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A Lawsuit That Has Startled The Texas Brewers

It will be remembered that last July Attorney General Looney filed an injunction suit in the courts at Austin, restraining the "The Texas Business Men's League" from further using their funds for the purpose of promoting political ends; and the temporary injunction was granted. The officials of this organization made haste to rush into the prints to deny the allegations made by the Attorney General, and many of the leading dailies in the State came to their relief. Peter Radford and W. D. Lewis also disclaimed any improper use of funds by the "Business Men's League," through the Farmers' Headquarters at Fort Worth.

But Mr. Looney bided his time and when the case came up for hearing early in this month, some ugly evidence began to make its appearance and there was some distress signals thrown out. For it developed that all seven of the Texas breweries were members of the League and taking an active part in its organization and in the directing of its plans. And whenever Texas brewers take a hand in anything there is something doing. Now it seems that the bulk of the funds used by the League came from "assessments" made upon the brewers and, according to the Attorney General's allegations the aggregate of this is something staggering.

These breweries saw they were up against it, as the Austin suit progressed, so they, along with the League, made an effort to stop further investigation by agreeing to accept the situation and let the injunction suit become perpetual. That seemed to settle the matter. But the Attorney General is something of a lawyer himself, and he was ready for the motion and agreed to it. But in doing so he made a motion to have the breweries dismissed from the suit and let the injunction stand against the League. The motion was granted. And then what happened? Mr. Looney went to Sulphur Springs and instituted suit against all seven of the Texas breweries for fines amounting to \$22,000,000 and a forfeiture of their charters in this State because of a violation of the laws of the State prohibiting corporations from contributing funds for the purpose of influencing politics.

The pleadings of the Attorney General in the case, only snatches of which are given in the daily press, quote startling facts from the correspondences of these breweries concerning political campaigns and their interest in them. These campaigns have reference to the election of State officers, poll tax payments, local option elections and our State-wide election in 1911. We have not the space here to quote from the published excerpts of these pleadings, but when the case comes to trial the ears of Texas prohibitionists will tingle and the ears of the antis will burn deep down in their sockets. Secrets

that have been known to exist, but were beyond legislative investigation, and completely hidden from the public eye and ear, will come to light and the world will understand how State-wide prohibition was defeated in 1911; how submission was given such a hard battle; how local option has had to fight for every inch of its progress, and how certain State administrations have been helped to come into power.

The indications are that these breweries have deluged this State from time to time with a slush fund for political purposes pure and simple. And it is no wonder that such an immense poll tax receipt list was piled up one year ago in many of the centers of our population. The fact is these breweries have had a grip on Texas politics for the past few years, and as a result certain politicians have come to the front and been the dominant leaders, with money at their command and luxuriant headquarters to work from. The Legislature made some feeble effort to get at these facts after the campaign of 1911, but miserably failed. Men who knew the facts were taken before the investigation committee, but could not be made to answer questions. The attorney for one leading witness said: "He will rot in jail and hang from the scaffold before he will give the information asked of him." And the committee was powerless to compel him. But now the court will take a hand in the matter and it has power to compel

witnesses, and the probability is that facts will be brought out that will stagger the public conscience of Texas.

One thing that is amusing, were it not so serious, is the editorial attitude of our great dailies toward this late action of the Attorney General. They have given a few of the meager facts of the suit as filed, just enough to satisfy, in a way, the desire of their readers; and all this alone in their news columns. But, editorially, they are as silent as frogs in dog days. Last summer when the injunction suit was filed, these editors had much to say for the "Business Men." But now since the "Business Men" have been permitted to pass into perpetual injunction, and the breweries are made to uncover and stand out alone in the cold light of a lawsuit, never a word speak these editorial writers of our dailies. And we do not blame them. There is nothing for them to say. The breweries are scurrying hither and thither in the columns of these papers to say that they have not violated any State law; and one of them goes so far, through its attorney, to publish a list of its many contributions to "public benevolences," and to loudly declare its immaculate innocence in the face of these legal proceedings. Let the work of investigation now go forward, and with the light of day turned in upon these breweries there will doubtless be a multitude of facts and figures thrown upon the canvas; and revelations of a startling and sensational character will be given to the citizenship of Texas. On with the battle!

The Bible Emasculated To Suit A False Religion

A Unitarian preacher of one of our Texas cities desired to draw a few people to his so-called Church on Thanksgiving day to hear him discourse upon his invented vagaries; and therefore he put his advertisement in one of the daily papers. Among other things he said: "The entire scholarship of the world tells us that the beautiful story of Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden is a Hebrew legend. It is not fact, but fancy; and yet to save man from the mythical fall there pictured, the whole scheme of salvation was formulated, and the Church and creeds and evangelical Church preaching are based from top to bottom upon that early legend of man."

This is only one paragraph of the perverted stuff palmed off as an advertisement upon the public and used as a means of attracting the curious to this so-called Church to listen to this Free Thinker in the pulpit, deride the Bible after the fashion above indicated. His very first utterance is a falsehood pure and simple. It is not a fact that the "entire scholarship of the world" regards parts of the Bible as legendary literature. Some of the most advanced scholars of the world, in literature, art, science and history, are devout

Christian men and accept the Bible as God's word without adding to it or subtracting from it. And this has been the case since the birth of modern science.

Unitarianism is a religious fraud and fake. It is inconsistent with the Bible and with itself; and out of harmony with spiritual religion. It is a sort of a conglomeration of distorted science and perverted ethics. It has no element of genuine religion in its teaching or experience. It claims to accept the Bible as its basis, and yet it emasculates such portions of the Bible as do not support Unitarianism, and it formulates a kind of Biblical system of its own. It even pretends to call itself Christian and after a fashion accept some phases of Christ's teachings and precepts; but it discards the divinity of Christ and eliminates from the gospels all of their supernatural elements. It makes a sort of a Christ of its own and then tries to conform him to its religious system. It is a compound of error, irreverence and sacrilege. In reality it has no claim upon the Bible or upon Christ.

Judaism is infinitely preferable to Unitarianism. The Jewish system is consistent with itself, but Unitarianism is contradictory of itself and of the Bible. And the preacher above referred to is pretend-

ing to have a Church based upon Jesus Christ and the Bible. He has a handful of people to listen to his lectures, and in order to get a hearing, he keeps the street hot between his so-called Church and the daily paper offices. If he takes a few weeks of vacation, if he desires to speak on a series of subjects with all sort of historical characters as his texts, he parades his intended performances before the public as advertisements, and after he delivers himself of his conglomerate mess on Sunday, he does his best to get it into the columns of these papers as reports of his performances.

The Bible is either true or false. If it is false in one particular it is false in all particulars. It is all worthy of belief or it is unworthy of belief. The man who undertakes to cull from it a few elementary principles to the exclusion of all the rest, does not deal honestly with the Bible or with himself. Christ is either divine or he is a deceiver. If divine, he is entitled to worship and reverence, as well as obedience. If he is not divine, he either deceived himself or perpetrated a fraud upon the world. For he repeatedly asserts his divinity. If he is only a man, then he is not worthy of the place he holds in the conscience and the thought of the world.

But the Bible is true and Jesus Christ is the Son of God, Unitarianism to the contrary, notwithstanding. Millions of human beings are building their faith on the Bible and they are basing their hope of salvation upon the fact that Christ and the Father are one. Away with any false standard of so-called religion that emasculates the Bible, eliminates the supernatural elements of Christ, and yet degrades both the Bible and Christ by claiming them as the authority of a false religion! Fortunately for the world and for humanity, Unitarianism defeats itself and it has a less following today than it had in the days of Theodore Parker. As a propaganda it is a dismal failure. Men turn from it as empty husks.

Christ alone stands out as the man who returns good for evil. As a teacher this virtue had its origin in him. The world does not produce that sort of type. It came down from heaven.

Prayer is too often blind. When it has no eyes it does not see. It wanders aimlessly to and fro and never reaches a definite goal. Faith gives eyes to prayer and when prayer has eyes it soon finds and recognizes God.

Chickens always come home to roost if you do not carry them too far from their native heath; and with equal certainty your mistreatment of others will come back to you sooner or later in multiplied numbers. To deal mercifully and compassionately, to say nothing of justice, brings to you peace and good will.

My Childhood Experience

By REV. JOHN R. ALLEN, D. D., Georgetown, Texas.

The Advocate had a series of articles last year upon the question of the necessity for the "new birth" on the part of a child. The writer of this has strong convictions upon that subject, but did not join in that controversy. This article is not a contribution to it now, but is simply a statement of facts, as you will see, so strongly bolstered that any theory will have to adjust itself to them or explain them.

When I was about seven or eight years old, living with my parents in Houston, Miss., where they had charge of a female academy, there was a great revival held in the Methodist Church. The whole community was stirred, crowds attended, and there were many conversions. Of course my father, a Methodist preacher, and my mother attended and took all of us children who were large enough. My brother and sister were converted and joined the Church, and my mother was one of the most active workers, as she always was to the end of her life.

Of course, too, I was profoundly moved by all these things going on around me. I can remember yet how deeply and sincerely I longed to be good like the rest of them. I thought to become so I had to go to the "mourners' bench" as the rest were doing. So I went to my father and told him I wanted to go up to the mourners' bench and get good.

I was very small, not larger than most boys of five years old. I was so small that my father was evidently afraid I did not know what I was about. So he took me kindly and told me it was not necessary to go up and kneel at that bench. He then told me all about the Savior and about our Heavenly Father, who was so ready to forgive sins for Christ's sake; told me how to go off by myself and pray God to forgive me and to make me his child, and assured me that God would hear me.

I followed my father's instructions and was truly converted and regenerated, but strange to say I did not know that what I had was the same religion that old folks had. How could that be?

In the first place that was a noisy meeting, and most of the converts come through shouting. I did not feel at all like shouting, and hence supposed I would have to get something else before the work would be complete. Again, the change in my case was not a great one, and so I could not think it was all I was to look for.

How then do I now know it was a real conversion? Because I stopped all the little things I had been doing contrary to my conscience, and began to try to live right.

When fall came and the schools opened I was "chilled," and anything but strong. My parents concluded to keep me at home for that year, and let me run around and get strong. During that year I read the Bible through, also Pilgrim's Progress, and other books of that character. No year of my life has been spent to better advantage, and it was a year of religious peace and growth.

When the following fall came and schools were about to start I heard the following conversation:

"Addie," my father said, "school opens tomorrow. John is in better health now, and you had better hunt up his books and start him to school with the rest of the children."

"Yes, by all means," said my mother. "He will get too far behind unless he begins his studies again."

At this point I burst into tears and left the room. They were both greatly surprised and troubled.

"What does that mean?" said father. "I thought John was fond of study?"

"I don't know," said mother, "maybe he is spoiled by doing as he pleases so long. It is time he was at school."

I have never had anything to hurt me more than this misunderstanding of my conduct by my parents, but with a child's timidity in talking of spiritual things I could have died almost as readily as have explained them to them.

What was the explanation? Just as soon as my father spoke I remembered my last school life, and that I habitually said, "Doggone it," and other words my mother did not approve of. Then I immediately thought, "If I go to school and play with those boys I'll say 'doggone' again." To do so was to lose a moral and spiritual status that I had maintained for more than a year. It was my fear of this that led me to burst into tears. And it was this I could not tell anyone.

Had I known that what I had was religion and been led to join the Church and the older people had helped and encouraged me, I would have

had a better chance to maintain my hold upon spiritual life. Alas! however, this was not the case, and my fears were realized. So that I really count my religious life as beginning with my conversion when I was sixteen years old.

Now comes the strangest part of this experience. In the summer of 1879 my father was pastor at Paris, and I was pastor of Waxahachie. While on a visit to my parents I helped my father in a meeting, which proved a gracious revival. During this meeting I held a service for children, and at that service I told the experience I have here written. It was the first time I ever had told it.

At this time my older brother was dangerously sick from an old wound, and my mother and sister could not attend the services. When we got home, of course, they asked about the meeting. My father said: "We had a fine service."

He then began to walk the room, and finally said: "Addie, I thought I had sense enough to raise a child. Why, John, gave my experience to-day almost exactly. And to think that I should make the same mistake with my son."

He then told my experience to

them. When he finished my sister, the wife then of Rev. R. M. Powers, of precious memory, immediately said: "Why, that is just about my experience."

Stranger even than this is to come. In the early eighties when I was pastor in Paris the District Conference was held at Cooper. Tom Pierce was the presiding elder, and he had prevailed on Bishop Parker to attend. The Bishop came by Paris, and I had the privilege of entertaining this man of God for a week in my home. Several of us, including the Bishop, went over to Cooper in a hack, as there was no railroad to Cooper then.

During the District Conference we had a report from the Committee on Sunday Schools, which strange to say attacked child religion, and took the position that it was a mistake to take children at a young age into the Church, as they did not know what they were about.

As soon as the chairman finished this report I was on my feet, and said I thought the mistake was in failing to get young children in the Church. I then told my experience. When I sat down Bishop Parker jumped to his feet and said: "Brother Allen has given you today my own experience almost exactly, and I am sure it is the experience of many. I wish all of you who have had an experience similar to Brother Allen would rise." Forty or fifty men and women were immediately on their feet.

Cartoons

By REV. W. H. HUGHES, Dallas, Texas.

A cartoon, as I understand it, is a picture of some person, fact or thing, intended to impress upon the mind a clearer and more lasting idea than could be conveyed by words alone. Hence our newspapers teem with cartoons. I have therefore determined to try to draw a pen picture of the responsibility and brevity of human life, the certainty of death and our strict accountability in the judgment.

This line of thought was suggested to my mind by a cartoon which appeared in the papers some time ago on the death of a great railroad magnate. It was a picture of a short railroad track with a single car and only one lone passenger with a through ticket and no return. This road ran up to a little mound of fresh earth with a marble slab standing in it with only these words engraved on it: "The End."

This, to my mind, was most realistic and impressive. This lone traveler was a soul on its way to the judgment. This short road was human life. This car is being run by this lone passenger. It is all his own and he is his own conductor, engineer and brakeman. He alone is responsible and accountable for whatever transpires on this trip. This road runs from the cradle to the judgment and there is but one depot between them and its name is Death. Here we leave our baggage, the body, for a time and enter the final terminal called Eternity.

By the side of this lonely traveler I see two mystic forces called a telegraph and a phonograph record. They are both automatic and self-operative and are both busily at work. The telegraph is telegraphing ahead, which is recording in indelible letters every minute what is transpiring on this journey. The phonograph record is silently here and now recording the same facts and man is unawares carrying this record with him, this duplicate account. The two will be the books which the Scriptures say will then be opened and out of which all shall be judged. Some men's sins go before them to the judgment and others follow after, while the righteous cease from their labor and their works do follow them.

Some years ago I stepped into a sideshow which they called an optical illusion. It was a suite of rooms ceiled everywhere with mirrors so shaped that they reflected in a kind of panoramic view your person as child, lad and on up to a perfect image of what you are now. Look or go where I would my eyes met myself. With amazement I said you may call this an illusion, but it impresses me as a picture of the most real and important thing connected with human existence. It is a type of the great mirrored judgment throne of God where everything becomes perfectly transparent, where we shall see ourselves in a moment as we were, as we are, and as we forever shall be. St. John describes the throne of God as a sea of glass, crystal, where we become argus-eyed, having eyes before and behind. Those behind see life that is passed, both good and evil, while those in front see the final and fixed awards of our passed life.

Litigants in this world who appeal their interests to the Supreme Court are compelled to wait with painful uncertainty the decree of the court,

which shall either make or bankrupt them. They can know nothing in advance. Not so with the great final court of the universe. God has in his wisdom and great mercy sent out advance sheets which, if properly observed, will certainly secure our own best interest. This advance sheet reads thus. Matthew 25:31-46:

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did not to one of the least of these, ye did not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

Now, reader, you may, of your own option, prearrange your own destiny by aligning yourself with the class of your own choice and secure the blessed welcome to your eternal reward. So that each lone traveler can run his own car to the right hand of God and be blessed for evermore.

QUESTIONS FOR THINKING.
Ask yourself the following questions, reading them over slowly, and think. Then answer to yourself:
Does my life please God?
Am I studying the Bible daily?
Am I enjoying my Christian life?
Have I ever won a soul to Christ?
Is there any one that I cannot forgive?
How much time do I spend in prayer?
Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ?
Just where I am making my greatest mistake?
Is Christian service my chief joy rather than worldly pleasures?—Mission Messenger.

The Dying King

By REV. J. O. GORE, Sipe Springs, Texas.

In times not long ago men had almost a universal vision that God had created a certain class whose mission it was to live by the labors and to rule the lives of the many whom God had created to be serfs. No question was asked if this agent of divinity should, without cause or complaint, cast into prison, condemn and execute the best man in his realm. No question was asked if he should order the subjects of his realm to wage war to enslave or destroy the inhabitants of another nation or tribe. His will was supreme in the domain which he ruled. His smiles meant life and his frowns meant death, without qualifications, to his serfs. Under this regime the people be cursed; what was the will of the people? The populace stunk. He had no right to expect a considerate glance. His hope was to be honored if the king should condescend to kcek him sorely. It was an honor to bow prostrate in the mire while hearty king passed and did not even deign to look his way. The common man had no right to consideration, to knowledge, to literature, to letters; his mission was to serve and to die. What right had he to the Gospel? What right had he to heaven?

Jesus Christ was a revolutionist. He gave his service to the people and taught that power was given to serve. A king is a servant; a fool is a dictator. With him the humble was exalted, the poor were rich, the man who did most in the service of humanity for humanity's sake was the lordliest lord of earth. No wonder that he died at the hands of the authorities of the political monarchs. The people would learn that they were of value with such a teacher. But his lesson took hold of the minds of men and it has spread as fast as humanity has been qualified to receive it. The only way to keep the people in subjection was to keep them in ignorance. So pope, king and priest combined to sustain the superstitions of the divine rights of pope and king until the mighty thrust of Luther made a rent in the armor and a few of the people sought letters. But still the dissemination of learning confined to a small class of people and the authorities separated them from the people as much as possible, lest the populace should gain knowledge that would emancipate him. The Church was put at variance with the common people by the king until the laboring man was treated as if he had no soul. Could it be that a gentleman and a laboring man should have the same destiny? Could a gentleman be associated with common man in heaven?

Unexpected as it was, from this aristocratic class, from the Epworth parsonage there sprang a man who got a vision of humanity two and a half centuries in advance of his age, and he left the empty pews and sleeping classes of his Church and went out into the lanes and open country and again it was said that "the poor have the Gospel preached unto them." But the greatest step of this great man toward the emancipation of the common people was his Kingswood School, established for the education of the sons of the laboring people. From the establishment of the Kingswood School the whole basis of power begun to shift from the mythical to the real foundation of strength. From it the rise of popular government was assured as soon as the people were equipped to hold the reins of government. From that day the idea of the divine rights of kings begun to wane in reality. From that day the sinew of the world has come from the masses of the common people. From that day literature and letters became the property of the common people. From that day the king began to grow sick until the whole head became faint and the whole body became faint and his grasp has gradually slackened and until there is not a single king in the old sense in the world today. The people have become king. But in this mighty transformation (can it be that it has been wrought in less than two centuries?) the old distinction of the classes has not yet been lost. Still the dignity of a crown prince of a limited monarchy can plunge a million lives to destruction. Still the command of the dying sovereign can command the destinies of hundreds of millions of subjects and the billions of dollars worth of property to uphold the mythical dignity of a dead usurper. While "the king is dead," says Mr. Ellis, "yet his power has lingered for a while."

I believe that history will bear me out in the assertion that no great and wholesale war has ever been promulgated where there has not been involved the distinction of the classes or races of men. Education means a

common brotherhood. Brotherhood means a more just estimate of human life, human rights, human liberties, human property. A more equitable dissemination of knowledge means the final eradication of the king idea. As the people are turning from the one form of thought they are becoming too impatient for the full realization of the other without first equipping themselves for the power that has become their heritage. Therefore the world is rife with all kinds of wild fancies eager to thrust upon the defenseless people dreams of the wildest dreamers that dream that they are dreaming. The Church is wide-awake to the situation. She is filling her mission as no other institution is doing, but she cannot go beyond the qualification of her people. The Church is calling for an endowed humanity, equipped and qualified to reign in this broader realm that she has opened up for us. When we behold the misinformed man as he rails against the Church, the laboring classes and how a few of the leaders of these wild fancies are arousing themselves against the Church that has given them all the emancipations from the thralldom of serfs and brought them to the exalted position that they bear, the Church that has given dignity to labor and that has laid the monarch low, that has given education and literature and the press to the populace; the Church that has given us emancipation from crowns with unrestricted sway; because that Church will not discriminate in favor of some organized form of labor with a few hundred or perchance a few thousand of these banded laborers, who are trying to make the class distinction between themselves and the vast horde of the Church's sons of toil who have not seen fit to form such combines, such combines tending to keep the social caste in power, we feel heart sick. The Church, which is the author of all the honor and all the liberties which we enjoy as a laboring people, will neither discriminate for nor against the organized labor, for they are all her children.

As "the king is dead" and the people rule, may we rise in a triumphant establishment of a brotherhood where the estimation of human life will be too high and the valuation of property will be too great to waste in the mere rivalries of ambition and social prejudices. This brotherhood of man, this Christ-view that of one blood he made all the nations of the earth, will soon lift us to a position where we will scorn the influence that tries to bring rivalries and strife between brother and brother. But the crowns must first fall to rise no more. Then the king spirit must perish from among men. The king idea is the idea that I am better than thou. It is gradually giving way and the universal brotherhood is rising only as fast as the claud-stine, class, dignitary, sovereign, selfish spirit is giving way to the power of Prince Immanuel. This growing spirit of brotherhood, to which the hearts of all men respond, will relegate wars and social strife. It will emancipate the man beneath the burden of life, and will humiliate the man who sits as a director of strife among men. How we should possess our souls in patience and be helpers to promote this glorious brotherhood to the establishment of His Kingdom in the world until He will be able to take control of the affairs of his Church, and come and reign with us. Life is fleeting and the conquest of His Kingdom is best advanced by the development of the people for whom He died. The qualification has seemed so slow that we have grown impatient, while in reality it is human existence is so fleeting that we have seen too little of the miracle of God's working in the midst of the nations; for it has been wonderful indeed for rapidity, and what he may accomplish within the range of our lives depends so much upon how fully we shall be prepared for the establishment of his kingdom in the world.

ARE YOU REALLY EDUCATED?

Has your education given sympathy with all good causes and made you espouse them?

Has it made you public spirited? Has it made you a brother to the weak?

Have you learned how to make friends and keep them?

Do you know what it is to be a friend yourself?

Can you look an honest man or a pure woman straight in the eye?

Can you look into a mud puddle by the wayside and see anything in the puddle but mud?

"For such is the Kingdom of heaven."—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

A Program For Unified Action In Social Service.

By REV. V. A. GODBEY, D. D., Austin, Texas.

The Methodist Church has been imbued with the spirit of humanitarianism from its earliest beginning. The general rules of the early societies specified three general lines of action: (1) It is expected of all who continue in these societies that they shall continue to evidence their desire of salvation; (a) "by doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practiced;" (b) "by doing good, by being in every kind merciful after their power, as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and as far as possible, to all men: To their bodies, of the ability which God giveth, by giving food to the hungry, by clothing the naked, by visiting or helping them that are sick or in prison; to their souls, by instructing, reproving, or exhorting all we have any intercourse with; trampling under foot that enthusiastic doctrine that we are not to do good unless our hearts be free to it;" (c) "by attending on the ordinances of God." On these three general requirements all the other rules were builded, and they served to give direction to the general course of every member who came into the Church. It will be seen that humanitarian work lies imbedded in the General Rules of the Church. To carry out this work in a definite way and to aid the preachers in its accomplishment, Wesley appointed stewards in every society and made it their duty to receive offerings for the relief of the sick or poor. This was also made the duty of the class leaders. These were required to meet at least once a week, and they became a permanent committee on social betterment. Wesley soon established orphans' homes, a free dispensary, a home for aged and infirm persons, a loan fund, and schools for the poor. The distribution of books and tracts for the education of the unprivileged and personal help and counsel by the visits of the preachers and officers of the societies made itself felt in various ways, and under such influences the neglected classes soon started upward.

Among the most constantly potent factors in the Methodist movement until this day has been the religious educational institutions and social service has been an end in view in their establishment. Christian culture has not only the greatest value in filling the mind with new and lofty ideals, but it also has a steady power, preventing fairly well-poised minds from dissipating their energies on fables and phantasms. Wesley made personal salvation the foundation of all his reforms and movements for social betterment. He depended on the impulses which the Holy Spirit stirs to give power to movements and he looked to the Holy Scriptures to give direction to them. And at this time these are the agencies upon which the Church primarily depends for all her movements for social betterment. A genuine revival of religion will do more to fill a community with true humanitarianism than a town full of reformettes. The committee on evangelism must furnish the impetus through these agencies for the committees on missions and social service.

The Church of the present day has not been less awake to social needs than the early Methodists. Modern machinery has created modern problems, and the civil laws of all the nations of the earth require readjustment to meet new conditions. Whillegislators and political economists are seeking to know what to do (and every individual Church is also confronted with the need of special methods of service to help those who suffer because of bad legislation, or because of personal unfitness or social neglect. In a larger degree than even some of our fairly well-informed members know, the Church is addressing itself to this task. The organized Sunday School classes have committees on social betterment which do every kind of work that is undertaken by any class of social workers. In the cities they take an active part in efforts to improve conditions in the jails and public houses, working in co-operation with the women's societies of the Churches, and all the interdenominational agencies. They conduct employment bureaus, distribute charities, educate children and support missionaries, both home and foreign. They take an active part in the effort to secure by law the protection of the unfortunate, and to overthrow evil by legal and educational agencies. Long before the labor unions were doing anything for the industrial workers, the Church was applying itself to the task, but the

Church, like the unions, has been met with unfriendly laws and the Church—more than the unions—has the unfriendly frown of the world cast upon it if it undertakes to mould legislation. The laymen's movement will do its best service if it educates the individual citizen to advocate and support righteous legislation, and the less the Church leads as an organization the efforts to secure proper legislation, the better it will be for the industrial workers. A member of a labor union in this city expressed that sentiment to me only a few days ago. He said: "The labor unions need the conscience and leadership of the Church people within the ranks, for most of our members are not so much concerned about what is right as they are about how it will pay them to have certain laws made. They need to learn to follow the Golden Rule in all their programs, and Church members will serve us best by joining the unions and educating the fellows in a way that will prevent unrighteous policies." Of course, if the Church does not appear in the limelight in efforts to secure good laws, it will not get credit from some people for the moral impulses which impelled and guided, but the Church is none the less the author of even the sane humanitarianism of both the unions and the socialistic movements. The Woman's Missionary Society has for years had a social program and has rendered much aid to social movements. For some years this was the definition of the duties of the social committee: "The Committee on Social Service shall have in charge all the relief work—visiting the sick and strangers; distributing literature; holding services at jails and other institutions; studying industrial, civic, social and moral conditions at home and abroad; working with other agencies for the prevention of disease, sin and suffering, and for the spiritual and physical salvation of humanity. If possible the committee shall be composed of women who are already at work or interested in movements for civic improvement, for the betterment of housing conditions, for the prevention of child labor, or other subjects of general welfare. This committee shall make such sub-divisions for relief work, investigation, and prevention as the needs of the community may suggest."

Heretofore all the agencies of the Church which the preacher has been able to command have been instructed to aid in such work, but each pastor has been free to create and disband committees when it seemed proper to do so. In addition to this the pulpits of the land have dealt largely in social topics since the time that the congestion of the people in cities in this country seemed to require it. More than twenty years ago the Woman's Home Missionary Society put one of the best books of the day into their reading course, and the pastors delivered lectures and preached on the contents of this book. I refer to "Our Country," by Dr. Strong. Soon other books by the same author were studied, and we have raised a generation of children in homes that felt the influence of such instruction, and their citizenship is now being felt in all reform movements.

When the labor unions in this State desired the observance of Labor Day by the Church, and asked that a sermon or two be preached on the day prior to Labor Day by the preachers, large numbers of the Churches fell in line at once, and this is now an established policy of the Churches. In England the members of Parliament, on whom the industrial workers depend for aid, are led by local preachers of the Methodist Church. The Ecumenical Conference in Canada, representing the Methodism of the world, gave social questions more time than was given to any other question, and their utterances on that subject, issued to the Church in a general address, are the sanest modern presentation of the subject I have read. The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America adopted a social creed, which has since been adopted by the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, and is today in the back of the Discipline, and that creed was adopted without protest or dissent as the voice of the body.

The sentiment of this body was further expressed in the provision made for a general social service committee in every Church, in addition to the other agencies already at work for social betterment, and the local Church is called upon to elect it. With this central committee, which is under the Quarterly Conference, and which is called upon to work in harmony with other committees, the en-

tire Church is called upon to take an active part in social service in a unified program. And if this is done the public will soon feel the impact of the movement, and the rebound of it upon the Church itself will be of far-reaching importance, provided the spirit of evangelism in the New Testament be not lost, and the Church degenerated into a mere reform club. In order to prevent any tendencies in this direction, the Quarterly Conference is called upon to hear reports from the Committee on Social Service, and the leadership of the Church is kept in the foreground. Let us elect the committees and push onward in the old-fashioned way in the work of Methodism and New Testament Christianity.

NOTES FROM THE COAST.

H. G. H.

The writer of these notes is at Bishop, twenty miles southwest of Corpus Christi, and near the old home of Rev. J. P. Parham, that noted and brilliant Methodist preacher from Alabama, who died with yellow fever in Corpus Christi in 1867.

I hear much in the country about the magnificent church in Corpus Christi and note that T. F. Sessions, pastor last year, reported at late conference an enrollment in the Sunday School of 1756. I was pastor there in 1861. We had seventy-five in Sunday School, twenty-five of whom were Mexican children taught by that princely gentleman William Headen.

That Sunday School (now reporting 1756 members) was the beginning of the great Mexican work that has spread nearly all over the Republic of Mexico. Well do I recollect those twenty-five Mexican children and their sweet voices in singing in musical Spanish tender Methodist hymns.

The mortal remains of Alejo Hernandez, our first Mexican preacher, lies buried on the bluff in Corpus Christi. There he took the vows as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and went out to call the Mexican people to salvation.

The longest bridge or causeway in Texas is to be erected across an arm of Corpus Christi Bay at the mouth of the Nueces River. The bridge will be of concrete and the water is shallow.

In many places in this southwestern country the churches are afflicted with debt. And yet the Church Extension Boards have put a great deal of money into churches in this part of West Texas Conference. The boards may be unable to remedy the conditions next fall. The war and cotton situation has hit this section hard.

In climate and fertility of soil this is the country for the distressed Belgian, but how is he going to get here and on what will he start when he gets here? No people can go to a new country and start in for a living who are pitiable objects of charity. Thousands are here now with farms unpaid for and cotton on their hands—and Thomas A. Edison says the war will last two years longer.

PUT TEXAS AT THE HEAD—IT'S EASY.

Walter G. Harbin.

The minutes of the Texas Conference for 1914 will show \$292 collected for the Children's Day fund by the Sunday Schools of the conference. Circumstances gave me access to all the minutes of all the conferences. I worked out a graded list of Children's Day collections from thirty-two conferences. This list is subjoined to this article. From it we can see that the Texas Conference ranks twenty-eighth, just above West Virginia, Pacific, which has three districts, Los Angeles, which has two, and German Mission, which has fifteen appointments.

This is, at first glance, discouraging; but upon a slight analysis it turns out to be most encouraging, for it shows how very easy it will be to put Texas up with Tennessee, Virginia or even alongside the leader, the Memphis Conference, which is indeed a great conference; but no greater in personal and material resources than the Texas.

The minutes of 1914 for the Texas Conference are not before me, but from the minutes of 1913 it appears that only ninety-five charges contributed to Children's Day collections. There were reported at this time over five hundred schools. The average contribution to the Children's Day fund, in charges contributing, was about three cents for each Sunday School pupil, officer or teacher. If all our schools had observed Children's Day, with the same average contribution for each pupil, officer and teach-

er, the total would have been above two thousand dollars. The average in the Memphis Conference is a little over six cents. The same average in the Texas Conference would give us over four thousand dollars, and put us far ahead of Memphis.

We can put the Texas Conference at the head of the list, and do it this year.

Conference.	Minutes.	Amount.
Memphis	.....1914	\$3,435.55
South Carolina	.....1913	2,746.00
Virginia	.....1913	2,653.95
North Georgia	.....1913	1,629.00
Tennessee	.....1914	1,427.00
North Texas	.....1913	1,307.00
North Mississippi	.....1914	1,293.00
Baltimore	.....1914	1,231.00
Mississippi	.....1914	1,125.63
Central Texas	.....1914	1,042.00
Louisiana	.....1914	1,040.00
Little Rock	.....1914	930.00
Florida	.....1914	925.48
W. N. Carolina	.....1914	837.99
West Texas	.....1914	786.00
Louisiana	.....1914	784.99
Holston	.....1914	760.00
Alabama	.....1914	721.99
Kentucky	.....1914	713.11
North Arkansas	.....1914	586.00
S. W. Missouri	.....1914	575.99
Missouri	.....1914	540.07
N. W. Texas	.....1914	501.00
St. Louis	.....1914	490.00
N. Alabama	.....1914	468.75
E. Oklahoma	.....1914	449.00
TEXAS, Statistics furnished by S. S. Board.		392.00
W. Virginia	.....1914	307.00
Pacific, 3 Dists.	.....1913	249.08
Los Angeles, 2 Dists.	.....1914	195.79
German Mis., 15 aps.	.....1913	87.95

THE UNITED STATES AND ARMAMENT.

A great deal of campaigning has been done by the advocates of larger army and naval forces for the United States, especially since the matter has been brought more insistently before Congress. A brief summary of their position has recently been given by Charles J. Bonaparte, ex-secretary of the Navy. After making light of the efforts of peace advocates, he says that meetings of American citizens might be of some value if they asked "over and over again, for a dozen new super-dreadnaughts, for a half dozen battle cruisers, for a hundred first-class aircraft," if they urged "that our regular army be strengthened fifty per centum, that our National Guard be trebled in number." Instead of preventing the destruction of militarism, they should devote all their thoughts and efforts to perfecting a form of militarism more thorough and efficient than that of Germany, the conditions of peace, he says, will be determined by those who can fight the harder and longer and give heavier blows.

The argument seems reasonable at first sight, but it has at least one essential weakness which makes it valueless. Mr. Bonaparte talks as if the work would all be done when the additional armament he advocates had been voted by Congress. As a matter of fact it would be only a beginning. Make our army and navy superior to every other country's this year, and next year we find that other nations have adopted our plan and that we must increase our forces still further. The adoption of a militaristic policy forces upon us an ever-increasing burden and involves every other country in the world in the same process. We can never stop and rest for no other nation will tamely allow us to remain superior. Our army and navy cost us in 1911-1912 over 244 million dollars representing a cost of \$2.65 per unit of the population. Can we afford the increase in expenditure and its additions from year to year?

The fact that armament cannot prepare for peace has been shown by the outbreak of the war, which was the direct result of several years of competition in armament building among the European nations. Instead of insuring against war, the competition made each nation more eager to use its invincible army and arouse uncontrollable hostility. Shall we embark on a policy which has had such disastrous results?

Of course no one wishes the United States to disarm in the face of other nations armed to the teeth. But the United States has a great opportunity before it. At the end of the war it may be able to exert its influence in establishing a peace which shall be permanent. The warring nations have shown clearly in the last few months how valuable to them is the good opinion of Americans. Will it not be possible to urge the nations of Europe to agree on a universal disarmament or on a substantial reduction? England and France by this war have practically committed themselves to an anti-militaristic position. If this is, as they have said, a war against militarism, general disarmament is

the only logical outcome. Can the United States urge such a policy if it has just voted to make its army and navy superior to any in the world? It will not only make a permanent peace impossible but will lose an unequalled opportunity for serving the higher good of all the nations of the world.

UNIVERSITIES AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

In the Annual Report of the President of Columbia University to the trustees, Dr. Butler has spoken of the instruction in international relations now being given in that University.

"Both by the Department of International Law and by the school of Journalism, a sound beginning has been made in interesting students in international relations and affairs and in giving instruction concerning them. The great war which is devastating and impoverishing Europe has taught millions of men who have never before been thought of in the subject how interdependent the various nations of the earth really are. These international relations are only in part diplomatic, political and legal; they are in far larger part economic, social, ethical and intellectual. In seeking out the facts which illustrate these interrelations and interdependencies and in interpreting them, there is a new and hitherto little-used field of instruction which is just now of peculiar interest and value to the American. If the world is to progress in harmony, in co-operation, and in peace, the leaders of opinion throughout the world must possess the international mind. They must not see an enemy in every neighbor, but rather a friend and a helper in a common cause. To bring this about implies a long and probably slow process of moral education. However long and however slow the process may prove to be, a beginning must be made, and Columbia has recently made this beginning definitely and earnestly and its efforts have met with a cordial response. The international aspect of every great question which arises should be fairly and fully presented, and, without dealing too much with the speculative aspects of a future internationalism, stress should constantly be laid upon the world's progress in interdependence. The instruction already offered on these important topics may well be strengthened as opportunity offers and as its good effects are manifest."

Of the results of such education, indeed of the whole process, it is easy to be pessimistic now that education has seemed powerless and unwilling to stay the gigantic European conflict. "We are confronted," says Dr. Butler, "by the deplorable fact that those among us who are supposed to be the wisest and the best disciplined behave like the crudest and the most untrained under the pressure of national chauvinism or those discreditible emotions which war calls into full play. The dilemma which confronts us is either to give up the task of using knowledge and discipline as instruments for the elevation of mankind, or to seek for the cause of the present failure and to set to work with renewed and more intelligent vigor upon a long and difficult task."

The universities, he thinks, should not hesitate a moment in making their choice. No matter how gloomy the immediate outlook they should continue to do all in their power to improve all those whom their influence may directly or indirectly reach. "It may some day be revealed to us that no small part of present-day discouragement and disappointment is due to the structure of government in those countries where the agents of government are not directly responsible to public opinion. It may perhaps be found to be true that the education of the public opinion of the mass has proceeded to a point far in advance of that occupied by the rulers of nations who are designated by heredity or chosen from a narrowly confined class. If this be true, a remedy is not far to seek."

Though an education is a high priced commodity, yet ignorance is continued at even a higher price in loss and sweat and pain.

The real world, the world of spiritual truth and beauty, is not remote from us. Glimpses of its brightness come to us in hours of toil and sorrow and strenuous victory over severe temptations its splendor shines in the face of innocent babes, heavenly dew of a commonplace man or woman, and transfigures the worn lineaments of the aged and the sick. The joy of its holiness, the sweetness of its content, the triumph of its unselfishness are often seen in the lives and in the countenances of our fellow pilgrims. —J. E. C. Sawyer.

Notes from The Field

Haskell.

I am in my field and perfectly delighted with Haskell and the Haskell people. They have given us a royal reception. For twenty years I have thought I would like to come to Haskell. Wife and I passed this way twenty years ago, on our way to "Floyd and Brisco." We have many friends here of all denominations. They are giving us such a boost as I think we never had. Knickerbocker seems to think he has the debt, but we were sure debt here—about \$16,000. This will be something more than a breakfast spell, but we will manage it without the loss of much blood. I shook the red shawl in the bull's face my second Sunday and business has already begun to pick up. More later.—Ed R. Wallace.

McLean.

Bishop, we are in no sense disappointed in our new presiding elder, Rev. J. T. Hicks, of the Clarcondon District. We were sure we could not get the equal of Rev. J. W. Story, our former presiding elder. But, while we would have continued to keep him, during good behavior, indefinitely, we are beginning to dry our tears over his loss. No, we have not ceased to love him, and never will, but we have opened our hearts wide to his successor. Brother Hicks came to hold my first Quarterly Conference last Saturday, and preached us three splendid sermons, which have already helped the pastor and several of my members. We have taken firmer hold on the things of God and resolved to do better service for our Savior. My stewards tell me that they look upon their office as being more of a privilege than a sacrifice, since his visit to us. And several others of my members, who were more or less idlers in the vineyard, have asked me for work to do for the Master. I note great improvement in our Conference Journal this year, and am ordering extra copies enough to place one in the hands of every official in my charge. Go thou, and do likewise, and your laymen will become more intelligent officials, and you will thereby provide for yet greater improvements in the appearance and convenience of your Journal.—J. T. Howell.

Staff Charge.

We have been given a very cordial reception by the good people of this charge. Many expressions of kindness and interest in material things have gladdened our hearts, and added to the comfort of our home. Such as the old fashioned pounding; furnishing the parsonage with chickens, and various other tokens of interest, too numerous to mention. We have found a spiritual people; and even in the face of so much bad weather since Annual Conference we have had good attendance at our services. Our first Quarterly Conference is a matter of history. Our new presiding elder, Bro. E. P. Williams, was present; preached for us a very edifying and soul-stirring sermon, using for his text a portion of the 22nd verse of the 9th chapter of 1 Corinthians, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." He very clearly and impressively showed the importance and necessity of being soul-winners for our Master; of grasping and improving every opportunity for service, emphasizing the value of the soul, and its immortality. At the conclusion of the service many came forward recommitting themselves to the service of God. Three young men came as penitents to the altar, and one was happily saved. Brother Williams made a very favorable impression with our people. His spiritual, elevating messages, his kindly, brotherly spirit, appears alike to both young and old. We had a good conference, and all went to our homes with a new vision, and with yearning hearts to be used by our Master, whatever the cross might be.—M. D. Council, P. C., Jan. 7.

Centerville Station.

We are here and comfortably situated. Just how it was all accomplished will never be told. Rain and mud, lots of it, and a country road, but we are here and the love of the people has made us glad. Methodist people seem to love their preachers more than other people. The warmth of the reception has compensated for the breaking of old ties and for the long day's drive in the rain. Like Peter I feel that it is good to be here. The spiritual state of the Church is indeed good. The people are running four live, wide-awake prayer meetings. The men's prayer meetings are the most spiritual services that I have ever attended. The Sunday School, under Prof. Bandleen, is well graded, thoroughly organized and is one of the best in the conference. Brother Bandleen is a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed." The Epworth League is young, but vigorous. Its organization was one of the last labors of my worthy predecessor. I think I have never seen so much interest in League work as is manifested here. I see the footprints of Rev. T. C. Sharp. For four years he labored well and effectively. May God continue to use him in his new field of labor. I also find here the labors of other hands. I see in the condition of the Church and town the effective work of Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Lowrey, of Fort Worth, Texas. These people have been the instruments in God's hand to revolutionize conditions in this little county site town. Through their labors strong men of fixed habits have been led to see the errors of a sinful life and come to Christ. The Christmas holidays were celebrated in a sane way. No drunkenness, no shooting, no

yelling, no dancing, no carousing. The order of the week was Church-going and prayer meetings. Christmas Day, in the afternoon, seventeen young ladies assembled at the Church, as is their custom since the revival to meet on Friday afternoons, and had a real spiritual feast. Friday night the men's prayer meeting was turned into a general Christmas prayer and praise service. The house was filled in spite of the cold and the meeting was great. Old settlers said that they had never seen anything like it in Centerville or elsewhere. One after another spoke words of encouragement. Finally one of the most substantial business men got up and said, "I want to make a confession. For years I kept prohibition from coming to this town. I tried to think that it was not best to have a dry town, but one Christmas without booze has convinced me that it is best to have a dry town." And then, with the emphasis of a sterling character, he said, "There shall never be a saloon in Centerville as long as I have a dollar." Praise God for religion like that and for the work of God's chosen vessels in this town. I hear statements like this every day. "We can never repay Brother Lowrey for his labors." "There is no estimating the good the Lowrey meeting did Centerville." "The town will never be the same any more." "Eternity alone can estimate the blessing that the Lowreys brought to this town." They are indeed sane and sound and above all Spirit-filled servants of the most high God. The pastor's salary was placed at \$1000 to be paid monthly. The men have assumed the work of collecting the conference assessments. We are contemplating a new brick church and parsonage. Brethren, pray for me that I may shepherd this flock properly.—R. H. Lewelling, Jan. 8.

Evant.

Well, it rains and we still have cold, stormy weather. But when we have weather like we have had since conference I always think of an old adage I once saw. It ran like this: "When the weather is wet, you must not fret. When the weather is dry, you must not cry. When the weather is cold, you must not scold. But be thankful together whatever the weather." The weather has been so rainy and bad since conference that we have not preached much and have been out among our people very little. We have been to each place where we are to hold forth this year and just from traveling over the territory we can plainly see that we have a man's job this year. It takes just 102 miles travel each month to reach all the points where I am to preach, so one can readily see that to visit means to travel extensively. We feel that we are in the midst of a good people and that there is a mighty work to be done this year. The people came in with a rush the other night and filled the table in the dining room full of good things to eat. We hope that the good work will continue, for it came in at a very opportune time with us. The people have been very nice to us on every hand. They have us well provided for in the way of house room. There are two parsonages and five church buildings on this work. All good buildings, too. We live in a nice little country town where we do not have the uproar of city life to mar our peaceful slumber. We are expecting a good year by the power of God, and the help of the good people.—L. E. Hill, P. C.

Royse City.

The Methodist people of Royse have given us a royal reception. Notwithstanding a steady downpour of rain a number of our people met us at the train and brought us to the parsonage. The same afternoon in which we arrived the pounding began, continued without intermission through the Christmas holidays, but did not assume any specially threatening or dangerous proportions until late in the afternoon of January 7, when it broke in on us in all its fury. Previously we had received many tokens of appreciation, words of encouragement and thoughtful kindnesses, but the pounding finished things. Sunday, January 10, was a great day with us, being the occasion of our first Quarterly Conference, and the first official visit of Rev. E. L. Egger, our presiding elder. Whether in the chair or in the pulpit, Brother Egger is at home. He gave perfect satisfaction. Special mention should be made of his sermon Sunday morning. In language it was chaste, diction pure, style pleasing and withal deeply spiritual; it was a sermon good to the use of education. He completely captured all our people. Brother Egger fills the place, and the kingdom of God will be built up under his administration. We predict for him great success on the Terrell District. We have made a good beginning on the work of the new year and the outlook is exceedingly bright and promising.—W. R. McCarter.

Hobart Station, Okla.

I hit my hat to you, as you enter this field as the organ of the West Oklahoma Conference. Twenty-five years ago my father ordered the Texas Christian Advocate sent to my address. I was then nineteen years old. He paid the subscription for two years and then informed me that if I wanted to continue reading the paper I would have to dig up the price. Well, it is a pleasure to me, and I trust to my old father as well, to be able to say that I have never missed a copy from that day to this. I was licensed to preach at Springtown, Weatherford District, Northwest

Texas Conference, in June, 1901. Have been in Oklahoma now nearly fourteen years. Ten years of that time have been spent in the pastorate. We have just finished four very pleasant, and I trust profitable years, at Waurika, Oklahoma, and are now comfortably domiciled in our new charge at Hobart. This is a splendid town of 4000 or 5000 inhabitants, two railroads and a very fine body of agricultural land surrounding the town. The people here have shown us every kindness, and the outlook is very encouraging indeed. We have a fine type of citizenship here, and if anyone happens to ask you, you can tell them that we have "prohibition that prohibits." Best regards to all my old friends in the Lone Star State.—H. B. Ellis.

Blanchard-Washington, Okla.

Last Saturday evening, after listening to a real interesting sermon, delivered by our beloved presiding elder, Dr. W. M. Wilson, the first Quarterly Conference for the year was held. Our report was only fairly good, owing to the fact we have only been on the field since conference. We have received twelve in the Church since conference. Blanchard is a town of about 800 or 900 people, on the O. C. Railroad, between Chickasha and Purcell. Things are alive here. Two nice churches, three brick business houses and twelve nice residences were erected in 1914; also about one mile of concrete sidewalk was put down. Much improvements have been done in the last year. Washington, a town of about 500 population, twelve miles east, is another promising town and we are to build a church there when the weather opens up. Much improvement has been done at Washington last year and we can work with great ambition that this is to be the greatest year in our ministry. We have a fine people, and the work moves off fine; so we expect to do a good year's work. Interest in Sunday Schools at both places is increasing. Brethren, pray for us that we may have a great harvest of souls for our hire this year.—Chas. G. Cole, Jan. 7.

Bethany Circuit.

I have made one round on the Bethany charge since we moved. I believe I have an appreciative and loyal people to serve. The people of Bethany quietly made their donation before our arrival, and about ten days later, notwithstanding the bad roads, there was a wagonload came from Bethel, and every member of the preacher's family was remembered, especially Fred, who received sixteen bales of Bermuda hay. We have expressed our thanks in words, and feel deeply the obligations under which we are placed. So we make an immediate beginning to give all possible returns in the way of service to the donors of both Churches. We spent a few pleasant hours New Year's night with the young people of Bethel. There was a short program rendered, and the year 1914 passed into history, while many sat with sober faces and seemed to peruse the page of their life book that turned with the old year, or were peering into the future, as the clock told that the minutes of 1915 were ticking away. Pray for us in our new work, not because it is customary to ask, but because we need the strength.—B. L. Owens, P. C.

Cochran and Maple Avenue.

At the North Texas Conference we were read out for this charge. Beginning on our second year's work for Cochran and Maple Avenue. The past year was a pleasant one indeed for the pastor and his family. We received a warm welcome at the very beginning. It was but a short while until we loved the

people. All through the past year the good people of this charge showed their appreciation in many ways. While I was at Denison attending the conference they looked after the welfare of my family. So when we were returned to this charge we received a cordial welcome. As to the pounding, it would be difficult to say just when it began. For so many good things came to us all along. But on New Year's night the crowd gathered at the parsonage. My! what a pounding it was! One to be long remembered by those receiving it. Last year we thought we had served the best people in the world and now we are thoroughly convinced of the fact. We have two Sunday Schools in the charge, and two good superintendents and a faithful band of teachers. We also have two splendid missionary societies. Also a junior division of the missionary society that is doing fine work. In our Sunday School at Cochran Chapel we have a fine Wesley Adult Bible Class with Mrs. A. B. Chapman as teacher. The class presented Mrs. Chapman with a handsome piece of silverware as a Christmas present. She received three other presents from different members of the class, which were highly appreciated by her. For all the good things received we are thankful and in return will love our folk a whole lot more and do our very best to serve them more faithfully this year. Let us all expect great things from our Father as the days come and go.—A. B. Chapman.

San Augustine.

After four happy years at Summit Street, Marshall, we were appointed to San Augustine and we arrived in due time, and on our arrival we found the parsonage swept and garnished and ready for us. We were met at the parsonage by some of the elect ladies and they extended to us a welcome which made us feel that we were among friends; so we say that we have been royally received. The "pounding" began before we got here and is still going on. I will say that the pounding was well done, for it was large, systematic and good—the best the country affords. We had sent us during Christmas three fine, fat turkeys and country meats, hams, spareribs and backbones. It goes without saying that we are having a good time. As far as I know we are well pleased with our new new appointment. Everything looks hopeful and the prospects look good for this year. The people all seem to be hopeful and seem to be willing to do anything they can to help move things along. If we do not have a good year I am mistaken in the signs of the times. The stewards have set the salary at \$1250 and made a good start collecting. Reported the first month \$90.50 on salaries. We have re-organized and advanced the Epworth League to a Senior League and organized a Junior League. The work of the young people seems to be well planned. Our Sunday School, under the management of our very efficient superintendent, Brother J. D. Clark, is taking on new life and we are planning for advancements in all lines of the work. Our first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. Our new presiding elder, Brother L. B. Elrod, "came, saw and conquered." It was certainly a delight to have him with us. It made us feel like our kinsfolk had come. We are doing our best trying to be worthy and happy.—W. W. Gollingsh.

Madill, Okla.

Yesterday was a banner day for Madill. Only twice in the history of the Church has there been a larger attendance at Sunday School. The young people met at the parsonage last Thursday evening and organized two classes—the young ladies with twenty-one charter members and the young men with ten. Nineteen of the young ladies were at Sunday School yesterday and a number of the young men. The pastor preached to a large congregation both morning and evening. Received two into the Church. In the afternoon the men of the Church met at the City Hall and organized a "Men's Sunday Evening Club" the chief purpose of which is to interest the men of the city in Church work. They elected Mr. C. H. Wright President. Mr. Wright is a successful business man and a strong character in every way. He will put his heart and brains into this work. Our men and women and young people here mean business. Fact is this is a great town and a great people. If any Texas people are contemplating coming to Oklahoma, come to Madill, the best town of its size in Oklahoma.—W. C. House, P. C.

McLean.

The "pounders" came last evening—big, little, old and young—and this pastor and his family feel encouraged this morning. After depositing many tokens of good will in the dining room they sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," followed by talks from the Chairman of the Board of Stewards, and the President of the Woman's Missionary Society. The speakers expressed generous appreciation of the pastor and his family, and a determination to continue to uphold their hands in the work of the Lord. The pastor tried to respond, and, failing in words, led in a prayer for blessings upon the givers, thanks for Christian love and for divine leadership in the work of the new conference year. This was followed by refreshments furnished by the ladies, after which these kindly visitors departed. God bless one and all.—J. T. Howell, Pastor, Jan. 8.

Holland.

We reached this field of labor without incident soon after conference, but the rains began the day we arrived and we have been "stuck up" ever since. Have been kept in by sickness most of the time, also, but we

realize that our experience with the mud is practically the case as that of all who are situated in the black land. We have had a very kind reception at Holland, and also by those from the outside appointments whom we have been privileged to meet. Many substantial remembrances have found their way to the parsonage all along, and the climax came Saturday when one of the stewards knocked at the door and asked us what to do with the groceries, at the same time pointing to a loaded delivery wagon standing in front of the house. We are very grateful, indeed, for these expressions of kindness and feel that we are in good hands. Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone and with it our genial and efficient presiding elder, Brother T. S. Armstrong. He is a help and an inspiration to us, and we feel hopeful for a successful year. We will do what we can by the help of God.—J. M. Bond, Jr.

Petrolia and Charlie.

The Sunday following the adjournment of the conference we began our year's work. The weather was very cold, but there was a good many present and they heard us gladly and I did my best. I had the pleasure of being introduced by Brother Thomas, the former pastor, and this was a great relief. Brother Thomas has wrought well here and it gives me great pleasure to hear the people speak so well of him. We have been very kindly received and many tokens of appreciation given. Of course, yes, largely, and there seems to be no end—the pantry is full, running over and some running round out of doors with feathers on—and still it comes. We observed the Week of Prayer. A great success it was—everybody took part, large crowds every night; wound up January 10, with assessments for foreign missions paid in full and then some. The stewards have made ample provision for the preacher, raising the assessment nearly double over last year. As there is no parsonage on this charge they have rented us a nice new house and furnished it. So we are well fixed. No wood or coal to get and kindling to split—just light a match and burn gas—and if we should get rusty and need greasing there is an abundance of oil near by. So I see no reason why we should not run smoothly and have a good year. So many good things of a material sort and the promise of the good Lord to be with us. So mote it be.—W. D. Sauls.

Duffau.

We have begun to look forward to the days when the roads are not so muddy and the sky so overcast with clouds that it makes one feel indeed that the world was in mourning for those who are being slain in this terrible war. God's glorious sun shone with splendor on Sunday at Olen's Chapel. O that it had shone in every heart the same as it did here! I think we are in the midst of as fine a people as can be found. They have received us with the greatest of kindness, and of course all the other good things that go with kindness have been added thereto. Such good things to eat, nothing stronger to drink than good mineral water; with all of this, who could keep from loving these people? We have only missed two Sundays since conference of having service. I trust and pray that we may be able to do so well all the year. We hope to make this a good year for the Lord and the Advocate also. God bless us all in our work this year.—J. D. Ramsey, P. C.

Blossom.

In perusing the weekly Advocate, especially on page 4, it gives me an insight of the hearty receptions given to the various messengers of truth over our beloved State. Yet I fail to see but little in print from Blossom, and I take this method of informing you that we, the M. E. Church of Blossom, consider we have the best charge in the Paris District. If there is any proof required in the above assertion we respectfully refer you to our grand and noble presiding elder, W. F. Bryan. It gives me consolation to state we have no sons or cisms in any of our organizations. Harmony universally prevails. First, our prayer meetings are a source of real spiritual uplifting. Our Sabbath Schools will keep pace with any in the Paris District. It could not be otherwise when we have such a noble Christian gentleman for our superintendent. Please imagine our great delight when we learned our former beloved pastor was returned to us. He is a leader indeed and in truth. His very presence at prayer meetings and Sunday Schools is an evident part of his great interest over his charge, and to cap the climax, when he gets warmed up over his subjects at preaching hours we, his congregation, certainly get food for the soul upon which we can feed during the incoming week. I must not forget to state that the good Sister Hendricks (although apparently feeble) takes from fifteen to twenty pupils in the anteroom and there instills into their young and tender hearts such truths that will prove to them that Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."—J. N. Daniel.

Plainview.

I make my best bow to the editor of the Advocate and its large circle of readers. I came to North Texas Conference in 1890 and spent some twelve years in the midst of these good brethren. I transferred to Oklahoma some twelve years ago and am now a superannuate member of the West Oklahoma Conference. I am now living at Plainview, Texas. Wife and I are near our daughter, Mrs. L. C. Benington whose husband was accidentally killed a year ago. We will be here this year. This is a delightful place to live so far as health and Methodist association go. I congratulate the Oklahoma Conference on the timely and wise action of their



MASTER HARRY GRISSOM.

Above is the picture of Master Henry Grissom, of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, a 13-year-old boy who has the honor of being the first contributor either by cash or subscription to the proposed new Methodist Church building to cost approximately \$20,000. Harry's contribution was voluntary. He subscribed \$50 and gave his pastor his personal check for \$12.50 on December 19, following the burning of the old church, which occurred on December 6. Harry is of one of our best Methodist families. His father is one of our stewards. Harry carries and pays his own money. His pastor, A. A. KIDD.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S Building and Endowment Campaign

Brethren, Let Us Dig!

(By GULLIVER)

When I was a boy there lived a man in our neighborhood who had hauled water in barrels for domestic use three miles for fifteen years. His successor to the premises dug a well and got an abundant supply at the depth of twenty-five feet. The water hauled had employed two mules, a wagon, a driver and much precious time through a long series of years to procure an inferior grade and amount of that which his more enterprising successor enjoyed constantly without the expenditure either of time or money beyond that which he employed in digging his shallow well. Verily, Josh Billings was right when he remarked that, "If our foresights were as good as our hindsight we should be less liable to the fluctuations of Fortune."

I think of the shortsightedness and improvidence of this water hauler and of the enterprising and progressive man who succeeded him when I cogitate upon the endowment of our Church schools. We establish eleemosynary institutions looking to the uplift and support of the down and the needy. All of which, by-products of intelligent devotion to the

principles of the doctrines of Christ are "worthy and well-qualified," but would it not be better to look after and strengthen, more than we have hitherto done, those institutions, the Church and Church schools, since the prosperity of these is a guarantee against the necessity of those charity institutions which we now support with so much enthusiasm, and from which we receive, as a rule, such meager returns? Had we not better stop hauling water and dig for it? Had we not better employ the time and money we are now expending in this haphazard way in building and supporting those institutions which remove the necessity for these other enterprises, and which enlarge the circle more and more of those who dig for the "hid treasure of better and higher things?"

Most people to the fore-going will contribute a hearty "amen," but, as old Dr. Sam Johnson used to say, "There's an end on it." A large number will say, when urged to "come up to the help of the Lord" in this way, that they are so poor and what they personally could contribute in the way of money is so little that it would not be a drop in the bucket. In

this answer I recognize the voice of an Old Timer—the one talent man in the Gospel. He not only refuses to contribute, but in a sly and insidious way, when he dares to do so, denounces his Lord as "a hard man—reaping where he hath not sown and gathering where he hath not strewn." Yes, the "knocker," nine times out of ten, does nothing else but "knock."

But think of it! If all these small contributors should really contribute, if each and every one, though he have but a small spade, should honestly and industriously dig, what an excavation would soon be made, and what a generous flow of the water of prosperity for Church schools would in a short time be realized? And until we all get together and pull together, each "doing with his might (however little), what his hands find to do," are we not "saving at the pigot and losing at the bung?" Are we not hiding our principal without hope of necessary and legitimate "usury?" Yea, are we not wasting our time, wear'n' out our mules and wagons in hauling water—the same inferior supply from year to year?

MEN OF ISRAEL, HELP! BRETHREN, LET US DIG!

commissioners in adopting the Texas Advocate as their organ. This is as it should be. We are closely related to Texas Methodism and should become more and more identified. I desire to congratulate the South Ervay Methodist Church, at Dallas, on having as pastor Gus Barnes. He is a sane, sincere, soulful preacher of the Gospel of light, love and life in Christ. Any people who are fortunate enough to have this popular man and his excellent family are to be congratulated. Brother Story, our new pastor, is at his post and has made a good impression and entered very heartily into the work of the year. He was received kindly by this people and has a large field of greatest possibilities. Bishop McCoy returned our presiding elder, O. P. Kiker, and we are glad of that. He is a man of affairs and I predict for him a year of positive, purposeful, permanent progress on the Plainview District. Seth Ward College has opened after the holidays with a fine attendance. Almost all the old pupils are back with a number of new ones. Its President is a progressive man and will bring this school into its own. He has a fine corps of teachers and we confidently expect large things of our school. Our people are very proud of this institution and more and more it is destined to become a factor and force in Methodism in the Panhandle. May the great Head of the Church give all the pastors a year of unparalleled success in soul-winning. Pray for us, that God may use us in his own way and work. Wife says give our best love to all the preachers in Texas and Oklahoma Conferences and all the people whom we have had the good fortune to serve in those conferences. —W. M. P. Rippey.

Walters, Okla.

I am very glad to have the Texas Christian Advocate come into my home again, after having done without it for nearly eight years. When I was a boy my father took the Advocate. I learned to love it then. I have not felt so much at home since leaving Texas as this week when my paper came to my table. It reads just like it used to. I can almost hear Dr. Rankin's voice as I read the editorials. It seems a short time since I came to this country, but it has been eight years. I have learned to feel much at home in Oklahoma and I see the boys from the North Texas Conference keep dropping over this way. It must be very good picking. I started on the bottom rung eight years ago. Am just a little above it now, but I suppose we always have better than we deserve, but some are very deserving above their brothers. The Bishop sent me back to Walters, a delightful charge, good enough for any man. The outlook for the coming year is very hopeful—every department of the Church is in fine condition. If we can have a great revival of religion in our Church this year, by the end of the year our Church will be all we could expect. I expect to see the editor next spring at our District Conference, which convenes at Walters.—W. C. Fleetwood.

Grant Charge, Okla.

The good Bishop and presiding elders of last session of our great conference ordered us moved from Cameron charge to Grant and we granted it and moved to Grant. We got here soon as possible after conference. We left some real good people and find some at Grant. We are well pleased with our new charge. We were royally received on our arrival here. The ladies of the Church and missionary Society met us at the train at 10:25 o'clock at night and took us to their homes and took splendid care of us until our goods arrived. We appreciated the kind reception given us, and then they pounded us until we were glad we had a place and belonged to God's family and had a being in his kingdom. I have made one round and find good people at all the points, so we are encouraged to start out to do our best for God and his people. We hope to bring up all the claims of God's kingdom this year and do better and more than ever for him. If our people only understood their supreme obligation to support the kingdom of Christ, that it is above every other obligation, it would be easy to take the world for Christ. But there are so many who are like a man in my charge last year. He subscribed \$5.00 at first Quarterly Conference for quarter, but at end of year, though he and his daughter were each on a good salary, he only felt obligated or able to pay \$2.00. But he had bought a piece of land, like the man spoken of in the Bible and he must see after that and the pastor and God's cause must suffer. There are thousands of people who have these loose, unscriptural ideas of the Christian obligations. They don't know or care; that's it. Paul put the people's obligation to support their pastor above their obligation to support other officers or teachers whatsoever. See 1 Cor. 9:11-12, "If others have this power over you have not we rather, but we have not used this power." No, the preacher can't sue for his claims and collect it and it would not be right or best to do so as God has made it a matter of conscience with the individual to pay. But so many take advantage of this and refuse, or fail to pay. Is not this dishonest? Suppose we treat our other creditors as we treat God. What would they do with us. Fearing the length of this and other defects might doom it to the waste basket, I close.—J. M. Hively, P. C., Jan. 4.

Carrollton and Farmers Branch.

On our return from conference we had escort from depot to parsonage, where we found supper ready, many people, happy greetings and a genuine pounding. The Quarterly Conference embraced Christmas week. The new presiding elder had a remarkable ex-

perience. It was his first Quarterly Conference as presiding elder and was in the neighborhood of his birthplace—both natural and spiritual. Here at Webb's Chapel he was born, reared, converted, received into the Church, licensed to preach, recommended to the Annual Conference, later served as pastor and now comes as presiding elder. No man is more loved by the people here than C. W. Dennis, the "elder." The meeting was a success every way. The financial report was a surprise to us all. Our Week of Prayer was an uplift and will add to the missionary treasury. This note is more lengthy than I am accustomed to writing, but here is something on the "new beloved" all the brethren must share. Christmas eve a good brother in McKinney was calling up the children and having the time of his life, claiming to be Santa Claus. He called Brother Dennis' little daughter when the following conversation took place: "This is Santa Claus, who is that?" "Edith Dennis." "Well, I have that name on my Rockwall list." "Yes, that's me, we lived there, but have moved to McKinney." "Let's get it right. This little girl at Rockwall was a preacher's daughter. Is your father a preacher?" With much anxiety, in tremulous voice she replied, "Yes, sir, he was a preacher, but he is presiding elder now." Santa made his visit, although the father had been so changed.—D. F. Fuller.

ENNIS METHODISM.

A Refreshing Communication.

Ennis Methodism is not the untried kind, but rather the true and tried. It is made so by a long line of faithful men and women, who have written their good deeds not in the sands of time, but in the hearts and lives of men and women. They have been led in this splendid achievement by a great number of splendid, faithful, successful pastors. Among the number may be mentioned the names of Uncle Tom Duncan and J. W. Downs, Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D., E. A. Smith, J. H. Stewart, E. F. Boone, and others. Their work abides in the hearts, homes and characters of a great host of splendid people in this delightful little city of some eight thousand souls. When I was appointed to this pastorate quite naturally I shrank from the responsibility of filling the place and pulpit of men who have made and stand at the head of Methodism in the Central Texas Conference, but my fears were somewhat removed when I came and received such a genuine and royal welcome.

In a ministry of fourteen years no man was ever accorded a more royal or loyal welcome than the present pastor. It was of the right type, the kind that abides and grows better from day to day. The facts in the case, the whole matter seems to be mutual so far as I am able to judge. I am pleased beyond expression, and they, the people, seem to be delighted with the prospects for a great year. We have our part of the rain and mud, notwithstanding these hindrances I have been speaking to the largest congregations in the history of the Church. At nearly every service all available space has been taken and still they come. These folks are my kind. They have red blood in their make-up, and know how to get close to the heart of a pastor.

The Official Board is composed of twenty-five wide-awake business men of the city. A better board can not be found in Texas. They are wide-awake, far-seeing and progressive, and with it all they love the Church and the kingdom. Their first meeting was held a few days after my arrival at the splendid home of T. T. Clark. Among other things disposed of they adopted the "budget" system, employed a collector to look after all the finances, thus relieving the pastor of all financial worry or responsibility. In the absence of the pastor the salary was raised \$750 over last year, thus making their Church rank among the best in the State, a place it deservedly belongs. This raise came, too, without a word directly or indirectly from the pastor to a single man. They said it was unanimous and enthusiastically so. That means something during "war times."

The splendid nine-room parsonage has been completely renovated, re-papered, etc., throughout at a cost of more than \$300. A more comfortable and delightful home is not to be had in the conference. There was some talk of adding another room, due to the fact we only had nine, or only four and a half between us, but I guess we will manage to "get by" as it is.

I have been busy, but that does not express just how busy. Well, when I hit the ground in Ennis I hit it "a-run-in," and there has been no let up. Have re-organized and graded the Sunday School. We have five hundred enrolled and expect to have five hundred in attendance before many moons. Have organized a men's club. "The Good Fellowship Club," with a great number of splendid men. New Year's night we had a great banquet, between seventy-five and one hundred men partook of a great feast. A more delightful time was never had. The name of the club is quite significant as to the purpose of the same.

Have been receiving folks at almost every service. Last Sunday received twelve, and this Sunday twenty. Thirty-two people in two Sundays, and thus the story goes. Knickerbocker says, "In Temple everything is lovely and the goose honks high." In Ennis "everything is lovely and the goose honks higher." Come again, Knick. Thirty-two people in the last two weeks gets the "high persimmon." More anon.

J. D. YOUNG, Pastor.

FORT WORTH METHODISM.

At the Fort Worth Methodist Preachers' Meeting the following reports were made for the quarter:

- W. G. Bailey, Smithfield: Work well organized. Stewards holding regular meetings. The general outlook good.
- Sterling Richardson, Glenwood: Several accessions. Good Sunday School.
- C. E. Simpson, Diamond Hill: Good services at various points on the work. Missionary campaign planned to begin January 10 and to last until the collections are all in.
- T. S. Barcus, Boulevard: Ten accessions. Church debt being paid.
- J. B. Curry, McKinley Avenue: Cordial reception given pastor, Church and Sunday School growing. Stewards organized. Forty-eight per cent of the membership visited.
- R. A. Langston, Hemphill Heights: Twenty-three accessions. Fifty per cent of conference collections provided for. Plan to cover and paper tabernacle.
- C. G. Chappell, Polytechnic: Board of Stewards, Missionary Committee and Social Service Committee organized and at work. Campaign of personal evangelism now on, purposing to win at least two hundred to Christ and the Church, to conclude in a two weeks' revival in April.
- H. F. Brooks, Mulkey Memorial: Fourteen conversions, forty-two accessions. Plan a campaign for personal evangelism.
- H. M. Dobbs, First Church: Forty-nine additions; \$150 raised for the Wesley House; \$100 for the Orphanage. Specializing in Sunday School work and teacher training.
- H. W. Gillette, Highland Park: One profession and addition. Board of Stewards organized and prospects for the year good.
- C. R. Wright, Central: Seventeen accessions by profession of faith and twelve by certificate. The work is well organized. The ideal for the year is intensive work in the development of the spiritual life and religious activities of the membership.
- C. V. Oswalt, Handley and Brooklyn Heights: Two accessions. Work progressing well.
- Warner Moore, Riverside: Increased activity in the Home Department of the Sunday School. Sixty enrolled in two Teacher Training Classes. Stewards organized.
- P. E. Riley, Weatherford Street: Twenty-five accessions; four-fifths of conference collections provided for; stewards organized and working; plans on hand to raise church debt.
- W. E. Boggs, Missouri Avenue: One accession on profession of faith. Social Service Committee working in the interest of Church attendance. One hundred dollars paid on conference collections. The parsonage renovated.
- C. A. Evans, Sagamore and Sycamore Work being organized and progress made.
- P. E. RILEY, Secretary.

REPORT OF HOUSTON PASTORS' ASSOCIATION FOR PAST TWO WEEKS.

- H. M. Whaling, Jr., Woodland Heights: Good outlook for 1915. The Church is in good shape.
- H. G. Coole, McVahan: Twenty-one new members added to Sunday School; congregations good; six additions to Church; new parsonage almost ready for occupancy.
- J. O. Coppage, Washington Avenue: New

year opens up well; Sunday School in good shape; finances in full; several additions to the Church. Hope to make this year greater than last.

- A. W. Gordon, Harrisburg: Crowds are good; lots of interest and enthusiasm.
- J. W. Mills, St. Paul's: Congregations are good; Sunday School is holding up well; great communion service Sunday; eleven additions to Church; ten new scholars in Sunday School.
- H. J. Meinke, Ebenezer: Large crowds at Christmas exercises; seven new scholars in Sunday School.
- F. W. Rodetzky, Bering Memorial: Good outlook. Presiding elder preached Sunday.
- A. A. Wagon, Ward Memorial: Eleven additions to Church; five new scholars in Sunday School. Things look hopeful for the year.
- L. J. Power, Tabernacle: Fine day yesterday. Largest crowd since conference; four additions to Church.
- C. S. Wright, First Church: Six hundred and twenty-five enrolled in Sunday School; thirty-three new scholars; twenty additions to Church.
- E. W. Potter, Grace Church: Sunday School averages 325; twelve additions to the Church; congregations good; finances in full.
- H. K. Morehead, Brunner Avenue: Everything working in a harmonious way. The outlook is good for the best year in the history of the Church.

A WORD FROM OKLAHOMA BY A FORMER TEXAN.

How glad I was to learn through the Western Methodist that the Texas Advocate, beginning with this year, would be the organ of Methodism in this State. What a home-coming feeling it brought to my heart to know that each week I would be reading as my organ the same paper that the friends which I had made in the third of a century's sojourn in the great State of Texas would be reading! Yes, it gave me the home-feeling. I said for my part I am going to see to it that the brethren hear from me occasionally, so that they shall not forget me, though I am up here.

On Sunday I congratulated my people over the fact that the Texas Christian Advocate was to now come into their homes, and that they had the pleasure of belonging to the great Advocate family with its more than 25,000 circulation. What a medium for news and publicity. If five people read each Advocate, and I do not doubt but that they do, that is 125,000 each week. Really I am surprised that the advertising world does not appreciate more highly the value of an advertising agency like the Texas Christian Advocate. Who is not to be congratulated for belonging to such a family.

Yes, come on, old Texans, thousands will peruse your valuable pages in this rising young State of Oklahoma. We will love you, many of us having loved you long ere this; and multitudes will read your pages and learn to love you as others of us have learned in the long ago. We will read of the triumphs

of victorious deaths; we will hear the battle cry as the war against sin and wickedness is waged to the very gates; we will have our hearts stirred as we read of the things for which our ministry stands, i. e., the salvation of the lost hosts. Come on, I say, you are thrice welcome.

You Texans will take us in. You will not look on us as interlopers, but as part of that great army of Methodism in this growing West. We are now sixty thousand strong up here in this State, but we expect it to be but a little while until we shall number one hundred thousand. You would be surprised to know the number of Texans in this Commonwealth. Especially is this true in the central and southern part of the State. This will only make the Advocate more at home within. When you preachers visit us at Annual Conference this is what you will see: Miss Raesdale at the Advocate table with L. Blaylock standing somewhere hard by; Dr. Rankin seated on the platform taking notes; W. C. Everett with a book under his arm looking for the preacher who wants to see him (?!); Miss Capers there, and Mr. Turner, and perhaps Miss Johnson. And to make the picture complete there will be J. M. Peterson, Pansley, Linebaugh, Armstrong, Holley, Blackburn, Buchanan, Fountain, Fowler, Gage, Johnson, Keith, T. G. Peterson, Roberts, T. O. Shanks, F. E. Shanks, Sims, Stegal, Turner, and why mention all—won't that make the Texan feel at home? And in the West Oklahoma Conference the same conditions will prevail.

Will not say more of the matter of entertaining all the Texas preachers who will want to look in on us next fall will embarrass the entertainment committee. More anon.

L. S. BARTON.

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 19.

A CORRECTION AND A BROTHERLY NOTE.

I wish to correct the statement that was made in the Advocate of December 31 under the head of "Personals," that I paid \$5 gold for one year's subscription to the Christian Advocate forty-six years ago. The receipt read "three gold dollars," and I so stated to my pastor who sent in my subscription (re newal). I think perhaps it was the printer's mistake in setting the type—mistook a 3 for 5. I carefully preserve that receipt. It is now in the archives where I keep a few precious things that some of my children will find after I'm gone. I paid the money to Rev. M. C. Simpson, whose memory I still cherish as the friend of my early married life. In fact he said the ceremony that securely tied the knot that bound me to a mighty good woman that has been trucking by my weary side more than forty-eight years. The paper was then a single sheet, published by Veal & John and I thought worth all of the three gold dollars, but—lend me your ear—it was never better than it is now. May it always maintain its high standard of excellence.

Very truly yours,
CHARLES HENDERSON.
Gordon, Texas, Jan. 6, 1915.

Mohammedans will not wear silk because it is the product of a worm, and therefore unclean.

Devotional Spiritual

WHAT TO DO WITH OUR BURDENS.

Claude Allen McKay.

"What to do with our burdens" concerns all of us because we all have them. Their name is legion—burdens of poverty, prejudice and pride; burdens of sorrow, suffering and sin. These burdens keep this earth from being heaven. Without these burdens all mankind might be swept into heaven without a struggle or a Savior. But, strange to say, it is only because we have these burdens to deal with that we are ever fitted for heaven. They demand a struggle and a Savior. As stumbling blocks they spell defeat and despair, but used as steppingstones they pave the way to victory and joy. We must take care how we deal with them.

When we consult the best handbook known to man, it tells us of three ways to deal with life's burdens, and all of us must use all three of these or we will, to that extent, spoil our life. "Every man shall bear his own burden" is the first prescription.

So there are certain burdens I must bear that are peculiarly mine. But human beings do not take kindly to personal responsibility. Adam betrays a weakness, which has come down to each of us, when he endeavors to shift the burden of responsibility for his disobedience onto God and his wife. "The woman that thou gavest me"—you two—should bear the burden of responsibility for my disobedience was Adam's way of evading the law.

The question God asked Cain "Where is thy brother?" was not for information. It was God's way of laying the burden of responsibility where it belonged—on Cain's proud, jealous soul. Cain was true to crude human nature when he sought to evade that awful burden with an insolent indifference—"Am I my brother's keeper?"

When Nathan went to call on David, he found the king ready to pronounce the direst punishment on one who would rob a poor man of his pet lamb, but how his soul quaked and quivered when Nathan said, "Thou art the man!" Nathan was God's messenger to remind David that the burden of personal responsibility belonged no less to a king than to the least of his subjects.

No; human nature doesn't take kindly to this law of God's Word, "Every man shall bear his own burden." It isn't natural for us to shoulder it, but it is very necessary.

Business men tell us that our commercial world moves on faith. Notes, checks, bonds, mortgages and contracts are articles of business faith. But how long would it exist as a workable system if every man did not bear his own burden of responsibility for the checks he writes, the notes he endorses, the contracts he signs? Our law-makers make laws, all of which rest on this one law, that every man can be held accountable for his own deeds. Our courts mete out justice on the same basis.

"Trusts" are oftentimes troublesome to deal with. Why? Chiefly because they are so impersonal that we know not where to lay the burden of responsibility. The local agent says, "I am only an employee; I am not the company." The president says, "I am only a salaried officer; I am not the company." The stockholder says, "I have my money invested, but I am not the company."

Whenever this law of personal responsibility is shifted, as Adam did, or insolently ignored, as Cain did, or evaded in the cloak of class privilege, as King David might have done, then all others' lives and interests are endangered and civilization is on the road to chaos.

A man goes home crazed with drink. And, if he be like the man we read of recently in Everett, Mass., he takes an ax and murders the mother of his eight children and then tries to hang himself. The hand of the law is laid heavily on the drink-crazed man, and all society says, "Amen." But is not that civilization an insult to God which punishes that drink slave with death and lets go scot free the man who sold him the drink, the man who made it, and the man who voted for such an institution?

The Colorado miners are aggrieved—where does the burden of responsibility belong? A million children of school age toil in our factories and mines—where do the burdens of responsibility for such belong? Now and then we buy, in a supposedly respectable store, "sweat shop" goods—are we thus going into partnership? O, may God open our eyes to the burdens of responsibility that belong on our shoulders!

But what a cold, harsh world this

would be if the question of life's burdens were settled when each one was induced to find his own burden and bear it! Here life's best handbook comes again, saying, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." The law of men may require you to treat others justly as fellow citizens with equal rights, but it will not require you to treat others kindly as brothers of one Father. No; that is "the law of Christ." Do more than you are required to do was Christ's teaching. If you must go one mile, go two, he said. Be not only a law-abiding citizen; be a brother. "What do ye more than others?" Jesus asked. Human nature asks, "What must I do for others?" The Christ-filled nature asks, "What may I do for others?" One is humane, the other is Christian. One is natural; the other is supernatural. One is the law of man; the other is "the law of Christ."

This law of Christ that says, "Bear ye one another's burdens," has built hospitals, not because we must, but because we may. Colleges are being endowed and maintained, making an education possible for many of our young people, not because the law required it, but because "the law of Christ" requested it. Institutions for the backward, for the afflicted, for the feeble, and for the deficient and the delinquent are founded, not because we must, but because we may. It is an organized effort "to bear one another's burdens."

But it isn't unkind to say that our burden sharing should not stop with that help which is offered to those who fill out an application blank of a well-managed and well-meaning institution. The personal touch is everything. "The beggar raised not the gold from the dust. Better to me the poor man's crust. Better the blessing of the poor, though he turn me empty from his door. That is no true alms which the hand can hold. He gives only worthless gold who gives from a sense of duty." The neighborly sympathy, the friendly tear, the brotherly hand on the shoulder, and the brotherly heart in the voice, these throb with burden-sharing love "and so fulfill the law of Christ."

We said there were three ways we must deal with our burdens. Everyone is to bear the burden of responsibility for his own doings. We are to put our shoulder under our neighbors' burdens of sorrow and suffering and thus share them. That would still leave life incomplete and often unbearable.

Now and then men and women awaken to the realization that they have been living in defiance of God's love and in indifference to others' needs. Misdeeds and wasted opportunities make a crushing burden. Another's sympathy is powerless to relieve. The guilt is as incurable as leprosy. It is a burden that threatens to crush all joy and hope out of the life. Here is a burden we have no prescription for till we consult God's Word. It says, "Cast thy burden on the Lord." Easy to do? Ah, no; it is hard for the proud and self-willed soul to become submissive and Christ-ruled. But had it never been done we should never have had Paul, the converted persecutor; nor Peter, the repentant blasphemer; nor Augustine, the regenerated prodigal; nor John B. Gough, the reclaimed drunkard; nor a thousand others whose names are less conspicuous, but who were likewise saved by grace.

Death comes into our home uninvited and unannounced. Human nature staggers under the burden of grief. Joy, faith and hope seem to take wings. Again and again and again have we seen the Lord come to share the burdens too great for the human heart to bear.

A man who had accepted Christianity was asked what the influences were which led him to such a decision. He said, "One was this: I watched my mother pass through a lifetime of disappointments. I saw her go through a long illness and finally down through the valley of the shadow of death and I saw that arm leaned on an unseen arm." That arm is offered for all our needs. It is not shortened. "His grace is sufficient." "Cast thy burden on the Lord."

Ottawa, Ill.

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A LIFE FOR OTHERS—LOUISA MAY ALCOTT.

By Susan Sunshine.

One of the sweetest faces I know in the portrait gallery of authors is that of Louisa May Alcott. It reminds one of the sudden burst of feeling she made one morning at the breakfast table when she was a mere infant. "I lub everybody in dis whole world!" she said. At the age of about fifty, I should say she would be in the picture I have of her, she still looks as though she "lubbed everybody." She looks, too, as though she would always have some funny speech at hand. There is repose in her attitude, simplicity and grace in the way she wears the plain, old-fashioned basque, and in the soft, wavy style of dressing her hair. She looks as though she would always be busy, and she was—dear, devoted, self-sacrificing, hard working Louisa May Alcott.

Perhaps those who love her "Little Men" and "Little Women" have imagined her life as strewn with roses. Rarely has there been one so filled with hard, hard work and deprivation. Her father was talented, but a poor provider. Once he came home from a lecturing tour minus his overcoat, which had been stolen from him, and with only a dollar in his pocket. Mrs. Alcott looked her dismay for a moment, then she exclaimed

cheerfully, "I call that doing very well. Since you are safely home, dear, we don't ask anything more."

Another portrait I have of Louisa Alcott shows her at a much younger age, and here one catches a glimpse of the over work and dreariness of prospect with which she had to contend until the later years of her life. When barely grown up Louisa took upon herself the financial responsibilities of the family. One winter she taught school for \$50, made another \$50 by sewing, and sold stories for which \$20 was promised. Another time she went out to service for two months, working very hard and being treated like any common drudge; but her experience gave her the material for one of her best stories, "How I Went Out to Service." Her philosophy and sense of humor stood her in good stead of every stage of her courageous struggle.

In 1872 she wrote in her diary: "Twenty years ago I resolved to make the family independent if I could. At forty this is done. Debts all paid, even the outlawed ones, and we have enough to be comfortable. It has cost me my health, perhaps, but as I still live, there is more for me to do. I suppose." Besides paying the family debts, she took care of her father and mother, helped her sisters, educated her nephews and nieces, and spent very little on herself. An idea of how hard she worked when she was home may be had from this account of a day in a letter to her sister. "I feel very moral today," she wrote, "having done a big wash alone, baked, swept the house, picked the hops, got dinner, and written a chapter in 'Moods.'"

"Moods" is considered by many critics her best work. Its appearance established her fortunes. She had no longer to seek a publisher; publishers sought her. After the many years of earning money any way she could, and of stinting herself of ordinary comforts that she might pay the family debts, she had the pleasure of seeing her beloved family comfortable. Her twenty-five volumes brought to her during her lifetime two hundred thousand dollars in royalties.

One of the beautiful qualities about the Alcott family was their happiness among themselves. Even when most of the time they were living on plain boiled rice without sugar, and brown bread and mush without butter or molasses, there were no fault-finders or cross looks to chill the atmosphere. The impractical father took care of their intellects at least. The children kept diaries and wrote letters to each other—an example that other families should follow. To be able to write a good letter is a valuable asset to any man or woman. For Louisa Alcott it was a training in authorship. Here is an extract from her diary, written when she was twelve: "I wrote in my imagination book today, and enjoyed it very much. Life is pleasanter than it used to be, and I don't care about dying any more. Had a splendid run and got a box of cones to burn. Sat and heard the pines sing a long time. Read Mrs. Bremer's 'Home' in the eve. I had a pleasant time with my mind, for it was happy."

Anyone who has been in Boston and not taken the trolley to Concord has missed a most interesting glimpse into the exteriors of Louisa Alcott's

life. The brownish frame house where the Alcotts lived is still standing, as are those of Hawthorne and Emerson. And the little "House of Philosophy" that this coterie of authors built in which to have their meetings and discussions is there, too. Thoreau, Longfellow, Margaret Fuller, belonged to this group of writers and thinkers. The old, old, large frame houses, the still older towering elms, the wide, straggling village streets, still hold the atmosphere of the place as they knew it; and the quiet, beautiful cemetery, where some of them lie, give the feeling of finality to a brilliant past. Everything has its compensation, I believe, even in this life, and I like to think of the consolation and deep pleasure that Louisa Alcott must have felt in the companionship of the great minds that centered about Concord.

Like Caroline Hershel and Dorothy Pattison, Louisa Alcott was great apart from her outward service to humanity; she was great in her love and self-sacrifice.

Plenty is often a great punishment and poverty just as great a purifier through prevention. Though few desire to be saved by such means, yet want is often the only cure for wantonness.

All people are in reality weakest when they think themselves strongest, and where they boast of greatest wisdom there they soonest play the fool.

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RESOLUTIONS—MRS. W. A. SCOTT.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our worthy sister, Mrs. W. A. Scott, be it resolved:

- 1. That we have lost a worthy member, the community a good neighbor and the husband and children a devoted wife and mother.
2. That we, the members of the W. M. S., do hereby tender the bereaved family our heartfelt condolence in this hour of sore bereavement.
3. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family and a copy be sent the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. CARLISLE, MRS. M. A. SLAUGHTER, MRS. C. C. BUTLER, Committee Stables Auxiliary.

LET UP!

When you've said your little sav. Let up! Don't just "chew the rag" all day— Let up! If you've lost your fight or won it. Liked the chap who had begun it. Or been shown you can not run it. Let up! Fight until the matter's settled— Let up! When it's over don't stay nettled— Let up! Put up just the hardest scrag. In you 'gainst the other chap; When one of you is off the map Let up!



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"A CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM."

On December 29-31, at the call of the Home Department of the Mission Board, there was held in McKendree Church, Nashville, "A Conference on Evangelism." It was well attended by evangelists, members of committees on evangelism, presiding elders, pastors, college professors and Connexional men. It was a meeting most remarkable. Dr. John M. Moore presided and under his direction a splendid program was carried out. All agreed that it was one of the most important and most helpful meetings they ever attended. A fine spirit prevailed throughout. We were enlightened and revived. It was in fact an epochal meeting and will, doubtless, mark the beginning of a great revival period in the history of our Church.

There were many stirring addresses. The Church seems to be on the eve of an aggressive evangelistic movement. After the speeches and papers on every phase of evangelism, the Nashville meeting adopted plans and methods for organizing and working our forces. Twenty-five general evangelists were appointed. In a few weeks these plans and appointments will be announced through the Church papers and an advance all along the line may be expected. Our Church is about to solve the problem of evangelism. Dr. Moore is wisely bringing into effect our new law and so far perfect harmony prevails. The committees on evangelism and the evangelists have effected an organization which will meet once a year. At our next meeting we hope to have some of the Bishops with us. Dr. Moore said he was raised on a farm and that he never liked to work two horses together until he got one under good control. Now as he had the evangelists well in hand he thought he could work us all right with the Bishops. Drs. Pinson and Moore completely won the hearts of the evangelists. Under their wise leadership there can hardly be any friction. JNO. E. GREEN.

Houston, Texas.

A HEART FULL OF GRATITUDE.

Because my heart is full of gratitude to God and man, and because the Advocate is the organ through which the rank and file may speak as well as the great and noble, I beg to be included in this time. These good people had been so generous and kind to us before Christmas I supposed there would be no further exhibition of the same. But you may imagine my surprise when a good family (Methodists) brought me in a bundle and put it down and retired in sweet modesty. Of course we opened it and lo, a fine white shirt and to it was pinned a \$25 check, besides other presents. And that was not all. Three turkeys for Christmas, fat and fine; sacks of sausage, flour, coffee, etc. I am in deep sympathy for that superannuated brother who is forgotten. It is so sweet to be so continuously remembered. A tarseryman sent us a Christmas present of four peach trees, two plum trees, one Japanese persimmon, one mulberry, one American B. anty rosebush, two dozen blackberry bushes, all of the finest variety, and we have put them out in good shape. Seven fig trees, umbrella china, walnuts, hickory nuts from East Texas. The preacher who occupies this home after we have gone to our heavenly one, will reap from these gifts. What will not people do who love Jesus? The world honors the thorn-crowned King more than any other royal personage who ever lived. Brother Irvin is hard at work and ingratiating himself daily more and more into the hearts of the people. Brother Bishop, our presiding elder, is to be with us next Sunday and we are looking for good things from him, and well we may. I praise God for a multitude of friends. W. H. CRAWFORD.

WINTER TERM ENROLLMENT OF SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

With the registration of students who entered late this term the office of Southwestern University closed this afternoon with an enrollment equal to that of the fall term 1914, which is indeed very gratifying considering the tight condition of finances over the State. This condition, however, was the cause of quite a few dropping out at the end of the first term, but the enrollment of new students has equalled the number of "drop-outs" and the winter term's work began this week with a student body of over five hundred.

Among the faculty one new face appears—Prof. George L. Burton, of Johns Hopkins, succeeded Prof. Walter E. Myers as head of the department of romance languages. Prof. Myers resigned the position because of ill-health. Mr. Burton is very highly recommended and his work is proving him to be a most valuable man in the department. ROBT. E. BROWN, University Correspondent. Georgetown, Tex., Jan. 9.

STATE CONVENTION OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF TEXAS.

The following announcement has been issued from Anti-Saloon League headquarters: A State convention of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas will be held in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, February 9 and 10. The League being an interdenominational, non-partisan organization, the basis of representation is two delegates from each local Church with 100 members or less, and one additional delegate for each additional 100 members, provided that there shall not be more than five delegates from any one Church. Formal Church election will not be necessary. Delegates can be seated on the foregoing basis, whether they shall have been formally elected by their Churches, or appointed. There will be freedom in this matter, the desire being simply that the representation shall be general

throughout the State. Pastors and other Christians desiring the speediest end of the liquor curse are urged to see that their respective communities are properly represented in this very important meeting. There will be great addresses by both State and National prohibition leaders, who will deal with the fundamentals of the liquor traffic, and the right attitude of government toward it. Special railroad rates have been applied for, and a great program is being prepared. These two items will be given to the press later.

The convention ought to be the greatest gathering of Christian anti-saloon forces ever assembled in the State. Some will have to make sacrifices to attend it, but for the sake of humanity and righteous government the sacrifice ought to be made. It is suggested that where necessary funds be raised to defray the expenses of representatives. There will be no opportunity for any man to advance his personal political ambitions.

The Anti-Saloon League is under the most solemn sort of obligation to religious and other moral forces to represent their convictions and focalize them solely against the liquor traffic. It can not default in this obligation, become involved in partisan questions, or lend itself to promoting the personal interests of men. The most unselfish, powerful and influential factors operating for the destruction of the liquor evil are our religious forces. These forces will not be involved in partisan politics, nor be led by politicians, but they will gladly follow leaders of their own class. The League is engaged in a death grapple with "the powers of darkness" represented by the saloon and must not be embarrassed by mere questions of political preference, so rife among politicians, worthy as many of them are.

It is the purpose to make this convention the first State-wide annual convention of our anti-saloon forces in Texas. One of the chief objects of the meeting will be to perfect and strengthen our plans of organization and work. Such a convention will be held hereafter; each year for arousing and mobilizing the anti-saloon sentiment of the State and focalizing it upon the great task in hand.

Pastors and other anti-saloon workers throughout the State are urged not only to see that their respective communities are represented in the convention, but are urged also at the earliest possible moment to send the names of those who shall be elected or appointed, or who shall purpose to attend the meeting, to Dr. A. J. Barton, Waco, Texas.

Frequent announcements will be made through the press concerning the progress of the plans, and the prospects for a great convention. By courtesy of the press our friends and the general public will be kept well advised. J. H. GAMBRELL, State Superintendent.

A. J. BARTON, Member Executive Committee and National Legislative Committee, Anti-Saloon League of America.

GEORGE SERGEANT, Committee.

PROGRAM FOR THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE CONVENTION, WACO, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 9, 10, 1915.

- Tuesday, February 9, 1915—Morning Session. 9 to 9:20. Song Service—Prof. E. O. Excell. 9:30 to 10. President H. A. Boaz, presiding. Address of Welcome, W. W. Woodson, Waco; response, M. H. Wolfe, Dallas. 10 to 10:15. Appointment of committees. 10:15 to 11. States Rights—Dr. Sam Small, Georgia. 11 to 11:45. Address—Dr. I. D. Sandefer, Abilene. 11:45 to 12:30. Obligations and Opportunities of Religious Press—Dr. George C. Rankin, Dallas.

Afternoon Session.

- 2 to 2:30. Song Service—Prof. Excell. 2:30 to 3. Devotional—Woes of the Alcoholic Victim—Rev. Wallace Bassett, Sulphur Springs. 3 to 3:45. Address—Dr. W. M. Anderson, Dallas. 3:45 to 4:15. The Woman's Part—Mrs. Nannie Webb Curtis, Waco. 4:15 to 5. Is It Right in Law?—Senator O. S. Lattimore, Fort Worth.

Evening Session.

- 7:30 to 8. Song Service—Prof. Excell. Devotional—Rev. G. L. Yates, Tyler. 8 to 8:45. The Anti-Saloon League of America—Dr. P. A. Baker, General Superintendent. 8:45 to 9:30. The Negro's Plea for Help—Rev. L. L. Campbell, D. D., Austin. Wednesday, February 10—Morning Session. 9 to 9:30. Song Service—Prof. Excell. Devotional. Citizenship Here and Yonder—Dr. C. M. Bishop, Georgetown. 9:30 to 10:45. The Liquor Traffic Tried by the Ten Commandments—Dr. Henry Alford Porter, Dallas. 10:45 to 11:30. Prohibition Kansas—Gov. Geo. H. Hodges, Kansas. 11:30 to 12:30. Obligation of the Press to the People—Dr. J. B. Gambrell, Dallas.

Afternoon Session.

- 2 to 2:30. Song Service—Prof. Excell. 2:30 to 2:50. The Printed Page, the Source of Light—Dr. Cephas Shelburne, Dallas. 2:50 to 3:15. What We Do in Our Printing Plant at Westerville—Mr. Ernest H. Cherrington, Ohio. 3:15 to 4. Addresses by Business Men—Mr. Frank Burkhalter, Waco; Mr. W. H. Finner, Amarillo.

Evening Session.

- 7:30 to 8. Song Service—Prof. Excell. Devotional—Dr. W. F. Packard, Marlin. 8 to 8:45. Address—Dr. S. I. Porter, San Antonio. 8:45. The Great Destroyer—Hon. R. P. Hobson, M. C.

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NEIGHBORS.

Helen Coale Crew.

My nearest neighbors, of course, are my husband and children; for a neighbor, if the dictionary is to be trusted, is one who dwells near me; and surely no one dwells nearer than my own family. In a wider sense my neighbor is either somebody in the next house with whom I am on friendly, or at least polite, terms; or perchance even someone in the same street with whom I have no more than a nodding and smiling acquaintance. But in the widest sense of all, my neighbors are my contemporaries—all who live at the same time with me on this round earth. You've heard of "woman's sphere," of course? Well, this is it. Two hemispheres made up of water and land and green pastures; of peaceful deserts in out-of-the-way places and frightful wilderness in the midst of huge cities; of glad spots scattered here and there, and lonely spots that can be wiped off the map only by vigorous and willing hands—beside a small portable oasis, called home, for me to carry about with me.

Now whenever I set up my portable oasis in an arid region, I have my choice of huddling my spring and palm trees within a protecting barrier and refusing admittance to even the sharp entering wedge of a strange camel's nose; or I may let my spring send out streams to irrigate the surrounding sand and invite others to share my cool shade. To come down from figures of speech I can, if I am so minded, be neighborly. I can nod a welcoming smile across the way to a new neighbor just arriving; I can refrain (I hope) from being an ogre to the noisy children who annoy me; smile good-morning to the woman who refuses to know me better because I work in my kitchen (I laugh up my sleeve to think what she's missing!); borrow a recipe (borrowing is the height of friendliness) from the poor little bride who is stranded with nothing to do in the midst of strange new furniture, and make her feel that she knows as much as I do myself (which, of course, she doesn't) about house-keeping; have a word of human intercourse, if only on the subject of the weather, with all who serve me from behind counters; and, in short, conduct myself as though I were a citizen among citizens in any part of the two hemispheres above mentioned, and not hemmed into my own oasis like a satisfied worm at the heart of a chestnut.

It all sounds like such small doings! And yet it requires as genuine tact as ever was demanded in presiding over a reception or a club meeting or a luncheon. For there we meet encased, as it were, in the defensive (and at times offensive) armor of social usage, while here along the home beat we meet unarmored save for a clean apron and whatsoever character we are possessed of. Neighborliness, like charity, should begin at home, and if it isn't warm at the back door, the chances are it will be chilly at the front.

LIFE'S AFTERGLOW.

By Mabel Lancaster Davis.

As the glow in the west often lingers After the sun has gone, So the words and deeds of a well spent life Shall linger on and on.

Shedding a light just as splendid As this wonderful glow in the west, Making radiant a path for his fellows To lead them at last to that rest.

As this beautiful glow in the heavens Is mellowed after a time; So the words and deeds of a well spent life Are none the less sublime.

Though subdued to a softened reflection As the afterglow of the sun, Shining back in most wonderful grandeur O'er the course of a day well run.

LAUGH.

Build for yourself a strong box, Fashion each part with care, When it's strong as your heart can make it.

Put all your troubles there; Hide in it all thoughts of failures, And each bitter cup that you sniff, Lock all your heartaches within it, Then sit on the lid, and laugh.

Tell no one else its contents, Never its secrets share, Drop in your cares and all worry, Keep them forever there; Hide them from sight so completely That the world will never dream half; Fasten the strong box securely, Then sit on the lid and laugh.

—From Gus Williams' Scrap Book

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THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

San Marcos, at Gonzales, 7:30 p. m., April 6
Clinton, at Sayre, April 27
Austin, at Smithville, May 3

A STATE PROHIBITION MEETING.

At Waco on February 9 there is called a Prohibition meeting under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League. It is not to be a partisan political meeting, but a meeting as much of a religious nature as of a prohibition nature. Ministers and Churchmen are invited to attend and take part in it. It is no place for the professional politician. The prohibition movement had its origin in Church circles--not in political circles. Of late too much politics and too much of partisan politicians have been taking a leading part in the Anti-Saloon work. We want in Texas to put the League back entirely where it belongs. Whenever it is necessary for the League to take hold of the morals of politics and the morals of politicians it will be quick to do it. But it will not permit politicians to hurl it into partisan politics.

So this Waco Prohibition meeting is to have the religious sentiment dominate its counsels. We hope that leading ministers interested in this cause and leading laymen who have rendered service, and will render service against the saloon, will make it a point to be present. The whole regime of the League is to be reorganized and put upon a more aggressive basis. It must reach the people of the State with prohibition literature, so that every voter will be informed of the diabolism of the saloon. We want every county and every precinct in every county compacted into one definite organization.

Some great men at home and abroad will be at the meeting and great addresses will be made. The program will be a most attractive one; but it will not be a meeting simply of speeches; it will be a working and an organizing program. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church and a large and representative gathering will be on hand.

Just a Few Things Here and There

The Legislature is about convening at Austin and the question of the Speakership is on deck. There is one anti and one pro in the race. And as usual a few frostbitten pros are saying: "I am a prohibitionist and always vote for that issue when it is up, but," etc. Now when you hear a man thus apologizing for what he is going to do as a pro you can put him down as a very thin pro. Yet, now and then, people will send that sort of a hybrid from a pro county to the Legislature.

We hear a great deal of talk about the high cost of living and there is good reason for such talk. People are paying more now for the necessities of life than ever before. And there is a cause for it, too. The other day we noticed the report given out by the Swift Packing Company, Chicago, and it stated that the net profits of the business for the past year were about \$9,500,000. When one firm can so manipulate the prices of beef as to make that colossal fortune in the way of profit in one year, is there any wonder that we are paying such exorbitant prices for beef? And you can trace the other high costs of commodities that the people have to eat and wear to a similar source. A few men are amassing staggering fortunes at the expense of the many. Yet we hear politicians talk about "trust busting."

In a recent issue of Bonfort's Wine and Spirit Journal it was said: "We must realize that the entire Methodist Church, 42,849 ministers and

6,905,095 members, is a solid, active, aggressive and obedient unit in this warfare on our trade." That organ of the "trade" is approximately correct and the acknowledgment of the fact is about the most cheering compliment to the Methodist Church we have yet seen. And that paper might have said that the intensity of that warfare will increase in strength and robustness as the years come and go. And the "Wine and Spirit Journal" would have no respect for the Methodist Church were it otherwise.

One of the allegations made against the breweries of Texas by Attorney General Looney in his recent suit against them is very significant, and it is this: "That the breweries are working in combination with a number of negro evangelists and negro preachers throughout the State, banding the negro voters together to oppose prohibition movements and also working on their religious sentiments to further the cause of anti-prohibition." Of course this does not apply to the great bulk of worthy negro preachers, but to a certain class of them who are susceptible to arguments that carry a consideration along with them. All along we have believed that this is the case, and now that the State's legal adviser makes the charge in the open court with evidence to sustain it, things are at a worse pass than we even imagined. One other allegation is, "that the breweries prevail upon able and capable young men to announce for the Legislature and have supported them in order to insure their election." Selah!

Our Methodist Orphanage And Its Great Work

It was my privilege to spend last Saturday night and a part of Sunday with Rev. R. A. Burroughs at our Methodist Orphanage at Waco. I have often been there and it is always a pleasure and a privilege to repeat the visit. It has a special attraction for me every time I look upon its buildings and inspect its work. It is beautifully situated near the northern suburbs of Waco, on a paved street and with street car facilities every few minutes. It has a tract of land comprising thirty-seven acres with a long frontage facing one of the most attractive streets in the city. Upon a part of this frontage is the main building, a large brick structure of

just as it is, even the dairy and the kitchen and I am prepared to pronounce it a well kept, clean, tidy and sanitary home for children. Such is its cleanliness that there is no sickness of any kind among the children. They are well fed, well clothed, given good school advantages and taught habits of economy and industry. It is more like a large well arranged and well directed home than an Orphanage. Domestic Science is thoroughly taught and I have not sat down to better prepared and more delicious and palatable meals than are served to those children. It is not a place simply where they stay; but it is a home for them, where love and tenderness and wholesome discipline prevail. I doubt if there is a private home in Waco better managed and

condition and how to teach and impart lessons of usefulness to the girls. What a model of cleanliness was that dining room! And how orderly and polite were those children at their meals. Mrs. Burroughs and those good lady teachers are like mothers and big sisters to those girls. Their care and special oversight are everywhere visible. We are glad to mention these matters so that our Methodist people may know that their Orphanage is in good and competent hands and in a most commendable condition. Whatever is sent there in the way of money or helpful articles is administered in the most economical and painstaking manner.

What about the children? Well, there are 167 there now. Sometimes there are more than this number, but rarely ever less than that number. They can accommodate that many, but it crowds everything fearfully to try to entertain a larger number. And candor compels me to admit that all these children average up well. They do not look like children culled here and there from the waste places of society or from the left over classes; they look like intelligent, well dressed, well cared for children, worthy of the attention given to them and giving promise of fine possible development. Out of that throbbing little throng of humanity will come good men and good women to enter the substantial citizenship of Texas. And they are being taught good religious habits. Many of them are in the Church and last Sunday morning more than twenty of them presented themselves at the public service for membership in the Church of God. It was a thrilling sight to see these little fatherless or motherless children, under the religious tuition of our Orphanage come to the altar as applicants for membership in the Church. There were many moist eyes in the congregation as the spectacle presented itself before them.

If we had the accommodations down there and the money to support them, we could have more than twice the number of children in that Home. Brother Burroughs says that during his incumbency he has had to turn away at least two hundred for lack of accommodations. See what an opportunity we are losing by not investing a few more thousands of dollars in that institution! We have the grounds and upon them there ought to be spent at least twenty thousand dollars in larger and more efficient equipments. Will the Church address itself to this duty? It is the hope of the management that such will be the case as soon as the money stringency lets up in this State.

How is that Orphanage supported? All five of the Texas Conferences and the German Mission Conference have adopted it as their institution. They

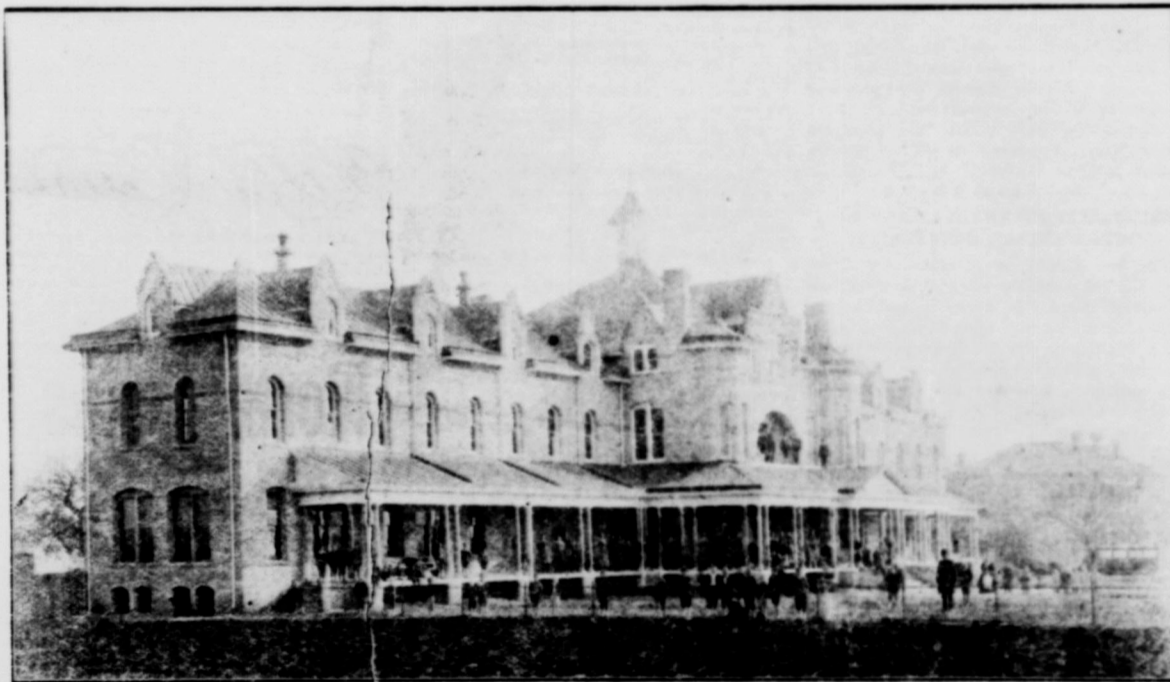
merit before every congregation in the State. And the conferences adopted the suggestion. Now the Orphanage is dependent for its support not upon the conventional assessment plan, but upon the open hearted generosity of all our Methodist congregations. That is, each pastor is to set apart an Orphanage Day for his charge, make an earnest appeal for its support and then give his people an opportunity to make a free-will offering to the orphans. Notwithstanding the rainy Sundays and the short time since the adjournment of the conferences, quite a large number of the congregations have already had their Orphanage Day and the amount sent in from such charges is far in advance of the amount received under the old assessment plan. Now as the weather is brightening up let every preacher see to it that he has this special day for the Orphanage, earnestly tell his people about this worthy and pathetic work and lay the matter before his people and ask them to be liberal in their free-will offering for these wards of the Church. And when this is done the people will respond. But not one dollar of the money thus contributed is to go to anything else but to the Orphanage. It would be a willful misappropriation of funds to use one penny of it for any other cause. And the very next day, get a draft on your bank or express company, or a post office money order and mail the whole of it to Rev. R. A. Burroughs, Waco, Texas. Do not hold over longer than it takes to collect it, and make the collection immediately after the congregation has been asked for the offering. Do not delay this matter, brethren, for those orphans must be fed and clothed right now.

Another means of help came to my attention down there. Many Sunday School classes, many young people's societies, many of the Home Mission Societies and other Church organizations, are pledging themselves to support and clothe one child in the Orphanage. It does not take but a comparatively small amount to do this, and you would be surprised to know how many of these little tots are clothed in this way. Can not your Sunday School class, or your Epworth League, or your Philathea, or your woman's organization, take one of these little fatherless children and make it yours in this way? Ten or fifteen or twenty dollars will put shoes on her or his feet and clothes on the little body, and the Master will say, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these you have done it unto me." Or if you want to you can send flour, sugar, rice or anything else, except old worn-out clothes. Let scores of our organizations get to work along this line and make that institution glad because of the needed relief thus furnished.

I have written enough, but cannot close without another word. As I went through those apartments and stood out in front of the improvements and looked upon the helpful ministrations to humanity there provided, my mind called up the pictures of two men who are worthy to be forever remembered. One of them is Rev. W. H. Vaughan. Well do I remember about twenty-three years ago when he was in the toils of organizing and projecting the Orphanage. And strange to say, it was an uphill pull. He did not receive the encouragement then that was due him and his cause. But he never let loose and never showed the effect of discouragement. He bought the property and there was on it one old brick building. What a constant effort he had to put forth to create sentiment and to enlist sympathy. But as the years went by he gradually forced the Orphanage into public favor and put it upon a business basis. When it was able to get along without him and he was sure of its success, he turned it over in good condition to his Joint Board and requested them to put another man in charge. Dr. McLean was selected and for four years did heroic work in its behalf. The Church will never allow the name of W. H. Vaughan to grow dim in Texas. That institution stands there as a monument to his enterprise and consecration.

The other name that stood out before me last Sunday was that of Rev. Abe Mulkey. He threw himself into the breach at a time when that central building was a necessity and he never ceased work by day and by night until it stood there completed and paid for as the result of his persistent energy and devotion. God bless his old heart! His work is about done on earth but his work at the Orphanage and in the evangelistic field will go on long after his head rests under the sod and his spirit basks in the eternal sunshine. W. H. Vaughan and Abe Mulkey will never be separated from the work and benefits of that Methodist Orphanage.

G. C. R.



OUR METHODIST ORPHANAGE, WACO, TEXAS.

modern design and a credit to the Church and to humanity. Along with it are several other substantial buildings, heated with steam, mostly well furnished and comfortable. In the main building is also a commodious chapel where the day school is conducted and where the Sunday School and social worship are observed. Back of these accommodations are the barns and outhouses where beautiful Jersey cows thrive and furnish milk and butter in abundance for the Orphanage.

Brother Burroughs has been in charge of the institution two years and he has reorganized its management, renovated and improved the general conditions, and largely refurbished the buildings. I spent the night in the Orphanage and saw it

better ordered and under better care than the Orphanage. Brother Burroughs is not afraid of work. He is a very practical and a very industrious man. Sunday morning he was up early and out at the barn helping the boys to milk and to feed nearly a score of Jerseys; and thus it is that he superintends all the work personally. He was instrumental in producing about 1600 bushels of corn last summer and hay enough for all the winter feed. The Orphanage is a beehive of industry. It has a man there who knows how to work himself and how to interest those boys and girls in their part of the work.

Mrs. Burroughs and a large corps of helpers keep the inside work in fine order. They understand housekeeping, how to keep garments in good

have been assuming from year to year assessments to about a grand total of \$15,000 per annum and apportioning the amount among these conferences; and usually the whole amount is collected by the pastors. It is rare that there has been a shortage. But \$15,000 is a meager amount for the support of two hundred children and helpers. It ought to be ten thousand more. But the Board of Trustees, made up of representatives from these several conferences, have been a little modest in their assessments, knowing that the Church has many burdens to bear. And so they have kept it at a minimum.

But at their last meeting last fall they resolved to do away with the assessment plan and to throw the support of the institution upon its own

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A SUNDAY IN WACO.

Last Sunday I preached at Herring Avenue Church, Waco, of which Rev. R. F. Brown is the pastor. This is the Church which sprang into con-

nectional notoriety a few years ago as the Church that was built in one day. Its location is just a block from the Orphanage and on one of the leading streets of the city. Since it was built it has been thoroughly overhauled and enlarged until it is practically a new church building with modern conveniences for worship and for Sunday School work.

OUR LATEST STATISTICS.

According to the Nashville Christian Advocate our Church statistics are now before us and they form an interesting subject. The total number of traveling preachers in the Church is 7274, a slight increase over 1913.

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE RALLY.

The Mid-Year Missionary Rally of the West Oklahoma Conference will take place at Mangum, February 2-4, and all the preachers and many of their laymen are expected to be present, as it is a conference affair.

PERSONALS

Rev. J. G. Blackwood, of Oklahoma, has been elected Chaplain of the Senate of that State. The Legislature is in session in Oklahoma City.

Rev. Emmett Hightower was a pleasant visitor to this office this week. He is busy organizing his plans for his work in his new field.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Redman, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, are rejoicing over the arrival of young John Thomas Redman, Jr., and that paragon home has extended to him a cordial welcome. Long may he flourish.

Rev. L. J. Power, recently appointed to the pastorate of the Tabernacle Church, Houston, has had a most auspicious beginning, and he has every encouragement from his people in his new field.

Rev. M. T. Allen, of Ryan, Okla., writes us: "We are delighted to have the old Texas Advocate become our organ. It seems like home."

Rev. Gibbs Mood, presiding elder of the Sherman District, was in the city last week en route home from Georgetown. His venerable mother accompanied him and will spend some time at his home in Sherman.

Rev. J. O. Shelburne, for several years pastor of the Central Church of the Disciples in this city, died at Lancaster Monday of this week. He was a brotherly man and an able preacher in his denomination.

At the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bridges, Dayton, Texas, there arrived, January 4, a splendid boy and they have named him James McCoy. May he ever wear that good name in honor throughout a long and useful life.

Rev. W. C. Black, D.D., one of the most prominent ministers in Mississippi, died at Meridian January 4. He not only filled the leading pulpits in that State, but at one time he was the popular editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Hon. John W. Wood, a staunch Prohibitionist of Fisher County, was elected Speaker of the present Legislature. There were two antis against him and he received a clear majority over both of them.

Mrs. Lizzie Wilson, of Cameron, one of God's noblest living saints, has started the New Year with a gift of \$1900 to Southwestern University. She is not waiting until after she goes hence to do good with her money; but she is investing it while she lives.

In a note from Rev. Sam Ashburn, of Italy, we learn of the death of his brother, B. F. Ashburn. His death occurred January 5 and he was buried near Mineral Wells on the 7th. He was a member of the Church forty-four years and his life was that of a good Christian man. His end was peace.

Rev. J. H. Ball, of the Tulsa District, writes us a most brotherly letter and expresses great satisfaction over the fact that the Advocate is to be the organ of Oklahoma Methodism and he throws open the door of his district to us. Well, it is our pur-



REV. W. C. HOUSE, Madill, Oklahoma.

The first Oklahoma pastor to put his charge on the 100 per cent roll of the Advocate. Brother House has evidently been watching the good work of the Texas pastors in getting all their stewards to read the Advocate, for immediately when the Advocate was adopted as the organ of his conference he saw all his stewards and secured them as subscribers.

Dr. J. W. Poole, of Aquilla, writes the following encouraging words: "I have been a subscriber to the Advocate for a number of years and do not now want to discontinue it. I must continue it for the reason that I go among the people and I need its help. I consider it fine and it is doing a great work."

In a personal note from Rev. J. B. McCarley, of Paducah, we learn that his good wife has been some weeks in a hospital at Fort Worth, and that she has undergone more than one serious operation. We are glad to learn, however, that she seems to have gotten permanent relief and her complete recovery is now fondly looked for. May this hope be fully realized.

Rev. C. H. Buchanan, of Pryor, Okla., but formerly of the North Texas Conference, is doing well at his new charge; and he and his good wife are delighted that the Advocate is now their conference organ. All those preachers seem glad to have us, and especially the ex-Texans. And it is mutual, for we are glad to have Oklahoma.

Rev. W. T. Renfro, pastor at Corpus Christi, has already inaugurated his work with a revival service and the indications, from the local press, are favorable to success. Brother Renfro is one of the strong men of the West Texas Conference and he always succeeds as a preacher and a pastor. He is evangelical and is doing his own preaching.

In a private letter from Bishop Candler he adds this remark: "I congratulate you upon getting the Oklahoma Conferences. It will promote our cause and all the interests of the Church." The Bishop was writing about our school work especially, and he sees in the act of the Oklahoma Conferences in adopting the Advocate an increased interest in the West in Southern Methodist University.

Rev. R. G. Mood, editor of the North Texas Conference Minutes and Secretary of the Conference, is neck and neck with the other editors in bringing out his printed minutes on record-breaking time. He had a copy of his work on our desk right along with the first of them. The fact is we no longer have to wait for months now to get a copy of the printed minutes of any one of our conferences.

On our way to Waco last Saturday evening, Rev. Horace Bishop boarded the train at Red Oak and we rode together as far as Waxahachie. It is always good to have an hour's communion with this old-young veteran of the Central Conference. He is full of vim and constantly on his job. He reports a good beginning throughout the Waxahachie District. No charge has lowered the salary of its preacher on account of hard times, and Wax-

ahachie Station has made a raise of \$250. Rev. W. B. Andrews has things his own way down there. The people have received him most kindly, as the above item indicates.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, formerly of the North Texas Conference, but now of Oklahoma, is wintering at Plainview, Texas. He is in reasonably good health and has his old time fire in the pulpit. He preaches and lectures wherever opportunity is afforded; and if the brethren want work of that kind done, let them drop him a line. He has had good success in revival work and is available for services of that character.

Rev. J. T. Bagwell, D.D., once a prominent member of the North Carolina Conference, and who did some efficient work in the Arkansas Conference, but for seven or eight years was a useful local preacher, with his residence at Ardmore, Ok., died in the latter city December 29, 1914, aged sixty-five years. Dr. Bagwell had been in poor health for some years, but in his prime he was a great preacher and a most estimable Christian gentleman.

Ex-United States Senator Webb, of Tennessee, the noted Bell Buckle school teacher, spent several days some weeks ago visiting institutions of learning in Texas, and among them was the San Antonio Female College. Dr. J. E. Harrison is an old pupil of Senator Webb's, and when the old man got home he wrote something about this Texas school. Among other things he said: "I have in life seldom had a greater pleasure than visiting your great school in San Antonio. I was simply amazed at your great achievements. Your splendid buildings, with modern equipment for the comfort and convenience of your school and family made me wonder that one man even in a lifetime could have accomplished as much; but what I admired much more than physical equipment was that you and your faculty have caught the chief purpose of a school in inspiring your pupils with high ideals of life and its purpose, that character combined with great intelligence is the only life worth while." This is a splendid testimony from one of our most competent judges.

Our Church News

Bishop Candler is now in Cuba looking after our interests in that country. Rev. A. J. Lamar, of Nashville, accompanied him.

The first Jew elected Governor of any State of the United States is the Governor-elect of Idaho, Hon. Moses Alexander.

Thirteen homes for superannuates have been secured to date by Rev. F. O. Miller, Agent for Superannuate Home in the North Texas Conference.

Rev. J. I. Redditt, for the past eight years Assistant Book Steward of the Methodist Church, of Canada, died December 20 at his home, in Toronto. He had been a Methodist preacher for nearly forty years and was at one time President of the Toronto Conference.

The membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, exceeds the Sunday School enrollment by 364,877; that of the Southern Baptists by 1,141,468; while that of the Methodist Episcopal Church the Sunday School enrollment exceeds the membership by more than twenty-four per cent.

The united branches of all Methodism in the United States give us a combined membership of 6,905,095, or one member to every thirteen of the population. Include Methodist adherents and we have at least 30,000,000, or one Methodist to every four of the population.

Recognition of a Georgia girl as a national authority on sociology comes with the appointment by officers of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco of Dr. Carrie Weaver Smith as a member of the National Committee to arrange for the sociological exhibit at the big World's Fair. Dr. Smith, who is visiting her uncle, Judge H. E. W. Palmer, in Atlanta, on her way to New York to join the committee, is at present home physician of the Virginia K. Johnson Home for Girls, at Dallas, Texas.

The statistics of the Churches in the United States, just given out by Dr. H. K. Carroll, showed a total membership of 33,000,000, a gain of 618,000 for the year just closed. Of this increase, the Methodist bodies were credited with 220,000; the Roman Catholics, 212,500; Baptist bodies with 64,608; Presbyterians, 46,649; Lutherans, 36,120; Disciples of Christ, 21,824. There were fifteen branches of the Baptist Church, with a membership of 5,924,662; eleven of the Catholic Church, with a membership, including children, of 13,538,034; twenty-one of the Lutheran Church, with a membership of 2,388,722; sixteen of the Methodist Church, with a membership of 7,125,069; twelve of the Presbyterian, with a membership of 2,027,598.

A FEW QUOTATIONS.

The Oklahoma brethren are receiving their new conference organ enthusiastically and are already at work for it like old hands, and new subscribers are coming in rapidly. We give a few samples of the way they are writing us:

I have just received my Christian Advocate and assure you that I am very glad indeed to have this great paper as the official organ of our Oklahoma Conferences. I shall endeavor to place the paper in every Methodist home possible in this charge. A. T. WINN, Sasakwa, Okla.

I am going to work at once to put the Advocate in every home I possibly can. WM. HARP, Delhi, Okla.

I am already working for the Advocate. I rejoice over its adoption as our conference organ. W. L. FRENCH, McLoud, Okla.

I am delighted at having the Advocate for our paper and will do all I can to circulate it. W. W. WILLIAMS, Colbert, Okla.

I am so glad the Advocate has become our organ and I shall do what I can to get our people to subscribe for it. Send me some sample copies and I will give them out and follow them up. C. L. COLE, Blanchard, Okla.

I received my first copy of the Advocate yesterday. I am well pleased with the paper. I think it just fine. J. H. ROGERS, Roff, Okla.

I am certainly delighted to have the Texas Christian Advocate as our conference organ, and shall do all I can to put the paper in the homes of my people. J. J. SHAW, North McAlester, Okla.

I am glad that our Oklahoma Conferences have adopted this great paper as our organ. We hope that you will not regret taking us as a part of your constituency. I shall do all I can to put the paper in the homes of my people. W. V. TEER, Eufaula, Okla.

Our preachers and people seem enthused over the fact that the Texas Christian Advocate is our conference organ. I am anxious to put the paper in every home possible. MOSS WEAVER, Chickasha District.

I shall endeavor to keep the Advocate list collected up closely and to get some new subscribers, even in these hard times, for the Advocate is indispensable in every Church home. SAM G. THOMPSON, Dublin, Texas.

THE ONE PER CENT AGREEMENT.

Our Methodist people are quite familiar with the fact that nearly all of the Annual Conferences have been providing for the growth of the Superannuate Endowment Fund by making assessments for it. Not all, however, had done so. Some four of the larger and three of the smaller conferences had not acted favorably, if it all. The last General Conference enacted a provision that each Annual Conference should make an assessment for the Superannuate Endowment Fund "of a sum not less than one per cent of the amount paid for ministerial support." This, as will be seen, includes presiding elders' salaries with pastors, being one per cent of both. Calculated on the basis of the figures of 1913, this gives an assessment of more than fifty thousand dollars per annum. Attention of all the conferences was called to this law in the annual communication sent out by the Board of Trustees. We are fearing that a few of the conferences overlooked this item, or misconstrued its meaning. Will not the presiding elders please see that this very important matter is not left out or minimized and save our conference claimants from inadvertent wrong at the hands of their friends?

Please refer to Paragraph 515 of the Discipline of 1914 and see the law which is sufficiently explicit for the guidance of every one. Let me insist that every preacher give attention to this important matter, even though your conference may have made an oversight. If, perchance this assessment was not sent out, you can proceed, nevertheless, in accordance with the law, which is to safeguard the interests of the conference claimants. JNO. R. STEWART, Sec. Superannuate Endowment Fund.

The highest mountain is called Success. Few reach the top save those who watch sharply for the passing of the spirit of the mountain, Opportunity, who carries upward all those that seize hold upon him.

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OUR NEW HEAD

Readers of this department of the Advocate will notice that it has a new and enlarged head this week. We hope this does not indicate a case of "big head," much less "swell head." But we feel that a head should keep up with the growth of the body. When the writer became identified with the organized Sunday School work of the M. E. Church, South, in this State a few years ago it was somewhat like the features of a fat young baby—there were indications of vigorous life, but beyond that it was almost "without form and void." But a marked transformation has taken place. The editor takes no credit for the improvement and we have not here space to trace the steps of the forward movement. But some things have been happening both to the Advocate and the Sunday School work. In the latter we have what is known as the Southwestern Division, which includes all our work in the eleven conferences lying within the States of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico. This division is under the immediate supervision of the members of the

General Sunday School Board living in its territory and of the Divisional Secretary, who took the field only after he was approved by those board members. At the same time the field of the Advocate has been enlarging. A few years ago it was the official organ of the Texas Conferences only. Then it was adopted by the New Mexico Conference. And last fall both the Oklahoma Conferences withdrew from other alliances and adopted the Texas Christian Advocate as their official organ, the arrangement to begin with the first of this year. With the possible exception of one small conference, therefore, the territory of the Advocate and that of the Southwestern Sunday School Division are co-extensive. For a good many months Rev. W. J. Moore has been Sunday School editor for the two Oklahoma Conferences, and has wrought well. We have therefore asked the privilege of his collaboration in this department. We need his help. We have thought it wise also for the information of Advocate readers to place an official directory at the head of this department.

PLAN AND SCOPE OF THIS DEPARTMENT.

The above remarks lead us to a further word. Recently we have been more than once asked why we did not give the Sunday School lessons with appropriate comments in the Advocate. We answer, because that would be to enter upon a field that is already worked very much better than we could work it. Our Church is furnishing a fine system of lessons and helps, and has made ample provision for the poorest Sunday School in the land to have an adequate supply. The Advocate is primarily a Church newspaper. Our aim in this department is to stimulate and intelligently direct Sunday School interest by telling what others are doing and by acquainting Sunday School workers with the best plans and methods so far as we can in the limited space which is available.

Let us add that, considering the fact that the Church has a whole body of Sunday School literature with which the Advocate has no business connection, the Advocate has been liberal with us in the matter of space.

NEWS AND NOTES.

The Divisional Secretary had the pleasure of a two days institute with Rev. W. T. Singley and his good people at Carbon, Texas, the first Saturday and Sunday of the new year. Considering the building in which it has to work, Carbon has one of the best Sunday Schools within the scope of our knowledge. The enrollment exceeds the Church membership and it has most of the features demanded by our Standard of Efficiency, and will soon have them all. A Cradle Roll was arranged for while we were there. A notable feature of this school is an Adult Bible Class of fifty-eight that has been built up by the pastor and is composed of men and women who had not for a long time, and some of them never before, attended a Sunday School. And through this channel they are being won to Christ and his Church.

Passing through Cisco recently the Divisional Secretary had the privilege of a very stimulating conversation with Mr. G. Fisk, superintendent of our Sunday School at that place. Brother Fisk has occupied that position for a little more than a year and has come to feel that it is a task worthy the best intelligent thought and effort that it can receive. He is rapidly learning what a good Sunday School should be and is striving with all his might to bring his school up to the mark. With such a pastor as Rev. J. E. Crawford to help him, and with the co-operation of a Church as faithful and loyal as the Cisco Church is known to be, we confidently look for gratifying results from the leadership of Brother Fisk. He is also a member of the Sunday School Board of the Central Texas Conference.

That Sunday School war horse, Rev. A. E. Rector, of the West Texas Conference, felt constrained at the recent session of his conference to quit the field and return to the pastorate. But the brethren of that live conference showed their wisdom by refusing to allow him to get away from the Sunday School work. When the new Sunday School Board was elected he became a member, and when it organized he was elected President. In a private letter just received by this editor Brother Rector says: "Within three days I am to start in a two weeks' round in the Rio Grande Valley, holding twelve institutes in

as many charges. I work under the wing of Rev. T. F. Sessions, P. E. He and Rev. S. F. Goldard will help me with the programs, assisted also by local talent." Sessions we know and Rector we know, and we hear that Goldard is a live wire when he comes to deal with the Sunday School. When they finish that round those people in the Rio Grande Valley will know a lot about the Sunday School that they did not know before, and they will have a vision and a desire to do Sunday School work on a worthy and a larger plan. The Divisional Secretary gracefully acknowledges an invitation to join those happy brethren in that tour, and regrets that other engagements prevent him from accepting the invitation.

Rev. O. P. Kiker, episcopos of the Plainview District, is planning a round of institutes for the first half of April in company with the Divisional Secretary. Brother Kiker knows the value of an early start with his plans for the year.

Rev. F. L. Meadow, pastor at Throckmorton, in the Northwest Texas Conference, is planning a two days' institute with dinner on the ground, to embrace the second Sunday in April. The Divisional Secretary expects to eat some of those dinners.

W. E. HAWKINS ILL.

The Advocate was pained to learn the other day that a serious affliction had compelled W. E. Hawkins, Field Sunday School Secretary of the Central Texas Conference, to temporarily quit the field, and that he had gone to a sanitarium in Dallas for a delicate operation. We hope to be able soon to report his entire recovery.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT CAMPAIGN.

On Thursday evening, January 7, there was a very notable and enthusiastic gathering at the Hotel Metropole, in Fort Worth. The occasion was a banquet preparatory to the Sunday School campaign of the Fort Worth District, which begins January 17, and continues three weeks.

Plates were spread for fifty and every chair was occupied. Dr. Nelson presided as toastmaster. Every pastor in the district save one was present and the absentee was detained at home with a sick family. Almost every charge was represented by one or more Sunday School superintendents. A number of short talks were made by pastors and superintendents. The crowd dispersed at a late hour unanimous in the opinion that for good fellowship and a larger, clearer vision of the Sunday School work the occasion had been a decided success. The Fort Worth District Sunday School Campaign, under the leadership of Dr. J. R. Nelson, presiding elder, assisted by the Divisional Secretary and Miss Kilpatrick and the local workers of the district, promises to be one of the most helpful undertakings in the history of Fort Worth Methodism.

BEST RESULTS FROM THE GRADED LESSONS.

By Hugh Heartsborne.

We are all using the Graded Lessons and getting excellent results from their use; the real question is, How to use the available graded material so as to get from it the best possible results? Let us think for a moment of what we

have already achieved. I venture to say that every one of you in your adoption of graded courses has had experience like those which I am about to quote.

Only a few days ago the pastor of a typical suburban Church told me that he has succeeded in putting the Graded Lessons into his school. "Well," I said, "what results have you got?" "Why, already the home work is improving immensely," he replied. There is one result.

The same day I had a conversation with another man who has recently taken a city school of three or four hundred members under his charge. About Christmas time he persuaded the teacher to use graded material in one of the departments just as a beginning. "And it is a remarkable fact," he said, "that the attendance of the teachers has become almost perfect. They don't dare to stay away." He added also that the spirit of the class work was better and the pupils far more attentive. Here are two more results.

Finally, I asked a man who is working in an East Side school in New York how he was getting along with the graded lessons. They had been adopted by his school about Christmas time, and it was found that instead of the usual severe falling off of pupils after Christmas their regularity and numbers had both increased. A fourth result.

But we are not satisfied to stop here. And as a matter of fact what we have been just now calling "results" are, after all, only a means, tools, to the great result in Christian character that the school is trying to achieve.

We must keep before our eyes the purpose of the Sunday School, and the purpose of any particular course of lessons. It saves us many a fruitless discussion about the suitability of any lesson material if we can rule it in or rule it out according to its capacity to help particular pupils to grow in spiritual mastery toward the Christian ideal. If it fails to help them interpret their present experiences at home, at school, or on the street; if it fails to help them solve their inevitable moral problems on a Christian basis; if it satisfies no child-like interests, then we may be sure that whatever virtue such a course may possess, at least it is not graded.

But to get results in Christian character we need more than lessons. We need worship, training in Christian living, the contagion of noble personality, as well as good instruction; and no school has a right to expect that its pupils will make great progress Christward as

a result of thirty minutes of instruction on Sunday morning.

Graded lessons are supposed to supply from year to year an ascending series of situations in response to which the pupil, with the teacher's help, will gain an interpretation of his present experience and will actually achieve the ideals and ideas which will, in controlling his daily life, constitute him a Christian according to his years.

PUT TEXAS AT THE HEAD—IT'S EASY.

The minutes of the Texas Conference for 1914 will show \$392 collected for the Children's Day fund by the Sunday Schools of the conference. Circumstances gave me access to the minutes of all the conferences, and in a graded list of Children's Day collections from thirty-two conferences Texas ranks twenty-eighth, just above West Virginia, Pacific, which has three districts, Los Angeles, which has two districts, and German Mission, which has fifteen appointments.

This, at first glance, is discouraging, but upon a little analysis it becomes encouraging, for it shows how very easy it will be to put Texas up with Tennessee, Virginia, or even alongside the leader, the Memphis Conference, which is a great conference, but no greater in personnel and material resources than the Texas.

The minutes of 1914 for the Texas Conference are not before me, but from the minutes of 1913 it appears that only ninety-five charges contributed to Children's Day. There were reported over five hundred Sunday Schools. The average contribution to the Children's Day collection, for the charges contributing, was about three cents per Sunday School pupil, plus officers and teachers. The same average for the whole conference would have brought the contribution that year up to about two thousand dollars. The average in the Memphis Conference is a little over six cents for each pupil, plus the officers and teachers. The same average in the Texas Conference would give us over four thousand dollars and put us far ahead of the Memphis Conference.

All we need to put the Texas Conference in the forefront of conferences, so far as the Children's Day offering is concerned, is for every pastor to comply with the law, Paragraph 270, and for every Sunday School to live up to the standard of a Texas school.

WALTER G. HARBIN.

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LOVE'S LAST PERFECTION.

(John 16:27)

By Ruth Graham Robinson.

Herein is love, that God hath given his Son To save us sinners from our sin's deep death; And here is love, that he hath wrought the faith Whereby we touch and hold that blessed One. What more could he than this that he hath done— To give the gift, then power to receive? Can such divinely whole completeness leave One thing to crave? Love ends what love begun. Yet must he add more glory to his grace, And heap love on love unmerited. He loves us for the very love he shed, For his own love returning! In each face He sees the beauty he created there, His Christ in us, and cries, "Thou art all fair!"

The topic for January 17, "From Passion to Self-Control," is both suggestive and helpful. We are sorry to be unable to furnish our readers with the comments by Brother McKenny for this lesson, but owing to unforeseen events are prevented from doing so. We hope, however, that they may appear regularly after this. Their late appearance last week was due to the fact that the Advocate was cut to half size the week before and this material was crowded out.

KAVANAUGH (GREENVILLE) WATCH PARTY.

Miss Mamie East has kindly sent in a newspaper clipping telling of the watch party given by Kavanaugh League. It is too long to publish in its entirety, but we are glad to quote it.

The program began with music by the choir and orchestra. Rev. Spragins led the responsive reading of the 98th Psalm, which was followed by a short praise service. The Baptist male quartet and the Greenville Quartet contributed much to the pleasure of the evening with their music and very helpful talks were made by J. B. Greer on the subject, "Yesterday," and Walworth Harrison on the subject, "Tomorrow." A varied program of music and readings filled the evening until 10:30 when a social hour ensued. In the beautifully decorated primary room

guests were served to a refreshing picnic lunch.

"At 11:45 the lights were darkened in the auditorium leaving the appearance of a moonlight dimly shining upon a gorgeous snow drift, the trees bending with a burden of feathery snow. In the dim distance was a beautiful picture of the Christ. Softly and sweetly the dying strains of a beautiful march was given—the Old Year bending low on his well-worn scythe made a farewell talk. His voice was pathetic, his words were touching and brought tears to the eyes of many; he lingered as if he were leaving ties of love; but at the stroke of the midnight gong he bade good-bye. As he passed out the New Year appeared. The lights flashed upon a beautiful maiden, gorgeously dressed in the bright new robes of 1915, bringing with her new hopes, new life and new opportunities. She presented to the audience the twelve beautiful girls dressed to represent each month of the glad New Year." The service closed by repeating the League benediction. This was one of the most successful events in the history of the League.

EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA.

For the past nine years I have made it a habit to spend my vacation at the most delightful spot in Texas—Epworth-by-the-Sea. Having been to all the encampments I feel free in expressing my views. To my mind the 1914 encampment was the greatest ever held at Epworth. From the very first service to the very last a religious atmosphere pervaded them all. The zeal and enthusiasm of the young people—and everyone is young at Epworth—was contagious and I am sure that many were helped to know Jesus better.

The feature of the encampment that helped me most was the class or institute work under the leadership of Miss Kilpatrick, of Carinth, Mississippi and our own Dr. Parker. He has been with us so often that we Texas Leaguers feel like claiming him as our own, although he does live in Nashville, Tennessee, but we will forgive him for that if he will promise to continue coming to us. There are not two more competent leaders than Miss Kilpatrick and Dr. Parker on this side the water, and I doubt if any half so good on the other side.

The sermons and lectures were of the highest type. I wish that every Leaguer in Texas could have seen and heard our missionaries from Mexico as they gave the experiences through which they had recently passed. You would have been thrilled and inspired as I was, and felt that their labors were not in vain in the Lord. They told of being arrested as they were escaping from the interior to the coast, and of being locked in their train for a few hours, but were not harmed. When I heard them tell how anxious they were to go back to continue their work I said, "The Lord is with them."

Some of the most attractive and prominent speakers of our Southern Church were with us and they were backed up by many lesser lights. Most of the State officers were present. President Thomasson had the business



well under control and the other officers were furthering the interest of their departments. With our new officers and the plans they are making for the next meeting we shall expect even a greater Epworth for 1915.

GEORGE E. KEMP.

(Mr. Kemp was chairman of the nominating committee at Epworth last summer and was one of the workers of the encampment; that is why he enjoyed it so much. This letter, which has been crowded out of the past few issues, comes at an opportune time and we are very glad to print it just now when everyone is making plans for the new year. Remember when you make out your budget to include Epworth in your vacation trip.—Ed.)

TEN GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

1. I will not permit myself, if possible, to speak while angry. If I must speak before I can control my anger, I will force myself to speak in a low tone of voice. I will not make a bitter retort to one person who speaks to me in anger.
2. I will not gossip about the failings of another, nor permit any other person to speak such gossip to me. Gossip will die, with all its baneful, deadly train of slander, and broken hearts and blighted lives, when it can not find a listener.
3. I will respect weakness and defer to it on the street car, on the train, in the store and in the home, whether it be in man or woman.
4. I will always express gratitude for any favor or service rendered to me on the spot and at once. If prevented from doing it, then I will seek an early opportunity to give utterance to it in the most gracious way within my power.
5. I will not fail to express sympathy with another's sorrow or to give hearty utterance to my appreciation of good work by another, whether the party be friendly to me or not. One button-hole bouton offered amid life's stress of trial is worth a thousand wreaths of roses laid on a dead man's coffin who died discouraged and broken-hearted.
6. I will not talk about my personal ailments. If my shoulder is rheumatic, or I have the gout in my big toe, or my knee-joints are stiff, it will be one of the subjects on which I am silent and not open to interview.
7. I will look on the bright side of the circumstances of my daily life, and will seek to carry a cheerful face and speak cheerfully and hopefully to all I meet.
8. I will neither eat nor drink what I know will detract from my ability to do my work and be of the most service to myself and others.
9. I will speak and act truthfully, living with sincerity toward God and man.
10. I will strive to be always ready for the very best that can happen to me. I will seek to be ready to serve the highest opportunity, to do the noblest work, to rise to the loftiest place which God and my abilities permit.—Selected.

Two grandchildren of David Livingstone have recently gone to Central Africa as missionaries under the auspices of the United Free Church of Scotland.

Father in heaven, teach us to take interest in other people, and in the wide range of human affairs. Let thy kingdom come! Refresh our minds with concerns larger than our own appetites, ailments and annoyances. Set us free from our slavery to trifles and put us at a man's job. Get us into such big and inspiring business that we shall be too busy to notice how other people treat us. Give us joy in the momentous work of thy Church; in missions and revivals; in reforms and peace movements; in the rising tide of philanthropy; in the labors and gifts of men who live to be a public blessing. Keep us in touch with the risen Christ whose unseen presence is making earth seeth with spiritual force, and men hunger for the eternal life. So make us vehicles of thy life that our nerves shall tingle with it, and our days pass swiftly in conveying blessings from the Highest.

THE SPIRIT OF WINTER.

The Spirit of Winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways—sometimes by cherry sunshine and glistening snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms. To many people it seems to take a delight in making bad things worse, for rheumatism twists harder, twinges sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of scrofula are developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of these ailments. The medicine that cures them—Hood's Sarsaparilla—is easily obtained and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.

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.

WELCOME EXTENDED TO OKLAHOMA WOMEN TO THIS PAGE.

To Oklahoma Women: We extend to you a cordial welcome to our page and want you to come often. Our Editor has already received letters from two former Texas women expressing their great joy at the prospect of having the Texas Advocate as a regular visitor. Not only to former Texans, but to one and all of our dear co-workers in Missionary Societies do we extend our hands in a good old Methodist handshake. May the New Year bring many joys.

EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

(Mrs. C. H. Buchanan, Pryor, Ok., Pub. Supt.)

We greet you, dear co-workers, in our newly adopted conference paper and wish for each of you a busy, happy, successful year's work for the Lord. To this end the first step for the newly elected Superintendents of Mission Study and Publicity is to communicate with me at once so you can be supplied with copies of the new constitution and by-laws and the new leaflet issued especially for you. These leaflets explain fully the duties of your office and are too valuable to be sent to any one except that local Superintendent of Mission Study and Publicity who is interested enough to write me a postal card with her name and address. Let all Superintendents who read this send me at once their reports for the last quarter of 1914. If you have not received the blanks, inquire of your predecessor in office or the former President, for they have been sent to every auxiliary in the conference and some one must have received them. New Year is here with its hopes and possibilities. Begin it right by promptness in the duties of your office. My books will be held open until the 15th so that you can have full time to report the work of your auxiliary. Sisters, "The King's business requireth haste."

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the W. M. S. of the North Texas Conference, will be held at Travis Street Church, Sherman, February 1-5. FLORA THOMAS, Rec. Sec.

GROVETON AUXILIARY.

Under the efficient leadership of our consecrated President, Mrs. B. F. Buffington, we steadily advanced during the year 1914. The Week of Prayer was observed, and was spiritually uplifting. Following are our new officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. H. B. Hughes, President; Mrs. W. F. Mantooth, First Vice-President; Mrs. Theron Bell, Second Vice-President; Mrs. E. H. Robertson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. C. H. Williams, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. M. Groves, Treasurer; Mrs. Bess Lackey, Publicity Superintendent; Mrs. C. H. Bradley, Social Service Superintendent; Mrs. M. M. Pool, Supply Superintendent.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the West Oklahoma Conference will be held at Altus, January 12-15. Altus has made preparations for a large attendance, and is prepared to give us a warm and hearty welcome, regardless of the weather.

There has never been a time when it was more important for each auxiliary to be represented, and the aim this year is "one or more delegates from each auxiliary in the conference."

Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Home Base Secretary of the Missionary Council, will be with us for the entire time. Bishop Mouzon will preach Wednesday evening. The program is one of the best we have ever had. Send names of delegates to Mrs. T. M. Robinson, Altus. Come in time for the reception Tuesday evening and remain for the closing session Friday afternoon.

MRS. R. M. CAMPBELL.

DAVILLA AUXILIARY.

Our Woman's Missionary Society of Davilla, Texas Conference, was organized February, 1914, with eleven members. We have at present thirty-one. We held a membership campaign thereby gaining seventeen new members. The defeated side will entertain at an early date.

We gave our pastor, O. O. Gaston, a shower, amounting to \$15. Also some of the ladies gathered cotton, a hundred pounds here and there, as they could get it donated.

Better Than Spanking

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 187, South Bend, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child; the chance are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulty by day or night.

They traveled many miles for some of the cotton, had it ginned and carried it to a widow lady who had had the misfortune to have a son, her only stay and help, to be operated on several times.

Our newly elected officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Paul Vitnar; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. C. Alsop; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Macune; Recording Secretary, Mrs. B. Sprout; Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Kerr; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wilson Burns; Superintendent Study and Publicity, Mrs. S. A. Weimer; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. M. V. Setzer; Superintendent Supplies, Mrs. Clarence Hine; Agent for the Voice, Mrs. Carroll Server.

Our Children's Work, under the care of Mrs. J. W. Macune, is progressing nicely. The Young People's Work, as to yet, has not been organized. But we hope to get all departments of our work begun soon.

We hope to do a greater work this year for our Master's cause.

MRS. PAUL VITNAR, Press Reporter.

SEYMOUR AUXILIARY.

At the evening service at the Methodist Church on Sunday evening, January 3, 1915, after a most interesting sermon by our pastor, Brother Ben Hardy, on the subject of Christian Stewardship the officers of the Woman's Missionary Society were duly installed as follows: President, Mrs. W. R. Hilliard; First Vice-President, Mrs. Chas. Randal; Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. T. Finn; Superintendent of Mission Study and Publicity, Mrs. J. W. Gore; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. J. H. Glasgow; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Richardson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jo A. P. Dickson, Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Britain; Superintendent Home Guard, Mrs. J. S. Shultz.

MRS. JO A. P. DICKSON.

LAVERNIA AUXILIARY.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Laveria Auxiliary has been doing good work under the leadership of our untiring, faithful President, Mrs. Martin, in spite of the extremely warm weather of last summer and the bitter cold drizzling weather of this winter we have not missed a meeting. We meet twice a month—business and social meetings. The business meeting is held at the Church and social meeting in the homes.

At our social meeting we also have a "Bible Study." Twenty-six ladies have taken up this work and each one carefully prepares the regular lesson. The spiritual lines have taken fresh and new zeal and it is an inspiration to all who attend, as it brings us in closer touch with one another.

During the past year our auxiliary has expended \$94.10 for different things, besides sending a box to our "Wesley House" valued at \$30. We are not standing still, either financially or spiritually, but feel we are gaining step by step and our constant aim is "higher ground." Miss Ella Bowden, our deaconess, and Mrs. Starboard, our District

Secretary, visited our society and we felt their coming was indeed a blessing for all. With the help and new courage we receive from our loved pastor and wife we can accomplish the more.

We held our last meeting and closed our year's work of 1914 on the last day of the "old year." Such an appropriate time for much thought, for in reviewing our year's work "this question comes to us," Have we been as faithful as we might have been? Have we done all the good we could? Have our lives been channels through which Christ's loving service could flow to those who need us most?

At this meeting we held the election of officers: Mrs. R. G. Martin, President; Mrs. Cell Wiseman, First Vice-President; Mrs. J. P. Chambers, Second Vice-President; Mrs. J. G. Scull, Third Vice-President; Mrs. F. M. Lay, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. A. M. Dorsett, Secretary; Mrs. W. E. Tewes, Treasurer; Mrs. Beckman, Organist; Mrs. Sanders, Agent of Voice.

It was a pleasure to see how willing each one took her office; such harmony and good will prevailing. Every Missionary Society and every Christian are being tested. So may we be "loyal witnesses" for Christ and study our work, our Bible, and be not weary in well doing, for in due season "ye shall reap if ye faint not." MRS. A. M. DORSETT, Secretary.

RISING STAR MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

While this society is not great in numbers they have the true missionary spirit and we expect to increase our membership this year to twice the present number. The January meeting was fine, each member present making a pledge over and above dues for the year and a mission study class organized.

The following officers have been elected for 1915: President, Mrs. N. A. Watkins; First Vice-President, Mrs. Fred Anderson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Jesse Johnson; Superintendent Study and Publicity, Mrs. J. B. Dodson; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. Levi McCollum; Superintendent Supplies, Mrs. W. B. Switzer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. W. P. Tyson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. H. Nance; Treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Robinson; Agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. Lee Henry.

Mrs. Downs' visit to our auxiliary was a great benefit to us. Hope to have a good report to send the Advocate before the close of the year. MRS. J. B. DODSON, Superintendent Publicity.

BRENHAM AUXILIARY.

Friday, December 11, 1914, the Missionary Society of the Giddings Memorial Church, Brenham, Texas, met in the church for their regular business meeting. New officers for the coming year were elected. There was a fine attendance of the members and a very earnest spirit prevailed. The following are our new officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. P. Buchanan; First Vice-President, Mrs. G. W. Wiebusch; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Totenham; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Florence McGrew; Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. J. Cox; Treasurer, Mrs. T. J. Pier; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Wall Rial; Superintendent of Publicity, Mrs. E. G. Cooke; Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. A. Knolle; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. Jim Sanders; Agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. Dever.

There is a spirit of hopefulness everywhere. The new pastor, Rev. E. G. Cooke, and his

family have taken hold of the situation and are infusing new life into the rank and file of the Church's membership and the Missionary Society is sharing in the outpouring of the Spirit we have been having. Our new pastor received a sure enough old-fashioned hearty pounding on his arrival. The Missionary Society shone brightly in the due discharge of its duty. Great things are going to happen in every branch of the Church this year and the Missionary Society, under our able President, Mrs. J. P. Buchanan, is girding on its armor.

PUBLICITY SUPERINTENDENT.

LOCKHART AUXILIARY.

At the regular business meeting of the Lockhart Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society, West Texas Conference, the following officers were elected for the year 1915: President, Mrs. W. B. Paul; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. L. Scarborough; Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. D. French; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Hugo Hann; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. C. Glover; Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. L. Cardwell; Superintendent Study and Publicity, Mrs. Geo. F. Butler; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. T. C. Mohle; Agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. W. E. McDowell; Organist, Mrs. C. E. McDannald; Parliamentarian, Mrs. O. L. Swearingen.

These officers will be installed at the Sunday morning service, January 3, 1915.

MRS. GEO. F. BUTLER.

Lockhart, Texas.

THE HOME GUARDS.

During the Civil War those who were too old or in other ways incapacitated for service were called Home Guards, because the protection of the home depended upon them. They were not expected to go into the battle unless the immediate surroundings were in peril.

In our Missionary Society we have a department that we call the "Home Guard" department, or Home Division. It is not an aid society, where those who prefer may join and keep their money in the immediate neighborhood. It is not an organization for those who are not able to pay dues. The day for the aid society has passed. It has been found out long since that the reflex influence of the money sent away was of great practical value.

The good done with that given unselfishly must be carried on for the sake of the life of the Church here, as well as the workers that have gone trustfully to the field. It has been proven that the very wisest plan for keeping both fires burning has been made plain and we would win every woman of the Church to have the pleasure of knowing this. Any man or woman that would advocate an organization now, for the purpose of conserving the forces at home, is selfish and short-sighted indeed. Every one who can possibly become an active member is warmly welcomed in the working, fighting forces. If she is not able to pay dues she is greeted as gladly and her work is accepted as willingly as if she were. There are just two kinds of people in the world, it is said, the "lifters" and the "leaners." When we find a woman who really desires to be a lifter and needs a warm personal interest shown to win her to become an active member, of course it can be done only in one way—"Need her and let her know that you need her." When we find one that prefers doing other things, going other places instead of taking an interest in the work of the Lord that is being done through the Church, she needs some one who loves her and has learned to love the great united work that is being done to tell her what is being done in a way that will interest her. This personal canvas work, this campaign work is the real work of the Captain of the Home Guards. Not that she is the best one to speak to every one herself, but she is the one who is wide awake to the fact that there is great need for personal work and put the right ones in touch with each other. We often hear the expression, "We need a sane woman, a woman with common sense, for this or that position. For the Captain of the Home Guards we need a woman with uncommon sense. Mr. Wiggins illustrates it this way. He said that he was talking to a Church whose minister was a bachelor. He said, "It is going after the one that counts. You can never make any progress until you learn to go after the individual. Look at your pastor. He is a bachelor and will continue to be one as long as he goes after all the girls. As soon as he becomes especially interested in one girl you may begin to get your parsonage ready. He received a wedding invitation not long after from this same preacher on the back of which was written, "The result of personal work."

May I ask the Presidents of the societies to select the Captains or Campaign Superintendents right away, if you have not already done so? Plan together to conduct a last general campaign before conference. Of course it must be done this month. May I suggest that you use the Church roll and as many of the active members as possible in proving to those who have never yet enlisted that they are really needed. I am sure that you will find the pastor your most valuable assistant. It will give new life and activity just now, following the electing of officers. Let me know the result as soon as possible. Begin right away to pray and plan for it.

Some have found it the very best plan to divide the Church roll among the members of the society. Be sure and let me have the

names of the Captains of the Home Guards and the name of your President. I want the work of preparation as complete as possible, so that the new conference year may find the Conference Captain with the correct roll and know how to reach you at the beginning of the year.

Don't let anything hinder your having a general campaign in January. A beautiful silver loving cup has been given to be awarded to the society who gains the most members. The Home Guards and active members will both be counted. Three things will be taken into consideration. The number of members you now have, the number of members in the Church who have not become enlisted and the number gained. The contest will be managed so that the smallest society will have as great an incentive to work as the largest.

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A GOLDEN WEDDING—REV. J. J. HINES AND WIFE.

On Sunday evening of December 20, 1914, at 7 o'clock, one of the largest crowds perhaps that ever gathered in the Methodist Church in Bridgeport assembled to witness the ceremony of the golden wedding of Rev. J. J. Hines and wife. The church was beautifully decorated and Mr. Orion Proctor sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold," after which this honored old couple marched in and down the aisle, faced the audience and the writer performed the ceremony. Miss Gladys Barber played most beautifully the wedding march. Two granddaughters were ribbon bearers for the occasion. The out-of-town children and grandchildren of this aged couple were Mrs. W. L. Steele and children, of Groom; O. W. Hines and daughter, of Wichita Falls; L. T. Hines, of Terrell; Mrs. McClister, of Krum; Frank House, of Jacksboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harkrider, of Ft. Worth; Robert Coffman, of Paradise, and Charley Heuse, of Ovalo.

Brother and Sister Hines received \$31.00 in gold and presents received to the amount of \$70.00 worth. One of the most interesting features of the occasion was the giving of a nice piece of gold to the writer, by groom. After the ceremony every man, woman and child in the house came forward and congratulated this much-loved couple and wished for them many long and happy years yet. Brother and Sister Hines are very popular with all classes, both young and old, and as evidence of this fact, Brother Hines marries almost all the young people that get married in this whole section of country.

Brother Hines is a Methodist preacher of long standing and has a great influence in this country. We trust that the good hand of providence will deal tenderly with them to the end of the journey and that as they have walked side by side in the sunshine and shadows in this world, may their walk be a pleasant one in the City of the Redeemed.

H. B. JOHNSON.

General Weaver, chief of the coast artillery, and General Crozier, chief of ordnance. It was brought out that the government has expended \$12,000,000 in the fortifications of the canal and that \$2,000,000 more will be expended in the fiscal year beginning July 1. It was brought out that the defenses of Panama consist of fourteen-inch, twelve-inch and six-inch guns, and one sixteen-inch gun, which soon will be ready for action.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, has notified Secretary Bryan that the British Government, without deciding the question of liability, was planning to pay damages to the family of Walter Smith, the American killed recently by Canadian militiamen while hunting near Fort Erie, and to Charles Dorsch, who was wounded at the same time.

William Travers Jerome has received from Attorney General Woodbury an appointment as a special deputy State Attorney General to prosecute Harry K. Thaw when he is returned to that State from New Hampshire. Mr. Jerome said he could do nothing in the case until January 21, when the order of the United States Supreme Court is to be served on Thaw.

Julius Rosenwald, of Chicago, the millionaire philanthropist indicted for failure to file a personal property tax, was indorsed as a patriot by the Single Tax Club of Chicago. The resolution, placing this honor upon the President of the Rosenwald & Co., was adopted after lengthy discussion by the Assistant State's Attorney who had charge of the special Grand Jury which indicted Rosenwald; George A. Shilling, president of the Board of Local Improvements, and John Z. White, lecturer for the single taxers.

Prohibition is an issue in Idaho. State Senator John Hart introduced a resolution in the Legislature for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in that state. The measure has been adopted as a part of the Republican legislative program.

During the two years ending January 1, 1915, the Illinois Central Railroad did not kill a passenger. On its Chicago suburban system, which handles 40,000 passengers a day, the company says it has not killed a passenger for fifty-three years or since the beginning of the suburban service. The company has not killed a revenue paying passenger on the Illinois Central proper, exclusive of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley lines, since March 6, 1910. During the year 26,000,271 passengers were carried on the system.

The Duchess of Manchester is to receive a life income, but her husband will be cut off in the will of the late Eugene Zimmerman, the wealthy Cincinnati railroad man, according to a report current in that city. The will of the late financier is expected to be filed in a week or ten days. It is known there exists \$6,000,000 in securities besides other holdings which are valued at \$15,000,000. The estate is estimated to be as high as \$15,000,000.

There was recently released from the Pennsylvania penitentiary a man who was serving a life sentence for a murder he did not commit. He had completed seven years and four months of the term when his innocence was proven. The crime for which he suffered was committed by a brother who fled the country.

President Wilson, in his speech at Indianapolis last week, depicted in roseate colors the future of the United States. Said the President: "And what a future it is, my friends. Look abroad upon the troubled world. Only America at peace. Among all the great powers, only America saving her power for her own people. Only America using her great character and her great strength in the interests of peace and of prosperity. Do you not think it likely the world will sometime turn to America and say, 'You were right and we were wrong. You kept your heads when we lost ours. You tried to keep the scale from tipping and we threw the whole weight of arms in one side of the scale. Now in your self-possession, in your coolness, in your strength, may we not turn to you for counsel and for assistance?'"

Europe's war is converting hundreds of men into raving maniacs, according to Major J. Dickinson, of the State Department, who recently saw fighting in the trenches near Soissons. "They don't fire at each other," he said, "but the din of artillery directed at the covered trenches is positively maddening. Now and then I saw men jump out of the trenches and go at each other with bayonets or in a mad rush for each other's throats. From my position from trenches a little behind the actual firing line I saw hundreds of men brought back. They did not seem to be wounded. They were screaming, raving maniacs, driven insane by that maddening roar of artillery overhead."

"Your honor, I've got the wrong baby!" exclaimed a woman who had appeared before a Chicago judge to answer a charge of contributing to the disposing of her three children. "Pick out any one you choose," replied the court, "for there are plenty of them here and we want every one to be satisfied." Investigation developed that when she went to a bench near the courtroom across the hall, she had chosen some other woman's baby. She hurried out, returning smilingly with her own child a moment later.

James Calligo, a white ranchman, and Miss Josephine Richards, granddaughter of the late Red Cloud, chief of the Sioux Indians, were married last week at Chadron, Nebraska. Half a hundred Indians accompanied the party from the Pine Ridge agency to Chadron for the ceremony, which was performed by County Judge Slatter. Judge Slatter received from the bridegroom \$50 and a fine saddle horse. The bride's dowry was a herd of fifteen hundred Hereford cattle and 500 horses, the value being about \$150,000.

President Wilson became so disgusted with a delay in train service at Baltimore that he left his private car attached to a Pennsylvania train on the way from Indianapolis to Washington and started across a network of tracks in the switching yard in search of some other way to get back to the White House. He led a procession of secretaries, secret service operatives and newspaper correspondents for a distance of about two city blocks, before a passenger agent of the railroad induced him to return to the car. When the party got aboard, the trainmen put on full speed and whizzed toward Washington, sometimes at a rate of seventy miles an hour, so that Mr. Wilson could keep an engagement scheduled for 5 o'clock. He was only 15 minutes late at the appointed time.

The Woman's Suffrage amendment was defeated in the House at Washington Tuesday by a vote of 204 to 174. The vote, the second in the history of Congress on the woman suffrage issue, came at the close of a day of long prepared-for oratory, during

which the many speakers were listened to with frequent evidences of approval or disapproval by packed galleries. The question was before the House on the Mondell resolution to submit a constitutional amendment providing that the right of suffrage should not be abridged "because of sex." A two-thirds affirmative vote was necessary to adopt the resolution. It was defeated by a majority of thirty.

Captain von Muller, commander of the German cruiser Emden, has arrived in England and is a prisoner in one of the officers' detention camps in Wales. The place of his internment is kept secret. After the destruction of the Emden by the Sydney, Captain von Muller was taken to Colombo. Thence he was taken to England by way of Port Said. He was quietly landed at Tilbury, near London, and taken immediately to Wales.

A bill to prohibit intermarriage of whites and negroes in the District of Columbia was passed by the House Monday by a vote of 230 to 60. Vigorous debate preceded the vote. Representative Clark, of Florida, author of the bill, denounced intermarriage, declaring it worked harm to both races. Republican Leader Mann and Representative Madden of Illinois, opposed the measure. Mr. Madden said it would "leave many young girls at the mercy of brutish willing to take advantage of them and then leave them to a life of shame."

Senator Sheppard, of Texas, gave notice to the Senate that he would offer an amendment to abolish the sale of liquor as a beverage in the District of Columbia. It will be offered to the District Appropriation Bill. There are three hundred saloons in the District which yield a total revenue of about half a million dollars.

An assessment of \$12.50 to \$15 a share on the stock of the Frisco Railroad is contemplated in plans for the reorganization of the company which have been completed in detail, it was learned from official sources. It is expected the reorganization will be accomplished within ninety days, with the point in view of having the road restored to the stockholders. The stock assessment, it is estimated, will put between \$6,375,000 and \$7,650,000 of additional money into the treasury of the Frisco Railroad. It is planned to pay off all claims, redeem and cancel all the outstanding and underlying mortgages and execute a new mortgage against the entire property of the company.

A warning is issued in the Berliner Klischee Wochenschrift against the wearing of wrist watches by German soldiers in the field. The author of the article, Dr. Melchor, relates that in treating cases of wounded soldiers he found many who had suffered horrible wounds as a result of this, their wrist watches having been struck by bits of shrapnel which thereupon caused a great spreading of the wound and imbedded parts of the watch in the wrist. The danger is the greater, he adds, because the watches are usually worn on the left wrist, and it is difficult to get at them with the right hand, which, as a rule, are struck rather than the right.

Resolutions demanding that President Wilson shall invite a conference of authorized delegates from all of the neutral countries of the world, to formulate an offer of mediation for the European war were passed at the conference of the woman's movement for constructive peace, held in Washington in the event that the President fails to put this plan for ending the war into effect, the resolutions provide that the party electors shall form an international council for the same purpose. The resolutions form the platform for the woman's constructive peace movement, and were adopted by delegates from every part of the country.

The United States Government Saturday began an inquiry at Chicago into the causes back of the sensational upward trend in wheat prices and the accompanying advance in the price of flour. District Attorney Cline said he is determined to learn if there is any conspiracy to create artificial prices. If he finds such conditions exist he will prosecute to the law's limit those he believes responsible.

The thirty-fourth regular session of the Texas Legislature convened at Austin Tuesday. It will be a "memorable one," from the fact the pros elected their Speaker of the House after a wait of eight years, not an inactive wait, as they have fought each year for this honor. Judge John W. Woods, of Fisher County, is the pro candidate that won the toga and he was elected on the first ballot. The Senate was organized at noon. Acting Lieutenant Governor Watson called the chamber to order. After a spirited contest between Senator Wiley and Senator Nugent for President Pro Tem, the latter was declared elected. The session of both branches of the Legislature was consumed in the appointment of committees, etc. The Legislative bodies will probably get down to work in the next day or so.

Great Britain's preliminary reply to the American note of protest concerning neutral commerce has in many respects failed to satisfy the United States Government. Officials confidently hope that the second and complete answer from England will give the specific information requested by the United States and clear up the uncertainties which, according to the Washington government, surrounded the commerce of neutrals. When Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, called on Secretary Bryan to inform him that the British supplementary note would not be forthcoming for several days, the Secretary told him that the American Government would make no comment in the interim, but would await, patiently, the coming of the note.

William C. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce, has presented to Capt. Paul H. Kriebahn a watch and to thirty-nine officers and seamen of the Red Star line steamship Kronland medals awarded to them by Congress for their rescue of eighty-nine survivors of the steamship Voltorno, burned in mid-Atlantic on October 9 and 10, 1913. The watch given Captain Kriebahn bears an inscription mentioning the heroic rescue. The Kronland's second officer, Frederick Mansfield, and four other officers received gold medals, five petty officers silver medals, and twenty-nine seamen bronze medals.

The Federal Reserve Board is unable to comply with the suggestion of Representative R. L. Henry, of Texas, which would allow Federal Reserve banks, for rediscount, six per cent on member banks, for rediscount, six months' notes made by cotton farmers, bearing 4 per cent, and secured by warehouse receipts. Mr. Henry urged the board under Section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act to make this concession to the cotton producer, who is still holding, Mr. Henry believes, 50 per cent of the crop. The board replied to the Texas Representative through W. P. G. Harding, a member of the board, and chairman of the subcommittee on discount operations in the Southern districts.

Governor Oswalt West, of Oregon, has announced the appointment of Miss Kathryn Clarke, of Glendale, Oregon, as a State Senator to fill a vacancy. The Attorney General has ruled that the Governor had no constitutional authority to make the senatorial appointment. If sealed, Miss Clarke will be the first woman to serve in the Oregon Senate.

PRESIDING ELDERS AND PASTORS OF WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

According to your action at Austin in conference session you decided to observe special day in the interest of our Rescue Work. On this day you agreed to preach a suitable sermon, presenting this cause by itself on its merits and take a public collection for the same.

The pastors of San Antonio have decided to carry out the conference resolutions by observing the second Sunday in February. It has been suggested that all the pastors of our conference put into practice their resolution on the second Sunday in February. I write to ask and urge on preachers to give this work the benefit of concerted action on that date. If the brethren really believe this a worthy cause and will throw their full force into this special effort a sane public sentiment will be created, stimulated and crystallized as well as an amount of money secured far beyond the small assessment named by conference.

We also ask that if the Social Service Committees required by the Discipline under the lay activities of the Church have not been elected before the second Sunday of February that on that date when Purity Day is being observed these committees be formed that the pastors give to these committees the information that the social evil and rescue work is a part of the practical work that comes under their department of Church operations. Read carefully the article by Dr. V. A. Godley in Texas Advocate December 31, page 5; order for your Social Service Committee from our Publishing House, Laymen's Missionary Movement, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee, a copy of "The Plan of Organization for the Board and Committees on Lay Activities."

Early collections will not only secure larger amounts, but will make available the needed cash in this time of special emergency.

Respectfully,
J. D. SCOTT.

A LETTER FROM OKLAHOMA.

I have just received my first copy of Christian Advocate and I enjoy reading it. My wife says that it seems like home to her as her father always took the Advocate years ago. I have been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for eighteen years. My wife has been a member all of her life, and we love our God first and our Church next. I have been most all over Texas; was born in Dallas County in 1868; have lots of friends in Texas and also in Oklahoma. If any of my lost friends or relatives read this, would be glad to hear from them. My father's name was William Linsy Edwards. With best wishes to the Advocate and its readers.
J. L. EDWARDS.
Chattanooga, Okla., R. F. D. No. 1.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF EVANGELISTIC SINGERS.

On January 1 a body of Evangelistic Singers met in the parlors of the Ansley Hotel, in Atlanta, Georgia, and laid plans for a National Convention to be held in that city in December, 1915.

Executive, program and arrangement committees were appointed and the machinery put in motion to secure a large attendance of evangelistic singers from all parts of the United States. There being nearly as many singing evangelists as preaching evangelists in this country and this the first convention of its kind will assure a very large and enthusiastic body of singers at the gathering.

The preliminary meeting elected as its secretary O. W. Stapleton, of Atlanta, and P. M. Boyd, of Nashville, Tennessee, treasurer. The purpose of this convention, in part, is to promote the best interests of the singer and to increase his usefulness to the Church and cause of Christ, to plan for better assistance to the pastor or evangelist and to seek to magnify this feature of the work to the end of having better and more consecrated men in charge of the music.

The Church has felt the need of some permanent organization looking to the supply of better men for this essential work, and some definite weeding out of those who are not acceptable to the Church and cause. To secure the full worth of this move on the part of the singers, the committees urge the hearty co-operation of the pastor and evangelist in securing the names of all singers in their respective charges who may be informed as to the definite plans for the coming convention.

We believe it will be worth while to the brethren to assist in spreading the announcement, especially so by talking it to any singers they may be in touch with, and by forwarding their names and addresses to the secretary, 275 East Pine Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

AN EVANGELISTIC PARTY.

Among those appointed at the conference for evangelists recently held in Nashville to do general evangelistic work was the Rev. Walt Holcomb, of Nashville, Tennessee, the son-in-law of the late Sam P. Jones. During this great conference an evangelistic party was formed, consisting of the following members: Rev. Walt Holcomb, General Evangelist; Rev. Jerry Jeter, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Conference Evangelist of the East Oklahoma Conference, "chalk talker" and soloist; and Mrs. Jerry Jeter, pianist, personal worker and in charge of the department for women and young people. Rev. Holcomb and Jeter have known each other for twelve years and their recent meeting seems providential, being drawn together at Nashville by a tie like that of Jonathan and David.

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Your servant in deep distress for the poor children in our Orphanage.
R. A. BURROUGHS.

TO THE PREACHERS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Your supply of Journals should be in hand before you read this. They were all sent by parcel post. If I have missed any of you, which is quite possible, notify me at once at Trinity, Texas.

I need the addresses of O. F. Zimmerman, J. W. Wardlow, E. A. Sample and E. A. Ussery, all of whom are pastors in the Texas Conference. Send me any corrections which should be made. Anyone needing more copies of the Journal may have the same by applying to H. B. SMITH, Editor, Trinity, Texas.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE AND MISSIONARY INSTITUTE, CISCO DISTRICT, FEBRUARY 10 AND 11.

The Pastors' Conference and Missionary Institute of the Cisco District will be held at Eastland, February 10 and 11. An attractive and wholesome program will be prepared and rendered. All pastors are expected to attend. A cordial invitation is extended to the Lay Leader of each church to be present.

We shall be glad to give an opportunity to the District Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society to present the work of the society to the conference.

One of our most skilled Sunday School workers will be present to bring a message of helpfulness. E. P. WILLIAMS, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE—IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Texas Conference Woman's Missionary Society will hold its annual meeting in Tyler January 26-29, 1915. The hostess chairman is Mrs. J. B. Patterson. Send your delegates' names to her at once. A delegate from every auxiliary in the conference ought to be in attendance. MRS. W. T. SPENCER, Recording Secretary, Marshall, Texas.

COMPANIONSHIP OF THE BIBLE.

We can walk with the Holy Spirit by taking our Bibles, and, if we have only two or three minutes a day, meditating upon the Holy Scriptures. Reading the Bible in that way, reading a little every day, is like burning coal, because by burning coal we liberate the fire and life of long ago. Coal is the old vegetation pressed down in the earth, and when it is brought out and lighted we are bringing out the heat and light of long ago for this generation. That is exactly what we do when we meditate upon the Bible; we liberate the inspiration of years ago.—Bishop of London.

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FIRST RESULTS.

This is to acknowledge receipt of the first remittance on the Benevolence, West Oklahoma Conference, for 1915. The amount came from Rev. E. C. Webb, Custer City, and is \$21.

There is an earnest effort being made to have all these collections in hand by the end of the first three months of the new year, and Custer has the honor of "first results." Cordially,
W. L. ANDERSON, Teller, Sayre, Oklahoma, Jan. 6, 1915.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

Rev. Jas. P. Callaway, 718 S. 19th St., Temple, Texas.

CHURCH LEADERS—MCKINNEY DISTRICT.

To the Church Leaders of McKinney District: Let us plan for a missionary meeting and a big rally at your Church some time during the year. Get all of the members out and have a great time together. Let us make this one of the best years of your Church. May God bless and prosper each Church of McKinney District. J. S. STELLERY, District Lay Leader.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

Rev. H. G. Horton, Secretary of West Texas Conference Church Extension Board, requests us to say that his postoffice address is now Bishop, Texas, and that all applications to General Boards for loans or donations must be in his hands by the first day of March, 1915.

ATTENTION, VERNON DISTRICT.

Having been appointed at the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference as Missionary Evangelist for the Vernon District, I am now ready to make a few dates for some winter meetings. I am also ready to book dates for summer meetings with those who desire my services. My desire is to be useful in this field and do all the good I can while I am compelled to be out of the regular pastorate. Yours in the work,
J. B. MCCARLEY, Paducah, Texas.

Abilene District—First Round.

St. Luke's, Jan. 17, 18.
Ive, at Iye, Jan. 23, 24.
Cops, at Cops, Jan. 24, 25.
Moran, at Moran, Jan. 30, 31.
Putnam, at Putnam, Jan. 31, Feb. 1.
Cross Plains, at Cross Plains, Feb. 3.
Oyde, at Oyde, Feb. 6, 7.
Ovalo, at Jim Ned, Feb. 13, 14.
Tinsola, at Tinsola, Feb. 14, 15.
Trent, at Trent, Feb. 20, 21.
Aason, Feb. 21, 22.
Hawley, at Hawley, Feb. 27, 28.
Nugent, at Nugent, March 6, 7.
C. N. N. FERGUSON, P. E.

MARRIED.

ROOMMATE PLING—At the residence of Mr. Will Thomas, 516 West Virginia Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, January 4, 1915, Mr. Walter L. Roomm and Miss Lucy Glenn Ella Applin, both of San Antonio, Texas, Rev. M. G. Jenkins officiating.

CHERRY-GILPIN—On the Goldthwaite and Mullin road, three miles from Malin, seated in a buggy, Sunday, January 4, 1915, Mr. Harvey A. Cherry and Miss Mattie Gilpin, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.

CLEMENTS-MOORE—At the home of the bride, near Morris' Chapel, VanZandt County, Texas, January 3, 1915, at 4:20 p. m., Mr. W. I. Clements and Miss Pearl Moore, Rev. Frank Everett officiating.

MILLER-HOLLAND—At the home of the bride's parents, near McLean, Texas, January 7, 1915, Mr. Clay A. Miller, of Olustee, Oklahoma, and Miss Mildred Holland, Rev. I. T. Howell officiating.

BROWNING-SLACK—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Slack, Blanchard, Oklahoma, at 2 p. m., January 10, 1915, Mr. O. B. Browning and Mrs. Vista Slack, Rev. Chas. L. Cole officiating.

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TILLER—Mrs. Maggie Tiller was born in Rockwall County, Texas, October 27, 1880; moved to Bowie County while quite young. Sister Maggie united with the M. E. Church, South, at Red Springs August, 1896, and lived a consistent member until God called her home. She fell on sleep at 11:10 p. m., December 24, 1914, in her home at Redwater. She was the mother of seven children, three of whom preceded her to the better world, four beautiful little children left with an invalid father to mourn her death. Husband, brothers, sisters and children, look to God through faith and meet her in the skies. Her pastor, G. M. YEARWOOD.

BOWDEN—Andrew Alonzo Bowden was born February 8, 1879, in Pope County, Arkansas, and died October 23, 1914, at Brownwood, Texas. He was operated on, but never did him any good. He suffered a great deal the last three years of his life, but bore it patiently. In his early childhood he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and lived a consistent Christian until his death. He told them he was ready to go, and just a short while before his death he sang "Home, Sweet Home." Brother Bowden leaves a wife and four children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. He will be missed in the family circle, but he dwells with the innumerable circle around the throne of God. He will be missed in many ways, but God knows best. May God comfort the bereft wife and loved ones and heal their broken hearts.
H. A. NICHOLS, JR.

ALLEN—Mrs. Frances Maud Allen (nee Nolley) was born February 20, 1893, in Van Buren County, Arkansas; moved to Texas with her parents while just a little girl and settled in Bowie County, near Daniel's Chapel; united with the M. E. Church, South, at Daniel's Chapel August, 1906. Miss Maud was happily joined in holy wedlock to James Edward Allen November 24, 1910. Sister Maud loved her Church and was always found on the right side of every question. This made her home happy and lovely. She fell on sleep in the arms of Jesus November, 1914. Sister Maud was a good girl, a loving wife and a beautiful Christian. She was laid to rest by many friends and loving hands that had so tenderly waited upon her through her few days of illness. Cheer up, father, mother, brother and sisters. Through the blood of Jesus Christ all that make their calling and election sure with God will meet Sister Maud in heaven. Her former pastor, G. M. YEARWOOD.

McWHORTER—On November 10, 1914, the death angel visited the home of Sister Euphemia McWhorter and claimed her dear mother, sister Mary McWhorter, who was born April 28, 1843; died November 20, 1914. She realized for some time the end was near and said it was well with her soul. She was a loving mother and a kind hearted woman. None knew her but to love her. She leaves a daughter alone in this world to mourn her loss and fight the battles of life. I often visited Sister McWhorter in her afflicted hours and she always had a bright face. She will be missed in her Church, but may her departure be the means of drawing us nearer to God who doeth all things well. She has now entered into that rest that remaineth for the children of God. She was a member of the Methodist Church for more than twenty years. Farewell, thou hast gotten quicker to thy crown than we. We shall see thee in the morning when the dew is upon the flowers and earth's sorrows shall have been swept away and all the weary watchers shall have found rest. In sympathy. Her former pastor, W. D. MOORE.

FISHER—E. B. Fisher was born August 18, 1864, near Tallahassee, in the State of Florida. His death occurred at his home, 114 South Edgfield Avenue, Dallas, July 15, 1914. Interment took place in Oakland Cemetery, Dallas, the following day. Brother Fisher was brought into the Church at an early age by the influence of a devoted Christian mother. His entire life was one of activity in the service of the Lord. Coming to Texas as a child, his influence for good abides in every community that was at any time his home. He was superintendent of Sunday School at Garrison for eleven years and at Weatherford for seven years. Elsewhere he was active in organizing and carrying on Sunday School work. Having been in bad health during the entire period of his residence in Dallas, he nevertheless identified himself with the Tyler Street Church immediately upon coming to the city. His death was expected and he was unafraid. He is survived by his wife (formerly Miss Leila Keener, of Kilgore, Texas), and by a son, Lawson K., and two daughters, Misses Anna and Drustine. The funeral was conducted by the writer.
C. O. SHUGART.

WILTON—Vann V. Wilton was born June 6, 1893, and died January 4, 1915. He was bitten by a rattlesnake, which caused his death in about two hours. His sudden death came as a severe shock to his widowed mother, as he was her only child left at home, and also to his brothers and sisters and many friends. Brother Wilton joined the M. E. Church, South, at Peden, in the summer of 1912, and lived a consistent Christian life. He is spoken of here as one of the best young men in his community. A young man just in the bloom and vigor of manhood has gone to his reward. May the grace of God be sufficient for the aged mother and loved ones. We laid his body to rest January 5, 1915, in the Nelson Cemetery. There was a large congregation present at the funeral service.
W. W. NOBLE, P. C.

WINNIFORD—Mrs. Susan L. Winniford was born in Tennessee February 25, 1868. Died at her home near Cumby, Texas, December 23, 1914. She was married to Brother J. N. Winniford July 25, 1883. To this happy union were born eleven children, three boys and eight girls. Three of these children preceded their mother to the better world. Sister Winniford professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, September 16, 1894. The words of universal praise for her and the action of neighbors to the family in the hour of death and sorrow bore witness to her noble character. The funeral service was held in the Methodist Church by the pastor, assisted by Rev. W. S. McGuire. Sister Winniford was a member of the Eastern Star Lodge, and the ladies of that order read their beautiful burial service. Although a cold rain was steadily falling a large crowd of friends attended these services. It was a sad and lonely Christmas for Brother Winniford and family, but a bright and joyous one for the ascended companion and mother. Servant of God, well done. May the God of all mercy comfort and sustain the bereaved ones.
RALPH S. KERR, Pastor.

McKEE—Margaret Emmons McKee, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. McKee, was born May 29, 1913, and died December 17, 1914—only 1 year, 6 months and 18 days did this bright, sweet girl stay in her earthly home, when God took her to be with him. Little Margaret lingered and suffered for a number of days, seemingly that the gracious ministry of loving hands and that of a skilled physician might have an opportunity for the best service. But to arrest disease, restore her to health, they could not. The grief-stricken loved ones, though they can not understand why God has taken little Margaret away from them, thereby bringing to them so much loneliness and sorrow, have faith in Christ and hence sorrow not as those who have no hope. They know where she is, and her bright angel face will be at the beautiful gate to greet them and welcome them into everlasting habitations. May the Lord heal and comfort their broken hearts, his gracious providence watch over them and his loving hand lead them to the end of their earthly pilgrimage that there may be a blessed reunion, an unbroken family in heaven.
W. R. McCARTER.

BROOKS—The father of Brother L. O. Brooks, of Goree, Texas, with whom he lived at the time of his death, was born in the State of Georgia, February 5, 1845. He was converted about thirty years before his death. He never joined any branch of the Church. He seemed to love the Church and contributed of his means to support it. His life was such, and the good advice he gave to his children and neighbors, with the evidence that he gave the writer, leads us to believe that he has gone to join his companion and loved ones that have gone on before. He was married to Miss Sarah E. Gay July 29, 1868. Twelve children were born to them. Eight are still living. He served in the Confederate Army during the latter part of the Civil War. He belonged to the Forty-First Georgia. He died December 20, 1914. Was laid to rest in the Goree Cemetery by the side of his loved companion who had preceded him about seven years. Funeral services conducted by the writer, in the midst of a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends. May God bless and comfort the bereaved.
J. H. WATTS, P. C.

ALLISON—Rev. Samuel Henton Allison was born in Franklin County, North Carolina, December 18, 1847, and died at Rhonesboro, in Upshur County, Tex., Oct. 17, 1914. In 1866 he came to Texas and settled in McKinney, Collin County, since which time he has been a useful citizen of this State. In 1863 he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; was granted license to preach in 1877; ordained deacon by Bishop Kavanaugh, at Greenville, December 4, 1881; elder by Bishop Key, at Pittsburg, December 3, 1905. Brother Allison was a useful local preacher. He served a number of years as a supply, and when not thus being used by his Church he would take advantage of every opportunity to preach, and in any other way he could to be useful to his Church. He served faithfully hard circuits upon small pay and was never happier than when thus employed. He loved his Church and her ministry, and was ever ready to stand in their defense or do anything he could to advance their interest. He married Mrs. Godbold. Four children were the fruit of this union, three of whom and the widow survive him. Brother Allison was sick for some time before his death, and suffered much, but he bore it all with fortitude—the God he had served so long was with him and sustained him.
F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

EDDLEMON—The death angel has visited the home of our Sunday School superintendent at Jones Chapel, Brother W. O. Ellis. At 12:10 Sunday night, January 3, 1915, his little grandson, Russell Henry Eddlemon, was called away. Little Russell was born August 26, 1913, at Kingsland, Texas. From the first he became the darling of the home to his mother and father and two little sisters, Winnie and Gertrude. But his father, H. M. Eddlemon, was not permitted to long enjoy the smiles of his little son, since bad health caused him to seek the better climate of New Mexico. Little Russell, his mother and sisters, came to stay with their grandfather, near Frost. Here Russell was taken sick with sore throat on Friday. Other complications set up at once and Sunday night Jesus came to claim him as his own. So young, so tender and innocent and good! Barely strong enough in body to toddle about, but strong enough in soul to tread the path to glory. Your father was absent at your death, but may he and all who knew you some day be with you in your new home. Through Jesus, our precious darling, we wait to see you again.
W. E. HAWKINS, JR.

DUNNAHOE—Mary Chandler was born June 6, 1865. She was reared near Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Dedicated to the Lord in infancy she soon came to know and love him as her personal Savior, and in his service she found her sweetest delight even to the end. She was married to E. D. Dunnahoe on January 28, 1883. To this union twelve children were born, three of whom preceded her to the glory world, six sons and three daughters survive her. In the summer of 1906 she united with the Methodist Church at Ovilla, Texas, of which she remained a loyal member until death, which event occurred at her home near Royse City, Texas, on December 24, 1914. At about noon on December 26, we laid her body to rest in the beautiful cemetery near Lancaster, Texas. Following a long period of clouds and rain the sun came out and shined down upon us there in all his glory, which seemed to be a sure prophesy that out beyond the dark night of death she would come forth, soul and body reunited, to share the glories of God's eternal day. In stamping her own life and character upon the minds and hearts of the boys and girls left behind "she hath wrought a good work." May it not truly be said of her, "She hath done what she could?" To husband and children all. Be faithful until death and you shall meet her again. Her pastor,
FRANK HUGHEN.

ROBBINS—Mrs. M. J. Robbins (nee Collier), of San Angelo, Texas, was born in Marengo County, Alabama, September 29, 1827; moved with her parents, when 7 years old, to Good Hope, Leake County, Mississippi. In the tender years of childhood, at the age of 12 years, she made a profession of faith and united with the Methodist Church. As the flower turns to the sun, the source of its life and beauty, she yielded her heart to Christ and found in him a precious Savior in whom she trusted to the end. In 1847 she was united in marriage to Calvin Robbins, and to this union were born six children, three of whom survive her—Mrs. J. P. Morris, of Coleman, Texas; Miss Sue Robbins and Mr. T. N. Robbins, of San Angelo. These children arise up and call her blessed. She moved to Texas in 1897 and during these past sixteen years this loving friend was within the circle of our acquaintance and her memory will abide with us through the years. She was all that a woman should be to her home and her children, all that a Christian should be to her friends and to the world, and all that a loyal, loving heart could be to her Church and her Lord. The end came October 20, 1914, as quietly and as beautifully as the dawn of the morning and she awoke to the eternal day. Our heart goes out in tender sympathy for the bereaved and upward to God, that they may have that consolation which only heaven can bestow.
A FRIEND.

HODNETT—Eliza Hodnett was born April 23, 1851, in Ouchita County, Ark. She was converted in the summer of 1867 and joined the M. E. Church, South. She was married to W. H. Hodnett in the year 1871. Eleven children were born to this union, two of whom preceded their mother to the home above. Sister Hodnett was one of the most consecrated Christian women I ever met. She had been in very poor health for a number of years and the last year of her life she was hardly able to be out of her bed, but with all of her suffering she was so like her Master—kind, gentle and patient. It was an inspiration to visit her, and to hear her talk of God and his promises. She was a true and faithful wife, a loving and devoted mother and a friend indeed. The messenger came on the 28th of October, 1914. May her Christ-like life be a means of finally bringing the family together around the great white throne of God. Her Pastor,
H. C. HAND.

RECOLLECTIONS OF O. P. THOMAS AND I. Z. T. MORRIS.
As these brethren were my special friends from youth to old age I beg to add these lines to what has already been published. "The ranks are thinning out in front." So wrote Bishop McTyeire just before he died. So suggestive.
As schoolboys Brother Thomas and I first met in Summerfield, Alabama, in the fall of 1860. A warm attachment sprang up at the beginning that never waned, but rather developed to the last. It was a Methodist school and there were quite a number of us young preachers there at that time. So far

as can be learned only one is left to tell the tale.
"Some beneath Virginia's hills,
Some by green Atlantic rills,
Some by the waters of the West—
A myriad unknown heroes rest."

Like all boys of that age we talked freely of our future plans and the conclusion was to finish school and come at once to Texas. We had read "Footprints Across the Continent," by Bishop Pierce, and had the Texas fever good fashion. But when the call was made for boys at the front we piled out of old Centenary Institute like rats leaving a sinking ship. The young ladies sang us a song that thrilled us very much. Dr. Murrah (the father of the Bishop) gave each a Testament with the inscription, "In the name of our God we set up our banner," and said: "Be faithful and brave, dear boys, and when you fall neither the infirmities of age nor clerical dignity will keep the rest of us from the front." When the war closed young preachers were needed in Alabama, but we finally made the move and here shall rest our clay. As soldiers we had several things in common. One was, we were both reported to the home folks as having died of sickness. I lost no blood. He was badly wounded in one of the Virginia battles. As he gave it to me it was a peculiar case. John B. Gordon commanded a Georgia Brigade that ordinarily obeyed orders and did it promptly, but this time they begged off. Gordon stepped over to the brigade to which Brother Thomas belonged and as First Lieutenant commanded a company and submitted the proposition, "All right, General, we will go with you." The command was given and at it they went. It was in making that charge that Brother Thomas was struck with a cannon ball and knocked several yards from his proper position and all supposed that he was killed, but in the providence of God he recovered without any permanent injury. A true man and a more devoted servant of the Master I am quite certain I have never known.
Brother Morris and I did not meet until

1866. I was a Butler County preacher and he was attending Auburn College, but came home to spend vacation. He served in the army for a short while, but being quite young belonged to what Jeff Davis called the seed corn of the Confederacy. From the start we were good friends, planned our works and worked our plans together within Alabama and Texas.

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EAST OKLAHOMA

Holdenville District—Second Round. Ada, First Church, Jan. 24, 25. Weleetka Sta., Jan. 30, 31. Dustin Sta., Feb. 6, 7. McCloud and Earlsboro, at E., Feb. 13, 14. Tecumseh Sta., Feb. 14, 15. Wetumka Sta., Feb. 20, 21. Trinity, at Tribby, Feb. 27, 28. Asher, at Adelle, March 6, 7. Wauette, at W., March 7, 8. Konawa Sta., March 13, 14. Maud Sta., March 14, 15. Union Chapel, at Johnson, March 20, 21. Holdenville Sta., March 27, 28. Shawnee, First Church, March 28, 29. Shawnee Cir., at Bethel, April 3, 4. Wewoka Sta., April 10, 11. Seminole Sta., April 11, 12. Ashbury, at Center, April 17, 18. Sasakwa, at Spaulding, April 18, 19. N. L. LINEBAUGH, P. E.

McAlester District—First Round. Spiro, Jan. 16, 17. Poteau, Jan. 17, 18. Heavener, Jan. 18, 19. Philip's Memorial, Jan. 20. Hartshorne, Jan. 23, 24. Howe and Hodgden, at Howe, Jan. 24, 25. Lenna Cir., at Lenna, Jan. 26. Enola, Jan. 27. Atoka Cir., at Nelson's Ch., Jan. 29. Kowla, Jan. 30, 31. Pittsburg, at Pittsburg, Jan. 31. Arch Cir., at Arch, Feb. 3. Stuart Cir., at Stuart, Feb. 6, 7. Calvin Cir., at Calvin, Feb. 7, 8. J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

WEST OKLAHOMA

Chickasha District—First Round. Coon, at Oak Grove, Jan. 16, 17. Rush Springs, Jan. 17, 18. Binger, at Binger, Jan. 19. Colony, at Albia, Jan. 23, 24. Mount View, Jan. 24, 25. Anadarko, Jan. 27. Tuttle, at Tuttle, 2 p. m., Jan. 28. Marlow, at 10 a. m., Jan. 29. Chickasha Mis., at Wesley, Chickasha, Jan. 30, 31. Erin Springs, at Erin Springs, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Waurika, Feb. 6, 7. Comanche, Feb. 7, 8. Lindsay, Feb. 13, 14. Maysville, Feb. 13, 15. Duncan, Feb. 20, 21. Woodlawn, at Woodlawn, Feb. 21, 22. Chickasha, 7 p. m., Feb. 23. Ryan, Feb. 27, 28. Terral, at Terral, Feb. 28, March 1. MOSS WEAVER, P. E.

Clinton District—First Round. (In Part.) Butler, at Butler, Jan. 16, 17. Hampton, at Hampton, Jan. 17, 18. Leeley, Jan. 20. Mutual and Taloga, at Camargo, Jan. 23, 24. Woodward and Tanager, at Tan., Jan. 24, 25. Ansett, at Tierce's (night), Jan. 26. Tyrone and Goodwell, at Tyrone, Jan. 30, 31. Lakempt and New Hope, at Lak., Feb. 6, 7. District Conference, at Sayre, April 22-25. W. J. STEWART, P. E.

Lawton District—First Round. Loveland, at Loveland, Jan. 16, 17. Tipton, at Tipton, Jan. 17, 18. Mt. Park, at Mt. Park, Jan. 23, 24. Snyder, at Elliott's (p. m.), Jan. 24. Hastings, at Martin Chapel, Jan. 30, 31. Temple, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Chattanooga, at Ophateone, Feb. 6, 7. Walter, Feb. 7, 8. Cloud Chief, Feb. 13, 14. Indian Work, at Cedar Creek, March 6, 7. W. H. ROOPER, P. E.

Oklahoma City District—First Round. Arcadia, at Arcadia, Jan. 16, 17. Carter Avenue, Jan. 17. Guthrie, Jan. 23, 24. Perry, Jan. 24, 25. Wheatland, at Wheatland, Jan. 30, 31. St. James, Jan. 31. Stillwater, Feb. 6, 7. Weatherford, Feb. 13, 14. Franklin, at Franklin, Feb. 20, 21. Noble, at Noble, Feb. 21, 22. W. M. WILSON, P. E.

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque District—Second Round. (Revised.) Watrous and Cimarron, Cerillos, Jan. 17. Gallup, Jan. 23, 24. Magdalena, Jan. 30, 31. Melrose Cir., Melrose, Feb. 6, 7. Tucuneari Cir., Mt. Zion, Feb. 13, 14. San Marcel, Feb. 20, 21. San Jon Cir., Tipton, Feb. 27, 28. Clayton, Cir., Bethel, March 6, 7. Tucuneari, March 13, 14. Albuquerque, March 20, 21. Vaughn Cir., Tatham, March 27, 28. GEO. H. GIVAN, P. E.

Pecos Valley District—Second Round. Elida Cir., at Kenna, Jan. 16, 17. Toyah Valley, at Barstow, Jan. 23, 24. Pecos, Jan. 24, 25. Odessa, at Grand Falls, Jan. 30, 31. Portales, Feb. 6, 7. Portales Cir., Feb. 7, 8. Rogers Cir., Feb. 13, 14. Dayton and Lakeside, Feb. 20, 21. Carlbad, Feb. 21, 22. Texico Cir., Feb. 27, 28. Texico, Feb. 28, March 1. Clovis Cir., March 6, 7. Clovis, March 7, 8. Hagerman and Dexter, March 13, 14. Malaga and Lake Arthur, March 14, 15. Penasco, March 16. Eunice, March 20, 21. Lovington, March 23. Queen and Rocky Arroyo, March 27, 28. Roswell, March 31. Hope, April 3, 4. Artesia, April 5. S. E. ALLISON, P. E. Roswell, New Mexico.

WEST TEXAS

Austin District—Second Round. Fred Allen Memorial, Jan. 10, a. m. Hyde Park, Jan. 10, p. m. Eagle Lake, Jan. 16-18. Flatonia, Jan. 23-25. Walnut Cir., Jan. 30, 31. Ga wood Cir., at Altair, Feb. 6, 7. Columbus, Feb. 13, 14. Wenmar Cir., Feb. 14-17. West Point Cir., at Ford's Prairie, Feb. 20, 21. Bastrop, Feb. 27, 28. Smithville, March 7, 8. McDade Cir., March 9-14. LaGrange, March 21, 22. Liberty & Leander, at Lib. H., March 27, 28. Leander Cir., at Marvin Chapel, March 28, 29. Elgin, April 3, 4.

Manor, April 4, 5. Ward Memorial, April 11, 12. Webberville, at Colorado Chapel, April 17, 18. Holdenville Church, April 25, 26. First Church, May 2, 3. The District Conference will be held in Smithville, May 5-8. The pastors are earnestly requested to secure as many subscriptions to the conference collections before the District Conference as possible. The stewards should be unusually diligent in looking after the finances of the charges to prevent the preachers from unnecessary hardship, and every member of the Quarterly Conferences should be on hand at the second Quarterly Conference. The following persons are requested to be ready to serve on the District Conference Committees named below: Southwestern University Scholarship.—Geo. E. Behrens, C. W. Bickley, C. R. Grobe. License to Preach.—Theophilus Lee, R. L. Pyle, A. S. J. Haygood. Recommendation to the Annual Conference.—J. E. Lovett, G. T. Gibbons, L. C. Lilly. Deacon's Orders.—P. B. Summers, R. A. Waltrip, R. P. Shuler. Elder's Orders.—H. W. Knickerbocker, H. B. Atkins, M. J. Allen. The opening sermon will be preached on Wednesday night, May 5th, by Theophilus Lee. V. A. GODFREY, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round. Jan. 16, 17, Edinburg. Jan. 16, 17, Pharr. Jan. 18, La Feria. Jan. 23, 24, Calallen, at Odem. Jan. 24, 25, Robstown. Jan. 30, 31, Bishop. Jan. 30, 31, Kingsville. Feb. 1, Portland, at Rivira. Feb. 6, 7, Gregory, at Rockport. Feb. 7, 8, Aransas Pass. Feb. 13, 14, Skidmore. Feb. 14, Sinton. Feb. 20, 21, Mathis, at Sanda. Feb. 21, Fallurrias, at Prentiss. Feb. 27, 28, Kennedy. Feb. 28, 29, Florence. March 6, 7, Alice Sta. March 7, 8, Alice Cir., at Aqua Dulce. March 10, Beeville. March 13, 14, Beeville Cir., at Pettus. March 14, Karnes City. March 17, Berclair, at Berclair. March 21, Oakville, at Three Rivers. March 24, Corpus Christi. I. F. SESSIONS, P. E.

Lampasas District—Second Round. Willow City, at Walnut, Jan. 16, 17. Johnson City, at Round Mountain, Jan. 17, 18. Cherokee, at Valley Springs, Jan. 23, 24. Llano Sta., Jan. 24, 25. Kemper, at Kemper, Jan. 30, 31. Center City, at Bethel, Feb. 6, 7. Star, at Moline, Feb. 13, 14. Goldthwaite, Feb. 20, 21. Mullin, at Mullin, Feb. 21, 22. San Saba Cir., at Chapel, Feb. 27, 28. Fredonia, at Katey, March 6, 7. Mason, at Mason, March 7, 8. Lometa, at McCredie, March 13, 14. Lampasas, March 14, 15. Llano Cir., at Mays Chapel, March 20, 21. Marble Falls, March 21, 22. San Saba Sta., March 27, 28. Richland Springs, at Locker, March 28, 29. J. W. COWAN, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round. Smiley, at S., Jan. 17, 18. Nixon, Jan. 18, 19. Pandora, at P., Jan. 23, 24. Stockdale, at S., Jan. 24, 25. Lavernia, at L., Jan. 30, 31. A. W. WILSON, P. E.

San Angelo District—First Round. (Revised.) Senora, Jan. 16, 17, a. m. Eldorado, Jan. 17, p. m. Water Valley, Jan. 23, 24. Rochelle, Jan. 30, 31. Eola, Feb. 5. Paint Rock, Feb. 6, 7. Ozona, Feb. 13, 14. F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round. Jan. 17, Lockhart, preaching. Jan. 24, Lytton Springs, preaching. Jan. 31, San Marcos, preaching. Feb. 6, 7, Harwood, at Denton Creek. Feb. 13, 14, Manchaca, at Creedmore. Feb. 20, 21, Leesville. Feb. 27, 28, Waelder, at Thomassville. March 6, 7, Kyle and Buda, at Kyle. March 13, 14, Staples, at Prairie Lea. March 15, Martindale, at Pentrice. March 20, 21, Dripping Springs. March 25, San Marcos. March 25, Lytton Springs, at Lockhart, 3 p. m. March 25, Lockhart, 7:30 p. m. March 27, 28, Blanco. April 1, Seguin. April 2, Luling. April 3, 4, Gonzales. April 5, Belmont, at Oak Forest. District Conference at Gonzales April 6, 7:30 p. m. Opening sermon by Rev. D. E. Hawk, of San Marcos. THOMAS GREGORY, P. E.

Uvalde District—First Round. Lovelton, Jan. 16, 17. Devine and Lytle, at Lytle, Jan. 23, 24. Crystal City, Jan. 30, 31. Carrizo Springs, at C. S., Jan. 31. S. B. JOHNSTON, P. E.

CENTRAL TEXAS

Brownwood District—First Round. Tulsa, at Valera, Jan. 16, 17. Rockwood, at Wesley, Jan. 17, 18. Ballinger, Jan. 23, 24. Santa Anna, Jan. 30, 31. Coleman Sta., Feb. 6, 7. Brownwood Sta., Feb. 6. I. H. STEWART, P. E.

Cisco District—First Round. Carbon, at Wesley Ch., Jan. 16, 17. Sipe Springs, at Macedonia, Jan. 23, 24. Seranton, at S., Jan. 30, 31. Pioneer, at Pleasant V., Feb. 6, 7. Romety, at R., Feb. 13, 14. Desdemona, at D., Feb. 20, 21. Cisco Sta., Feb. 27, 28. Cisco Mis., at Eureka, Feb. 27, 11 a. m. Cisco Station, Feb. 27, 28. E. P. WILLIAMS, P. E.

Cleburne District—First Round. Godley and Cresson, at Bono, Jan. 16. Glen Rose Sta., Jan. 16, 17. Glen Rose Mis., at White Ch., Jan. 17, 18. Joshua and Egan, at Joshua, Jan. 23, 24. Granbury Cir., at Acton, Jan. 30, 31. Granbury Sta., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Venus, Feb. 7, 8. Grandview Sta., Feb. 14, 15. W. M. MOSS, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round. Horn Hill, at Horn Hill, Jan. 16, 17. Groesbeck, Jan. 17, 18. Wortham, at Wortham, Jan. 23, 24. Mexia, Jan. 24, 25. Kirvin and Streetman, at Kirvin, Jan. 30, 31.

Emmett, at Emmett, Feb. 6, 7. Frost, at Frost, Feb. 7, 8. Purdon, at Purdon, Feb. 13, 14. Chatfield, at Chatfield, Feb. 20, 21. W. H. MATTHEWS, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round. Duffau, at Pleasant Hill, Jan. 16, 17. Iredell, at I., Jan. 23, 24. Bluffdale, at B., Jan. 30, 31. Hico, Feb. 6, 7. Carlton, at C., Feb. 13, 14. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round. Polytechnic, Jan. 29, at 7:30 p. m. Kennedale Cir., at Kennedale, Thursday, Feb. 4, 11 a. m. Smithfield Cir., at Smithfield, Friday, Feb. 5, at 11 a. m. Grapevine Cir., at Grapevine, Feb. 6, 7. JNO. R. NELSON, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round. Gatesville Mis., at W. C., Jan. 16, 17. Oglesby, at Oglesby, Jan. 17, 18. Nolanville, at Nolanville, Jan. 23, 24. Copperas Cove, Jan. 24, 25. Killeen Cir., at Buenavista, Jan. 30, 31. Killeen Sta., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Evant, at Pearl, Feb. 6, 7. Fair, at Fair, Feb. 13, 14. Hamilton Cir., at Lun., 11 a. m., Feb. 15. Hamilton Cir., at Lun., S. J. RUCKER, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round. Thrall, at Thrall, Jan. 16, 17. Taylor, Jan. 17, 18. Florence, at Florence, Jan. 23, 24. Bartlett, Jan. 24, 25. Troy and Pendleton, at Troy, Jan. 30, 31. Rogers, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Jarrell, at Jarrell, Feb. 6, 7. Hutto, at Hutto, Feb. 13, 14. Weir, at Weir, Feb. 14, 15. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Hillsboro District—First Round. Peoria, at Peoria, Jan. 16, at 2 p. m. Covington, at Osceola, Jan. 25, at 10 a. m. Preaching Dates. Whitney, Jan. 3, 11 a. m.; Kirk, Jan. 10, 11 a. m.; Peoria, Jan. 16, 11 a. m.; Osceola, Jan. 24, 7 p. m.; Linn Street, Jan. 24, 11 a. m.; Covington, Jan. 25, 7 p. m. JNO. M. BARCUS, P. E.

Waco District—First Round. Bruceville and Eddy, at Bruceville, Jan. 9, 10. Mart, Jan. 17, 18. China Springs, at C. S., Jan. 23, 24. Mt. Calm and Riesel, at Mt. Calm, Jan. 30, 31. Aquila, at Aquila, Feb. 6, 7. A. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round. Milford Charge, at M., Jan. 16, 17. Italy Charge, at I., Jan. 17, 18. Britton Charge, at B., Jan. 23, 24. Mansfield Charge, at M., Jan. 24, 25. Maypearl Charge, at M., Jan. 30, 31. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round. Aledo Cir., at Aledo, Jan. 23, 24. Whit Cir., at Whit, Jan. 27, 11 a. m. Springtown Cir., at Springtown, Jan. 30, 31. Azle Cir., at Azle, Feb. 3, 11 a. m. Weatherford Cir., at Bethel, Feb. 6, 7. L. A. WEBB, P. E.

TEXAS

Leamont District—First Round. Anahuac, at Anahuac, Jan. 16, 17. Pt. Bol. and Stowell, at Pt. Bol., Jan. 18, 7:30 p. m. Child and Nance, at China, Jan. 14, 11 a. m. Sour Lake and Grayburg and Sour Lake, Jan. 14, 7:30 p. m. Liberty, at Liberty, Jan. 21. Pt. Arthur, Jan. 23, 7:30 p. m. Nederland, at Nederland, Jan. 24, 7:30 p. m. Roberts Avenue, Jan. 25, 7:30 p. m. First Church, Jan. 26, 7:30 p. m. Woodville, at Woodville, Jan. 28, 11 a. m. North End, Jan. 30, 7:30 p. m. E. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round. Brookshire, at Brookshire, Jan. 16, 17. Sealy, at Sealy, Jan. 23, 24. Fairview and Dew, at Wallis, Jan. 24, 25. Brenham, at Brenham, Jan. 31, 11 a. m. Bellville, at Bellville, Jan. 31, at 7 p. m. Q. C. Feb. 1, 2 p. m. Bay City Mis., at Wadsworth, Q. C. Feb. 5. Matagorda, at M., Q. C. Feb. 6, 7. Bay City Sta., Feb. 7, 8. Lexington Mis., Feb. 13, 14. Lexington Sta., Feb. 14, 15. Chapel Hill Sta., Feb. 20, 21. Hempstead Sta., Feb. 21, 22. Wharton Sta., Feb. 27, 28. Richmond Sta., Feb. 28, 7:30 p. m. Rosenberg Sta., Mar. 1, 7:30 p. m. Glenflora, Mar. 6, 7. Somerville Sta., Feb. 3. S. W. THOMAS, P. E.

Jacksonville District—First Round. Elkhart, at E., Jan. 16, 17. Mount Alba, at M. A., Jan. 18. La Rue, at L. R., Jan. 23, 24. Eustace, at E., Jan. 24, 25. Cushing, at N., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Gallatin, at G., Feb. 6, 7. Rusk Sta., Feb. 7, 8. Overton and App, at App, Feb. 13, 14. Trousp Sta., Feb. 14, 15. Bullard and Mt. Selman, at B., Feb. 20, 21. Trans cedar, at Tool, Feb. 23. I. F. BETTS, P. E.

Marlin District—First Round. Maysfield, at Benarold, Jan. 15, 17. Cameron, Jan. 17, 18. Davilla, at Friendship, Jan. 23, 24. Buckholts, at Buckholts, Jan. 24, 25. Gause, at Milano, Jan. 31. Leon Mis., at Pleasant Ridge, Feb. 6, 7. Centerville, Feb. 7, 8. Flynn Cir., at Flynn, Feb. 9. Normangee, Feb. 10. Jewett, at Oakwoods, Feb. 11. Fairfield and Dew, at F., Feb. 13, 14. Teague, Feb. 14, 15. Wheelock, at Wheelock, Feb. 20, 21. GEO. W. DAVIS, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round. Bethany Cir., at Bethany, Jan. 16, 17. Laneville Cir., at Laneville, Jan. 23, 24. Kellyville Cir., at Trinity, Jan. 30, 31. Jefferson, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Hallsville Cir., at Summerfield, Feb. 6, 7. Longview, Feb. 7, 8. Harrison Cir., at First Ch., Marshall, Feb. 10. Beckville Cir., at Allison's Chap., Feb. 13, 14. Harleton Cir., at Harleton, Feb. 20, 21. Marshall, Summit Street, Feb. 24. Marshall, First Church, Feb. 25. Gilmer Cir., at Bettie, Feb. 27, 28. F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

Navasota District—First Round. Midway, at Greenbrier, Jan. 16, 17. Madisonville Sta., Jan. 17, 18. Oakhurst, at Blackjack, Jan. 23, 24. Huntsville Sta., Jan. 24, 25.

Conroe Sta., Jan. 25. Brazos County Mis., at Steep Hollow, Jan. 30, 31. Bryan Sta., Jan. 31. Montgomery, at Montgomery, Feb. 6. Cleveland and Cold Springs, at Cleveland, Feb. 7. Millican, at Stoneham, Feb. 13, 14. Willis and Waverly, at Willis, Feb. 21. E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

Pittsburg District—First Round. Queen City, at Queen City, Jan. 16, 17. Atlanta, Jan. 17, 18. First Church, Texarkana, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 19. Hughes Springs and Avinger, at H. S., Jan. 24, 25. Winnsboro, at Maple Springs, Jan. 30, 31. Nash Cir., at Nash, Feb. 6, 7. Hardy Memorial, Texarkana, Feb. 7, 8. Pittsburg Cir., at Union Ridge, Feb. 13, 14. Pittsburg Sta., Feb. 14, 15. Cason Cir., at Cason, Feb. 20, 21. Daingerfield, at Daingerfield, Feb. 21, 22. Cornet Cir., at Hamill's Chapel, Feb. 27, 28. Naples and Omaha, Omaha, Feb. 28, Mar. 1. Douglassville, at Douglassville, Mar. 6, 7. Linden Cir., at Linden, Mar. 7, 8. O. T. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Timpson District—First Round. Livingston Cir., at Providence, Jan. 16. Livingston, Jan. 17. Burke and Doholl, at Burke, Jan. 23. Corrigan, at Corrigan, Jan. 24. Pinehill, at Pinehill, Jan. 30, 31. Mt. Enterprise, at Mt. E., Feb. 6, 7. Garrison, Feb. 13. Center Cir., at New Prospect, Feb. 20. Melrose, at M., Feb. 27. Nacogdoches, Feb. 28. Appley, at Smith's Chapel, March 6. L. B. ELROD, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round. Mineola Cir., at Olive B., Jan. 16, 17. Grand Saline Sta., Jan. 17, 18. Whitehurst, at Elm, Jan. 23, 24. Marvin Memorial, Jan. 25. Edgewood, at Edgewood, Jan. 30, 31. Willis Point Sta., Jan. 31. Murchison, at Murchison, Feb. 6, 7. Quitman, at Quitman, Feb. 13, 14. Canton, at Canton, Feb. 20, 21. Willis Point Cir., at Palmer, Feb. 27, 28. Colfax, at Oakland, March 6, 7. T. T. SMITH, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS

Bonham District—First Round. Ladonia, Jan. 16, 17. Bailey, at B., Jan. 17, 18. Leonard, Jan. 23, 24. Trenton, at T., Jan. 24, 25. Brookston, at B., Jan. 30, 31. Ravenna, at R., Feb. 6, 7. Telephone, at T., Feb. 13, 14. C. C. YOUNG, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round. Wichita Falls Mis., Wichita Falls, Jan. 16, 17. Wichita Falls Sta., Jan. 17, 18. Byers and Valentine, at Byers, Jan. 23, 24. Petrolia and Charlie, Petrolia, Jan. 24, 25. Archer City Sta., Tuesday, Jan. 26, 4 p. m. Henrietta Mis., Willow Springs, Jan. 30, 31. Henrietta Sta., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Ringgold Cir., Ringgold, Feb. 6, 7. Nocona Sta., Feb. 7, 8. Blue Grove Cir., Deer Creek, Feb. 13, 14. Vashit, Feb. 14, 15. Post Oak, Post Oak, Feb. 20, 21. Sunset, Dry Valley, Feb. 27, 28. Crawford, Red Bud, Feb. 28, March 1. Mergargal Mis., Mergargal, March 6, 7. Dundee, Eagle Bend, March 13, 14. T. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round. Grand Prairie, Jan. 17, 18. Grace, Jan. 17, 20. Cochran and Maple, Jan. 23, 24. Cole Avenue, Jan. 24, 25. West Dallas, Jan. 26. Oak Lawn, Jan. 27. Duncanville and Wheatland, Jan. 30, 31. Cedar Hill, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Oak Cliff, Feb. 3. Brooklyn and Irving, Feb. 6, 7. Trimby, Feb. 7, 10. Mungee Place, Feb. 8. First Church, Feb. 14, 17. Tyler Street, Feb. 14, 15. Forest Avenue, Feb. 21, 24. St. John's Feb. 21, 22. Ervay, Feb. 25. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

Decatur District—First Round. Greenwood Mis., at Rush Creek, Jan. 16, 17. Decatur Cir., at Oak Grove, Jan. 23, 24. Decatur Sta., Jan. 24, 25. Bridgeport Cir., at Mt. Zion, Jan. 30, 31. Perrin Mis., at P., Feb. 6, 7. Bryson and Jermy, at B., Feb. 7, 8. Wynyard Mis., at Wesley, Feb. 13, 14. Jacksboro Sta., Feb. 14, 15. Roanoke and Elizabeth, at R., Feb. 20, 21. Argyle Cir., at A., Feb. 27, 28. S. C. RIDDLE, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round. Dexter Mis., at Mt. Zion, Jan. 16, 17. Montague Mis., at Montague, Jan. 23, 24. Marysville Cir., at Van Slyke, Jan. 30, 31. Myra and Hood, at Myra, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Aubrey and Oak Grove, at Aubrey, Feb. 6, 7. Denton Sta., Feb. 7, 8. Lewisville Sta., Feb. 13, 14. Era and Spring Creek, at Era, Feb. 20, 21. Valley View Sta., Feb. 27, 28. Sanger Sta., Feb. 28, 29. Rosston Mis., at Hardy, March 6, 7. J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round. Lone Oak Cir., at L. O., Jan. 17. Commerce Sta., Jan. 24, 25. Fairlie Mis., at Center Chapel, Jan. 30, 31. Jones-Bethel and Wesley Chapel, at J. B., Feb. 6, 7. Wolfe City Sta., Feb. 14. Celeste Station and Circuit, Feb. 20, 21. Merit and Lane, Feb. 27, 28. C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round. Richardson, at R., Jan. 16, 17. Plano, Jan. 17, 18. Celina, Jan. 23, 24. Frisco, Jan. 24, 25. Prosper Cir., at P., Jan. 30, 31. Blue Ridge Cir., at B., Feb. 6, 7. Renner Cir., at R., Feb. 13, 14. Josephine and Copysville, at J., Feb. 20, 21. Nevada, Feb. 27, 28. Weston Cir., at W., Feb. 27, 28. C. W. DENNIS, P. E.

Paris District—First Round. Woodland, at W., Jan. 16, 17. Detroit, at D., Jan. 17, 18. Pattonville, at P., Jan. 23, 24. Deport Sta., Jan. 24, 25. Paris Cir., at Palestine, Jan. 30, 31. Lamar Avenue, Jan. 31. McKinzie Cir., at M., Feb. 6, 7. Bogata, at Rosalie, Feb. 7, 8. Centenary, Feb. 14. Avery Mis., at A., Feb. 20, 21. W. F. BRYAN, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round. Sadler and Gordonville, at Gordonville, Jan. 16, 17. Whitesboro, Jan. 17, 18. Collinsville and Tioga, at Collinsville, Jan. 23, 24. Pilot Point, Jan. 24, 25. Pilot Grove, at Gray Bill, Jan. 30, 31. Preaching at West End, Denison, Jan. 31, 7 p. m. Whitewright, Feb. 6, 7. Travis Street, Feb. 14, 15. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round. Winnsboro, Jan. 16, 17. Reply Springs, at R. S., Jan. 23, 24. Yowell, at Moss Ch., Jan. 30, 31. Purley, at Harmony, Feb. 6, 7. Como and Forest Academy, at Como, Feb. 13, 14. Klondike, at Klondike, Feb. 20, 21. Sulphur Bluff, at S. B., Feb. 27, 28. Brashear, at Shelby, Mar. 6, 7. Sulphur Springs Sta., March 7, 8. R. C. HICKS, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round. Fate Cir., at F., Jan. 16, 17. Garland Sta., Jan. 17, 18. Mesquite and Pleasant Mound, at M., Jan. 23, 24. College Md. Cir., at C. M., Jan. 24, 25. Crandall Cir., at C., Jan. 30, 31. Mahank Mis., at M., Feb. 6, 7. Seabury Cir., at S., Feb. 13, 14. Hutchins and Wilmer, at W., Feb. 20, 21. Luncester Sta., Feb. 21, 22. E. L. EGGER, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEXAS

Amarillo District—First Round. Bovina, Jan. 16, 17. Texline, Jan. 23, 24. Dairhart, Jan. 24, 25. Channing, Jan. 30, 31. Stratford, Feb. 6, 7. Amarillo, Polk Street, Feb. 13, 14. Amarillo, Buchanan Street, Feb. 14, 15. Amarillo Mis., Feb. 16. Higgins, Feb. 20, 21. Glazier, Feb. 21, 22. Dumas, Feb. 27, 28. Hanford, March 6, 7. Ochiltree, March 7, 8. ERNEST E. ROBINSON, P. E.

Big Spring District—First Round. Stanton, preaching, Jan. 17. Tahoka and Slaton, at Slaton, Jan. 23, 24. Lamesa Station, at Liberty, Jan. 30, 31. Lamesa Station, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Brownland and Plains, at B. Feb. 6, 7. O'Donoghue, at O'Donoghue, Feb. 13, 14. Big Springs Mis., at Center Point, Feb. 20, 21. Big Spring Sta., Feb. 21, 22. Post City, Feb. 27, 28. Wilson Mis., at Wilson, March 2. Coahoma, at Vincent, March 6, 7. W. H. TERRY, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round. Quail, Jan. 16, 17. Wellington Mis., Jan. 20, 21. Wellington Sta., Jan. 23, 24. Newlin, Jan. 30, 31. Headley, Feb. 3, at 11 a. m. Shamrock, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p. m. Wheeler, Feb. 6, 7. Gaggy Mis., Feb. 9, at 11 a. m. Canadian, Feb. 13, 14. Miami, Feb. 14, 15. Clarendon Sta., Feb. 20, 21. Clarendon Mis., Feb. 27, 28. J. T. HICKS, P. E.

Hamlin District—First Round. Jayton, Jan. 16, 17. Aspermont, Jan. 17, 18. Rotan, Jan. 20. Clairmont Mis., at C., Jan. 23, 24. Hamlin, Jan. 29. McCauley, at McCauley, Jan. 30, 31. Sylvester, at Sylvester, Feb. 6, 7. Rule, at Rule, Feb. 13, 14. Rochester, at Rochester, Feb. 20, 21. Tuxedo, at Tuxedo, Feb. 27, 28. Knox City, at O'Brien, March 6, 7. Aspermont Mis., March 13, 14. B. W. DODSON, P. E.

Plainview District—First Round. Crosbyton, Jan. 16, 17. Lubbock, Jan. 18, 19. Lubbock, Jan. 19, 20. Abernathy, at Murray, Jan. 23, 24. Aress, Jan. 30, 31. Tulia, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Lockney, Feb. 6, 7. Plainview Sta., Feb. 8. Silverton, Feb. 13, 14. Roaring Springs, Feb. 20, 21. Matador, Feb. 21, 22. Turkey, at Fismet, Feb. 27, 28. Ihmmt, March 6, 7. Plainview Mis., at Meteor, March 20, 21. O. P. KIKER, P. E.

Stamford District—First Round. Ward Memorial and Bethel, Jan. 15. Stamford Mis., at Keturon, Jan. 16, 17. Stamford, St. John's, Jan. 24, 25. Westover, at Redhain, Jan. 29. Seymour Mis., at Seymour, Jan. 30. Seymour Sta., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Lueders Mis., at Lueders, Feb. 6, 7. Throckmorton Mis., at Cross Roads, Feb. 11. Th

CHAOTIC MEXICO.

The American people are so taken up with the terrible tragedy now being enacted in Europe and their efforts to ameliorate the suffering that from it arises that they are apt to forget the lesser tragedy happening just across the Rio Grande. Three years of anarchy in unhappy Mexico, three years of hardship for thousands of non-combatants, three years of idle twattle and fruitless discussion among rival factions, leave us but dim prospects for the formation at any near period of such a stable government as could be recognized by the United States.

Since the busy days of Gen. Porfirio Diaz the Republic to the south suffereth violence and the violent take it by force. Chaotic is the only term that describes the situation. The best students of current events over there—now that a triangular warfare has again broken out between the forces of Villa, Zapata and Carranza—are not holding out any hope for a speedy adjustment of the numerous political differences. With supreme power at the capital oscillating between what was once a bandit and a leader of guerrilla warfare in the south, the prospects for peace are less than they were a year ago. That unhappy country deserves the help and sympathy of the older and bigger brother living just to the north. There are obligations passing over from a wealthy nation to a poorer one. There are duties which the rich owe to the poor, the strong to the weak, the healthy to the sick, the experienced to the ignorant, duties which the priest and Levite owed the stranger when they passed by on the other side.

Once a resident of Mexico, for ten years I had opportunity to familiarize myself with the situation; and now I do not hesitate to say that the outlook for any sort of settlement of differences between the warring factions is gloomy indeed. At one time I pinned my faith to Francisco Villa, the hero of the soldier and the peon class. Let us hope for the sake of his unhappy land that our faith was not so badly founded. For a period of two years he did and said such remarkably wise things. We have reason to believe that President Wilson had confidence in Villa's ability to harmonize the different factions. The course of the Washington Government in withdrawing all troops from Mexico just at the time that the soldiers of Villa were within gunshot of the capital gave us good grounds to believe that our President had a well-founded conviction that this same Villa, whose star was in the ascendancy, was both willing and able to safeguard life and property and guide unsteady Mexico in setting up housekeeping once more.

Thousands in the United States have no such confidence in this Mexican leader. Too many became his admirers because of his Napoleonic fame of never having lost a battle. This week's events show how vain sometimes are human hopes and opinions, for Villa is in flight with the remnants of his army bound post-haste for Terreon. His coveted Puebla has fallen from his grasp also.

This is one cause of Mexico's cumulative troubles. No one man wins the whole-hearted confidence of her friends both in and out of her borders. Francisco Villa, ex-burro driver, fierce, ignorant, beloved and followed by thousands because he is one of the people, is not without stains upon his character. A veteran newspaper man of our own land, who has been intimate with this idol of the masses says of him:

"Gen. Villa is the iron man of Mexico, beloved by his followers and admired and feared by his enemies. He might master the situation should he be able to form an alliance with the Zapatistas. But Zapata is a hard factor to reckon upon, and there is no telling when a breach may occur between him and Villa."

"Villa is a man of wonderful personal magnetism among his people. He is not an educated man, but a born leader. He might be termed the Napoleon of Mexico. Had he been fortunate in obtaining an education during his early years he would have been the greatest man, perhaps, Mexico has ever known. He is courageous, diplomatic and a great strategist in the game of war."

To the American missionaries and correspondents who have been with him he is courteous and obliging. If he harbors enmity towards our people and laws he is entirely too astute a diplomat to betray any evidence of that fact. To all intents and purposes he is very friendly to the United States. More than once he has hooted at the idea of his ever becoming President of Mexico. In this we give him the credit of sincerity; always remembering, however, that his every plan and action leave the way open

for him to dictate the policy of whomsoever may ascend the presidential chair.

Republican in its form of government, the elections of that Aztec land have always been farcical in the extreme. There is lacking that large, thoughtful, reliable middle class that has poise and sense and courage to go to the ballot box and vote its real convictions. What Ex-President Taft said about another people is a singularly apropos remark, "We cannot present them with a character. The time that will be necessary to train this people for self-government is the time that will be necessary to make them an English-speaking people." And so the great untaught multitudes of Mexico, whose minds too often teem with superstitions and imaginary bugaboos, turn in childlike simplicity first to one leader and then another, listen to their panaceas and are led to their death. The solution of their difficulties is a long, long way off, simply because the miseducated, the thriftless, the improvident, are not ready to control the affairs of State any more than they know how to control themselves.

After all has been said about the beauties of charity, after all has been done to help those that need and can reasonably expect help, the basic fact remains that self-reliance, industry and thrift are the chief dependencies of men and women in a free country. Sad indeed is the dawning of that day when more men run for office in the community than seek out the acres of manless lands and seek to fill them with landless men. Among the peons of Mexico it is more profitable just now to shoulder a musket and shout for a leader and run the risk of being killed than to engage in honest toil. For years they were content to work for thirty-five and fifty cents a day. When the restraining forces of law and order were withdrawn many of this class took advantage of these disturbances, formed themselves into squads of so-called revolutionists whose sole aim was to rob and to pillage. In this way they have meat to eat and clothes to wear and the sumnum bonum of happiness in their eyes, do not have to work.

The average writer and student begins immediately to cry, "The great trouble in Mexico is that the country is so lacking in educational facilities." Just so; too much can hardly be said about the needs of lifting the masses by means of the common schools, but why not go a bit deeper into the subject and acknowledge that the great trouble in Mexico is that the Roman Catholic Church has for years settled down upon her with all the greed of a vampire? Nearly all of her present woes may be attributed to the fact that three hundred years ago she fell into the hands of Romanism, which stripped her of her wealth and left her starved religiously. The inevitable result of her sway is to destroy the power of initiative in the individual. Besides self-reliance the dwellers in a free country must think and act for themselves independently of what this or that other self-constituted leader may say. The history of the Latin races in this country is saturated with the social instinct. They are not concerned so much about what the right may ordain as they are anxious to know what may be the opinion of their neighbor. Romanism always awakens in an alarming degree the social interdependence of the people. They depend not upon the teachings of conscience, but upon the dictum of some other frail human. God hasten the day when the teachings of Jesus shall in war-ridden Mexico exalt the value of the individual and impel him to follow some other than blind and narrow religious guides!

REV. J. R. MOOD.

MEN AROUSED AS NEVER BEFORE.

In a recent interview Mr. H. J. Pettengill, President of the Southwestern Telephone Company, expressed the belief that the business men of Texas were aroused as never before to the importance of advancing the agricultural interests of the State and spoke especially of the possibilities, through co-operation with the Texas Industrial Congress, of making Texas the leading agricultural State of the Union.

Mr. Pettengill now resides in St. Louis, but formerly lived in Dallas and was one of the men instrumental in organizing the Texas Industrial Congress at San Antonio in 1910. He has always given the organization substantial aid and encouragement, being closely identified with it as an officer ever since it was formed.

"Many of our business men," said Mr. Pettengill, "do not realize the great importance of the work being done by the Texas Industrial Congress in the development of our agricultural resources."

"A great many business concerns and individuals supported the work

Southern Methodist University

NOTES, Comments, News Items and Announcements Looking to the Opening of Southern Methodist University. SEPTEMBER, 1915, equipped in every way to take the Place Designed for it by the General Conference, the Annual Conferences and the Individuals of our Church.

ALL enquiries concerning the University Opening, News Items for these columns and Correspondence concerning the Campaigns and Financial Department of the University should be addressed to FRANK REEDY, Bursar, Dallas, Texas.

THE OPENING OF SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY.

In accordance with the intention of the General Conference and Annual Conferences, Southern Methodist University will open in September, 1915, the date of opening being tentatively fixed as September 15th.

It must be understood that not only will the School of Theology at that time be opened for students but also the great College of Arts and Sciences known as the Academic Department.

This announcement is made by authority of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, but was in reality contemplated by all of the Annual Conferences. To some the announcement may appear a little late, but because the Administration has so many responsible, delicate and difficult conditions to handle the announcement was deferred until definite information could be given.

Let it be understood, that the University is open to both sexes—students of the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior College years. It is absolutely necessary that a complete college course of work be opened to students.

It must be remembered that Southern Methodist University will not have a Preparatory Department. In other words, the University cannot accept students who are unable to enter the Freshman Class of the University of Texas. Students matriculating from our Junior Colleges or from any affiliated High School will be given full credit for work done, and every concession consistent with the work of a university be granted.

SPLENDID DORMITORY FOR WOMEN.

The Executive Committee finds itself under the necessity of using for this year the magnificent dormitory now complete for the accommodation of young ladies. It is certain that nowhere in our country is there a more magnificent home for girls. Not a comfort or convenience has been overlooked. Not a hotel in Texas has more splendid appointments. But the capacity is limited to two hundred. The University will not be responsible for more than two hundred young women boarding students unless some arrangements, now in contemplation for the building of additional homes for young women, may be consummated. Young ladies must either board in these homes under the direct and careful supervision of the University or with relatives in the city by special instruction of their parents. Correspondence concerning reservations is now in order. A number of reservations have been made, and it is certain that many more will be arranged in the very near future.

HOMES FOR YOUNG MEN.

Quite a number of plans for the housing of young men students are under consideration. A number of

of the Congress during Colonel Exall's life time simply because of their friendship for him, forgetting that Colonel Exall rightly considered the development of the land and maintenance of the soil's fertility as the State and Nation's chief source of wealth and happiness. Now that he is gone it becomes the duty of those who admired and loved him to do everything in their power to continue the work which he labored so faithfully and unselfishly to establish. In doing this we not only show our appreciation of his efforts but we testify to our estimate of the work itself.

"The Texas Industrial Congress in the face of many obstacles and discouragements has succeeded through the assistance of the business interests of Texas in firmly establishing itself, and I am sure it will continue to go forward with its good work with greater effectiveness than ever before."

"The farmers of Texas are beginning to properly appreciate the educational opportunities offered by the contests of the Congress and I feel

friends of the University are expecting to build splendid boarding houses in the vicinity of the University; quite a number of homes in Highland Park will accept young men, an unlimited number of young men may find splendid accommodations in the city, and the University will, in the course of a week or two, have something especially interesting to announce on this subject for the comfort and convenience of the young men.

Let all prospective students at once correspond with the University office in order that the multitudes of details be completed at the earliest possible date.

EFFUSIONS.

When the young Methodists who become public school teachers have had what is their due share of Christian training, a long step will be taken toward the evangelization of the country.

Young men preparing for the ministry should begin immediately to look to their literary equipment and get in correspondence with the University office.

It is interesting to note that in the Night Schools there are scores of young men and young women striving desperately to equip themselves by the study of the fundamentals—History, English, Mathematics, etc., in order to hold their positions. Because of what they failed to do in school they must work eighteen hours to hold a salaried position.

Street cars are now running directly to the University. Friends visiting the city should take the Highland Park car, transferring to the University Line in Highland Park, and they will find their visit amply repaid by personal inspection of the magnificent plant of the University. It is best to phone Preston 1279, however, before starting.

Another long step in the right direction is noticeable in the signs now in the street cars in the city of Dallas, stating that absolutely no smoking is allowed. The General Conference meant something when it took the stand against the use of tobacco, and the temptation to students is limited by this new ordinance.

Commissioner W. D. Wilson is in the field as busy as can be, which means that results are forthcoming and that people, one at a time, are learning things about S. M. U.

Visitors from all sections of the Nation call at the University, and the Advocate would be filled if direct quotations of their praise of the plant were printed. It is the fashion in Dallas for prominent visitors to the city to also call upon the University.

We have already been advised that there are numerous young preachers already filling appointments in the various conferences who wish to take

confidence they will avail themselves to a greater extent than ever of these opportunities."

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS.

THE RIGHT KIND OF A REVIVAL.

There are revivals and revivals, but the only revival that really revives is one that makes people a lot better.

It will stop swearing, drinking and gambling among all who are reached by it.

It will make debtors honest enough to pay their just debts.

It will restore prodigal sons and daughters to heart-broken parents.

It will stop quarrelling betwixt husbands and wives and may reunite them after an unfortunate separation.

It will sweeten the tempers of people generally and perhaps lead some who have not spoken to each other for years to be civil and brotherly.

It will take business away from legal shysters who live by stirring up litigation and thus save many dupes from useless expense.

It will make churches and parsonages more attractive to the eye of the

a course in the School of Theology this fall. Before notifying the Bishop or presiding elder it would be well to take up with this office the matter of entrance requirements and courses of study.

Many mistakes are being made in confusing the term "Academic" Department with the Preparatory Department. They are in no wise the same. Southern Methodist University will not have any Preparatory Department, but, like all other universities, will base its work on the great fundamental branches often designated Academic Department.

No one ever realizes the amount of good done by the agitation of Christian Education until they receive letters from hundreds of young men and young women begging for a chance to equip themselves. One week in the office would convince any Methodist of the great need for a University for Methodist young people. In fact, none of us ever know just how much good we can do until we get started.

It has not been long since we published the portrait of our esteemed friend, Doctor J. W. Carhart. The press of recent date conveyed to the public the news of his death. His was an active life in science and letters. He is accredited by some as having built the first automobile in Texas. His splendid library was bequeathed to the University and will doubtless be received at an early date—a treasury for future generations, bearing dividends to the Church immeasurable.

The Advocate of recent date records the death of our dear brother, Rev. S. J. Drake. Brother Drake was a great friend of S. M. U. He not only contributed of his own means but often stated that if he lived to old age he wanted to spend his last days in just such a community as will be gathered about the great University. His life has been cut short but his service will never be forgotten. It is earnestly hoped that the many beneficiaries of his long and effective ministry will raise the five hundred dollars necessary to put his name on the memorial tablet in the Rotunda of the University, the money being used for the endowment of the Theological Department.

No department of the University is more popular than the Department of Religious Education. A note from Rev. S. L. Crowson to the effect that he will represent the Department at Sanger in a few days at a great district rally, has been received and from his earnestness there will come results that will add Sunday School teachers to the working force of the Church in after years. Let one hundred other men in Texas follow Bro. Crowson's example before another month shall pass.

The Bursar has a request from a certain preacher in Texas for a sermon on Christian Education. The same will be forwarded in due time.

average person than forty coats of paint and a fully equipped gymnasium.

It will revive interest in good music, gladden the long winter evenings with matters of greater moment than card playing and make everybody feel that life is worth living when it is lived right.

It will bring upon the scene enough bright young men to fill the pulpits when the noble brothers now growing old are retired or dead.

It will set Christian mothers to praying for their sons and make the home a training school for God's workers.

When Evan Roberts, the chief human factor in the great Welsh revival was born, his mother is said to have exclaimed: "I have another son to serve God now; and perhaps he may one day be a preacher." The larger part of the goodness and usefulness of the world resides with men and women whose parents longed for good and useful children.—Exchange.

Experience is the diploma which sadness gives to a graduated suffering.