finance reports as follows:

We have received for Bishops fund, \$1391.60, which we send to Smith & Lamar, and the assessment for this fund for next year, \$1890. We have apportioned to the districts as per scale.

We have received for General Conference expense \$134.05, this we send to Smith & Lamar.

Rev. Simeon Shaw, agent for Superannuate Homes, reports one home at Childress, valued at \$1000, occupied by Rev. J. M. Baker. And one at Sweetwater, occupied by Rev. W. E. Caperton. This one is valued at \$750. It has a debt of \$465 as follows: Three notes for \$155 each, due December 15, 1914, 1915 and 1916, with interest at 8 per cent per annum. He has \$30.85 cash on hand, leaving \$139.67 now due and not provided for. We recommend that our Bishop appoint C. D.

West as agent for Superannuate Homes in connection with his work as pastor.

We recommend that the various Boards of the conference be assessed for printing minutes as follows: Mission Board, \$200; Education, \$90; Church Extension, \$80; Sunday School, \$20; American Bible Society, \$10; total, \$400. We recommend the assessment for next year for conference claimants of \$600 and according to the action of the last General Conference we add \$1200 for the Superannuate Endowment Fund.

For this year our Treasurer has received from various charges for Conference claimants, \$208.45; from the tiler, \$4867.05; total from assessments, \$5075.50; 5 per cent of which, \$253.77, as per action of the conference last year, we send to Rev. J. R. Stewart for Endowment Fund, leaving in our hands for distribution \$4821.73. To this we add: From Marquis and Trapp funds, \$159.33; from L. Blaylock, \$123.90; from interest on endowment fund, \$117; from Publishing House, \$189; and from reserve funds last year, \$136.01. From Calvin funds, \$30, making a total of distribution this year, \$5550.97. We hold as reserve fund for this year, according to our rule, \$500. The remainder we have distributed to claimants as follows:

Mrs. J. T. L. Annis	\$100.00
Rev. J. M. Baker	300.00
Rev. J. W. R. Bachman	150.00
Rev. W. E. Caperton	150.00
Mrs. J. H. Chambers	200.00
Mrs. J. E. Collins	225.00
Mrs. W. F. Compton	100.00
Rev. J. A. Crutehfield	100.00
Rev. W. P. Davis	150.00
Rev. Geo. F. Fair	75.00
Mrs. W. B. Ford	75.00
Rev. B. F. Gasaway	351.00
Mrs. J. W. Gabbons	150.00
Rev. W. L. Harris	150.00
Rev. R. A. Heizer	100.00
Rev. M. D. Hill	200.00
Rev. J. L. Hollers	250.00
Mrs. S. E. Houk	175.00
Rev. A. H. Hussey	250.00
Rev. J. A. Hyder	100.00
Rev. H. C. Jolly	50.00
Mrs. W. W. Kizer	101.00
Mrs. J. S. Lane	70.00
Mrs. J. C. Lowry	75.00
Rev. C. S. McCarver	75.00
Rev. I. L. Mills	50.00
Mrs. R. M. Morris	101.00
Rev. J. R. Mood	250.00
Rev. L. E. Moore	75.00
Rev. A. B. Roberts	75.00
Mrs. J. M. Sherman	25.00
Mrs. C. M. Shuffler	201.00
Mrs. E. W. Simmons	200.00
Rev. C. B. Smith	252.00
Rev. J. M. Sallee	—
Rev. J. R. Steele	100.00
Rev. S. C. Vaughan	—

To four of our claimants we make no appropriation, some of them asking none and others not seeming to be in immediate need, we thought best to give what we had to those in greater need.

R. A. CLEMENTS, Chairman.
C. D. WEST, Secretary.



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There are men with graveyards in their hearts, women with cemeteries in their souls! The saddest funerals are not those of the body, but funerals in the soul. Men walk the streets of every city dead in all the finer things—things that really make men. Many women are walking mausoleums. No granite shaft nor marble slab stands above that grave in the heart, where dead innocence lies in a black shroud, and dead joys and fidelities and hopes are piled in ghastly ruins!

Sin digged every grave, silvered every head, furrowed every face, built every lock and jail, made demons of angels, forged their chains of darkness, kindled hell's fires and shot the unbreakable bolts to doors of dungeons infernal. 'Tis a dark picture, and if the

text ended with the statement, "The wages of sin is death," despair would settle like a pall over the world. But "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Perverted being may be made normal again in him. That repentance for and renunciation of sin and faith in and surrender to Jesus Christ will make a "new creature" is also a fixed and unchanging law. Thus men "dead in trespasses and in sins" feel the touch of resurrection power, and dead hopes arise glorified, dead joys come forth again, and the soul is unbound of its funeral vestments and washed of its crimson stain. "Partaking of the divine nature we escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. "Old things are passed away, behold all things are become new."

There is no "sleight-of-hand" salvation. No mechanical manipulation, no "legerdemain," no "black art" salvation. Character makes destiny in this and all other worlds. It takes two to consummate a gift. One must proffer and the other accept. God's nature compels his offer, and when man accepts salvation comes by the working of a law of being as unchanging as God. There can be no hell for a Christ-like man, and there can be no heaven for a demoniac man. Will you accept him and live through him?

Alpine, Texas.

OUR METHODIST ORPHANS' HOME, WACO, TEXAS.

To the Preachers and Members of the Methodist Church in the Bounds of the West Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren—I know of no better way to begin this letter than a few quotations from a recent issue of the Youth's Companion:

"The crisis through which we are now passing is as remarkable for the demand it makes upon humanity to do its utmost for the relief of suffering as it is for the Titanic character of the armed contest. Rarely, if ever, before has distress of mind and body among men, women and children, numbered by the millions, appealed so urgently for alleviation; never before has the rest of mankind responded so generously and effectively. But this outpouring of our generosity has naturally become a matter of anxiety to those who have charge of our charities and works of relief."

My brethren, this generous impulse does not always mean a larger contribution to charity but a transfer of our gifts from one worthy object—one near at hand—to another at a distance. I would not for a moment have you turn a deaf ear to the cry that comes to us from beyond the sea, but we must not forget the orphans at our door. After the adjournment of our recent conference at Austin I went to Waco to visit a son. While there I visited our Orphans' Home. I was very much gratified at the improvements which had been made since I was there last. Our Board of Managers has done well in securing the services of Dr. R. A. Burroughs and his estimable wife for the management of this Home. We are greatly in need of enlarged facilities for the care of the orphans who are now knocking for entrance and who must be turned away for want of room. Also to feed, clothe, educate and properly care for those who are there requires a larger amount of money than the Methodists of Texas have heretofore given in any one year. At the last session of the West Texas Conference we decided to take off the assessment for the Orphans' Home, and to observe the 20th day of December, this month, as Orphans' Day, or as near to that day as practicable. Now let every pastor and every congregation see to it that the orphans have a day as above indicated. Two good things should result from this plan if properly carried out:

First. It should result in an increased amount of money for the Home.

Second. It would relieve the manager from the necessity of borrowing money through a large part of the year in order to meet the running expenses of the home.

Brethren, let's do the right thing, the large thing, for these our children.

I. T. MORRIS.

Brady, Texas, Dec. 2.

PACIFIC MEXICAN MISSION.

The first annual meeting of the Pacific Mexican Mission closed on Monday, November 30, at Nogales, Arizona. All the preachers were present but two, those of Culiacan and Tepic being unable to attend on account of the Revolution.

Bishop Lambuth presided and at the opening of each session he gave a talk on some Bible theme. These talks were deeply spiritual and had the effect of deepening the spiritual life of those who heard them.

The reports of the preachers proved that faithful work was being done, and the cause prospering in a rather surprising manner, considering the existing conditions. Brother Villanueva, a colporteur of the American Bible Society, gave a thrilling account of his experience in selling Bibles among the soldiers of both armies, even during the siege of Guaymas. He said the men on the firing line read them eagerly, as opportunity afforded.

A very encouraging feature of our work is the willingness of the Mexican preachers to go to the work assigned them in the face of possible danger. Brother Hernandez and wife are happy to be in Guaymas, after having been hindered for months on account of lack of transportation. Brother and Sister Flores go gladly to Mazatlan, even at such a time. These men and women go "not knowing what may befall them," but with love for lost men and women, and with faith in God. Surely their labor will not be in vain.

Only one change was made, that of Brother

Flores from Cananea to Mazatlan, leaving Cananea to be supplied. Brother Thacker and wife are doing a great work in Nogales. Rev. J. F. Corbin was appointed Superintendent. He has been for nearly thirty years in the Mexican work, and has been for several years on this district, so that he is thoroughly acquainted with the work on the West Coast. He has been a zealous worker and the Mexicans in many places can say of him, "He loveth our nation and hath built us a synagogue."

It was a rare treat to all of us, the Mexicans in particular, to have Professor Andres Osuna with us. He was a great help not only as interpreter, but also in his addresses on "The Child" and on Sunday School work. We hope he will come again. We enjoyed his association, and his kindly interest in his own people made him everywhere welcome.

Recommendations were adopted by the conference asking the College of Bishops to send us the same Bishop for at least four consecutive years, and that he might spend as much as six months of the year on the field.

I must not overlook the very enjoyable social hour provided by the members of the local Church, which means, of course, that the Ladies' Missionary Society was at the helm. There were addresses of welcome from the two Leagues, the Sunday School, the Official Board, the Church at large and from the Woman's Missionary Society. This last was delivered by Mrs. Thacker, short and to the point, as follows: "We have been told that the shrewdest way to a man's heart is by way of the stomach; so we have served this chocolate and cake. We have also heard that actions speak louder than words. We have spoken." These addresses were responded to by Professor Osuna and the Bishop, the latter telling them, among other interesting things, about eating worms, ants and caterpillars in Africa.

Rev. Mobley, of the American Church, of Nogales, was with us part of the time and was ever ready to show us favors. Rev. Check, presiding elder of the Arizona District, was also with us.

The greatest thing of our conference, after all, was that some were saved during the session. We thank God and take courage.

ARTHUR MARSTON,

Phoenix, Arizona.

DODSON-NUNERY DEBATE.

It was held at Afton, Texas, September 15 to 19, by Brother B. W. Dodson and A. Nunery, Baptist. It was a great victory for the Methodists. Through the kindness of a brother in Oklahoma I have a write-up of it in the Baptist Worker, published by Rev. Nunery at Granite, Oklahoma, written by A. P. Stokes, moderator for Nunery and pastor of the Baptists at Afton. In this Stokes said Dodson evinced a knowledge of books, but a poor knowledge of the Bible. Well, Dodson had the goods as to book learning and then he quoted more Scripture on the propositions than Nunery knew what to do with. Brother Nunery simply couldn't do anything with them. The trouble with Brother Stokes they were so badly defeated that he didn't hardly remember what crowd he was with. Brother Stokes and Nunery are all right, but they didn't have the goods. Oh, yes, Brother Nunery was going to produce books, too, but he never did. Oh, I forgot he did bring out Brother Frost, but he soon melted away. By the time Brother Dodson got hold of him he vanished and was no more. The Baptists simply haven't got the goods. It was simply immense when Brother Dodson took Dean Alford and showed that the apostolic practice of baptism was by sprinkling, and then he took up the catalogues of the Baptist Publishing House and read their indorsement of him as creating an epoch in the theological world. Oh, but they looked sick. And as for Dodson repudiating Thayer on baptizo he did nothing of the kind. He simply took it and showed Thayer defined it as a New Testament rite to absolutely administer the rite of ablation, while Nunery tried to show that Thayer defined it to mean immerse only. Well, we Methodists are perfectly satisfied and the outsiders said Dodson completely buried Nunery and his creed. Dod-

son is simply a sight. It clearly proved that Methodism had the goods.

J. M. OWEN, P. C.
M. L. BLAKELY, Steward.
J. W. YOUNG, Steward.

MEXICO—BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Under instructions from Bishop Lambuth and Dr. Pinson I left my family in San Antonio in order to come to Mexico to attend to property matters for the Board of Missions. On the night of October 19 I took the west bound Southern Pacific for El Paso. Here I found a number of our very best workers. Brother Lawrence Reynolds, who is in charge of our new school, the Lydia Patterson Institute, is starting off well. He always succeeds. Brother Fitzgerald, who had been seriously injured in a railroad accident, was apparently in good condition again. Miss Lucy Harper, who has done such splendid work in our Palmore College in Chihuahua, and a number of other workers, were in El Paso at work and hoping for peace.

It took me a day to secure the necessary military permits required of all persons who go over into Mexico beyond Ciudad Juarez. Our train reached Chihuahua about on time. Miss Lizzie Wilson, the head of our Palmore College, and Elias Hernandez, whom I have known since he was a boy, were at the station awaiting my arrival with a hack to take me to the school where I was entertained. At present Miss Wilson is our only missionary at that place, but she has a day school of over a hundred and fifty pupils. Few mothers ever loved a son more dearly than she loves Palmore. It is a child of her very heart.

As I contemplated the splendid work which has been done by our missionaries, ably seconded by a corps of efficient native workers, headed by Prof. S. Y. Esquivel, and the unquestioned prestige of Palmore College in Northern Mexico, I could but doubt the wisdom of our Church's tearing up at a point where God has undoubtedly blessed us and of our going to some other point to experiment with a new field. Our Church work is moving on nicely under Ruben C. Ortega. In spite of war conditions he is being paid his salary by the congregation.

The next point I visited was Durango. For almost two years our college has been closed because of the revolution. We have no pastor there at this time. Every store of importance was sacked when the town was captured by the Constitutionalists, but good order is maintained by the present government. One of the doors of our college was blown to pieces by the rebels when the city was captured. Otherwise all our properties have been scrupulously respected in this city.

From this place I went to Torreon. Excepting a few broken glasses our property is in tact. For more than a year this Church has been without a pastor. At night I preached to about thirty people. Considering the fact that they had only three hours' notice that I was to preach this was a good congregation.

At this time the whole country was expecting that war would break out between the Villa and Carranza factions. I reached Zacatecas five or six miles from General Villa's headquarters without little inconvenience, except for poor and scarce meals. The most disastrous battle for General Huerta's army was fought at Zacatecas last July. Being anxious to see the battlefield and also to have a personal interview with General Villa I staid a day and night in this city. All the hotels were so full that I had trouble in securing a room.

Before leaving Chihuahua I secured a letter of introduction to General Villa from one of his close friends. Standing in the center of the reception room in his private car in his shirt-sleeves without any ostentation, with the unconscious air of a soldier, he received me. Our conversation was short, straight and direct. His features are rather coarse, but his eye is remarkably penetrating. His men love and fear him. In order that I might more carefully observe that part of the battlefield I returned to the city, about six miles away, on foot. Parts of uniforms and caps of the soldiers who were killed three months before were scattered all along the road to the city. About six thousand men were killed in the battle.

That night I took I took the train for Aguas Calientes at 10 o'clock, which is, under normal conditions, three hours and a half run. Not only every seat in every car was full, but also the platforms and the aisles were so full that I had to stand up. We were hindered by military trains, so that we were seventeen hours in reaching Aguas Calientes. We did not eat our breakfast until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

At Aguas Calientes the national convention was in session trying to save the country from another war. Since that I have had some rich experiences, but I must tell about this in another letter. Here I am almost a week after my conference closed and I have no idea what was done nor what is my appointment for the present year.

JACKSON B. COX.

Queretaro, Mexico, Nov. 28.

VISITING AT A SACRED SPOT.

At the close of the Central Texas Conference which was held at Hillsboro during the past month I had the happy privilege of visiting a spot very sacred to me. It was the old Salem community, near Irene. Here forty-four years ago I met and married my wife, who has ever been a great help and blessing to me. Here, also, in the summer of 1874 she and I became charter members of the Methodist Church organized there in an old log schoolhouse. This Church began with seventeen members, but few of that number are alive today. From this Church I was recommended for license to preach, and in the fall,

Week of Self-Denial

W. W. PINSON

Last year the Board of Missions asked for a self-denial offering for the sending out of missionaries. The call was for twenty. We were able to send out ten, but for the self-denial offering we could not have done it without embarrassment. This offering was accompanied with great rejoicing. The best thing about it was not its size, but its glad spontaneity.

This year we are asking that the offering go to reinforcing our evangelistic work; that is, to strengthening the hands of our missionaries, enlarging the force of workers, and increasing the equipment of the native Church. This is a crying need. It is also that feature of our work which suffers most. If there is need for economy or retrenchment it falls here. The other expenses are to a great degree fixed. This fund on which the native Church must rely is variable.

The amount we have been able in normal times to appropriate for these purposes is far below the most conservative estimate of need. This year, with an income reduced because of financial disturbances, it will be still less. While the Conferences in the cotton States have done better than we had hoped, they have fallen short of last year. To be compelled to reduce our meager appropriations without some relief would be a calamity. Hence the need of self-denial. If we may not send out more missionaries, let us encourage those we have and strengthen the struggling native Church. If we cannot enter new territory, let us cultivate and equip more thoroughly that already occupied.

Besides the crying need from abroad, the Home Department, in addition to its usual demands, has new and unsupplied needs in the new Texas-Mexican Mission just organized. This Mission was started with great enthusiasm and help now will mean much.

Donations may be directed to any field or department of work indicated in our printed list of specials for 1915, which will be sent on application. Otherwise the direction of the fund will be determined by the Board in view of the greatest needs.

It is not much we ask. It is only that a freewill offering be made by our people at the end of a week of prayer and self-denial. The price of one picture show for every Southern Methodist would mean \$100,000. The price of one cigar a day for those who smoke would mean \$100,000. The price of theater tickets for the week—I dare not guess at the enormous figure. One cent a day for the week from every member of our Church would aggregate \$140,000. Then what would be the result of one week of real self-denial? One week like all the weeks of His life who "Though He was rich yet for our sakes He became poor." We scarcely dare even mention the real spirit of self-denial which goes to the quick of ease and self-indulgence and is the mark of a true disciple. "He that will be my disciple let him deny himself." Shall we not at least enter the class of beginners for the term of one week?

When whole peoples are voting billions for war, when millions are facing death for a flag, and more millions facing starvation, homelessness, orphanage and widowhood for empire, shall we grudge the Lord of All a mere taste of self-denial to help Him win a world?

We have prepared leaflets and envelopes for use in congregations and Sunday Schools and by individuals. We shall be glad to furnish these free to any who may order them.

It would be a waste of words, if not an impertinence, to further urge the importance of this matter on our people at such an hour as we now face.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

following the organization of the Church I was examined and licensed by the lamented Andrea Davis. In the little log schoolhouse I preached my first sermon, and under an arbor nearby I held my first revival. I had been away for thirty-seven years and found the place greatly changed. In place of the log schoolhouse there is a modern school building. Where the arbor once stood is a substantial church house. Entering this church and standing in the pulpit I offered a prayer of thanksgiving to the Giver of all good for his many blessings to me during the past years. I found very few of my old friends, but as I went into the churchyard I saw many of their names on the monuments. As I looked at them I thought, Well might Job say, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle." I enjoyed renewing my old acquaintances, and making pleasant new ones. My stay was made more delightful by the splendid hospitality of my niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilson. I pray God's richest blessings to rest upon them and all my old friends there. If we never meet on earth, I trust that we may meet in the glorious beyond.

S. D. COOK.

MASS MEETING OF STEWARDS, FORT WORTH DISTRICT.

The work of the new conference year has begun in earnest in the Fort Worth District, if a great mass meeting of the stewards of the district is any indication. They came together Sunday afternoon, November 29, together with the pastors, one hundred and eighty strong, at the call of the presiding elder, in the Sunday School room of First Methodist Church. Practically every charge in the district was represented and some of the charges had large representations. The attendance is rather remarkable as the meeting was called for 2 o'clock, an hour when it is usually difficult to get a crowd. F. M. Wright and W. H. Conn were elected President and Secretary respectively.

No cut and dried program had been prepared. A free and informal discussion on the general topic, "How to Do It," was had. This brought up some very interesting discussions and elicited remarks from various parts of the house. Questions pertaining to the work of stewards, trustees, missionary committees, etc., were freely asked and in answer to them many

excellent ideas and workable plans were brought forward. Every phase of the work of a steward received its share of attention. The spirit of these men who wrestle with the financial problems of our Churches was manifested in the expressed purpose that there should be no dragging of financial matters and then at the end of the year a Herculean effort to pay out, but that the finances should be kept up as we go along. The idea that appeared to be uppermost in the mind of these men was to begin early, keep at it and close out the year with the least possible pressure for finance. One steward gave expression to the purpose of the meeting when he said, "We are not seeking an easy thing to do, but the easiest way to do the difficult things."

Most of the boards have organized and have their work well under way for the new year. The value of properly organizing a board was stressed and some splendid suggestions were made. The benevolences have already been apportioned to the various charges by the District Stewards and it is the purpose of the pastors to secure these collections in this movement and all the indications are that, despite the financial depression upon us, our Churches will be better financed in all departments this year than last.

Special emphasis was laid upon the spiritual side of the steward's work, and the idea that a steward is a mere gatherer of tithes was vigorously refuted. A fine spirit pervaded the meeting from start to finish. The thought that brethren with similar purposes, similar difficulties and similar ideals, were working in one common cause did much to stimulate the spirit of fraternalism, and the sane enthusiasm which resulted from the discussions will be effectively felt in our work during the year just ahead of us. Dr. Nelson is to be congratulated upon the success of this meeting and the Fort Worth District is indebted to him for his wise and constructive leadership.

At the conclusion of the mass meeting the stewards of each charge, under the leadership of their pastor, formed in line and marched across the street to the McConnell meeting, where some five thousand men had gathered for a great men's meeting. With the impetus given to our work by this great revival and the spirit of willingness and co-operation on the part of our people the prospects for a great year for Methodism in the Fort Worth District are exceedingly bright. In conclusion

it might not be amiss to give some of the facts and figures reported at the Hillsboro conference.

The reports of the pastors showed 1100 conversions; 1200 accessions, 9 charges paid out in full on everything and 12 charges paid the conference collections in full. It has been said that there were only 37 charges in the Central Conference paying all claims and salaries in full. If this statement be true it is to the credit of the Fort Worth District that nine of those thirty-seven charges are in the Fort Worth District.

P. E. RILEY, Reporter.

HOUSTON METHODISM.

The Houston Methodist Pastors' Association met in the First Methodist Church Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The following officers were elected for the ensuing conference year: Chairman, J. Kilgore, P. E. Houston District; Vice-Chairman, H. M. Whaling, Jr., pastor Woodland Heights; Secretary, H. K. Morehead, pastor Brunner Avenue.

The following reported their week's work: H. G. Cook, McAhan: Outlook good for second year. Sunday School in good shape and progressing.

J. O. Coppage, Washington Street: Much enthusiasm over prospects for the year. Two additions by letter.

E. W. Potter, Grace Church: Large crowds at church; more than 350 in Sunday School. Fine prospects for the year.

R. M. Rodinski, Bering Memorial: Had the best day since conference. Much interest and enthusiasm.

Brother Menek, Ebenezer: Good week considering the inclement weather.

J. W. Mills, St. Pauls: Delighted with the outlook. Large Sunday School and "full house" at morning and evening services.

H. M. Whaling, Jr., Woodland Heights: Good start for the year. Large Sunday School and preaching services well attended.

A. A. Wagon, McKee and Trinity: A large turnout on arrival. Over 300 in two Sunday Schools. Good congregations. The Trinity and McKee boards are to select a central location in the near future and combine their services. Later a church will be built. One addition by letter.

C. S. Wright, First Church: Had good week. Over 400 in Sunday School. Large congregations at preaching services. Six additions by letter.

J. Kilgore, P. E. Houston District: Preached at McAhan Sunday morning and First Church in evening. One conversion in evening service. Good congregations at both places.

H. K. Morehead, Brunner Ave.: All services well attended. An inauguration of Board of Stewards Sunday night. Good outlook for the year. Two additions by letter.

Beside the regular pastors the following were present: W. G. Harbin, former pastor of Tabernacle. He gave a good account of L. J. Power, new pastor at Tabernacle. A. A. Tharp, of Richmond; Jno. E. Green, the evangelist; Brothers Shook and Foster, the old stand-bys in Houston.

H. K. MOREHEAD, Secretary.

WACO PASTORS ORGANIZE PASTORS' ASSOCIATION.

At the request of Rev. J. A. Whitehurst, presiding elder of the Waco District, the pastors and other Methodist preachers of the city met at the Austin Avenue Church Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a Pastors' Association. The following preachers were present: Rev. J. A. Whitehurst, F. P. Culver, D. A. McGuire, A. E. Carraway, J. R. Morris, W. H. Harard, R. A. Burroughs, R. F. Brown.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Whitehurst, after which the organization was perfected. Rev. J. A. Whitehurst was elected president, John R. Morris, vice-president; D. A. McGuire, treasurer; R. F. Brown, secretary.

Brother Whitehurst spoke very encouraging words, and in his usual manner made every pastor present feel that in him they had a great helper.

The pastors made reports of their Churches, and each one expressed much pleasure in the cordial manner in which he had been received by his new congregation. Many new members had been received, and the spirit of helpfulness prevailed.

Brother Burroughs was present and made an interesting talk on his great institution, the Orphan's Home, in which every Methodist should be interested and would be justly proud of it should he see it with his own eyes.

After spending a pleasant and profitable hour the brethren adjourned and went to the Y. M. C. A., where they received a hearty welcome and were admitted into the Ministers' Association of the city.

R. F. BROWN, Secretary.

THE ORPHANAGE FORWARD MOVEMENT.

As the times move on the prospect grows brighter for the new buildings at the Orphanage. The people are responding wherever the claims for the Home are presented. At La-Grange Brother Haygood and his people have responded gladly. The orphan's cry always finds a listening ear and a ready purse in Brother Haygood.

The picturesque town of Valley Mills threw open its doors to the call of the homeless child. Brother Huddlestone is successfully serving a very fine people.

Brother Braswell, the true and tried friend of the Home, led his people in making possible the new building. Our people at Clifton feel a great interest in the Orphanage.

We found Brother Turner, the new and pop-

ular pastor at Granger, ready to lead his splendid people in helping to care for those whose father and mother had gone from them.

Our Methodists at Smithville have for their leader Brother White who is scholarly and religious. The Home was very kindly remembered at Smithville.

One good woman sent one share (\$5), stating that Dr. Rankin said that it was "a needy and worthy cause," and that she had always believed what he said. Thank you, Doctor. Say it again.

The pastors are giving us a welcome to their charges. Without their co-operation we could not hope to succeed.

In no distant day we expect to be able to say to the Manager, start the new building, for the people have heard the homeless orphan's cry and have responded. So note it, please.

J. N. MCCAIN.

1500 So. 4th St., Waco, Texas.

COLLEGE GIRLS ENJOY LECTURES.

Thanksgiving week was an unusually enjoyable time at San Antonio Female College. Thanksgiving Day they heard Dr. J. W. Hill preach a fine sermon at Travis Park Church and then had a great dinner at the College.

Friday night, November 27, Dr. J. H. Keen, Chairman of the State University Committee on Admissions From Other Colleges, delivered in the College Chapel a strong lecture on the Modern Feminist Movement. In the course of his introductory remarks he said that a young lady coming to the University from San Antonio Female College can get anything she wishes in the University.

Friday morning, November 26, ex-United States Senator W. R. Webb, of Tennessee, addressed the student body. Saturday night following, Sunday afternoon and Sunday night the young ladies heard him with great delight and profit. They decided that he is the greatest man they ever saw.

Saturday night he spoke on Good Literature, Sunday afternoon (at the church) on Daniel, and Sunday night on some of his war experiences.

Saturday afternoon the young ladies of the college in a body attended the State Teachers' Association meeting in this city and were given a very complimentary reception.

So, all together it was a great week for San Antonio Female College girls.

J. E. HARRISON.

San Antonio, Texas.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY PROHIBITION LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS. STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST TO BE HELD AT GEORGETOWN.

At a meeting of the Southwestern members of the State Prohibition League Wednesday afternoon the following men were elected as officers for the school year of 1914-15: President, J. L. Lions; Vice-President, W. O. Moerner; Secretary and Treasurer, George Gibson.

Constitutional Committee—L. P. Simpson, Baker, John W. Spruce, H. S. DeVore, W. O. Moerner.

The State convention, which was held at Waco last year under the auspices of Baylor University will meet at Georgetown April 1 and 2. The featuring event of this convention is the eliminating State Oratorical Contest, the winner in the State to have all expenses paid to the National Convention to be held in Topeka, Kansas.

The Southwestern University members of the League are very much interested in the prohibition movement and are making plans for the State meeting to be held in Georgetown with great enthusiasm.

The University try-outs for the Oratorical Contest will take place March 10.

ROBT. E. BROWN.

Editor Publicity Department of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, Dec. 4.

CLARENDON COLLEGE.

Clarendon is a good size town, situated on the Denver Railway. We have a lovable climate, just the right place for our college.

We are coming to the front more and more every year. This year is going to be one of the best in its history, facing the misfortune which recently occurred—the burning of the boys' dormitory. We intend to have a better and more equipped building before school opens again next September.

We have something like 170 students enrolled, and hope to attain the 200-mark after Christmas.

Our beloved President, G. S. Slover, and faculty are doing their work splendidly. There are some ten or fifteen young men preparing themselves for the ministry and they are inspiring, Christian gentlemen.

Several young ladies are studying for missionary work. Prof. Shure and Miss Scales, our music teachers, are doing their best for the interest of their pupils.

Wishing the Advocate and its readers a long and successful career.

(MISS) LEE JOHNSON,

A Student.

A STEP TOWARD UNION OF INTERESTS OF CHURCHES.

A decided step toward the uniting of the work and interests of the Churches of Texas was taken this past week when a State committee representing five Churches—the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal, South, Presbyterian U. S. A., Congregational and Christian, met in session at the Methodist Dormitory of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton to arrange for a Federated School of Missions to be held at C. I. A. the first ten days of June, 1915. Heretofore the school

has been held each summer by the Methodist Church alone.

The delegates to this conference were appointed from the headquarters of the various Churches represented, not merely from the local Churches of the State. They elected the following officers for the Federation: President, Mrs. L. P. Smith, of Jacksboro, who represents the M. E. Church, South; Vice-President, Mrs. W. B. Preston, of San Marcos, who is from the Presbyterian Church U. S. A.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Reed, Fort Worth, also of the Presbyterian Church; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. George Nies, Fort Worth, representing the M. E. Church; Treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Cushman, Fort Worth, from the Christian Church. One organization was represented at this preliminary session, the Y. W. C. A. It is expected that the W. C. T. U. will join at an early date.

At the meeting of organization the constitution and by-laws were adopted and the committees of finance, program, literature, young people, publicity and federation appointed. Not including those who were elected as officers the appointed delegates were: Miss Mary Hetherington, Dallas, M. E. Church; Mrs. Willet Barnum, Fort Worth, M. E. Church, South; Mrs. W. H. Hurlbut, of Friona, Congregational; Mrs. Terry King, Fort Worth, Christian; Miss Mabel K. Stafford and Mrs. Hanna, of Dallas, representatives from the Y. W. C. A.

The work of the Federated School of Missions will be under four divisions—Bible, Home and Foreign Missions, Social Service and Methods for carrying on work in all three. It is the aim of the Federation, according to Mrs. Smith, the President, to make the programs educational, inspirational and recreational. An interesting feature planned is a field day for young people, devoted entirely to their interests. The very best teachers which it will be possible to procure will deliver the lectures on the various phases to be considered.

The College of Industrial Arts is planning to co-operate with the Federation in making the conference as great a success as possible. The School of Missions will be in session at the same time as the summer term of the college. This will enable the faculty to arrange for numbers of lectures and demonstrations of the home economics work of the college. It is expected that from 150 to 200 women will be in attendance.

MARGARET H. SACKVILLE.

C. I. A.

ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK FOR THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

The new officers of the American University at Washington, District of Columbia, elected at the annual meeting of the trustees held on December 3, 1914, are: President, Benjamin F. Leighton, a leading attorney of Washington, and Vice-President, Robert B. Ward, of New York, the well-known president of the Ward Baking Company. Dr. Charles W. Baldwin, of Baltimore, continues as Secretary, and Charles C. Glover, president of the Riggs National Bank, continues Treasurer.

Chancellor Hamilton was able to report the good news that the University, which is now located at its permanent grounds and buildings, has begun the actual enrollment of students for work, together with the engagement of approved scholars to assist in their instruction. Already has been gathered an enthusiastic student body, meeting regularly for classroom instruction or pursuing research work in the government departments. The number of such students will be augmented steadily. Courses of public lectures on vital themes are in process of preparation and the lecturers, with their subjects, will be announced in the near future.

The United States Weather Bureau, under the charge of Professor Herbert H. Kimball, has begun experimentation on the university grounds.

The continued careful administration of the university's finances shows the most gratifying results both in the steady strengthening of the material resources of the institution and also in the enlargement of its physical plant. There was a large and earnest attendance on the part of the trustees, some of whom came from great distances. After a dinner at the New Ebbitt and an afternoon session they adjourned with an added sense of the significance of the enterprise and resolved to bring new strength to the institution when they again meet next May on the first University Convocation Day.

ALBERT OSBORN,

Assistant Secretary.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1915. DAY OF PRAYER.

The Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions in the United States has appointed woman's foreign missionary work. An appropriate and helpful program has been prepared to be used in union meetings in every town and city of our land.

An invitation should be given through the Interdenominational Union of the town to all women's missionary societies to meet in some central place for prayer. If there is no Interdenominational Union in the city, it is urged that one be formed immediately, representing women of all evangelical Churches.

Without intercessory prayer our work is in vain. Let every preparation be made earnestly and prayerfully. Notices should be sent widely and promptly. Women of faith and prayer should be secured for leaders. All possible information concerning the needs of foreign lands should be obtained.

Programs may be secured by applying at once to Mrs. J. B. Cobb, 2202 Elliston Place, Nashville. It is desired that names and addresses of officers of Interdenominational Unions should be sent to Mrs. Cobb, Chairman National Territorial Commission.

REV. D. L. COLLIE AND HIS WORK.

On December 6, Rev. D. L. Collie spent Sunday with me and his sermons were instructive and inspiring. He presented the cause of the superannuates of the Central Texas Conference, and received good offering in cash and subscriptions, and a lot, just one block from the church, valued at five hundred dollars. The congregation requested him, by a unanimous rising vote, to visit the town at some future time and secure money and build a neat home on the lot.

We had such a hard pull with our finances just before conference, and the depressed financial condition of the country made me think the time inopportune for him to come. Upon his arrival on Saturday night I made haste to explain to him the condition of things and told him he might be prepared for the worst in the way of a collection, but told him I would do all I could to make it go. He did not need any help from this scribble along that line. I am glad he came, and he met with success. Brethren, do all you can to help this man of God in the sacred and worthy cause of our superannuates and the widows and orphans of our deceased preachers. With the help of the pastors he can make this cause succeed. May God bless him in his work.

J. C. MIMMS.

WHY SUCH DISCRIMINATION?

My attention was called a few days ago to the anti-pass law here in the State of Texas, which provides in an ample way for the "sisters of charity" of the Roman Catholic Church, but excludes the representatives of any other denomination from getting a free pass over the railroads. I am not contending that workers in all religious denominations should have free passes, but why discriminate? I have been informed by an influential official in railroad circles that there are several hundred of these "sisters" in San Antonio who are riding over the railroads on free passes. Are these "sisters" any more worthy, or are they doing a better work than the lady city missionaries, deaconesses and social workers of our own Protestant Churches? If not, why should the State of Texas discriminate through her laws in favor of the "sisters" of Romanism?

There is not a more astute organization in the world than the Roman Catholic Church. She works secretly all the time. Few of us are really conscious of the real power this institution already exerts here in our own country.

After the European war is over there will doubtless be a large immigration into this State of people from Austria, Russia, France and Belgium. These countries are Catholic, and their people together with the large number of Mexican immigrants that are pouring in will greatly strengthen Romanism in Texas. Is it not time to open our eyes and bestir ourselves before it is too late?

L. B. NEWBERRY.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

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BISHOP MOUZON ABIDES IN DALLAS.

Through the earnest entreaty of our Southern Methodist University officials Bishop Mouzon has accepted for the time being the deanship of the Theological Department of the University, and this same entreaty has prevailed upon our Texas Bishop to move his residence to Dallas where he will be in immediate touch with the institution. Bishop Mouzon is greatly interested in the success of the University and will, during his spare time, give all the assistance and co-operation possible to the success of the school. He and his family are now in this city and installed in their new home, 2912 Oak Lawn Avenue, at which address his numerous correspondents can reach him. Dallas is delighted to have Bishop Mouzon as a citizen of her community and all the Methodists accord to him an unstinted welcome.

THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE MINUTES.

Rev. Sam Rucker, the editor of the Central Conference, has shown great expeditiousness and much business acumen in getting out the printed minutes of his conference. In about ten days after the session adjourned, he was busily engaged mailing out the printed document to the brethren. And it is a neat and well gotten out pamphlet. We wish to thank him for the copy promptly laid on our table. By the way we had a delightful visit from him this week. He is already at Gatesville and has inaugurated his work as the new presiding elder of that district.

A REQUEST.

On next Tuesday there will come before the Congress of the United States the bill to submit to the States an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors and that body will act upon it. This is an indication of progress for prohibition to get Congress even to consider such a bill. Now the Headquarters of the International Sunday School organization want the adult and intermediate members of all our Texas Sunday Schools on next Sunday to frame a night letter to be sent by wire Sunday night to the Texas Congressman from your respective district to vote for that bill next Tuesday. Such an appeal will have its influence at Washington.

Northwest Texas Conference Notes

The Western weather behaved reasonably well until Saturday night, and then it proceeded to cut all sorts of capers, just to show us that it had not forgotten how to perform. But Sunday came in bright and clear; but it was furiously cold.

This writer had a good, comfortable room all to himself in one of the best homes of Sweetwater—Mr. and Mrs. J. V. W. Holmes. They are good Presbyterian people, but no man at the Conference was more delightfully entertained. Mr. Holmes is president of the leading bank of the city and Mrs. Holmes was brought up and trained in the Methodist Church at Granbury.

Rev. Simeon Shaw and his good people gave to the Conference a most whole-souled reception. They left nothing undone essential to the comfort of all delegates and visitors. The only complaint we heard was upon the part of homes whose guests failed to show up. Dr. Shaw was attentive to the wants and comforts of the whole gathering, and we enjoyed the entertainment hugely. Everybody left with an enthusiastic impression of the hospitality of Sweetwater.

Rev. Simeon Shaw, after a year of strenuous work at Sweetwater, goes to Quannah. He is one of the brightest men in the Conference, a reader of books, a persistent student and a brilliant preacher. He is a brotherly man and evangelical.

Rev. G. S. Hardy, after four successful years on the Hamlin District, goes to the Sweetwater charge. He is one of the most prominent men in his Conference, level-headed, wise, discrete and a most edifying preacher.

Rev. J. W. Story, after four years of hard work on the Clarendon District, goes to the Plainview Station. There is no man in the Conference of more solidarity than he, and he makes a success of every job to which he is sent. His new people will find him worthy and well qualified for their service.

Rev. I. T. Hicks comes from the Amarillo District to the Clarendon

District. He has had ripe experience in this line of service and will take his place in his new field without a jar. He has long been in the forefront of the Conference.

Rev. E. E. Robinson, after four years of a remarkably successfully pastorate at Amarillo, goes on that district this year. He is a man of scholarship, of consecration, and he has left a lasting impression on the Folk Street congregation. He has built them up splendidly and leaves them with a character for all that is good and true. That he will succeed in district work no one doubts.

Rev. G. S. Wyatt is in many respects the strongest man in his Conference. He is a seasoned veteran in all departments of its work. He served Quannah for two or three years most acceptably, and now he goes to Stamford. He will find a field there worthy of his best talent and ability.

Rev. J. T. Griswold, after a faithful term in the pastorate at Childress, returns to district work and he is now presiding elder of the Sweetwater District. He is no novice at this sort of work and the best of results will follow his administration in this new field.

Rev. F. M. Neal, who served Canyon City the past year, becomes the Conference evangelist. He is a man of striking ability, brotherly and full of the spirit of evangelism. He is a fit man, for such a work and he will be a soul-winner this year.

There were not many changes, generally speaking, in the appointments, and the Bishop pronounced it the easiest Conference to hold in the State. And the Conference was perfectly delighted with him in the chair and in the pulpit.

Mr. E. B. Bynum was elected Conference Treasurer. He is one of the leading bankers of Abilene and fully competent to handle the financial business of the Conference. He is a member of St. Paul's Church, Abilene, and at Asheville was a lay delegate to the General Conference.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

The North Texas Conference Mission Board has had Mr. A. F. Platter as its treasurer for several years and right faithfully has he served us in that capacity. At the time he became treasurer, he lived in Denison and did his business and that of the Board with the State National Bank. But later on he moved to Dallas to be in touch with a branch business of his firm in this city. But he continued the business of our Board with the Denison bank. This made it necessary for him to have an assistant at Denison and we elected one whom he suggested. At or before our recent conference session in Denison, it developed that on account of some irregularities upon the part of his assistant treasurer at Denison, there was a shortage in our funds of over \$4000; and these shortages had occurred through a series of years, relieving the bondsmen of responsibility for a large part of them. It looked like that we were in the face of a loss. But he it said to the credit of the Southern Surety Company, the State National Bank and Brother Platter, they came forward and voluntarily paid back to the funds of the Board every dollar of the shortage—and this too in the face of the fact that it is very doubtful if we could have had any successful recourse in litigation. But they all recognized the moral obligation involved and met the issue like true, faithful and honest men that they are. The conference publicly thanked them for their generous action.

This change left Ervay Street vacant and the Bishop had to have a well qualified man to take the place of Brother Thompson. The man was not available in North Texas, and the Bishop had to look on the outside. He had more than one solution of the problem, but these failed; and finally he prevailed upon Brother Barnes to reconsider his resolve to remain in the Northwest and come to Dallas and take South Ervay. As a loyal Methodist preacher he surrendered his will and he is the pastor of Ervay Street. So that out of the apparent confusion the very best arrangement has been adopted for both congregations and both men. We are sure that success will follow the work of these faithful preachers at Sulphur Springs and South Ervay Street. They go to these stations, not of their choosing, but in cheerful obedience to authority.

REV. W. D. THOMPSON GOES TO SULPHUR SPRINGS.

At the session of the North Texas Conference Rev. W. D. Thompson was returned to Ervay Street Church, this city, where he had served three years of his second term with great acceptability. Rev. S. A. Barnes was transferred to the North Texas Conference and stationed at Sulphur Springs. When the Northwest Texas Conference met last week Brother Barnes, for health reasons, thought it best for him to remain in that high latitude and the Bishop acceded to his wish. That left a vacancy at Sulphur Springs, one of our best charges. In casting around for a suitable man to take that place Bishop McCoy, after much consideration, asked Rev. W. D. Thompson to agree to the change, since he is known as a builder and a successful pastor. As a loyal Methodist preacher he was not willing to set his judgment against that of the

authorities of the Church, and while he did not seek the change and was delighted to be returned to his old charge, he left it to the Bishop to follow his judgment. So he changed Brother Thompson to Sulphur Springs because of his fitness and ability for a work of that importance. He has been a most successful minister and Ervay Street Church is largely, in its building and membership, due to his work. And he is remarkably popular with the entire membership of that congregation. They regret exceedingly to have him leave them. This change left Ervay Street vacant and the Bishop had to have a well qualified man to take the place of Brother Thompson. The man was not available in North Texas, and the Bishop had to look on the outside. He had more than one solution of the problem, but these failed; and finally he prevailed upon Brother Barnes to reconsider his resolve to remain in the Northwest and come to Dallas and take South Ervay. As a loyal Methodist preacher he surrendered his will and he is the pastor of Ervay Street. So that out of the apparent confusion the very best arrangement has been adopted for both congregations and both men. We are sure that success will follow the work of these faithful preachers at Sulphur Springs and South Ervay Street. They go to these stations, not of their choosing, but in cheerful obedience to authority.

PERSONALS

Rev. W. A. Thomas goes back to Bryson this year. He made a pleasant visit to the Advocate office last week.

Rev. Sam R. Hay was a pleasant visitor to the office. He comes to First Church from St. Paul, Houston.

Rev. J. E. Vinson, of the North Texas Conference, has returned to Texas from Mississippi, and his address is Itasca, Texas.

Rev. R. C. Hicks, of the Sulphur Springs District, was a pleasant visitor to this office this week. He is already back on his job after Conference and planning for large things for the approaching year.

Rev. J. C. Jones, of the New Mexico Conference, was in Dallas Thursday, December 10, arranging for the pews for their new \$15,000 church at Marfa. Brother Jones is serving his third

year at this place, and he says his work starts off well. The fact that he is here now to buy pews shows that those people are optimistic.

Rev. H. M. Long, of Clarendon, was in the city this week and made the Advocate a pleasant visit. He goes back for his third year to Clarendon. He has had fine success with that charge.

Rev. Sam R. Hay filled his appointment at First Church, this city, last Sunday, and he was given an ovation. The house was crowded and he made a most favorable impression. He is already in the house of his friends.

Rev. E. F. Brown dropped in at the Advocate office last week on his way to his new charge. Brother Brown was among those that were placed in new fields. He goes to Boyd from Caddo Mills.

Rev. Moss Weaver, presiding elder of the Chickasha District, Oklahoma, was a pleasant visitor recently. He is one of the leading men of that rapidly developing State, and we appreciate his visit.

Rev. E. G. Cook, of the Texas Conference, has made a fine start at Brenham. We hear the most glowing report of his work in his new field. He is one of the best preachers in his Conference and we expected nothing else but his success.

Rev. S. H. C. Burgin, D.D., preached to his new congregation at Trinity, this city, last Sunday, and he captured his congregation. They have given him an open-hearted reception and he starts off with all the encouragement he could desire. He is evidently the man for the place.

Mr. Ivy Ledbetter Lee, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Lee, of St. Louis, will succeed Dr. Frederick T. Gates, who since 1893 has been business and benevolent representative of Mr. John D. Rockefeller as the distributor of his millions. And Mr. Lee is a preacher's son.

Rev. E. G. Roberts comes to Cedar Hill this year and he is already on the ground surveying the situation. He is a faithful preacher and pastor and has a successful record. We shook his hand the first of the week and gave him a welcome to the district.

Rev. S. T. Francis, recently appointed to Forest Avenue Church, this city, began his work last Sunday and his people are most favorably impressed with him and his style of preaching. They will find him all right on all parts of the ground.

Mrs. Henry L. Munger, wife of Rev. Henry L. Munger, of Mansfield, is at the Baptist Sanitarium, where she has undergone an operation, and we are glad to report that the operation was a success and she is doing well. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Prof. and Mrs. D. L. Switzer, of Oak Cliff, this city, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth, to Mr. John Burney Davis, of Dallas. The happy event will transpire December 20, and they will reside at 127 East Ninth Street, Dallas.

Rev. A. C. Sterling was a pleasant visitor to the office last week. Brother Sterling goes from Fate to Crafton Mission in the Bowie District. He says he is taking up his new work with great determination and is leaving a loyal and good people on the Fate charge.

We have a brotherly note from Dr. John A. Rice, recently of Fort Worth, but now pastor of St. John's Church, St. Louis. He is now located in his new charge and hard at work. We have no better man than Dr. Rice and his friends will be glad to know that it goes well with him.

In our issue of December 10 there was an unfortunate typographical oversight. In the Paris District, North Texas Appointments, there should appear this correction: "Clarkville Station—Rev. B. Wilkes." The mistake occurred in an effort to correct another error.

Rev. J. T. Howell, of McLean, was not able to attend the Conference at Sweetwater this year, but he sent all his reports up in full. But on his thirty-eighth birthday, the night the Conference adjourned, a fine boy became a member of his household. So this explains his absence from Conference. He is excusable.

Rev. J. W. Hill, our own "Gulliver," has met with a royal welcome at Laurel Heights Church, San Antonio. The people have given him every evidence that they are delighted with

him, and the more they see of him the better that delight will become. His address is 127 Mistletoe Avenue. Let his correspondents take notice of this.

Rev. W. D. Bradfield is already installed at Travis Park Church, San Antonio, and his work is booming. He has been there but a few weeks, but he has received forty-five into the membership of the Church and his congregation fill his large auditorium. The parsonage has been renovated and refurbished and the pastor and his family are at home in it.

Rev. J. K. Atchley goes from Bailey and Randolph to the Second Church, Denison, and his new congregation will find him one of the most incisive preachers and one of the best pastors in the Conference. And he is as true as steel on every important issue. He will be a worthy successor to Brother M. E. Maness, who goes to Key Memorial, Sherman.

Rev. New Harris, who did such a splendid work at Trinity during the past four years, now goes to the First Church, Amarillo. He is an eloquent preacher and a fine pastor, and the Amarillo people are to be congratulated upon his accession to them as pastor. They will soon learn to love him just as he is loved in every charge he has so faithfully served.

The San Antonio people gave to Dr. S. H. C. Burgin a great send off. He left there last week for Dallas. More than 200 people attended a banquet in his honor and expressed regret that he was going to leave them and commended him very highly for his work's sake and for his own sake. Well, their loss is Dallas' gain, and we will take care of him in this part of the moral vineyard.

Rev. L. A. Hanson, recently appointed to Annona, goes to Milford, Central Conference, to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. H. B. Urquhart, who voluntarily withdraws from the ministry of the Church. Brother Hanson will not transfer to that Conference, but serve that congregation until the next session of the North Texas Conference. The Milford people will find him a first-class man, a faithful preacher and a good pastor.

Rev. S. A. Barnes comes from the North Texas Conference to Ervay Street Church, this city. He was read out at the North Texas Conference to Sulphur Springs, but at the last moment at the Northwest Texas Conference he and Rev. W. D. Thompson were exchanged. Brother Barnes is one of the best of preachers and a fine pastor. He has a record for success and the Ervay Street people will find in him a rounded and splendid man.

Rev. W. D. Thompson, on the eve of his departure for his new field of usefulness at Sulphur Springs, was tendered a reception at Ervay Street Church Tuesday night. Nearly the entire Official Board and a large number of the Church membership were present. Several speeches laudatory of the work done by Rev. Thompson for Ervay Church were made. The leave taking from the beloved pastor was heartfelt. It was really a mutual regret on his part and that of his people. After an hour spent in social intercourse the members and visiting friends enjoyed refreshments served by ladies of the Church. Rev. Thompson leaves for his new charge today.

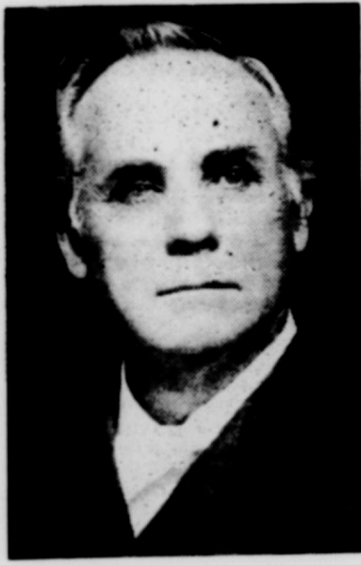
WORDS OF APPRECIATION.

I wish to thank our many friends through the Advocate for their letters of love and sympathy for us in these dark days of our affliction. For this is indeed a sad beginning of another conference year to be so suddenly cast off from life's work; but the Lord is good and gracious, and I believe Mr. Smith is slowly improving. He is able to ride some on pretty days, but there are days at a time when he longs to be about his Master's work. Friends in Corsicana have been good to us in every way possible, such as love, sympathy, visits and bounding, and we appreciate all that has been done for us.

MRS. E. A. SMITH.

Amusement! What form of amusement must you give up if you become a Christian? No amusement that is a recreation. That must be your philosophy of amusement—Recreation. Anything that destroys your spirit, mind or body, of course you must give up because Jesus is set upon making you perfect and beautiful, and he will not tolerate a retention of anything that stultifies you physically, or dulls you mentally, or blights you spiritually.—Dr. Campbell Morgan.

A disappointing appointment often proves to be the most satisfactory appointment of a life time.



DEATH OF REV. I. Z. T. MORRIS.

This faithful and widely known minister died at his home in Fort Worth the 10th instant. While he had been in bad health for two or three years and more recently had a stroke of paralysis, yet his death came with sadness and surprise to his wide circle of brethren and friends. He had been a prominent figure in Texas for a great many years and was one of the best known ministers in the State. After a long service in the itinerant ministry in the Texas and the Central Conferences, a few years ago he gave himself to the rescue work and to the humane labor of finding helpless and homeless children and in providing good homes for them. He developed a system of this sort and perfected it until from every part of Texas, when the homeless child was found, Brother Morris was the one man to whom people looked for the needed relief. And he never failed them.

In the course of the years he has provided homes for the homeless children and children for the childless homes of Texas until he actually became famous in this line of work. Hundreds and hundreds of children now grown to womanhood and manhood and hundreds of childless homes made happy and contented by his work, rise up and call him blessed. No man has done more good for humanity in the State than I. Z. T. Morris. And, also, many an unfortunate girl has been rescued by him and put upon her feet again. His ear was open to all such and his hand was always ready to extend them help. Where is the community that has not heard and does not revere the name of Brother Morris?

We make it a point to keep in this office data concerning the birth, call to the ministry and the life work of our ministers, so as to have it in an emergency. But strange to say when we examined our files, we found none of Rev. I. Z. T. Morris. For some reason he failed to furnish it and we knew it not. But his life is so well known that we scarcely need any data except that of a statistical sort, to write of him and his service. We all knew and loved him for his work's sake. He came to Texas thirty years ago and became a member of the Texas Conference. There he filled a number of its prominent appointments and served one term as presiding elder. Then he came to the old Northwest—now the Central Conference and spent the rest of his days, mostly in the work above mentioned. His duties always took him to the various sessions of the conferences and no conference session will hardly look natural hereafter without his presence. He endeared himself to preachers and laymen alike and had the confidence and affection of all our people. He was about sixty-eight years of age. In his prime he was a man of iron constitution, a strong preacher and a useful servant of the Church. He has left himself imbedded in the hearts of thousands and his memory will be green forever. He was buried in Fort Worth last Sunday amid the tears and sorrow of a large concourse of people. His funeral services were attended by a large number of his ministerial friends and associates and every respect was paid to his work and character. May the sod rest lightly upon the remains of I. Z. T. Morris, while his redeemed spirit is with his Savior happy in the land immortal.

REV. I. Z. T. MORRIS—A SKETCH.

Rev. I. Z. T. Morris was born in Spalding County, Georgia, March 21, 1847. In 1867 he was licensed to preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. After finishing his course in Auburn College, Georgia, he was admitted on trial in the traveling connection in 1869 and served various appointments in the Alabama Conference until 1874, at which time he came to Texas and was assigned to Washington Street, Houston. During his pastorate there he was married to Miss Belle Waters June 21, 1876. He is survived by his wife and seven children, three sons—Marvin, Oscar and Robert—and four daughters—Mrs. Ruth Whitaker and Misses Ethel, Gertrude and Lucy Key Morris.

Brother Morris spent about seventeen years as a member of the Texas Conference and during that time served the Church in the various appointments as circuit rider, station preacher and presiding elder.

In 1891 he transferred to the then Northwest Texas Conference and was assigned to city mission work in Fort Worth. In this capacity he served until the organization of the Texas Children's Home and Aid Society, which may be attributed to him as its founder and which was the outgrowth of his experiences in dealing with the helpless, the homeless and the childless as he met them in the life of the city.

For fifteen successive years Brother Morris received his appointment as Superintendent of the Texas Children's Home and Aid Society, just as did all other preachers to their respective fields of labor. But his last appointment has been given and his work on earth is done.

I am now to mention some of the personal characteristics which crowned the life of this good man and honored minister of the Church of God.

First of all he was a devout Christian; from early childhood he knew and loved the Lord. All his life he was a close student of the Word of God and never ceased to read the best books at his command. He was a man of strong faith and believed in the ultimate triumph of all good. He was a man of prayer and in all matters, from the smallest to the greatest, thought it worth the while to tarry with the Lord for guidance. He was a man of unswerving devotion and loyalty to the doctrines and polity of his Church. He placed great emphasis upon the fundamentals of our holy religion and felt that Methodism was the most effective agency on earth for the spread of Scriptural holiness throughout all lands.

Not only did he "adorn the doctrines of God our Father in all things," as a Christian, but he was no less conspicuous as a brave-hearted, manly man, as a citizen of the State and as a member of society. He was always able to look the world in the face and command its respect as being scrupulously honest in all his transactions and perfectly fair in all his dealings with his fellowman. He did not believe that being a minister should either disqualify or disfranchise him as a citizen, but rather made it the more imperative that he should stand in the front ranks with those who battled for civic righteousness. He was always and ever an inveterate foe of the liquor traffic, the social evil and political wrongs. He hated the sin which fostered these institutions of vice, but his great heart of tenderness went out to the poor victims and no man ever lived in Fort Worth who did more for the poor drunkard, the social outcast and the orphan children of these classes than did I. Z. T. Morris.

In the sacred precincts of his own home he was best known and most tenderly loved. As a husband and father he filled the measure to the full and won for himself the sincerest love and the most beautiful devotion of his wife and children.

Perhaps the crowning tribute to his life and labors is paid in the society which he founded and to which he gave the last years of his life. He was convinced that throughout the land there was a private home for every orphan child, and an orphan for every childless home. Upon this basis he did his work. How well he succeeded is attested by the thousand "little ones" made glad and happy because of the comfortable homes and the foster parents which this good Father Morris secured for them; and also by the thousand homes which have been brightened and blessed because of the coming of "these little ones." It is said that he knew personally and has placed about one thousand children; for every one of these he cherished the deepest concern and with them and for them has plead that they "grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" and become Christian men and women.

O who could pay a finer tribute to a life like this and who would undertake to measure the volume of good accomplished!

As members of the great itinerant brotherhood we bow our hearts in humble submission to the will of our Father and we take to our own consolation and commend to his sorrowful loved ones and friends the sufficiency of God's grace and the comforting power of the Holy Spirit.

All in one, we join in expecting for him a two-fold resurrection. First, that he shall be raised through the resurrection power of Christ the Redeemer to "everlasting life" in the bright home of the soul; and second, that he shall be raised up and live in the love and in the gratitude of the thousands whom he has blessed by having lived on earth.

Affectionately submitted,
H. M. LONG,

Appointed by vote of the conference to prepare this sketch.

STRAIGHT AND TRUE.

The saloon is a nuisance. The evil can no more be confined to the building in which it exists than the odor of a slaughter house to the block in which it is located.

I know, and you know, that they are in league with every other form of evil. As a rule, if you let the liquor dealer have his way, he will have a disorderly house upstairs, he will have a gambling den in his back room, and his place will be the center of every sort of evil.

The saloon is the bureau of information for every sort of crime. It is the first place that a policeman looks for crime and the last place he would go to look for virtue.—William T. Bryan.

A DAY IN SHREVEPORT.

Whether a man be a Texas Methodist or a Louisiana Methodist he is a Methodist in either Louisiana or Texas, and is made to feel as though he belongs to present company, it matters not upon which side of the State line he happens to drop. This thought occurred to the Advocate man when he tarried a day at Shreveport last week during the sixty-ninth annual session of the Louisiana Conference. It was not exactly a "home-coming" of the Advocate man, as he had never before attended a "Pelican" State Conference, but it seemed like home to him when he renewed acquaintances with Revs. Halsey Werlein and J. T. Sawyer and looked again upon the erect form of Rev. F. R. Hill, who though now a supernumeraire has lost none of the fire of youth. It was while Felix Hill was pastor of St. Francis Street Church in Mobile, the writer first saw him, and later it was his pleasure to hear him in Old Carondelet Street Church in New Orleans. It was during the pastorate of the saintly John Mathews, and to this day the writer believes Dr. Hill made the journey to New Orleans to tell us "where Moses was when the light went out!" The writer was christened in St. Francis Street Church by Dr. Hamilton, and fifteen years later, just forty-five years ago he gave his hand to that old patriarch J. B. Walker, and his heart to God in old Carondelet. He knew Halsey Werlein and W. Sawyer and Felix Hill, Sr., so it was like a "home-coming" to meet those friends of long ago. But the real pleasant recollections of old Carondelet was during the four-year term of Rev. John Mathews. "The Lord liveth and the Lord taketh away," but in his infinite wisdom he did not leave a replica of John Mathews. His image is indelibly marked in the memory of this writer. Brother Mathews passed to his reward only a few years ago, but his "memory" is a heritage that the writer values highly as an inspiration to higher aims in life.

There were former Texans at Shreveport, too, and some Texas visitors. So a day spent at Shreveport was not among strangers. Among the Texas visitors were Revs. F. M. Poyles, presiding elder of Marshall District; W. J. Johnson, of Beaumont, and C. S. Wright, of Houston.

Rev. George S. Sexton, of and for Texas, was the Conference host. Last year Bishop Candler borrowed him from Texas and appointed him to First Church, Shreveport, the best charge in the Louisiana Conference. Today it is one of the best in Southern Methodism. George Sexton has made good. He is popular in Shreveport with all classes and is beloved by his people. His church is the most modern in the South. It was nearly finished when Dr. Sexton took charge in February last. The finishing touches were since put on. There is nothing lacking. It is complete, the last word in modern church architecture. The building complete cost \$125,000. Dr. George Sexton's report to the Conference shows forty-one accessions on profession of faith and 190 on certificate. There is a membership of 1054. Net increase for the year of 186. But of the Sunday School, think of it, an enrollment of 1455 and fifty-six teachers. This Church raised for all purposes this year \$39,802.93. For benevolences there were paid out \$7270. This includes missionary specials, local charity and special for Orphanage. Seven thousand dollars don't seem like such an awful big pile of money, does it? But it represents about \$7 per capita of the membership of First Church, Shreveport, La. There may be other reports that show up as well, but to the Advocate man it appears as a remarkable showing. Located at the head of Texas Avenue, it is the nearest down town of any Church in the city. It is in a position to do good every day and Sunday, too, and it is doing good. Five nights in the week a free school is in full blast. One man and three lady teachers are employed by the Church, and boys and men and women for that matter attend night school in First Church. There are thirty boys enrolled now. They work during the day and study at night. It costs them nothing. First Church is not an institutional Church, but it is doing the work of one, and the Lord is blessing the effort.

The writer saw Briscoe Carter. He struck Texas a long time ago on a run from Louisiana. He developed in the North Texas Conference and was pastor in the early nineties of Ervay Street Church, Dallas. It is a debatable question whether Carter made Ervay Street Church or Ervay Street Church made Carter. But be that as it may both were well made. Briscoe Carter is no larger in the Louisiana Conference than his merits deserve. He is considered as among the strong men of that Conference, and is popular with the brethren. The writer had the pleasure of meeting a kinsman at the Conference, Rev. Hugh W. Jamieson, of New Orleans. He is assistant pastor of First Church

in that city and also is in charge of the Werlein Mission. Young Jamieson visited Dallas last spring and occupied Ervay Street pulpit one night.

Bishop Candler presided over a body composed of about 200 preachers and laymen. It was the complete enrollment of the Conference, which has a membership of something less than 40,000. The writer has, of course, seen larger bodies of Churchmen, but rarely ever has he seen a more intelligent body of men, nor a more spiritual body of men. What Louisiana lacks in numbers is made up in an aggressive spiritual itinerancy that will make for Methodism victory in Louisiana.

It was good to have spent a day in Shreveport to have mingled with old friends and to have formed new acquaintances, but it was better still to have had the pleasure of watching and listening to Bishop Candler. The old-time class leader always had a word of cheer after each experience, so with Bishop Candler. He is ready with a dart of wit or wisdom following each preacher's report. You can guess something is coming, but you can't guess what it will be. It is usually a blending of wit and wisdom—a Candlerism. A. T. W.



REV. L. N. LIPSCOMB
Bomarton Mission, Northwest Texas Conference.

Brother Lipscomb leads the State in the Advocate honor roll, having the largest list of those who collected in full. Brother Lipscomb added 22 new subscribers to an already good list and collected in full from both new subscribers and renewals. He gives much praise to the good spirit of his people who responded cheerfully, under trying conditions, to his appeal for a full report on the Advocate as well as other Church enterprises.

HONOR ROLL.

Northwest Texas Conference.
Rev. L. N. Lipscomb, Bomarton Mission.
Rev. O. P. Clark, Albany.
Rev. W. M. Pearce, Bovina.
Rev. J. R. Plant, Ira.

Rev. C. O. Huff, of Newlin, sent the largest list of new subscribers from his conference the past year, and reported only a very few unpaid. He says the Advocate is a help to him in his work and he is glad to place it in the homes of his people.

There are two men in the Northwest Texas Conference from whom we always expect a good Advocate report and who have never disappointed us through many years, good years and bad years alike. They are Rev. I. L. Mills and Rev. C. D. West. Both these brethren lacked only one subscriber each of having a full report from a good list of subscribers.

Rev. J. C. Moore is also one from whom we look for good work. The past year he supplied Sweetwater Mission and had charge of the Advocate list also for Sweetwater Station. He came very near placing Sweetwater on the Advocate Honor Roll.

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts, of Caps Circuit, has fifty-three homes in his charge and has the Advocate in fifty of them. He hopes to put the other three on the roll soon, and we believe he will. Brother Stutts is a man who does things.

The Northwest Texas brethren stand by the Advocate and do not neglect it even in trying times. We would like to mention all those who brought up exceptionally good reports, but we feel that this year it would not be exactly fair, for others have worked just as diligently, with harder conditions against them. It is very encouraging to us in our efforts to give Texas Methodism a good paper to have such hearty co-operation of the Texas preachers. One of the encouraging features is that the new men catch the step very quickly and enter heartily into accord with the older ones in their work for the conference organ.

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KIND EXPRESSIONS.

I wish to add that more Advocates are in Methodist homes in Brady now than at any time in its history, and it is having a decided effect on our Church for good. It is keeping the great interests of our Church before the people as nothing else can do.

I. T. MORRIS.

(Such expressions give us courage to press on. Yes, we are trying to keep the interests of the Church before the people and we are trying to keep the interest right up to date.)

FROM MISSOURI.

The Texas Christian Advocate evidently is "showing them"—read the following:

"While at Oklahoma City last May in conversation with my former pupil and pastor, Rev. S. H. C. Burgin, I happened to mention the Texas Christian Advocate, several copies of which I had seen while visiting my brother, Rev. H. P. Bond, D. D., at El Paso. I spoke in such strong terms of the excellence of the paper that Brother Burgin remarked: 'I will send it to you.' I thought no more of it at the time, but he kept his promise, and I have been greatly enjoying the paper. After taking a day off to devour part of it, I turn it over to Rev. Milton Adkisson, a grand old supernumeraire preacher, who now lives here. He agrees with me that it is by far the best paper in Southern Methodism." R. T. BOND.

AN EXPLANATION—AND THE MONEY TOO!

A letter like the following makes the publishers feel like the work is worth while. Once in a while we get an awful letter which we can not publish for, if what is said were so, it would show us up badly, but really most of the readers of the dear old Texas Christian Advocate seem to love us and want to help us along, and you know a little money during these times looks good. We have had a long hard pull the last six months and like everybody else, we did not know the war was coming, but we are in it. If you are thinking about us may we not hang up our stockings? Oh, we started and couldn't stop. Here is the letter:

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 2, 1914.
To the Blaylock Publishing Company, Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sirs: Knowing that my subscription to the Advocate expired a little more than a month ago, I wish to make an explanation why the two dollars had not been sent sooner, and that is this: There had been more outgoing than incoming in money matters, or in other words, there have been more bills come due and installments to meet than I could collect money to meet. But finally I have been able to raise the \$2.00 for the Advocate and you will find an order inclosed for the same. I have decided that I would wear shoes with holes in them and clothes with patches on them, before I will do without the Advocate. It did not come last week and I realize its absence in my home. Since my subscription expired the devil at one time whispered in one corner of my ear and said you can do without that paper better than you can do without that two dollars, but I soon rallied to my right mind and used the Lord's words and said: "Get ye hence, Satan, for it is written thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." I do not see how any one can be an all-round Methodist and an active member in the Church without the Advocate in their homes.

I will close by asking you to change my address from Route 8, Box 110, to Route 2, Box 403, San Antonio, and oblige.
O. T. BROWN.

It is work that keeps faith sweet and strong; and though we leave the mount of vision, we do not leave the Lord. He is with us in the shop, the office, and the place of toil. The only way to lose the Lord would be to refuse to leave the holy mount. If Peter had stayed on the hill he would have found himself alone.—The Rev. J. D. Jones.

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IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR.

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men
From heaven's all-gracious King,"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they came
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wings,
And ever o'er its Rabel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world hath suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain hath rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Only one short week till Christmas, the crowning holiday of the year. Such an opportunity for doing good, for following the gleam of the Star in the East, for the keeping of a real Christ-mass.

While we are celebrating the birth of the Christ Child, let us not forget the many who have not known the name of Jesus. There are many close at home this year who are suffering severely from the depression in business circles and they are those least able to stand the suffering.

December 20—The Most Beautiful Birthday Song. The Bible is rich in beautiful songs, but the songs connected with the nativity are the most beautiful and the songs on this subject included in our Hymnal are among the most beautiful in the entire collection.

The last issue of the Era is rich with suggestive material for all departments of the Epworth League. You are missing much if you are not a subscriber. We do not try to give any of the news given in the Era with the exception of an occasional clipping, because our Leaguers should be subscribers to both the Era and the Advocate.

The last issue of the Era bears two splendid pictures, one of a band of Girls of Epworth of Hartsville, Alabama, and one of Chapter No. 9, Knights of Ezelah, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

REPORT OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE, DENISON, TEXAS, DECEMBER 5, 1914, AS ADOPTED.

Your committee has considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the Texas State Epworth League, has reviewed the action of the other Texas conferences so far held this year and has had before it the representative of the President of the State Epworth League organization, from all of which sources we gain the following facts regarding the plant at Epworth-by-the-Sea, near Corpus Christi, viz.:

The Texas State Epworth League Conference at its annual session held in July this year did by unanimous vote authorize the Board of Trustees to tender the property held by it to the several Texas conferences for their ownership and control, for the purpose of establishing an enlarged Methodist assembly. The property now held by the League is conservatively valued at \$50,000 and at the session held this year a cash offer of \$35,000 was received for same. An indebtedness of \$20,000 now exists against the property, incurred in improving the grounds, of which the city of Corpus Christi proposes to donate \$10,000 if the assembly is retained in its present location. Rev. T. F. Sessions, formerly pastor of our Church at Corpus Christi and now presiding elder of the Beeville District, which includes Corpus Christi, was elected President of the State Epworth League at its last session and is now devoting as much of his time as possible to the further development of this enterprise. The three Texas conferences which have been held have all voted to accept the proposition to take over the ownership and control of this property.

We, therefore, recommend:
That this conference accept upon its part the proposition outlined in the paper presented to us.

That we express our appreciation of the purpose of Corpus Christi, in event the present plan to remain at Epworth-by-the-Sea be consummated, to contribute the sum of \$10,000 toward the liquidation of the present indebtedness.

That we approve the plan to remain permanently at Epworth-by-the-Sea.

That we approve the plans of those now behind the movement for our Texas Methodism at large to do its part financially, upon an equitable basis yet to be worked out by the Board of Control, in which we shall be represented, in liquidating the present indebtedness and further improving the assembly grounds.

That we confirm the election of Rev. S. C. Riddle and John J. Russell as Trustees.

This matter was represented at the conference by former States President Thomasson.

GOLDTHWAITE LEAGUE.

We have a live League at this place with a membership of fifty and a regular attendance of about thirty. Our officers are: Carroll Lowrie, President; Mrs. Edward Geeslin, First Vice-President; Miss Mamye Sherman, Second Vice-President; Miss Laura Thompson, Third Vice-President; Miss Edna Lowrie, Fourth Vice-President; Bedford McBride, Secretary; Barton Keese, Treasurer; Wesley Smith, Era Agent.

We have our devotional services each Sunday evening and our business meetings monthly. We have one missionary program each month and had a nice Thanksgiving service. We are very lucky in having among our number several who are skilled in the art of making candy and by their help we have made and sold enough candy to help greatly in refurnishing the parsonage here.

BEDFORD B. MCBRIDE, Sec.

DALHART.

We organized a League last spring with thirty members. We now have over fifty members and they are very enthusiastic. Last week at our monthly social and business meeting there were nineteen new members added to our roll. The social feature of our chapter has been well looked after. Our devotional services are held one hour before the preaching services on Sunday evenings and nearly all will take some part in the services. We usually have fifty or more in attendance. Our officers are: David L. Kingman, President; Miss Luren Simonson, Superintendent of the First Department; Miss Vera Burkhead, Superintendent of the Second Department; Mrs. Hugh Howze, Superintendent of the Third Department; Pelham Carter, Superintendent of the Fourth Department; El-len Moreman, Secretary and Treasurer; Ellen Stanton, Era Agent.

J. W. MAYNE, Pastor.

FROM THE ERA.

The following items are taken from the Epworth Era because they are of especial interest to us:
The Epworth League Is the Most Important Service.

Our Epworth League here is one of our most important services, since we have only Sunday School in the morning and there is no regular preaching service at night. Last year the League had a splendid membership, and all those who have taken active part in it tell us that it is one of the best instruments for reaching our boys and girls, nearly all of whom are Roman Catholics, who though they are not at all times disposed to attend a "Church service," as they call it, readily respond to an invitation for a Sunday evening program.—Extract from a letter from Laredo, Texas.

A pleasing item of information comes from Mr. Curtis King, of McKinney, Texas. By the promotion of a group of Juniors a live Senior Epworth League has been reorganized in the Wilcox Street Church in that thriving Texas city. Mr. Wesley Keen is President and Mr. Curtis King is Secretary.

Grace Church, Dallas, Texas, inaugurated a campaign to raise the amount needed to sup-

port Miss Norwood Wynne among Mexicans in Texas.

Decatur (Tex.) League gives \$250 to special, one for Mexico and one for Cuba.

These items from Grace and Decatur, added to the Ruby Kendrick Memorial Fund, will run the special offering of the North Texas Epworthians above \$4000.

RESTLESSNESS IN THE NON-CHRISTIAN WORLD.

A mental attitude has been created in the non-Christian world which nothing but Christ can satisfy. This may be only an indefinite restlessness and dissatisfaction with existing conditions in many cases, but it is apparently true that the principles of the Christian Gospel have created an altogether new mental attitude in the world. It is stated by one of the great missionary authorities in India that there are millions of people in that land who are intellectually converted to the Gospel who have not yet yielded personal allegiance to Christ. This mental attitude is an enormous asset to the Kingdom.—W. E. Doughty, "The Call of the World."

- E-thusiasm.
- P-erseverance.
- W-orship.
- O-bedience, order.
- R-eadiness, right living.
- T-ruth.
- H-onesty.
- L-ove.
- E-arnestness, energy.
- A-ll for Christ.
- G-enerosity.
- U-nselfishness.
- E-ntire consecration.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

REV. E. NIGHTOWER, Editor, Weatherford, Texas.

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

AT THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

This screed is written from Sweetwater, where the Northwest Texas Conference is in session. The editor came as the representative of the General Sunday School Board. His reception by his former conference associates and members of pastoral charges that he served in other days has been so cordial as to make amends for the loneliness that comes when there is no particular flock to shepherd, no Board of Stewards to pull with and no Sunday School of your very own to love and plan for. The committee on public worship had arranged in advance for a Sunday School anniversary and two afternoon institutes. The anniversary and one institute have been held at this writing, and the sympathetic attention and response on the part of the audience have been a positive inspiration and has proven that much of the Sunday School work of the Northwest Texas Conference is in safe hands and directed by progressive and alert minds and has the attachment of warm hearts and consecrated souls. The editor was agreeably surprised at the large number of Sunday School Superintendents who were present at the afternoon institute. Most of these were from small rural schools and seemed hungry for information concerning their work. The chairman of the Sunday School Board, Rev. B. W. Dodson, was during the year demoted to the Cabinet and was so busy taking care of the affairs of his district that his genial presence and executive force were missed in the board meetings and the institute, but his impress is easily seen in the Sunday School work of his conference; and his successor, whoever he may be, will have to hump himself if he beats Dodson. The appeals for help that come from this conference would if all could be heeded take all the Divisional Secretary's time for the next two years.

Here are some questions fired at the Secretary in the institute:

Tell us how to hold a Workers' Council and make a success?

Answer: You can not lay down general rules for this or any other work. Much depends on local conditions. The first problem is to get your workers together. Frequently some sort of social function will accomplish this. In charges where most or all of your officers and teachers serve the public a plan that has often succeeded is to have an inexpensive Dutch luncheon just after business hours, served by some society of the Church or by a hotel or restaurant. (A Dutch lunch is one where every person pays for his own meal.) Let the workers go directly from business to luncheon. When you get them take up the problems that are really vital to your work and try to solve those problems. Keep to the subject in hand and allow no time for aimless discussion. Do not stay too long. Usually an hour is quite long enough for a Workers' Council or any other business meeting of the Church. Where it is convenient an evening meeting at some private home is even better than the above. Have a watermelon feast, a Brunswick stew, ice cream, roasted potatoes—anything to bring the workers together—very close together. Have a prescribed program if you think best, but consider your own problems. Hold your Workers' Council once a week if possible, once a month if that is the best you can do, and occasionally at irregular intervals if you can do no better. In circuits a quarterly institute for the whole charge would be a distinct advantage, because it would bring all the workers together and lead them to compare methods and results and impart new inspiration to one another. At the

"Some men pray for the millennium and do not give a mill toward its coming. The chariot wheels of millennium are made of consecrated dollars. 'Go ye into all the world,' we say to our missionaries. 'Stay right here in my pocketbook,' we say to our greenbacks. We take an interest in mission, but we keep our money on interest. 'Thy kingdom come,' we pray. Ah! we must send our money to fetch it. The Lord will judge this nation not by its prayer books, but by its account books."—Amos R. Wells.

QUESTIONS FOR TODAY.

By Bernice L. Hayward.

Is it His will, or thy will, that thou dost obey?
Is it His work, or thine, most concerns thee today?
He was patient and kind, He was lowly and meek.
His own joy or comfort he never did seek,
But day after day went about doing good,
Are you showing his way to the world as you should?

Our Heavenly Father, we pray for the grace of a wise and an unconquerable enthusiasm at thy children and co-workers. Keep us from being faithless. Keep us from squandering energy on either folly or frills. Make us efficient, honest, straightforward, sincere and guileless, pure and wholesome. Do not leave us out of the good things thou art using men to accomplish. Make us ashamed to receive without giving, to enjoy without toil, to revel in the advantages of thy kingdom without sharing to the utmost in its tasks. In the name and power of Jesus Christ, make us factors of redemption and servants of human need.

are accomplished by evolution rather than revolution, and evolution takes time. But do not allow the apathy of others to chill your own enthusiasm nor destroy your high ideals.

CONCERNING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY OFFERING.

"Our present pastor says the Discipline sets aside a Sunday each month as Missionary Sunday and says these offerings shall be turned over to him each month. Our Sunday School does not favor this method, and it places the Superintendent in an embarrassing position. Our pastor refuses to leave this to a vote of the school or to consult the school as to what would be their desire or plan of getting up this money. What would you do in a case like this? Is the Sunday School bound to do exactly as the pastor says? Our school claims the right to have some say so as to what plans are best in raising the missionary offering? Does the school have to conform to the pastor's rules or not? If not who would be the proper authority to settle a case of this kind—a Quarterly Conference? We are not trying to get around the missionary offering." So writes a Superintendent.

When our brother wrote the above he evidently had not read the new Book of Discipline. Paragraph 264 says, among other things, "Let one Sunday in the month, preferably the last, be observed as Missionary Day, and let the entire missionary offering of this day, together with all other missionary offerings, regular and special, made in the Sunday School, be a separate fund." There is nothing in the law that requires the money to be turned over to the pastor or that prevents persons or classes from making special offerings by classes. The aim of the law is to keep missions before the Sunday School and to keep the missionary offering offering distinct from other offerings so that the Sunday School Board shall obtain 10 per cent of this offering for Sunday School work. It is a good plan to turn over the money to the pastor as fast as it is raised, and for him to forward it to the Conference Treasurer at once. This obviates the temptation to dishonestly divert the fund into other channels. It is well also for the pastor to take the school completely into his confidence when he makes plans, and for the Superintendent to insist that the school be loyal to the pastor and the Church.

We earnestly advise all pastors and Superintendents to obtain a copy of the new Book of Discipline and read carefully the law on the Sunday School. We further advise both to settle any differences of opinion that may arise privately and say nothing about them publicly or privately to others. That is the wise way and according to the Word of God.

Infidelity in respect to the Bible and religious truth means infidelity everywhere else. The infidel system is a sinker on society. "As a man thinketh, so is he." Teach him liberal ideas of Bible interpretation, and he will hold liberal notions of doctrinal application. When his mind is poisoned with low views of moral obligation, his life will be full of practical illustrations of his creed. Once deny, or even call in question, the divinity of Christ and the inspiration of Paul, and you have opened the flood-gates of social vice and domestic decay.

MESMERIZED

A Poisonous Drug Still Freely Used.

Many people are brought up to believe that coffee is a necessity of life, and the stronghold that the drug, caffeine, in coffee has on the system makes it hard to loosen its grip even when one realizes its injurious effects. A lady writes: "I had used coffee for years; it seemed one of the necessities of life. A few months ago my health, which had been slowly failing, became more impaired, and I knew that unless relief came from some source I would soon be a physical wreck.

"I was weak and nervous, had sick headaches, no ambition, and felt tired of life. My husband was also losing his health. He was troubled so much with indigestion that at times he could eat only a few mouthfuls.

"Finally we saw Postum advertised and bought a package. I followed directions for making carefully, and added cream, which turned it to the loveliest rich-looking and tasting drink I ever saw served at any table, and we have used Postum ever since.

"I gained five pounds in weight in as many weeks, and now feel well and strong in every respect. My headaches have gone, and I am a new woman. My husband's indigestion has left him, and he can now eat anything."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Postum comes in two forms: Regular Postum—must be well boiled. 15c and 25c packages.

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The cost per cup of both kinds is about the same.

"There's a Reason" for Postum.
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Woman's Department

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

ATTENTION.

We cannot meet our obligations in this time of stress and storm without full payment of dues, pledges and specials. Women in the auxiliaries, young people and children, are urged to practice self-denial and pay in full by January 1.

MRS. R. W. McDONELL,
Secretary Home Work.
MISS MABEL HEAD,
Secretary Foreign Work.

HOME-COMING AT REBECCA SPARKS CO-OPERATIVE HOME.

The home-coming of the Rebecca Sparks Co-operative Home has become an established event for Thanksgiving Day each year. At this time all who have called this place "home" are invited for the Thanksgiving dinner.

The last home-coming found more than thirty-five gathered around the two beautifully decorated tables in the large dining hall, where Miss Ethel Jackson, the house mother, welcomed all her daughters and several sons-in-law. In making the plans for this delightful occasion no detail was overlooked. Large vases of gorgeous chrysanthemums, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Mohan, florists, added very much to the beauty of the tables. The place cards, also, suggested the season, bearing richly colored autumn leaves. There was everything good to eat. There were all the good old-time dishes and many modern ones with "a la" names and the largest turkeys to be found. One, a twenty-five pound gobbler, was a remembrance from J. W. Holloway. The day of the first Thanksgiving was suggested when the waitresses appeared dressed as the Puritan maids of old, two in blue and one in black. Peeping under their prim little caps, the faces were quite familiar in that the Puritan maids were represented by Misses Reynolds, Wilson and Cole.

Following the good dinner, the cause for the first Thanksgiving was recalled when Miss Cole read the first Thanksgiving proclamation by Governor Bradford, of Plymouth in 1621. "Therefore I, William Bradford, Governor of Plymouth, say: Through virtue of vested power ye shall gather with one accord, and hold in the month of November, Thanksgiving unto the Lord." One of the Puritan maids, Miss Wilson, told "Why I came to America in the Mayflower." President Wilson's Thanksgiving proclamation was read by Miss Reynolds. Miss Jackson added cordial words of welcome, of the pleasure it gave the Home to have so many of her children with her and especially welcomed the men of the family, the sons-in-law. So many thoughtful friends remembered the occasion and helped to make the day a success. All of the Methodist societies in Waco sent contributions to the dinner. A gift of thirty-two quarts of preserves came as a Thanksgiving offering from the Woman's Missionary Society of Mineral Wells. The ice cream was the gift of the M. B. Ice Cream Company. The beautiful flowers used on the tables were afterwards distributed among the patients in the Providence Sanitarium. The end of this year brings to a close the most successful year in the history of the Home. Until recently the house has been taxed to its utmost capacity with our working girls. A movement has been started towards erecting a modern fireproof building capable of housing fifty girls.

A gift of \$500, secured in the Morning News contest, has started the fund for purchasing a new lot, and, altogether, the Home has prospered as never before and it is indeed cause for general Thanksgiving among those who love the Rebecca Sparks Home.

READ THIS.

Every woman in the Texas Conference who has our work at heart should pray for our annual meeting in Tyler to be held the last week in January. Pray for the deliberations of this dear body, for the wise selection of officers, which means more for the advancement of the work than any other factor.

In sending my last appeal to my publicity superintendents this month a new publicity superintendent must be elected at this meeting. This is a most vital office and you must get a woman who hasn't too many other duties to take it.

Pray for the conference. Send women as delegates whom you know will bring back to your auxiliaries the fire of enthusiasm and a report worth while. Elect your delegates right now and send in their names to the right authorities in Tyler. Send a full delegation. MRS. J. C. LACY,
Conf. Publicity Superintendent.

THE LAST APPEAL.

My Dear Publicity Superintendents: We have come to the end of our year's work. Have we made good? Have we done our full duty? To ourselves, our auxiliaries and conference officers been true? Is there any regret in our hearts for time misapplied which might have been given to the service of the Master to advance his kingdom on earth? Do we feel at the close of this year of 1914 that Christ would give us the praise he gave to another: "She hath done what she could?" The end of the year is a time when inventories are taken in the business world, and it

is also a most fitting time for heart-searching for all of us. "Tis greatly wise to talk with our past hours, and ask them what report they've borne to heaven, and how they might have borne more welcome news."

To those of you who have been so faithful to write me upon all subjects I want to say more than "I thank you." My whole heart goes out in love to you. Some of you have never reported nor answered any appeal, and I want to beg that you will treat your next superintendent with more consideration. It's a very hard work, but it could be made a thoroughly pleasant one if all would cooperate: to get the best results.

Today I'm sending out over two hundred report blanks, the last for the year, with the three Bulletins, one for your president, one for the Young People's president, or to your pastor, if you have no Y. P. Society, and one for your use. Please study it carefully and present it interestingly to your society. Let them know how much we have grown and let them see in what particular we may grow more.

Last, but greatest of all, please fill out the report blank immediately and send back to me. Don't skip a line, answer some way, so I can make my report to headquarters in good shape.

This is my last—my very last—appeal to you, and I trust you will give me the best response of the three quarters I've received from you.

I want to turn over to my successor a band of co-workers who have "the habit" of reporting, and this office, which is an exceedingly hard one, will have more joy and pleasure than pain.

"Sum up at night what thou hast done by day; and in the morning what thou hast to do. Dress and undress thy soul. Watch the decay and growth of it. If with thy watch, that too be down, then wind both up. Some we shall be most surely judged, make thy accounts agree." MRS. J. C. LACY,
Pub. Supt. Texas Conference.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTICE.

Notice to All Second Vice-Presidents in Auxiliaries of West Texas Conference Missionary Society:

You have all received notice of the promotion in numbering, with the election of officers this month. The Vice-Presidents in charge of Young People's work are to be "First Vice-Presidents" hereafter. The change is also made in the Young People's Societies. We begin under the new constitution the first of January.

Have had very few reports from Young People's Societies and therefore have not been able to send you the report blanks and literature. If each Adult Auxiliary First Vice-President will write her name and address on a postal card and mail to me just as soon as she is elected at December meeting I can then send any literature you need in your department. If you have a Young People's Society, please have the newly elected Corresponding Secretary send me her name and address and also that of the First Vice-President of the Y. P. Society. I have literature to be sent out and I can not send it unless I have the proper name and address. Did you ever stop and think how much it meant to us for you to fill out these blanks that are only sent you four times a year and to return them by the first of January, April, July and December? Your delay causes a delay in my report to my council officer. The First Vice-President of the Y. P. Society is the only officer who sends report to me. At the bottom of each blank you will find instructions for sending your report. If you will notice this it will help your District Secretary, Conference Treasurer and Conference First Vice-President.

We are praying for volunteers from the Young People's Societies. Their young lives can be consecrated to God's service and how much we need workers for God's kingdom.

Yours for the Master,
MRS. GEO. F. BUTLER,
V.-P. in Charge Y. P. Work, W. Tex. Conf. W. M. S.
Box 4, Lockhart, Tex. Dec. 8.

WHITNEY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We might almost say this society has made progress by leaps and bounds this year, but at any rate we have made a steady advancement. The entire work, both home and foreign, has been thoroughly studied and the Week of Prayer services were the climax. The program was fine and each topic was discussed. The attendance was good. Almost all of the forty-two members attended and all on the program gladly did their part. Special music helped each service. We closed the week with an open meeting on Sunday night. The Week of Prayer was a great blessing to our society and entire Church. All who attended any of these services reached a higher plane of Christian living and have a broader vision of God's work in the world and want to have a part in bringing about his kingdom on earth. The Whitney Missionary Society has developed into one of the best auxiliaries in the Central Texas Conference.

MRS. J. B. DODSON,
Publicity Superintendent.

OUR NEED.

Full collections from every conference; full payments from every woman, young person and child in Missionary Societies; extra gifts from those who would not see the missionaries recalled nor the work suffer in this emergency. Be prompt in sending the fourth quarter's collections.

MRS. R. W. McDONELL,
Secretary Home Work.
MISS MABEL HEAD,
Secretary Foreign Work.

FERRIS AUXILIARY.

Our Society has been very fortunate recently, having with us Miss Trulie Richmond, of Rio, Brazil. She is an interesting speaker and spoke to a large audience on Sunday night. Monday afternoon an informal reception was given, to which all the ladies of the Church were invited. This was a pleasant time socially. Miss Richmond told us many things of our work, also the customs and manners of the people. Her visit will be long remembered and we hope for a new, larger interest in missions as the result. Our study class has just finished "The Child in the Midst," and several have testified to a greater interest since reading it. Our officers for 1915 are as follows: President, Mrs. Fleet McDaniel; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Henderson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Curtis McDaniel; Treasurer, Miss Mary McDaniel; Local Treasurer, Mrs. S. W. Cole; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. E. T. Cole; Superintendent Mission Study, Mrs. L. Hopkins; Superintendent Publicity, Mrs. Dixon; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. Rice.

MRS. W. A. WILLS,
Superintendent Publicity.

TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTICE.

Railroad rates to the conference meeting at Tyler will be announced later and a large attendance is hoped for and expected.

MRS. W. T. SPENCER, Ch'm'n.

TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South, will be held in Tyler, Texas, January 26-29, 1915.

MRS. O. L. MCKNIGHT, Pres.
MRS. W. T. SPENCER, Rec. Sec.

TRINITY AUXILIARY, TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, EL PASO, TEXAS. NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

Our society received a great spiritual uplift through the recent Coale-Huston meetings. Many of our best personal workers were consecrated women from our society. From the large list of new members we hope to reap a rich harvest in new and splendid material for our missionary work. One of the special features of the meeting was the consecration service, when three young lives were consecrated to the ministry and two given to the mission work. Many faces were bathed in tears as our own dear Mrs. Empress Arrington gave so gladly the remaining days of her life to work in the home field. With her, the young daughter of our consecrated president, Mrs. I. J. Ayers. One just budding into girlhood has for many weeks felt the touch of the Master's hand upon her life—the other has for many years borne the burden and heat of the day in El Paso. As principal of one of our schools, she has touched the young life of our city; as our Conference President, she has lifted to an higher plane every auxiliary in the conference; as a member of our auxiliary and our great Church, she has sweetened the lives of the young, the middle-aged and the gray-haired fathers and mothers. She has encouraged the faltering one, comforted the one in sorrow. Beautiful indeed has been her Christian living in her Church and in her home city. In days to come our hearts shall cry out for her sympathetic touch, for her loving helpfulness—yet we give her so gladly to the greater work. We shall miss her in the going, and yet what an inspiration to our Church. With her face beaming, she said: "I am going to work in the hard places." In all the coming years this thought be her comfort:

"When the way is dim, and I cannot see,
Through the mist of His wise design;
Tho' the darkness hide, He is there to guide,
By the touch of His hand on mine."

MRS. C. WESLEY WEBBELL,
Publicity Superintendent.

CISCO DISTRICT.

Mrs. Neal W. Turner, of Cisco, has been appointed District Secretary of the Cisco District by our President, Mrs. J. W. Downs. Corresponding Secretaries of the several auxiliaries of the Cisco District, will you please report to Mrs. Neal W. Turner, Cisco, Texas, not later than January 1, 1915?

MRS. J. H. STEWART.

ACHES AND PAINS.

You know by experience that the aches and pains of rheumatism are not permanently, but only temporarily relieved by external remedies. Then why not use an internal remedy—Hood's Sarsaparilla, which corrects the acidity of the blood on which rheumatism depends and cures the disease.

This medicine has done more for the rheumatic than any other medicine in the world.

The home of Thomas Carlyle, at Chelsea, London, has been turned into a memorial museum.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup
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CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Are as plentiful as the fallen leaves in autumn and many of them are of as little value. The one real sensible Christmas suggestion is the "Noiseless Wonder" spelled

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Why Not Make Your Boy a Christmas Present Of The Story of My Life



BY REV. G. C. RANKIN, D. D.

IT IS A STORY WITHOUT A DULL PAGE, WRITTEN FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, ESPECIALLY FOR BOYS and young men. The author was on a train in Texas a short time since and a twelve-year-old boy entered the car and took a seat beside him. Finally he broke the silence by asking the author his name. On being told he said, "Why, I know you and I have read your book. It sure does make a boy want to be somebody."

"THE STORY OF MY LIFE" was written for that very purpose—to make a boy want to be somebody. Three editions of the book have been run off the press. The happy blending of pathos and humor makes it a companion for old and young and an inspiration to higher ambitions in all.

READ JUST A FEW OF THE GOOD THINGS SAID ABOUT IT

I write to tell you how delightful I have found your book, "THE STORY OF MY LIFE," which I recently purchased. I was given an insight into that most interesting portion of our country, the mountains of Tennessee, the Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia, which I had not before received. And I seemed to live amid that romantic people, who from the days of the American Revolution to the present, have saved the nation in every great crisis. No man who has read aright our national history will deny them the hard earned title of "Empire Builders." There are passages in the book whose power of humor, and tender touches of pathos are worthy of the pen of Dickens. The touch of a master sweeps the chords of the heart.

I hand you my check for \$5.00 for which kindly send me five copies of "THE STORY OF MY LIFE." This is not the most learned, not the most instructive, not the most literary book of my acquaintance, but it is by all odds the most readable book that I have ever seen. Sincerely your friend.—E. A. BERRY, Madisonville, Texas.

Please send me a copy of "THE STORY OF MY LIFE," as I sold a copy this a. m. to a member of the M. E. Church, South, and he is very anxious to get the book at once. I am going to try and get your book before my people. Wishing you a happy and prosperous year, I remain yours respectfully,—JNO. A. MOORE, P. C., Batson, Texas.

I have read the "LIFE OF DR. RANKIN" and have concluded that I would like to have a copy of my own, therefore, I am going to ask that you send me one.

I am an old man and have no young boys of my own, but thought it might be an inspiration to some of my young friends and neighbors. I consider it a book worthy to be read by either young or old, especially do I think it a good book for young men. Very truly yours.—F. M. JONES, Leonard, Texas.

My oldest son will be 26 the 2nd day of December. I want to make him a present of something that will be worth much to him and am not able to pay much. I have decided that your book, "THE STORY OF MY LIFE," would be the best thing I can give and I am sending you a post-office money order for \$1 and request that you mail him one at once. Thanking you in advance, I am as ever, Your Brother.—C. C. DAVIS, Iowa Park, Texas.

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THE PASSING DAY

Fighting in Northern France has recommenced and a combined attack in Belgium by the allies has resulted in the capture of German trenches south of the Ypres. This is taken to indicate the allies have really begun a general offensive movement. On the other hand, the Germans have made progress towards the eastern end of the line. The allies make confident claims concerning the success of their efforts. The French official statements also report a series of victories for the past ten days. News from Austria confirms the abandonment of Belgrade by the Austrians. It is claimed by the Austrians that this was merely conforming to a new military situation which made the evacuation without fighting a good move. It is reported that Austria indicated to Russia a willingness to declare peace, but the terms proposed by Russia were not accepted and so there is yet no peace in sight. A strong effort was made to bring about a truce for the holidays, but these efforts failed and so the boys in the trenches will perhaps celebrate the birth of our risen Lord by a further slaughter. Some relief to commerce is now enjoyed through the sinking of the German warships by the British fleet off the Falklands. But there is yet a sufficient menace to excite just a small portion of worry until the escaping German vessels have been located and bottled up. This is the belief of many authorities on maritime affairs.

that he reigned for many years without being involved in war," said Mr. Carnegie. "But he was surrounded by militarists, eager for war at any price." Mr. Carnegie said his Peace Foundation would continue its work and that he believed, ultimately, international arbitration would settle all disputes. He declared children should be taught the horrors of war rather than brought up to admire soldiers and their deeds.

The perfecting of the flying machine has brought into use new and deadly weapons. They are steel arrows, about five inches long and a little thicker than a lead pencil. They are dropped from aeroplanes in batches of 500, a mechanical arrangement spreading them over an area of 200 yards. From a height of 1500 feet they obtain a terrific speed by the force of gravity, and will penetrate a man's body from his head to his heel. It is reported that they are used by all the armies of the warring nations.

The American Christmas ship Jason, which arrived at Genoa last week with gifts for the war orphans of Austria and Germany, was stopped by three warships while on the way to that port from Marseilles. The warships, as soon as they learned the character of the vessel and its cargo, immediately drew off, but not before the officers had wished God-speed to the Jason and its mission.

The Russian Minister of Finance in a memorandum accompanying the budget states that through the prohibition of the sale of alcoholic liquors, in accordance with the will of the Emperor, who is anxious to see his people healthy and sober, the country has been deprived of one of its most important sources of revenue. But he is convinced that, however much this may be felt by the treasury, the creative power of this sober Russian people, applied to the enormous natural riches of the country, will enable future budgets of the empire to be based on new principles.

The Industrial Relations Commission, of which Frank P. Walsh is chairman, has invited Governor-elect James E. Ferguson to appear before it at Dallas and give his views on the question of farm tenantry, which formed such an important issue in the gubernatorial campaign last summer. Ferguson has accepted the invitation.

"When nations think in terms of war, navy taxes in support of war, and require their male citizens to spend part of their early lives in actual military service it is inevitable that this preparation shall lead to actual warfare," said Master John C. Ketcham of the Michigan Grange, in an address at Battle Creek, Michigan. Sounding the keynote of the conference, Master Ketcham urged a federal trade commission and a State market commission, more co-operative service and stock shipping associations, a pay-as-you-go system of building good roads, attention to "farmers' market roads" first and " scenic highways" later, guarantee for deposits in State banks, an amended and strengthened primary law, and other reforms.

port adds, "that unless unusual conditions should arise, resulting in abnormal depression of business, there is no danger of recurring position."

Twelve hundred convicts, following a meeting held in the chapel of the Illinois State penitentiary, have signed a petition to the Illinois Legislature asking the enactment of legislation to forbid the sale of intoxicants in Illinois. In a petition drawn up and read by Chaplain A. J. Patrick and adopted by 1200 out of an audience of 1300, the prisoners assert that their personal experiences have convinced them that 70 per cent of all crime in the State can be eliminated by prohibition. "The deluding influence of liquor," declares the convicts in their petition, "is exemplified in our own lives."

Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Labor, told delegates to the Southern Commercial Congress, which met in Washington, that "to bring the workless workers of the city back to the soil and the landless man and woman to the land together" is one of the chief efforts of his department. Wilson said the Agricultural and Postoffice Departments were co-operating. Attempts to place immigrants on farms have failed, Wilson said, because they are accustomed to community life, lacking in United States and rural districts. Governor Stuart, of Virginia, told of the crying need of the South for development of unoccupied lands by immigrants.

Twenty nations of the Western Hemisphere have expressed their disapproval of the effects of operation of the European belligerents in the waters of the two Americas and have appointed a commission of diplomats to formulate practical steps contemplating a more vigorous assertion of the rights of neutrals. The diplomatic representatives of the American republics, most of them under specific instructions from their governments, agreed united action by the nations of this hemisphere to restore trade and remove some of the burdens placed on commerce by the European war.

A new military biplane, which it is estimated can lift 3500 pounds and remains in the air twenty-five hours, was given a successful trial at Milan last week. The machine has three motors, each independent of the other, which develop an aggregate of 300 horse power, and it is said the aircraft can attain a speed of seventy-five miles an hour. It will carry a 125 millimeter gun. In its trial the machine rose to a height of 6500 feet.

William W. Rockhill, the distinguished American diplomat, died at Honolulu last week. Mr. Rockhill, who was en route to Peking, there to take up his duties as adviser to President Yuan Shi Kai, left the liner Chivo Maru last Friday because of a severe cold he had taken since sailing from San Francisco. At the hospital to which he was removed his condition failed to mend. Symptoms of cardiac weakness developed and then it was known that he was critically ill. He sank rapidly. Commodore Dennis H. Mahan, U. S. N., retired, and Governor Lucius F. Pinkham took charge of the funeral and the burial was in Honolulu.

The German Cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig were sunk in a battle with the British fleet under Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee off the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic last week. The sinking of three cruisers was the climax of weeks of searching of the southern seas for the ships under Admiral von Spee. The German fleet engaged the squadron under Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock in the Pacific off the coast of Chile on October 1 and sank the British cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth. Immediately a large British fleet and a num-

ber of Japanese warships were sent in pursuit of the Germans. Recent reports from Montevideo, Uruguay, were to the effect that the German fleet was believed to have rounded the cape and entered the South Atlantic. There they were found near the Falkland Islands by the British and the latest sea fight followed. The Falkland Islands lie off the tip of South America, directly east of the Strait of Magellan.

Major General William Wallace Wotherpoon, who, retired as chief of staff of the United States Army last month, had accepted the appointment of State Superintendent of Public Works of New York. Regarding Major General Wotherpoon's qualifications for the office, Governor-elect Whitman had this to say: "I regard Major General Wotherpoon as the best man in the country for the position."

Practically the entire plant of the Edison Company at West Orange, New Jersey, was destroyed by fire last week. The damage was estimated at \$7,000,000, with insurance of \$5,000,000. Mr. Edison said he would begin at once the rebuilding of the plant.

Joseph Smith, late president of the reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints, died last Thursday at his home in Independence, Missouri. He was buried Sunday without flowers, drapery or pageantry. In accordance with the directions given by the dead patriarch on his deathbed, the services were simple. A few of his favorite hymns were sung. Elder Joseph Luff, a life-long friend, preached the sermon.

Sereno E. Payne, for more than thirty years a member of Congress from New York, died last week in Washington. His death was due to heart failure. His body lay in state in the capitol until Sunday afternoon. After the funeral services the body was removed to Auburn, New York, escorted by a committee of sixty members of the House and Senate.

The Department at Washington has received from Colonel George W. Goethals a request for two swift American torpedo boat destroyers to be stationed at the Panama Canal, one at each end, by the recent activity of belligerent warships and colliers in the vicinity of the isthmian waterway. The action of the Australian collier Mallina, which left Balboa without clearance papers, and the fact that this and other colliers have shown a disposition to disregard the Canal Zone shipping laws, actuated Colonel Goethals to take a decisive measure to preserve in every way the neutrality of the canal.

The first child born in the White House was James Madison Randolph, grandson of President Jefferson. The last was Esther Cleveland, daughter of President Cleveland. Now the stork is scheduled to arrive again. A Christmas baby is to be born to Mrs. Francis Bowers Sayre, daughter of President Wilson. Mrs. Sayre's wedding was the thirtieth to take place in the White House, but a baby born to her there would be only the eighth birth there.

The Senate passed an emergency appropriation of \$1,000,000 Monday for fighting the foot and mouth disease.

President Wilson, after a brief discussion with his Cabinet, instructed Secretary Garrison to comply with the request of Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss at Naco, Arizona, for reinforcements to handle a possible emergency situation on the Mexican border. Three regiments of infantry and three batteries of artillery were ordered to Naco. The general understanding in Administration quarters was that as soon as the additional American forces

were replaced in position on the international line the United States would return any artillery or infantry fire which might come from Mexican territory. As it will require three days for the troops to reach Naco, the Mexican factions will have virtually that period within which to comply with the demands or be shelled out of their positions.

Convicts in the Joliet (Illinois) penitentiary have put into operation a plan to support families of prisoners. The 1336 inmates agreed to spend their spare time at their craft and turn their product over to an agent, through whom their sales will be made. All money received will go into a general fund to support the wives and children of the prisoners. "English Eddie," one of the most notorious safe blowers in the country, proposed the plan.

Recent forest fires in Arkansas are responsible for a big increase in wild animal life in Texas, according to A. W. Deshong, of New Boston, Texas. A Dallas taxidermist is mounting a huge eagle which was killed by Mr. Deshong last week near his home. The eagle measures a fraction over eight feet from tip to tip. Mr. Deshong says the eagle was driven out of the mountains of Arkansas by the recent forest fires, and that a large number of wild animals had been driven into this State through the same cause.

Six persons, condemned by the action of the electorate in voting, on November 8, against the abolishment of capital punishment in Arizona, have won the clemency of Governor Hunt. They were to have been executed December 19. The sentences of two men were commuted by the Governor just before he began preparing the election proclamation which would put into effect, among other measures, the initiated law taking away his power of pardon and commutation.

The average length of life in the United States is fifteen years greater now than it was thirty-five years ago, according to a statement made by Dr. Victor Vaughn of the University of Michigan. President of the American Medical Association, in an address before the City Club of St. Louis.

Boys of Duluth Minnesota Central High School afflicted with the cigarette habit are to be asked to submit to a treatment as a means toward freeing them from the grip of the weed. Principal Leonard Young said that he considers favorably the plan instituted in one of the Superior, Wisconsin, high schools in which fifty youths are showing marked progress in their studies as a result of the treatment. The cure is simple. The patient submits to having his throat swabbed with a solution of the chemical compound, which is noninjurious. After that all desire for cigarettes is gone.

A vigilant customs officer at Gravesend made a sensational capture of a German officer, who was extracted from hiding in a huge trunk that was about to be shipped to Gravesend to Rotterdam. Bedding, food and water were found in the trunk, and it was evident that the officer was prepared for a long stay. It is believed that this officer made his escape from one of the internment camps in England, and it is evident that he must have had accomplices in his effort to leave the country. It is supposed that he was endeavoring to convey information to Germany.

A Christmas recess of five days instead of the usual two weeks was approved today by the Senate Democrats in a caucus on the legislative program. Active efforts are already being made to wind up all necessary business by March 4. It was agreed to favor a re-

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Obituaries

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines or about 120 or 150 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as written should remit money to cover excess of space to wit: At the rate of One Cent Per Word. Money should accompany all orders. Resolutions of respect will not be inserted in the Obituary Department under any circumstances, but if paid for will be inserted in an other column.

Poetry Can in No Case be Inserted. Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent. Price five cents per copy.

TERRELL—Mrs. Alice Darden Terrell, wife of Tyler Terrell, was born June 4, 1846; died November 27, 1914. Sister Terrell has been for many years (practically her entire life) a member of our Church. Her membership was held at the Mill Creek appointment upon the Belmont work. She died at San Marcos and was brought to this city to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jeff Woods, from which home the last rites were held. She was a devoted mother and Christian. She sleeps well. Her father, Colonel Stephen H. Darden, was one of Texas' most foremost citizens. A San Jacinto veteran and one time Controller of the State. She leaves to mourn their loss a host of friends and the following members of her immediate family: Tyler Terrell, her husband; Mrs. Felix Douglas, of San Marcos; Mrs. Jeff Woods, Mrs. Fred Butler, Thomas, Tyler, Stephen and William Terrell, her children. God's blessing upon them. May the thought of the blessed resurrection and the happiness of reunion in heaven comfort their hearts. JAS. F. PENNYBACKER, Pastor.

EPPELSON—Sarah Ellen Epperson, wife of R. C. Epperson, was born in Cedar Bayou community, Chambers County, Texas, June 17, 1850, and departed this life at her home in Texas City October 27, 1914. While the seriousness of her condition was not unknown to the family, she having been a sufferer for more than twelve years, frequently being attacked by smothering spells, superinduced by weak heart action, the end came unexpectedly. A few hours before her death, she paid her last visit and chatted pleasantly for an hour. Throughout her long illness she was uncomplaining and was often heard to say: "I am ready to go when the Lord calls." The mother of a large family, she lived to see all of them grow up and unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which Church she was a faithful member. In her the preacher found a true friend and was at all times a welcome visitor in her home. As long as she was able she was found in her place at Church on Sundays. No music was sweeter to her ears than the bell that pealed forth from the belfry of the old church on the banks of Cedar Bayou. Many tender memories clustered around that sacred spot. It was there she had, under the shade of the great oaks, served so many dinners on quarterly meeting days and other occasions. Around Grandma Epperson's table the young people delighted to gather, and in their innocent mirth-making she often joined. It was at this place she had helped in many gracious revivals, and witnessed the conversion of her children. Fitting, therefore, was it that her remains be interred in the cemetery back of this church. When the boat, Galvez, bearing the body and funeral party from Texas City, arrived at the passenger pier, a large concourse of friends and relatives were waiting. Silently they followed the corpse to the church where a short service was held, thence to the cemetery where the last rites were performed. May God in his infinite mercy, comfort and sustain the sorrowing husband and children and may they so live that when called from this world the privilege will be theirs to strike hands with the now departed one on the other side.

H. V. WATTS.

WOODALL—E. J. (Jasper) Woodall was born near Verona, Collin County, Texas, August 7, 1873, and died November 23, 1914, at Memphis, Tennessee. Being afflicted with Bright's disease he was not able to work for some six months before his death, but bore his affliction patiently. He was a good man, having been a member of the Church some twenty years, and was genial and a favorite with all his friends. The writer was with him several times during his illness and without hesitation he said he had no fears for the future. He was a barber by trade and, of course, had a wide circle of friends, his last home being Galveston, Texas. He has gone to his reward. He leaves to mourn their loss an aged mother, a devoted wife, brothers, sisters, three boys and a host of friends. To them we would say: Weep not, for we know where to find him. We shall meet again. We commend them to the great Father who doeth all things well.

F. T. JOHNSON.

KINNARD—The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kinnard was saddened Thursday, October 29, 1914, when their little son, Amon Luster, passed to his eternal reward. He was born June 6, 1909; was sick only a few days, but suffered very much from diphtheria. During the night of his death he spent several hours struggling for breath; but while loved ones anxiously watched, the angels came for his spirit and he passed out to a home with God. His sweet voice is silent and his prattling feet are still, as he lies resting near the cedar tree. Heaven has one more attraction, while the home is left sad and lonely. There is a vacant chair in the home, but we know there was one awaiting Amon in heaven.

GRACE OWEN.

CARPENTER—On November 25, 1914, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister E. D. Carpenter and bore away the spirit of their little daughter, Elyria Theatus. She was beautiful, attractive and a favorite of the home and community. She never dwelt long enough on this earth to know what sin was, so we know by the teachings of God's Word that she is today living in the heavenly land where the angels sing around the throne. Brother Carpenter is one of our good stewards who loves and stands by his Church and pastor. He is the one who said, when he was called on for conference claims, "I must pay the assessment of my Church before I pay my other bills." We can not see why God would take from a family like Brother Carpenter's their little favorite and jewel and place it out of their sight and reach. But He knows best and we must count everything which He does for the best. Weep not, father, mother, sister, brother and friends, but always keep in memory where little Elyria Theatus has gone, and strive to go and be with her.

G. G. MITCHELL.

DUFF—At the home of Miss May Cleaver, a friend whom she was visiting in Houston, Texas, on the morning of September 16, 1914, the sweet spirit of our sainted friend Mrs. M. O. Duff wended its way to its heavenly home as she quietly fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, whom she had worshiped since early childhood, she having been converted and joined the Methodist Church early in life. She always led such a true, sweet and humble Christian life that it impressed every one with whom she came in contact. She was a tender, loving, devoted mother and true to her friends, standing by them under and through all conditions. Her whole life can serve as a splendid example and a shining mark to lead surviving relatives and friends to Him in order that they may meet and be together in that beautiful home above. With this hope and with the knowledge of her many noble deeds may her burden of sorrow be made lighter for her bereaved family and friends. Mrs. Duff was born on January 19, 1840; was married to Capt. W. H. H. Duff on August 24, 1864, who died on November 7, 1880, leaving her a widow with four sons, W. R. Duff, an honored employe of the I. & G. N. Railroad, residing in Palestine, Texas; J. B. Duff, an engineer, residing in Kingsville, Texas; Arthur Duff, address unknown, and Winfield Duff, her youngest son. "Blessed are the dead whose strength was in Jesus."

ONE WHO LOVED HER.

WELBORN—In memory of Mrs. Lou Welborn, who departed this life at her pleasant home, College Mound Community, November 26, 1914, surrounded by relatives and friends, including her husband, four sons and several grandchildren. Mrs. Welborn was a true and faithful companion, tender and loving mother and kind-hearted Christian neighbor. She was appreciated and loved for intelligence, and kind, gentle disposition. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church from girlhood and lived a consistent and devoted Christian life. She will be sadly missed by relatives and friends, especially by her good husband in his home. Doubtless he yearns for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still. But ere long they will be reunited in the heavenly home, where is rest and joy forever more.

HER COUSIN WIN.

Terrell, Texas, Dec. 5.

HELM—Mrs. Bertha Eva Helm was born December 19, 1862, and died November 27, 1914. She joined the Southern Methodist Church when she was about fifteen years of age. She was married to Brother Helm in August, 1913. Sister Helm was sick for about two weeks. Every thing was done that could be done for her in her sickness. A good and unselfish Christian she was. Sister Bertha Helm leaves her beloved husband and an aged father and mother. She was their only child. I conducted her burial service in the home of Brother and Sister Despain, her father and mother, November 27, 1914. Many of her neighbors and friends were present. We then laid her remains to rest in the Azle Cemetery.

W. W. NOBLE, P. C.

HICKMAN—Mrs. Estella Hickman, daughter of Mr. L. S. and Mrs. F. M. Sailor, was born November 27, 1888, near Masco, Polk County, Texas. There she lived as the flower of the morning and the lily of the valley for ten years, making glad the hearts of father and mother and scattering sunshine everywhere she went. Then by a still small voice she heard these sweet words, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Luke 10:14), and then and there at the age of 10 years she gave her heart to the Lord and joined the Church and began to do things for the Lord and was a great blessing to all with whom she associated. She made her life a channel of blessings. On October 27, 1913, at Carmonia, Texas, she was married to Mr. Theo. Hickman and there lived for some months. But afterward, on account of bad health, she was carried by her father, L. S. Sailor, to San Antonio, Texas. But after a few months returned to Masco where she was born, and there, on December 6, 1914, she left this country for that city of gold, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. So on December 6, 1914, we laid her in the city of the dead to leave a father, brothers and husband, with many friends, to mourn their loss.

(REV.) C. E. THOMAS.

NEWELL—Albert Alonzo Newell was born in Poetry, Texas, February 21, 1871, and died in Floydada, Texas, November 30, 1914. Between the two above mentioned dates a life was lived that blessed the whole community in which it was lived. When a good man dies the whole country mourns, and there is sorrow in every household in the vicinity. Brother Newell was a distinct factor in the Methodist Church at this place. He had been a member a little over two years, and in this short period his spiritual development had been so rapid that he impressed one as being a member of many years standing. He was made a steward in the Church soon after he joined and remained in this important position until the day of his death. To say that he was one of the leading Church members of this community would excite no ill will among his brethren. Every one conceded that he was prominent in local Church circles. He had two brothers and five sisters, all of whom still live. His aged parents also survive him. He leaves a wife and three children, two girls and a boy. In addition to these he had a number of kinsmen—nieces and nephews. He also was blessed with a host of warm, personal friends scattered about over this State and other States. These, together with the writer, feel a personal loss in his untimely going away. He was a great man for friends, and had his share of them. His devotion to his immediate family was beautiful to look upon. In his home he was the prince. His love for the family was so strong that it begat the deepest devotion on the part of the smallest inmate of the home. They almost worshiped Brother Newell. And it is the consensus of opinion that this devotion was not unwisely bestowed. We offer our deepest sympathy to the sorrowing relatives and friends. We pray daily that they may all live to meet him in the great beyond.

G. W. SHEARER, P. C.

WARD—Mrs. Celia A. Ward (nee Rhodes) was born in Mississippi, February, 1832; died of rheumatism in Leesville, Texas, October 18, 1914. Grandma and Grandpa Ward came to Texas in 1866 and settled in Lavaca County. They moved to Gonzales County in 1885, where they lived until her death. Their home was the preacher's home always and many a preacher was entertained in their generous home. Their hearts, time and money were invested in the Church and in caring for the ministry. Grandma Ward was converted and joined the Methodist Church at 9 years of age, and lived a consistent member until she was called home. She was active in Church work and helped to lead souls to Christ. Among those she led to Christ was this writer. When a boy 14 years of age I was in the altar for prayer in the old Leesville Church. Grandma came and knelt by me and while she prayed I gave my life to God. When a small boy I spent many a Sunday afternoon with Grandma. My heart was never made gladder than when I was told I could go to "Grandma's house." But we won't find her there any more. She leaves her aged husband, J. P. Ward, now 83 years of age, and nine children, 67 grandchildren and 97 great-grandchildren, almost all of them in the Methodist Church, to mourn their loss. She died as she had lived, in the triumph of a living faith. Thus another saint has gone home. We miss you very much. The world seems more lonely without you, but heaven seems nearer and more real to us. The tired body rests in the grave, but the spirit is with God and he will some day make it plain that earthly loss will be heavenly gain. The dead who die in their Lord rest from their labors. Her grandson,

L. NORMAN MYERS.

McSPARRAN—Mrs. Martha Ann McSparran (nee Wheeler) was born in the State of Tennessee October 7, 1823; fell asleep in the home of her son, W. E. McSparran, near Midfield, Texas, December 1, 1914, at the age of 91 years, 1 month and 24 days. She moved to Woodville, Mississippi, with her parents when but a small girl and thence to Texas in 1840 and landed on the Tres Palacios. She has lived in Matagorda County ever since. In 1842 she was married to Mr. J. W. Kellar. To this union were born four children, three of whom survive—Nolan, of Palacios; Dr. Crit, of San Antonio, and James W. Mr. Kellar died in 1855. She was married to Mr. W. B. McSparran in 1856. To this union were born two children—W. E. and Clay—who survive her. Mr. McSparran died January 1, 1872. She was converted in her home when twenty years of age, but as she had no chance did not unite with the Church for a year more. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, seventy years ago. She loved the Psalms and John 14 best. The old songs were her favorites. A few weeks before her death I talked and prayed with her and she talked of her conversion and how happy she was. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Grandma is not dead; she has only begun to live. Death merely sets the door ajar and the bird of immortality flies away. We will miss her very much indeed. Her prayers, loving hand and warm heart. She has been a mother to several of her grandchildren, caring for some as a mother. All of them and the five children left will miss her as they can only miss a mother. But we can see her again by following her God. She said goodnight as she was tucked in bed and she will be ready to say good morning in that day.

L. A. ALKIRE, Pastor.

Happiness is the proper goal of human effort, and health is indispensable to it—take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

Four Reasons for Making an Every-Member Canvass.

By C. F. Reid.

In the first place, it is the second item in God's fourfold plan for conducting Church finances. (See I Corinthians 16:2). Whenever I want to do something and find that God has a plan for doing that same something, it is enough for me. I take it for granted that he knows best and require no further argument.

In the second place, it is written in the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South: "It shall be the duty of the preacher in charge . . . to see that a canvass is made of every member early in the conference year for a missionary contribution." (See paragraph 422, Article XXVII, Discipline of 1914).

Whenever the Word of God and the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, agree as touching any one thing, that thing should be established and binding upon every Southern Methodist, whether he be a preacher or layman.

In the third place, it is the consensus of opinion of the secretaries of all the foreign mission boards and home mission councils of the United States and Canada that the Every-Member Canvass is not only the most successful method yet employed for raising missionary funds, but that it is the only logical way of dividing the responsibility for and enlisting the entire Church in the work of saving a lost world.

In the fourth place, throughout the United States and Canada, wherever the Every-Member Canvass has been tried with any degree of efficiency, the results have fully justified the effort and proved that the use of this plan not only secures largely increased funds for missions, but acts beneficially upon all other departments of Church finances.

One of our Southern Methodist preachers writes us to the effect that by the use of this method he has increased the income of his Church for home causes 209 per cent and for foreign missions 785 per cent.

Another writes us that by the Every-Member Canvass the income of his Church for missions was increased 280 per cent; that more was paid for all conference claims, and that the pastor's salary has been greatly increased.

Another writes: "The Every-Member Canvass is vastly superior to any other method I know for the country Churches. I really think it is the only successful way."

Still another writes that under the stress of building a \$75,000 church by the Every-Member Canvass we increased our contributions to missions from \$417 to \$1068.

The same kind of testimony comes from entire communities, great cities, districts, Annual Conferences, and denominations that have adopted this method of raising funds for missions and other Church benevolence.

Wherever the Every-Member Canvass has failed it has usually been through lack of preparation. No man has a right to expect success in anything who does not conscientiously plan and prepare the conditions for it. In case of the Every-Member Canvass preparation is more than half of the work. A large and carefully chosen canvassing committee should be selected and instructed. The congregation should be prepared by missionary sermons and addresses, and there should be a careful distribution of leaflets a few weeks previous to the canvass. A card index list of all members and adherents should be prepared and these cards distributed among the canvassers by some plan to prevent overlapping and confusion. Subscription cards setting forth clearly the causes for which contributions are to be asked should be provided. A worthy objective should be set before the congregation, either a per capita goal or missionary enterprise, something to give a worth-while feeling and remove the sense of just-paying-a-tax put upon the congregation. The arousing of a worthy enthusiasm and generous esprit de corps is a large element in the success of an Every-Member Canvass. It should be conducted in the spirit of earnest prayer, a sense of Christian stewardship should be impressed, and giving should be made a religious sacrament. The Every-Member Canvass should be made the occasion and opportunity for promoting Christian fellowship and for unifying the Church. Conducted properly, it should greatly quicken the spiritual life of the congregation and go far toward creating a revival condition.

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By all means the canvass should be completed rapidly. Some of the best results I have known have been obtained when the canvass was made in a single Sunday afternoon and evening, with all services after the 11 o'clock hour discontinued and a large, well-prepared committee enlisting all the automobiles and carriages of the congregation, the preacher and lay leader remaining at the church to direct the teams and receive reports and register results each hour. I have known a committee to assemble after a canvass of this kind flushed with victory, congratulating each other, praising God and ready for any kind of service their pastor might require of them. Of course it is not practicable to conduct a canvass after this manner everywhere; but a little sanctified common sense applied to the situation by the pastor, the lay leader, and the missionary committee, will provide the method best suited for each place. One of the best plans I know is to promote a simultaneous canvass of all the Churches of a given city, district, or conference, thus enlisting the wisdom, enthusiasm, and power of united effort. "One shall chase a thousand," but "two shall put ten thousand to flight." Note: This article in leaflet form can be had for general distribution upon application to the Laymen's Missionary Movement, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

SLEEPING CAR HOG.

There has been a heap of fuss over the "street car hog," the street car smoker, and the public malefactor who uses from two to four chairs in the day coach, although he is entitled to but one. All of these have gotten nearly all that was coming to them. But how about the "sleeping car hog?" He has been rather overlooked in the shuffle. He is the man who rises early and wakes everybody up in order that the porter may get his suitcase from under No. 7 and act as an amateur valet. He is the man who, having donned his apparel, proceeds to use the dressingroom as a smoking apartment. If there are two or three of these s. c. hogs aboard, the man who has asked to be called as far up the line as Lancaster has a deuce of a time getting dressed for the stop at Dallas; for no room is left on the seats for the opening out of his grip or suitcase. If, perchance, he finds a bit of room, ten chances to one a s. c. hog will set the open grip on end. What care the s. c. hog for the discomfort and inconvenience of the late riser? It is of first importance, to them, that they shall smoke. Women travelers complain because of the skimpiness of the woman's dressingroom. They insist that there is rank discrimination in favor of the men. But they do not understand that the men's dressingroom usually is merely a washstand and a water cooler completely surrounded by s. c. hogs and thoroughly permeated with smoke. Perhaps some time in the not far distant future, smoking in the

Constipation.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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to see them do that. We received three into the Church last year, twenty of these being on profession of faith. All in all, we consider we had a very good year last year. We hope we can do better this year. The Manchaca Church pounded us good and strong last year, and it was a delightful occasion to us all, and the ladies of the charge gave my wife a stork shower that was appreciated very much by both of us, and since conference the Creedmore ladies have sent seven nice new chairs to the parsonage, for which we are very thankful. Since conference we have built a new brick line in the church at Manchaca, and we expect to move the parsonage over on the lot the church is on, as we have an acre of ground over there and it is a much more desirable place for the parsonage. Our first Quarterly Conference will convene at Manchaca, December 22, and we are expecting a great time. We always enjoy the visits of our presiding elder. Brother Gregory is such a brotherly man and we were glad to have him back as our presiding elder. So, with best wishes to all the Advocate family and a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and praying for a revival of religion throughout our great Church, I am as ever—W. A. Hart, P. C.

Kountze.

Well, here we come at last. Better late than never, you know. Conference was indeed good to us in sending us back here to labor among these good people, and they certainly are treating us royally. Everyone says, "I'm glad to see you back, brother," and some of the men, hitting me a good, sound, brotherly whack on the back, said, "I'm glad to see you, Brother Hotchkiss, and I want to congratulate Kountze on getting you back." Now, that is enough to make one feel good, is it not? Then, too, last Sunday we had the best session of the Sunday School that we've had since I have been here. There is more interest manifested and we are building right along. The congregations are holding up splendidly—the house full every time I preach here. We have an average attendance of 70 at the midweek prayer meeting. Besides all this, my stewards got together the other day and decided to pay by the month, and, to cap the climax, last week the whole town, it seemed like, came and took the parsonage by storm and gave the preacher and his wife one of the hardest "poundings" you ever heard about. Everything good to eat that you can think of and lots of it. They brought sugar, coffee, corn, tomatoes, preserves, peaches, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, cheese, hominy and just lots of other good things. And some one said they did that every quarter. Did you ask if I would swap places? No, sir, I thank you! I'm delighted where I am; the people seem to be pleased, and, with God's help and guidance, we are going to make this year the very best year that Kountze Circuit has ever had. We are praying and trusting that we will have a great revival of old-fashioned religion here in the spring. Pray for us, brethren, and may God help us all to do the best year's work that we've ever done.—D. S. Hotchkiss.

Decatur.

The itinerant wheel picked up Brother and Sister Nash at the North Texas Conference at Denison and dropped them at Pilot Point. Brother Lenhoff from there comes to us. Brother Nash filled the pulpit yesterday morning. These two servants of the Church have done a great work here and the people hold them in very high esteem, and will welcome

Brother Lenhoff and his family. He comes to us as a splendid preacher, a good mixer and a first-class pastor. The people are delighted to know that Brother and Sister Nash have fallen into the hands of such good people as those who compose the Pilot Point congregation and predict for them a useful field of labor.—G. F. Boyd, Dec. 14.

Garwood Circuit.

We have recently completed the first round of the Garwood Circuit and have met with an intelligent and loyal people who love their Church and stand by their presiding elder and pastor. Rev. Dow E. Beene, of Austin, formerly of the Tennessee Conference, but now evangelist for West Texas Conference, has just closed a revival for us at Rock Island, a splendid little town on the S. A. & A. P., seventy-seven miles west of Houston. The meeting was greatly broken into by rain, yet it was quite a success. The visible results were six additions to the Methodist Church, five adult conversions, several children, and a number of reclamations. But these results were not the most important, though important they were. The greatest blessing that came to the Church and community was the awakening of the Christians to their opportunities and responsibilities. Not only was the Methodist Church blessed but the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches as well. They showed a fine spirit of co-operation and were kind to the evangelist and this pastor in a number of ways. We enjoyed the hospitality of several of their homes. We were delighted with the faithful and efficient services rendered by Brother Beene and took him to Garwood, where we began a meeting last night. He is a consecrated Christian gentleman, has a real message for both saint and sinner, and delivers his message with power. He is especially gifted as a singer and personal worker.—Rufus E. Price.

First Church, Temple.

"Everything is lovely and the goose honks high." The above proverb is a fact about this great Church in spite of continued bad weather and much very rich mud. This scribe never received a more royal welcome in his life than was given him and continues to be given him here. These folks parted with my brother, H. W. Knickerbocker, with reluctance, but since he was transferred to the West Texas Conference a month before the Central Texas Conference met, the inevitable was already an accomplished fact and they turned with expectancy toward their new pastor. Hot chicken dinner, an old-fashioned pounding, fine new furniture, congregations that twice have filled the immense auditorium and galleries in spite of mud and rain, and kind words by the bushel are some of the items that have made us happy. The best of all is, God is with us. The first Sunday there were three reclamations, three accessions and five penitents. The second Sunday there were five grown people converted and twelve accessions. The third Sunday there were one reclamation and nine accessions, beside a number of penitents. In the streets and offices my heart is gladdened by the number of those who speak to me about their souls and those of their loved ones. We look for a continuous revival. The Board of Stewards, in spite of hard times and a debt of \$400 on the church, unanimously added \$1200 to the salary, making it \$4200 and putting this great Church in the double first-class rank in that regard. An item of special interest to those who know this church building is this: The acoustics of the auditorium for some voices are poor, but my voice is so suited to the building that even people whose hearing is partially defective hear me perfectly in any part of the auditorium. This is a most fortunate thing. I will

remedy the acoustics before I leave, but in the meantime for my preaching there is no difficulty. I never saw a greater or more perfectly equipped Church plant. It can take care of 2000 in the Sunday School without difficulty. And we have a great Sunday School. Last Sunday on a very bad day there were 605 present. We have already launched a movement to increase our attendance to 1000. So we conclude as we began, "Everything is lovely and the goose honks high."—Herbert D. Knickerbocker, P. S.—The pounding is in the continuous tense. I received a cravat and a fine piece of venison yesterday. Let the good work go on.—H. D. Knickerbocker.

China Springs.

Well, here we are with another note. It was seen fit by the Bishop, at Annual Conference, to return us for the second year to the China Springs charge, for which favor we are indeed grateful. In some respects the work of last year was a success. We had some good meetings on the charge, some were baptized and united with the Church. Baptized some babies, married some folks, visited the sick, buried the dead, did the best we could on the benevolent claims and made many friends. We came back with a heart full of love for the people. Our reception for the second year was more hearty than the first year, and so we are planning to make this a better year than the one just ended. The Lord has been graciously good to us, blessing us in many ways beyond our knowledge, and so we feel like praying his leadership to direct in all the things that are to be undertaken this year for his great cause. We have not received the pounding yet only in a general way; a number of good things to eat have been brought and with a "you are welcome" left. Of course these things appease our appetites, increase our love for the people and our determination to do more for the cause of Christ and the solidifying of his Church in this part of his moral vineyard. Our Sunday Schools and Senior League are doing some splendid work and cheering us up. So, God being our helper, with the co-operation of an efficient Board of Stewards and Sunday School Superintendents we are going to make this year count for Christ and good to all.—W. L. Connell, P. C.

THE MANOR ELECTION.

The ants had an election ordered in this place to put Manor in the wet column, said election being held last Saturday. There were 634 votes polled. The ants received 119 and the pros 515. An election was held here fifteen years ago in which the pros won by three to one. This time they won by nearly five to one. With compliments to Dr. Rankin, "On with the battle." P. R. SUMMERS, Manor, Texas.

FORTY SACKS OF FLOUR TO STARVING BELGIANS.

The Seymour Methodist Sunday School on yesterday, December 6, voted not to have their Christmas tree this year, but instead to send forty sacks of flour to the starving Belgians. This is the school that is supporting two native missionaries, one in China and one in Japan. I write this in order that others seeing their good work may go and do likewise. BEN HARDY, P. C.

CORSICANA DISTRICT.

The Pastors-Lay Leaders' Conference of the Corsicana District met at First Church, Corsicana, on December 11. There were a goodly number of laymen present from the various charges, and every pastor of the district with two exceptions. No formal program had been announced, but from the very beginning it was apparent to all that Brother W. H. Matthews, our new presiding elder, had fully determined that no moment of the session should be without something of vital interest to every one. He is a master at pitching a conference at a high tension and keeping it there.

The questions discussed were those which pertained to the actual doing of things. Among them the question of lay activity, as outlined in the recent legislation of our Church. Pastor and layman alike came to realize in a fuller sense than ever before the large field into which the "unused asset" of our Church had been called. The laymen present rejoiced that the hour had struck when they could have a more real part in carrying on the work of the kingdom.

Church finances were discussed and the conference agreed to carry out the every-member campaign and as soon as possible to use the duplex envelope system in making all collections. Plans have already been made in many of the charges for winter and spring revivals and there seemed to be a spirit of expectancy upon the part of the pastors that this would be a year of great turning to the Lord.

A committee was elected to arrange for an Efficiency Conference to be held at Mexia within the next few weeks. It is the hope of the conference that Bishop McCoy can be with us at this meeting.

The personnel of the district showed many new men. Among them are such fellows as Heaton, Singleton, Matlock, Young, Statham, Leach and Hooper. This new blood added to the old guard makes Corsicana one of the best manned districts in the conference. It was a great pleasure to the conference to have Brother E. A. Smith with us throughout the day. His cheerfulness and faith in God are both exceptional and helpful. I shall say to the brethren in closing, you need have no misgivings as to entertainment when you start for Annual Conference next fall. Fort and the good people of his Church gave us a sample and it is the royal brand. EUGENE B. HAWK, Sec.

PASSING DAY.

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cess from December 24, Christmas Eve, to Monday, December 28. This program will permit members living in the Far West and South to go home for the holidays. Prospects that the House will be in session when Santa Claus begins his rounds were indicated today when the House Rules Committee approved a special rule for consideration of optional prohibition December 22 and the national woman suffrage resolution on the next day.

Advices from Austin state that a systematic effort is to be made in behalf of Dr. S. P. Brooks for the presidency of the University of Texas and also to prevail upon him to accept such position in event it is tendered to him. At this time Dr. Brooks is president of Baylor University at Waco.

An effort to obtain approximately one-half of the largest of about \$2,000,000 left to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt for the promotion of the cause of woman suffrage by the late Baroness de Bazar, who was Mrs. Frank Leslie, was begun in the Supreme Court at New York by two step-grandchildren of the Baroness. They ask \$400,000 each and allege that \$200,000 is due to each of two other step-grandchildren.

The United States Navy needs two hundred flying machines, one hundred of them for active service and one hundred to be held in reserve. That was the recommendation made to the House Naval Committee in the report of Captain Mark L. Bristol, chief of the Aeronautical Bureau of the Navy Department, which was made public today. The recommendation was made in line with the proposed scheme for national defence. It would require an appropriation of \$3,200,000 to bring the aeronautical standard of efficiency, Captain Bristol told the committee.

There is no end to the novelties which the war has produced in Austria-Hungary. One of the most amusing items in a New York Herald correspondent's dispatch is that referring to a mutton propaganda which has just begun in Vienna. It seems that the Austrian has an old-time prejudice against this meat, which is seldom touched, while, on the other hand, there are large flocks of sheep in the country and the exportation of them is prohibited. The patriotic mind, clearly seeing that if mutton were fashionable a great saving effected, has started the mutton propaganda. A committee has been formed which has arranged a mutton feast at which appetizing menus of this meat will be practically demonstrated at a trifling cost to the participants and propaganda literature distributed.

W. J. Bryan, in a late issue of the Commonwealth, says: "The Democrats of the Nation have come to face and they may as well face it. The liquor interests are at bay; they are on the defensive. The Democratic party cannot afford to shield the brewery, the distillery and the saloon from the rising wrath of a determined people. The Democratic party is the party of the future—it has a chance to enter the promised land. Why allow the liquor interests to lead it away into the wilderness? Get ready for the fight." The above announcement, according to a Washington dispatch, has spread consternation among the ranks of Democratic Senators and Representatives and cheered the Republicans by a vision of a split in the Democratic party.

"We will fight to the last cat and dog before we acknowledge ourselves beaten," declared the spokesman of Germany in America a few weeks ago. Already, according to a dispatch from Saragans, near the Swiss-Austrian frontier, they are making a beginning with the cats. A novel appeal to the public has just been issued by the Mayor and corporation of Brausberg, a township of East Prussia. The district seems to be very prone to the brilliant idea of thinning out the cats and at the same time benefiting the army in the field. They therefore call upon the citizens to shoot the cats and to send in the skins as speedily as possible to the Town Hall. The Mayor promises to superintend the conversion of the skins into body belts and mittens.

Edward A. Steiner, authority on immigration matters and a professor at Grinnell College, Iowa, believes that the fighting spirit of Col. Roosevelt is due to a mixture of six races from which he is descended. At a dinner recently in New York, said Prof. Steiner, "I suggested that the sixteen persons present take an accounting of their race mixture. Col. Roosevelt said he was a mixture of Dutch, German, English, French and two other races which I have forgotten." Prof. Steiner asserted that if the United States had not allowed a peaceful invasion of European immigrants it would have subjected itself to a military invasion.

This year there is no room in Chicago for another unemployed man or woman. Already the resources of Chicago have been strained to the utmost. The city administration announces that it cannot provide even a lodging on a bare board floor for any more penniless men. In November, 1913—one year ago—6589 men were sheltered in the free municipal lodging house. Last month—November, 1914—the total number of lodgers was 64,819. Chicago is used to handling big problems. But an increase of 1000 per cent in a single year is staggering.

Not even the words "Merry Christmas" may be written on packages of supplies sent to the starving Belgians. The American Commission for Relief in Belgium announced that the placing by donors of an inscription of any sort inside or outside the package might subject the entire consignment to confiscation by officials suspicious of a military code message. In one case which has come to the commission's notice, a shipment of goods bound for Genoa—not, however, one of the relief ships—was held up a month because of a single word printed on a bag—"Dantsig." The prohibition extends to expressions of sympathy and even initials of senders, private marks or tags, are equally objectionable.

The United States Government has made formal inquiry of the Bethlehem Steel Company to learn if it intended the construction of submarines for use by any of the belligerent powers of Europe. Charles M. Schwab, president of the company, and other officials of the concern, in response to an invitation from the State Department, explained orally their position and agreed to submit it in writing in a few days. In the meantime neither they nor the State Department officials would disclose the extent of the company's activities.

In a letter to Thomas Mott Osborne, new warden of Sing Sing prison, a life prisoner in the prison at Auburn, N. Y., offered himself for inoculation with cancer germs to ascertain if the disease is contagious. Mr. Osborne, whose home is in Auburn and who was closely associated with the reforms in Auburn prison,

stated he knew the prisoner well and vouched fully for his sincerity. "He is a man of better than the average education, of refinement, and had a family of great esteem," the warden explained last night. "He erred and was sent to Auburn for life. In prison he has read much on medical matters and has been intensely interested in cancer research. His hope also is that his sacrifices will benefit the many sufferers from cancer."

"Stop kissing if you can; arrest the spitter if you will; prohibit the public drinking cup if you must; and you have made progress; but to give humanity what it is entitled to from a hygienic standpoint, you would have to place gauze muzzles on more than 90 per cent of the people." This declaration was made by Dr. W. G. Ebersole, secretary and treasurer of the National Mouth Hygienic Association, in his address at the joint meeting of the organization with the American Public Health Association at Jacksonville, Fla. "We muzzle dogs to avoid one kind of disease," continued Dr. Ebersole. "Why not muzzle man to avoid the many other kinds of disease? It might be ideal, but hardly practical."

Sweeping changes in the Federal military prison policy are proposed in a recommendation Secretary Garrison has submitted to Congress. The plan, designed for inclusion in the Army Appropriation Bill, would change the name of the United States military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to "The United States Disciplinary Barracks," and extend the liberal paroling system already in operation. It would abolish the board of commissioners, which governs prisoners under existing law and provide that its duties shall be performed by the Secretary of War or by such officers as he may designate.

At the conclusion of an address in Chicago last week by Secretary of State Bryan, a small woman crossed her way through the audience to the speaker's platform. She related her way between several preachers until she reached the head of the United States Department of State. "O, Mr. Bryan," she called, "I'm your cousin. Don't you know me? My name is Miss Lewe, and I'm a long lost cousin." "Is that so?" queried the Secretary in his best diplomatic language. "That's barely possible, but I confess I don't recall ever having heard of you." "But it's true," O, Mr. Bryan, I'm just going to hug you." Her arms reached for the Nebraskan's neck. He caught them before they had completed the circle, however. "Not now—not until the relationship has been better established," Secretary Bryan said. He pushed her arm away and hurried from the stage.

Silsbee, a small town in Hardin County, twenty miles north of Beaumont, where are located the Santa Fe shops and a large saw mill owned by the Kirby Lumber Company, will be placed on the market. Since the town was established, over twenty years ago, it has been owned by the Santa Fe Townsite Company, and this company has announced that all lots and improvements will be sold.

"The greatest crisis that has faced the Jewish people in modern times," now confronts that race, in the opinion of the American Jewish relief committee for sufferers of the war. This committee, organized in New York in October at a conference of more than 100 national Jewish bodies, announced the election of Louis Marshall chairman, James L. Sulzberger as secretary, and Felix M. Warburg as treasurer. With the announcement was issued an appeal for funds to assist the committee to aid impoverished Jews in the European nations at war.

According to the quarterly balance sheet of the State Treasurer, the cash fund on November 20 totaled \$1,310,017 and bonds \$20,755,529. Disbursements during the quarter aggregated \$2,775,126. Of the latter, general revenue spent \$1,887,467, Confederate pensions \$374,751, available school fund \$232,011, available university fund, \$95,953, and permanent debt of fund \$90,945. The remainder disbursed was widely scattered. Bond accounts had balances as follows: Permanent schools \$19,444,006, permanent Blind Asylum \$138,400, permanent Deaf and Dumb Asylum \$110,890, permanent Lunatic Asylum \$129,000, permanent Orphans' Asylum \$39,550, A. & M. College \$26,506, exhausted estates \$375, special loan tax \$79,409 and unexpended branch \$5000.

Completing her seventieth year of successful cruising on the great lakes, the Wolverine, formerly the Michigan, the oldest ironclad in the world, has gone into the winter berth in the harbor at Erie, Pennsylvania, and before spring will undergo another general overhauling, preparatory to resuming its duty as a training ship for the naval reserve. The Wolverine was launched at Erie November 9, 1843, and went into commission August 14, 1844. Since then it has been in active commission, either as a warship or survey ship, and incidentally as a training ship for the naval reserve of the great lakes, and, although nearing the three-quarter century mark, is still in good condition, and if necessary, perhaps, could easily sink anything afloat on the lakes. The Wolverine and the Michigan are the only two armored vessels on the lakes, the Canadian government never having taken advantage of the concession made when the old Michigan was launched to place a British warship in these waters.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD CALL.

Dear Brethren: Our dearly beloved brother, Rev. I. Z. T. Morris has finished his task and gone home to enjoy his great reward. No man among us did more self-sacrificing or more Christ-like work. The response to the call for this mortuary fee ought to be prompt and hearty. The call expires January 18. Send \$2 at once. To save expense, send postoffice money order, exchange or cash—if possible. Your Brotherhood is in line shape—let us keep it so. JNO. M. BARCUS, Sec.-Treas. Hillsboro, Texas.

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