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YES; I HAVE SEEN MY PILOT FACE TO FACE

GOD moves in a mysterious way. How inscrutable are his dealings! After all these many joyous years we send out this week's Advocate draped in mourning. Little did we think that a prince in Israel would pass so soon.

The rugged oak, strengthened by storm and tempest, has fallen. Dear, good Doctor Rankin is now among the saints in glory! It was quite high noon of Tuesday last when the Supreme Architect called this worthy brother from labor to refreshment.

What a wave of sorrow will sweep over Texas Methodism and throughout the Church! We ourselves, so near him all the while, can scarcely realize that he is gone. Only two weeks ago at his desk; only last Tuesday moving about his room in the anticipation of his labor; a sudden snapping of the heart-strings—and our dear old friend was off for the other world. No suffering—no, not that; just the call from the heavenly land. No warning—no, not that; just the dropping of the veil that swings between two worlds.

He was in the bosom of his family. She who has walked with him all these years thought not the hour was nigh. None dreamed the chariot stood at the door. None heard the swish of the boatman's oar. Quietly as the baby slips off into dreamland, our dear old friend found his way beyond the shadows into the land where all our sainted spirits stray.

We know our thousands of readers are not prepared to receive this shock—nor were we ourselves. Tears stain these pages as we write, and there are multiplied thousands now who weep over these words. While our readers stand dazed over this announcement we are placing upon his quiet resting place flowers that fade. But in the hearts of our readers, thank God, his memory is deathless and his life shall abide like the fragrance of the rose. O let us forget the pang of this terrible moment! His passing is but the shadow of God as he stoops to take our hand. Amidst the mystery of the hour we can say—

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last!"

George Clark Rankin, son of Col. Creed W. Rankin and Martha Jane Clark, was born in Dandridge, Tennessee, November 19, 1849. He was converted in Center Valley, Georgia, under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Heath, September, 1867, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, immediately thereafter. Licensed to preach at the old Murry Camp Ground, Georgia, August, 1870. Rev. Habersham Adams, presiding elder. In October, 1870, he joined the North Georgia Conference, which met in Athens, Bishop Wightman presiding. In October, 1874, he was ordained deacon by Bishop Doggett, in Asheville, North Carolina. In October, 1876, he was ordained elder by Bishop Kavanaugh, in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Doctor Rankin served the following charges: Tilton and Resaca Circuit, Georgia, 1870-71. Junior preacher Marian Circuit, Virginia, 1874-75. Wytheville Circuit, Virginia, 1875-76. Athens Station, Tennessee, 1876-77. Abingdon Station, Virginia, 1877-78. Church Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1878-82. Asheville Station, North Carolina, 1882-83. Market Street Station, Chattanooga, Tennessee,

1883-87. Asheville Station, North Carolina, 1887-90. Central Church, Kansas City, Missouri, 1890-92. Shearn Church, Houston, Texas, 1892-96. First Church, Dallas, Texas, 1896-98. In October, 1898, he was elected editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, which position he held with conspicuous ability until the day of his death.

Among his many manuscripts we find the following, which he wrote some five years ago. To the man who knew Doctor Rankin, as many of us do, these words come with special emphasis: "I was always religious; my mother reared me that way. Never swore an oath in my life, never was intoxicated, never gambled, never was socially unclean. My boyhood was in the country and my habits were those of the well-raised moral home. My mother was a Methodist. My father was a Presbyterian, though he died when I was eleven years old. He was a strictly temperate man and stood well in his community. I have held a great many meetings and had scores of conversions. In early life I had to assume grave responsibilities and join forces for the support of mother and a younger brother and sister. I felt my call to the ministry when I was sixteen years of age, but had no way of educating myself. When I was past seventeen, an old gentleman from Bradley County, Tennessee, came into our neighborhood. He was a school teacher, and taught a high school in connection with a farm near Cleveland, Tennessee. He remarked in the presence of my mother that if there was

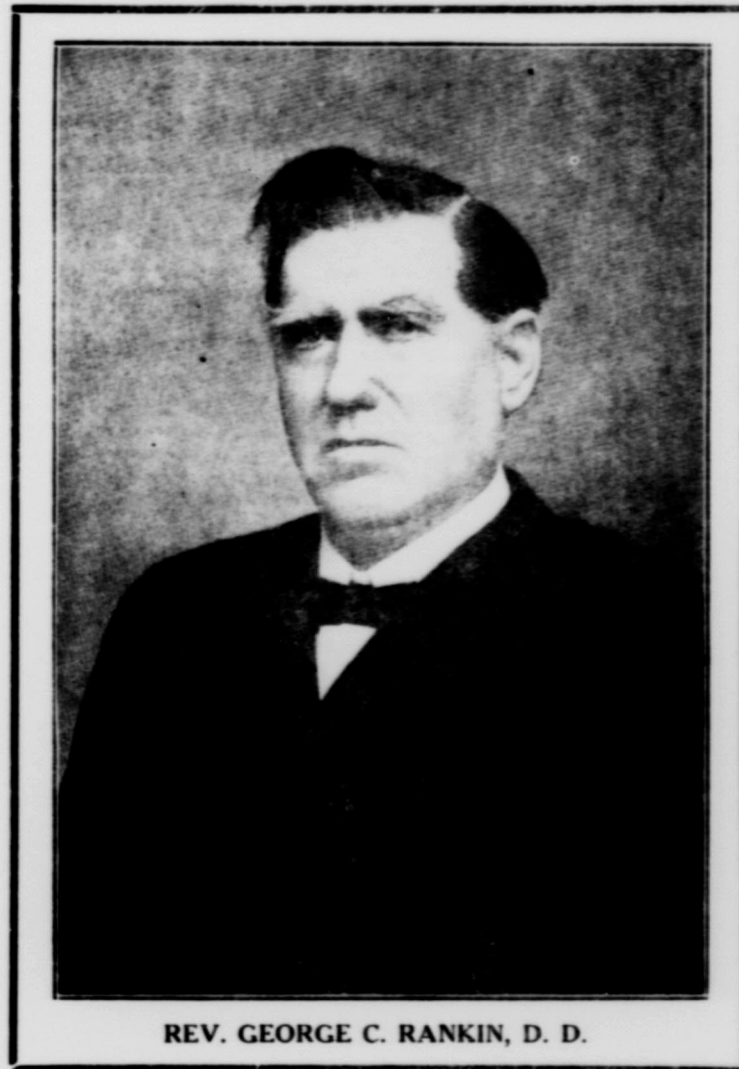
That institution—University—gave me the degree of Doctor of Divinity at the age of 28 years. For nearly forty years I have given the Church the best service possible. It has not been much, but it has been the limit of my ability. If I had a thousand years to live I would put them all into the service of Christ. I have led a strenuous life. My ministry has been an aggressive ministry. Whatever I have done, I have done it with all my might. As a result I have been often misunderstood and have made enemies; but I entertain no ill will toward any man living or dead. I have simply done my best and am willing to leave the result in the hand of God."

Doctor Rankin was strong and evangelical in the pulpit. In his personal contact he was sympathetic to the last degree. In his antagonism of wrong he was a foeman to be feared. In his literary life he was typed by his own genius and wrote in the tongue of the common people. There are those who know just how deep he would enter into the tragedies of another heart. Doctor Rankin was a man into whose very soul you could pour your sorrows, and in return expect the largest measure of comfort and help.

Above all else he was a home-loving man. His good wife, whom he married in Dalton, Georgia, in 1875, never ceased to be his queen. His five girls and his son were as dear to him as life. Mrs. Stevens, Misses Hattie, Luie, Boyd, Snow and Ruth will not forget the heart whose every throb was for them. Nor will George C. Jr., fail to bear the mantle that fell from his ascended father. Around these hearths centered all that was noble in the husband and the father.

And Texas Methodism has lost a giant. Her moral, intellectual and spiritual life needed and did have his supreme devotion. Let us in this hour turn to Him who has always stood behind every shadow, keeping watch above his own.

Thank God for his life! Thank God for the impress Doctor Rankin made upon the life of this great State! He is gone from us only for awhile. The clouds will some day rift. When the morning breaks again we'll see the dear old Doctor near Him, the light of whose face is above the brightness of the sun. There'll be no night beyond the valley where the clouds swing low.



REV. GEORGE C. RANKIN, D. D.

an honest boy in that community who wanted an education and was willing to work, it would not take money to get the opportunity. I caught on to the remark. In a few months I was at his place without a penny. I went to work on his farm and paid for three years' board and tuition. Then I taught school. After that I went to Hiwassee College, and later on studied some at the University of Tennessee.

MY FRIEND is dead! For nearly seventeen years we have been closely associated with never an incident occurring that would mar the harmony of our lives. I never met a purer, a more brotherly man than Dr. Rankin.

His life was an open book. His friendship was true and tender. He could differ from his brethren and fellow men vitally and yet love those with whom he could not agree. His one thought was to do something for those in distress. He touched me deeply during my recent affliction by his constant solicitude and frequent calls at my home. This was simply typical of his character. In his vigorous fight for righteousness and the uplift of his fellow-man the world sometimes failed to appreciate the religious side of his character. He lived his religion. His daily walk among men who knew him evidenced this. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him. We shall meet him bye-and-bye.

L. BLAYLOCK.

Let His Slogan Still Go Onward: "ON WITH THE BATTLE!"

The Church Of Christ

By I. F. Harris, Waxahachie, Tex.

(Chapter I.)

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Eph. 4:4-6.)

The word "body" in the text is used interchangeably with the word "Church," and the phrase "one body" is used to represent the union of Jews and Gentiles in Christ, and to show that there is but one Church. There are no sister Churches, and there are no branches of the Church. There is but "one body," the Church.

We purpose to show, first, that the words "body" and "Church" are used interchangeably; second, there is but one Church constituted of all who are in Christ whether they be Jew or Gentile, whether they be bond or free, whether they be male or female.

We will notice the use of the word "body" in 1 Cor. 10:16-17: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we, being many, are one bread and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread." We see from this Scripture that all who are partakers of "that bread which came down from heaven" constitute the body of Christ, and those who are not partakers of Christ have no part or lot in the body of Christ. Let us examine Romans 12:4-5: "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." It is plainly shown by this Scripture that those who constitute the body of Christ are in Christ and are united with each other. Look at Col. 1:18-24: "And he (Christ) is the head of the body, the Church; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence." "And fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the Church." The word "body" is here twice said to be the Church. See Eph. 1:22-23: "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the Church which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all." It is plainly stated here that the Church is his body. See Eph. 5:23-24 and 30-32: "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church; and he is the savior of the body. Therefore, as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything." "For we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones; for this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and the two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the Church."

It is stated here that the "Church is subject unto Christ." That is, those who are joined unto Christ and obey his requirements constitute the Church. And as the husband and wife are to be one in every essential to unity, so also each one who constitute any part of the Church of Christ must be joined unto Christ. We have a description of Christ's Church in Eph. 2:8-22: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called uncircumcision by that which is called the circumcision in the flesh made by hands; that at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world; but now in Christ Jesus, ye, who sometimes were far off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby, and came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and

of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; in whom all the building fitly framed together, groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." The one body of Christ is shown by this Scripture to be made up of both Jews and Gentiles who are saved by grace through faith, who are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good work, who are made both one in Christ, and are fellow citizens with all saints and constitute the household of God, and who are God's building being builded together with apostles and prophets on Jesus Christ the chief cornerstone for a habitation, or dwelling place of God through the Spirit. We have another description of the Church of Christ in Eph. 3:25-27: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ, also loved the Church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word; that he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." The body that constitutes the Church of Christ must fill this description in every constituent part of the body. The one God and Father of all must be above them all and through them all and in them all. In the light of the above facts we will now examine the claims of religious teachers who teach that the organization to which they belong is the Church of Christ. Suppose we tell you that the Methodist organization to which we belong (known as the Methodist Episcopal Church, South) is the Church of Christ. (And who will dare say that we who belong to this organization haven't as much reason and as much right to make that claim as the members of any other organization in the world? Suppose we tell you that the Methodist Church at Waxahachie, Texas, which has a membership of one thousand members, is "the" Church of Christ, and therefore it is the only Church that Christ has in the city. (We would have you remember our statement in the outset, that there are no sister Churches and there are no branches of the Church. When Christ said in John 15: "I am the vine, ye are the branches," he was not speaking of organization, but of individuals who are in him and who constitute the Church of Christ.) To make this claim good we must prove that there are no Christians in Waxahachie except those who are in the Methodist Church, or else we must prove that a person may be a Christian and not be in the Church of Christ. Is it true that there are no Christians in Waxahachie except those who are members of the Methodist Church? Surely no intelligent person who has a right conception of Christianity would undertake to convince intelligent people that such an idea was true. Then is it true that any one may be a Christian and at the same time not be a member of the body of Christ? Can any one who has a proper knowledge of the relationship between Christianity and the Church of Christ believe that such a thing could be true? If any one may be a Christian and not be in the Church of Christ, let some D. D. or other Bible student tell us what relationship the Church of Christ sustains to Christianity, if indeed it sustains any relationship at all. Any one may be a Christian and not be a member of the Methodist Church, but no one can be a Christian and not be a member of the Church of Christ.

Again, if we would prove that the Methodist Church is the Church of Christ, we must prove that every member of the Methodist Church is a Christian, or else we must prove that any one may be a member of the Church of Christ and at the same time not be a Christian. We are sure that no one who knows the members of the Methodist Church would undertake to prove that they were all Christians. And we are also sure that no one who has a proper understanding of the principles of the Church of Christ would undertake to prove that any one might be a member of the Church of Christ and not be a Christian.

Suppose the Methodist Church at Waxahachie is the Church of Christ, and suppose that two hundred of the one thousand members are not Christians. Then twenty per cent of the members of the Church of Christ at Waxahachie are without Christ and if twenty per cent may be without Christ one hundred per cent could be without Christ. So it would be possible to have a Church of Jesus Christ which did not have a Christian in it. Who can conceive the idea that any intelligent, well-informed person could be induced to believe such an erroneous opinion.

The preacher who believes that the organization to which he belongs is the Church of Christ or is even a branch of the Church of Christ, may be capable of holding prayer meetings and of preaching on some Bible doctrines, but he is certainly not capable of teaching the people on the Church doctrine.

Christ said in John 10:7-9 and 16: "I am the door of the sheep; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd. The Jews and Gentiles are united in Christ and become one body or Church, one fold and one shepherd. Christ is "that great shepherd of the sheep." David said, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters."

Let us now show you the Church of Christ in a figure. David and all the faithful Jews before Christ constituted the sheep of his fold of which Christ the Lord was the good shepherd, and the green pastures and abundant water supply to which they had access were sufficient for all the sheep of his fold. Hence Christ said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold. Them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." Let us bring the saved Gentiles from every religious organization and from every place on earth. We will go to the Methodist pen and lay the gap down low enough for the

Lord's lambs as well as the Lord's sheep to pass out, and we will bring out the sheep and the lambs and leave the Methodist goats in the Methodist pen, and there are goats not atew in this pen. Then we will go to the Presbyterian pen and lay the gap down low and bring out the Lord's sheep and the Lord's lambs and leave the Presbyterian goats in the Presbyterian pen. They have a fair share of goats also, notwithstanding their claim to pre-destination. Now we will go down into the low lands, along the streams and into marshy places where there is much water. And in the midst of the fog and the mist we will find two pens facing each other, on the opposite banks of the same stream. The entrance way into each of them is through the stream and the water is deep. So deep that no lamb can ever get into either one of those pens. When we approach these pens we see the deep water goats are prominent at the entrance way so we will pass around to the back side of the pens and lay the gaps down and bring the Lord's sheep out and leave the goats in the pens. Now in like manner we will go to all the religious organizations in the world and bring out the Lord's sheep and the Lord's lambs and then we will go out here and there, everywhere in the highways and hedges and into the wilderness and desert places of earth and bring the Lord's sheep and the precious lambs of every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

And then with soul-stirring delight and holy joy we will point you to the green fields of Canaan through which the abundant pure waters of the river of life flow on forever. And we will say: "Behold the unnumberable company, the blood washed throng, the one body, the Church of Christ, the one fold and the one shepherd."

My Niche And I

God has a niche for me, some place where he designed that I should live and work. Somewhere in his universe is a corner that I must fill, or else it will to eternity be untenanted. Every planet throwing its golden image into the reflector of the telescope at exactly the scheduled second, every snow crystal as it bursts into hexagonal beauty, every atom in the cable tugging at its fellows with invisible hands, but innumerable with these, proclaim with voices insistent that the Great Designer has a work, a place, a use for everything. Paul exclaiming, "Our God is a God of order, and Emerson singing,

"For the world was built in order, And the atoms march in tune,"

were but making different applications of a universal truth. God, who assigns atoms and petals and planets their places, has a place for me.

"The Potter and the Clay," thus Jeremiah would understand and interpret God's designs for men's lives. Happy is the man who has learned what the potter would do, and is working with Him. The person who is doing the work God meant for him is of all men the most fortunate. Though his lot be one of unnoticed and unceasing toil, God beholds him, and the universe is enriched by his labor. The simple snatches of song that he sings are a part of the great Hymn of Creation. Eternity will treasure his every effort.

How may I know what my niche is, what vessel the potter would make of the clay that is my life? For we are more than atoms, we are men, capable of finding and following God's plan for us, and also of turning aside into ways of our own choosing. How may I know? This question is important for all. God is not less concerned about having the right man in the cotton field or office or store or schoolroom than about having the right man in the pulpit. How shall I know when I have found my Niche?

Opportunity is the voice of God. By opportunity some will understand circumstances especially favorable to our own interests. But the opportunities by which God would guide us are opportunities to serve, to be of help to our fellowman. A man may be impelled by mere circumstance to a life of moral piracy, as that of the gambler; but such a life affords no opportunity for real service to humankind. Unfortunately many boys and girls go from Christian homes to schools with the idea that by getting an education they can live more easily and more luxuriously; that education will afford a sort of vantage ground over their fellows. This is precisely the moral viewpoint of the highway robber, who adopts a different method of doing the same thing, getting something without paying for it in real service. God will not call a man to a work that does

not contribute something to the sum of the world's necessary work of head, heart, or hand. In a beautiful bit of verse which he calls "Our Lady of the Snows" after a certain monastery situated high upon a mountain, Robert Louis Stevenson contrasts a life of usefulness with one of uselessness. The monks in their severe cloisters are castigated as "unfraternal brothers" and "the unsought volunteers of death." After which the poet fairly shouts of the glory of work that makes the world a better world:

"For still the Lord is Lord of might; In deeds, in deeds he takes delight; And those he loves that underprop With daily virtues Heaven's top. Those he approves that ply the trade, That rock the child, that wed the maid, That with weak virtues, weaker hands, Sew gladness on the peopled lands, And still with laughter, song and shout Spin the great wheel of earth about."

Ability is the voice of God. God speaks to us in the talents with which he has endowed us. There is a story, perhaps unauthentic, but nevertheless meaningful, that as a child the hymn writer, Watts, was continually manufacturing rhymes and couplets. This his parents made effort to repress, fearing he should have no higher ambition when older. The matter became so acute that under the ferule young Isaac is reported to have moaned,

"O, Father, if thou wilt spare me this pain, I promise thee I will never make a rhyme again."

His talent refused to be buried. Young Murillo, scratching upon the cobblestones with bits of charcoal, is giving the earnest of Murillo, the maker of the Madonna of the Napkin."

Here our egotism needs stern repression. There are few Watts and fewer Murillos. Most of us are one-talent men. "If all were an eye, where were the hearing?" We do not need fifty million men for President of the United States, but we do need fifty million men and women doing each the work of God has for that one to do. If the grass blades despised the lifting of their tiny sabres there would be no luxurious carpet of green for Nature's great temples. If the leaves despised their small assignment of duty, the trees would be impossible. A small talent royally used is a royal possession, a smile, a song, a little bit of love.

Providence is the voice of God. By providence is meant piles of stones rather than a smoothed pathway, a desert rather than a rose garden, a task, not a rest. A spiritual synonym, for providence would be discipline. Flung upon the rocks? Thy Father's

hand flung thee! Hist! He speaks! The keen pruning knife? Thy Father's hand held it! Fruit will redden there some day! Cast upon the wheel again? The potter will refashion on the vessel, and what he makes is beautiful, and it is worth while!

"Then look not down, but up! To uses of the cup, The festal board, lamp's flash and trumpets peal, The new wine's foaming flow, The master's lips aglow! Thou Heaven's consummate cup, what needest thou with earth's wheel?"

Duty is the voice of God. That inner prompting stilled sometimes, but insistent when we enter the "secret place" that is God's whisper. Fear not to move out upon its bidding even to the ends of the earth. Fear not its Gethsemanes, its Golgothas, its dark uplifted crosses.

"The path of duty is the way to glory, He that walks it only thirsting For the right and learns to deaden Love of self, before his journey closes He shall find the stubborn thistle bursting Into glossy purple which outred-den All voluptuous garden roses." C. O. SHUGART.

AN OLD MEXICAN HERO.

H. C. H. Navarro County, Texas, was named for Inan Antonio Navarro, who was born in San Antonio in 1795. He was an ardent patriot, fought for Texas independence, a member of the convention in 1836 that declared for a Republic and freedom from Mexico. He and Sam Maverick were delegates from Bexar district to that convention. He was also a prominent member of DeWitt's colony. Very soon after the Republic of Texas was established he lived on his ranch a few miles north of Seguin on the Geronimo. He was a member of the Texas Congress. In 1840 he went on the Santa Fe expedition and was captured and imprisoned for several years. He lay in prison on the hard floor until his bones came through his skin. He was an object of special hatred by Santa Anna. When President Herrera succeeded Santa Anna he turned Navarro out of prison. Broken in health he came back to San Antonio and re-established his home. His family were highly respected. His two granddaughters were teachers in my Sunday School in San Antonio in 1862. The whole family were Protestants. He did in San Antonio in 1870. He and his family joined the Methodist Church under Dr. Jesse Poring in 1859. His father was from Corsica. While the county of Navarro was named for this old hero, the county site was called "Corsicana" out of respect to his father. When I remember such splendid characters as Ponderiquez, Tafolla, Hernandez and Navarro I still have assurance that great good will yet come out of our now demoralized work in Mexico. We have some devout Mexicans in Seguin. It was my pleasure and privilege to make a small donation to their parsonage there as I left my old home. Two hundred and fifty thousand Mexicans in Texas is a wide open door for our gospel work. Let the disturbed missionaries in that work take courage. Peace will come some day and then the magnitude of the work before them will stir the whole Church.

POSSESSION AND NOT PROFESSION.

A few weeks ago I wrote an article to the Advocate in which I stressed the idea that we should look ahead for the good things in our experience and not backward. In that article I quoted the following from Paul's letters to the Philippians: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting these things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore as many as are perfect be thus minded." * * * In that article I also tried to show that for one to be always passing on to good things ahead in his experience was better than to stop, and number his blessings and brag on himself. Though I have since received a lengthy communication from a brother over at Austin, who labored to show me the erroneousness of my position, still I see no grounds for changing my views.

I still believe that perfection or sanctification, where it is used in the same sense, is an attainment more to be possessed than to be professed. Or, at any rate, one would better live so his neighbor can see in him

the elements of perfection than for the man to profess it himself. I have known men to lose their usefulness as Christian workers after professing to have attained to wonderful heights in Christian experience, but I have never known one to lose his usefulness where his neighbors profess it for him but he grows more and more useful.

Take Job for example. His biographer professed perfection for him, which was all right. Job 1:1: "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, one that found God and eschewed evil." But Job on his own part never made any such high-sounding profession.

See Job 9:20: "If I justify myself mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse." Humility is a most beautiful grace and one of the best fruits of the Spirit. Yet, oh how often, this beautiful grace must hang her head in shame and retire, where people jump up and brag on themselves about the wonderful heights to which they have attained.

If any of us should be caught up into the third heaven, if we are as modest about it as Paul was in telling it, we will do no hurt. Mark you, he waited fourteen years before he told it and then approached it in such a modest way that he left the personal pronoun "I" entirely out of it.

Now whence came the idea that to make a great profession is sufficient ground upon which to found a new Church or sect? Schism is not one of the fruits of the Spirit, but just the opposite. Yet I heard a man say one day, who was laboring night and day to get the membership of the different Churches where he was at work, to take sides with his little "doxie," "I glory in schisms." Of course he did. It was his only hope. When you hear a man make that declaration have your Bible open at Rom. 16:17, and read aloud, "Now, I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you have learned: and avoid them."

C. G. SHUTT. Gageby, Texas.

Psycho-Genesis Of Man

By Rev. John L. Sullivan.

"Souls of animals infuse themselves into the trunks of men."—Shakespeare.

The antebellum colored preacher, explaining the material origin of man, said:

"When de Good Lawd made man, He set him up agin de fence ter dry, a—." Just at this point, it is said, one of his deacons spoke out in meeting and said, "Please, brudder, we wants ter know who bull' dat fence?"

Now, studying ourselves among us, sometimes we are inclined to the opinion that the immortal poet, Shakespeare, was right for somewhat convincing are the characteristics of men.

For we see a brother after the similitude of the Kentucky thoroughbred steed of the turf; high-headed, prancing, fine of appearance, everywhere attractive, and we say "Whence his soul?"

Again, we see another, with head appendant, drowsy, unobserving eye, abundantly meek, and only attracting by his characteristic noise. Then, may we not confess, we are a little suspicious that the poet knew. Now we see another, under lash with steady tread that's sure, he's surging up life's hill, or he be decending a sunny incline, he quickeneth not his pace, but going where whip or instinct doth indicate. Aye, aye, whence did his soul evolve? Submissive ox. Now we see that brother on the "highest seat," his horns of strength stand high atwist, a head all his own, his butting "bump" is large, erect he stands—and then "butts in" a goat!

Still there is another whose voice is never heard, the "subtle," or the "sly," his eyes with venom gleam; like the serpent, within his mouth are deadly fangs, whose poison is his words—"backbiteth with his tongue," snake-like.

Does this explain why Shakespeare thought the soul of the horse, the ass, "billy" goat, the ox, or then the snake, "infuse themselves into the trunks of men?"

If so, then whence that beast a soul to "infuse"? But Classics tell us not.

Before Shakespeare's Day.

Before Shakespeare's day philosophers, Origen, Plato and others, in their day contended that all souls had a pre-existent state, only taking its place within at the natural birth of man. Then, we ask, did those pre-existent souls "fall" when man by transgression became depraved—spiritual-ly died? O, philosopher, whence those pre-existent immortality? Philosophy tells us not; having not on the "wedding garment," truth, she is speechless!

Other Some.

Other some along the way have said that, simultaneous with the physical birth, God creates the soul to inhabit the new "tenement of clay." Those we brand as speculators, who speak not the word of wisdom, nor offer us truth. When David said, "Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me," was he only speaking of the fleshly man, the animal? If so, and God, at the time of his natural birth, created for him a soul; then pray, tell us, was his soul depraved? If so, how shall we account for it? Did God create a thing depraved? Did the entering into that body "shapen in iniquity" deprave it? Or was that soul, newly created, undepraved until David went "astray as

soon as he was born, speaking lies?" Or in other words, until he had by his own volition, or then, involuntarily, sinned against God?

None of the foregoing do we accept. Classics, Philosophy and Speculation are of the earth earthy, and hence "speak not the Word of Truth."

God Speaks Before Them All.

Before philosophers, and ere classics had been wrought; when speculation had not suggested, God spoke man into physical form, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of lives, and man became a living soul. Thus, He "formed" him of the dust, as to the material, but by that act called "breathed," that constituted man "a living soul," was that means by which Jehovah God, who is a spirit, begot in man that nature, immortal, that stamped the Father's image, and the likeness of the Trinity, designed when He said, "Let us make man in our own image, and in our likeness;" which begetting made man the Son of God.

A Soul Not A Creation.

Thus we find that God did not create in man his "immortal part." He, the Father, "having neither body nor parts," did put within man that intangible ego, the Spirits by the movings of which "He became a living soul."

Whence The Souls of Adam's Posterity?

Though the soul of man is indestructible, and shall ever exist beyond the grasp of utter, final annihilation, yet it is subject to a mysterious death that never dies. Hence, man either is possessed of "eternal life" that dwells within him by faith, or else he is possessed of "eternal death" through unbelief. Man that indeed lives, lives "by the faith of the Son of God." But this faith is not found in all. Where unbelief dominates the life, though that life is immortal, indestructible, non-annihilable, still the soul of man, when separated from God in whom alone man can have life, is dead.

Though thus dead, yet we find man in a probationary state, propagating, "multiplying and replenishing the earth" with his kind. Of this, the fruit of his life, it is said "In Adam all die." And yet, still, as at creation, Adam became a living soul, so also at birth (perhaps before separation from the womb) each one born of woman becomes a living soul.

Propagation vs. Creation.

Now the question is (a) Does a soul already existing and from eternity to eternity exist, enter into the newly born babe? or (b) at the birth of each child does God, there and then, create within such child such living immortal ego? or then (c) is the child begotten of earthly parents, not only begotten an animal, but also begotten soul and body embryo?

Along with Tertullian, Jerome, Apollinaris, Luther, and most of the Church since the Reformation, we are of the opinion that the only hypothesis is that of propagation; that in man there is the seminal flesh and soul that makes us all indeed and in truth the decedents of Adam, soul and body too, therefore, all soul kin, even all mankind.

Believing as above stated, we regard all who have part in destroying a life after its conception as being no less guilty of murder than had he or she taken the life of the mother or father of the child-to-be.

Byers, Texas.

A HAPPY CIRCUIT RIDER.

Happy, yes, thrice happy in the Master's work for the following reasons:

1. The minister in the country finds true friendship and hospitality in abundance. "Come stay all night with me," "Come to see me," "Come go home to dinner," or "Here is something I brought you; thought you might like it," greets his ear most every day. Neighbors go to see neighbors. No one is an entire stranger long, for everybody knows everyone else and the sick seldom want for company. There is a sincerity, an openness, a frankness, a depth to country hospitality which would warm most any heart. The author of the "Christian Pastor" says, "The organizing principle of the Christian Church is such a union with Christ, the Head as brings the members into relation with one another." The relation between the members of the live country Church is as vital as the relation between the members of a Christian family.

2. The minister in the country finds a religious atmosphere healthful and pure. Not only old but young people find the prayer-meeting to be a place of attraction, and when the minister visits the home he is expected to "hold prayer." Whether among the cotton pickers, the wood choppers, the harvesters, or by the open fireplace, the pastor finds the average American farmer responsive to religious influence. A recent bulletin of the Farmers' Union Publicity Service of Fort Worth, says, "The American farmer is the greatest church builder the world has ever known. He is the custodian of the Nation's morality. * * * He is more responsive to religious influence than any other class of citizenship." If a heathen should come to this country to settle and we wanted to show him that this is a Christian country, what city would we direct him to take as his home? If he came as an on-looker and wanted to see America's real under-surface heart of religion, he would have to come to the country.

3. The minister in the country finds a most inviting field for missionary work. The hardships of the circuit rider are often self-imposed and overwrought, but often he must dare to go and do when glaring risks are in sight. Sometimes he must follow Livingstone's example and walk; sometimes, Wesley's example, and preach several times a day; all the while he must follow the Master's example and be a tender shepherd of all, and especially of the poor tenant family that has spent its life wandering and gathered nothing.

As he carries out his work as pastor, he will find a scarcity of good books, a book case being a rare curiosity, and a failure to know how to study. He will find in so many families a mother who is overworked and a father who works reasonably hard in good weather, but who idles away cold or rainy days. He will be surprised to find the number who can not read or write, and he will soon see that the cigarette habit has a grip upon the young men which is alarming. He will find that the father and mother seem to think it enough if the children show an interest in the Church and have spent a few years at the country school. To his sorrow he will find Church prejudice, narrowness in doctrine, and the lack of charity between denominations. Other signs of Satan might be mentioned for he and his angels are not confined in the city. Christ met His great temptations in the wilderness.

But in spite of difficulties and the presence of evil, victory is seen through faith in Him who walked this selfsame earth. How could the circuit rider be unhappy? Away "from the prisons of anxious thought," "from the fetters that envy has wrought," "from the noise of the crowd-d days," "from the foxy that wastes its days," free with a God-given freedom, to tell each man of the farmer's friend, Praise-His name for the opportunities found in a country circuit!

W. E. HAWKINS, JR. Emmett Circuit.

AS YOU LIKE IT.

By J. O. Gore.

I have been about (home) some in my life and there are a few things that have impressed me that I think worth mentioning. One of the things that has impressed me a great deal is to see how much "bluff" there is in the world. Having lived in the backwoods in the earlier part of my life (I do not say that I was raised there, for some one would doubt the fact and if I were to put it that I grew up there it would also be questionable as to whether I ever grew anywhere or not) when I went beyond the boundary of the home county I found many things that amazed me, but this "bluff" business has had more to

amuse and astonish me than most any thing that I have seen. I've taken the pains to look up some of these "bluffs" and it has been more astonishing as we get at the root of the matter. For example: I met with a case in a hotel in the Southwest, who had the greatest complaint against the service; he berated the whole country as bad in general, the locality in particular and that hotel was specially bad. Now the service in that hotel surprised me beyond measure, the town was little more than a year old, seventy-five or a hundred miles from the road, and yet any man could find enough to be perfectly contented and happy with Plumbing, heating and lights may have been below the city standard, but everything else was so far ahead that it more than compensated for this difference in convenience. But our "Billie Bluff" howled until a late hour in the night; so next morning I found a man that knew him and he informed me that this "Billie Bluff" was a fruit tree agent, from the most backwoods part of Missouri, and he was a tin-horn gambler, and tried to beat his hotel bill. He wanted to make people believe that he was "some pumpkin." If he kicked people would think he had been used to conveniences—just "bluff."

From the backwoods, I have noticed that the people who have been best trained have the least to complain of. People of poor opportunity generally are sensitive beyond description (I hope I'm better). These poor opportunities make men sensitive about relations in life, of home localities, and prejudice them against other persons and things. At another hotel in the Southwest there was a very pretentious woman boarder, her home State was a fool's paradise and the particular spot of her home was the throne and herself the occupant. She berated all other localities, that one in particular with all the South. She spoke in blighting terms of all Southerners and cast glances of scorn at a young Southerner who sat at the table with her. She said in effect: "All the people who come from the South to the North, where I live, are a low type of people. I never saw one that was not." She clipped it off at this rate for the whole of the luncheon hour, and as the young Southerner finished his meal, which he had eaten in silence, he pushed back his chair, and with a kind and friendly eye said: "Madam, I am persuaded that you have spoken the truth, for I have discovered that the people who come South from the North are the same kind of people, and I have reasoned it out that the cause of the move is a want of reputable standing in society in the locality from which the come."

The lady who owned the house, herself being from a cultivated and refined family of the North, was beaming with delight at this retort; she was not affected by it; it hit true to the mark. Before the "bluff" woman left the community she was classified by the people and fell in the same grade of the "tin-horn gambler" of a fruit tree agent mentioned above. The best and most refined people that walk the ways of men have been discovered by the royalty of life, and not by the telling of their own greatness. Men are slow to learn that "bluff" will not hold. The strange doctor that moved into a certain town, by the help of his wife, noised it abroad that he too were some great one, but the people were slow to believe, and in a few months he moved on to some other place and repeated the "bluff," but it would not work. The most humiliated man in the world is the man whose "bluff" has failed.

REMINISCENCE OF EARLY SCHOOL DAYS.

When the writer was only a little girl she had the pleasure of being numbered among the pupils of the old Academy of Clarksville, Tennessee, and although years have passed away memory carries me back to the dear old Academy tonight. It was a delightful place for a school. The buildings stood back some distance from the street and the grounds were dotted over with large forest trees, beneath the shade of which the little ones romped and played to their hearts' desire, while the young ladies of the school reclined beneath the outspread branches of the trees enjoying the refreshing breeze as they chatted away the time, or perhaps read or studied until we were summoned by the ringing of the bell to return to our duties. It was a happy school, but there came a day when the writer passed up the long walk to the building with a slower tread and a sadder heart than ever before, for this time it was to say one of the saddest words of all words—"Goodbye"—to her teachers and schoolmates, for in a few days she was to remove to another city. Although years have intervened since I took my leave of the dear ones in the old Academy, I can recall the names of many of my little playmates

at that time and doubt not if I were an artist but I could take a pretty good picture of some of them, especially one who seemed to be a favorite among her schoolmates and teachers and deservedly so, for she entered into all the little plays with a vim, and when in school applied herself just as earnestly to her books. I never remember to have seen a frown on her face or to have heard an angry word escape her lips. In later years we met again, though no longer little children, but we were verging into young womanhood. As I looked into her sweet face and noted her conversation and action at her home or else where she was the same lovely character and became to me almost an ideal of perfection. After we married we drifted apart again, but I know that she stood for all that goes to make a model wife, mother and friend and was a devoted Christian, and having fulfilled her mission a few years ago the Master called her to her reward. Last, but not least among the pleasant memories of my early school days in the Clarksville Academy was our beloved President, Dr. Alexander Erwin. As he assembled his pupils together in the morning he took his place on the platform and opened the Bible and read therefrom, then took his school to God in prayer. It seemed that solemnity and reverence pervaded the schoolroom. We are proud of our public schools where all can obtain an education, but who can estimate the value of early impressions. Our President passed away many years ago, but his Christian example and gentle words of encouragement and admonition made impressions upon the hearts and minds of his pupils for good that still live. With Christian home training, fortified by Christian school training, it seems that sin and crime would soon be banished from our land.

MRS. J. E. TURNBULL, Fort Worth, Texas.

MR. NORMAN HAPGOOD ON THE RESULTS OF THE WAR.

That the war will stimulate some constructive thinking on the part of the American citizens is the hope that Mr. Norman Hapgood expresses after some observation of the countries involved in the war. He says, as quoted by the New York Evening Post:

"Substitutes for war and war feeling cannot be merely negative. If this dream is to come true, peace must be made as interesting as war. It must bring out the same devotion, the same concentration, of all our powers. Here we can learn much from Germany. Thoroughly mistaken as I believe her statesmanship to have been and thoroughly responsible as I believe that statesmanship to have been for the immediate bringing on of the war, I think it is clear that in the last half century the record of Germany in business, science, in history, in many branches of political progress, especially municipal progress, in certain arts, such as the drama, has been so great as to justify the belief of the Germans themselves that they have been leading civilization."

"We Americans can well learn from the Germans a far greater enthusiasm for efficiency, a far higher patriotism in the sense of devotion to things not immediately connected with our own business or even with the welfare of our own families. Unless some such ideal enthusiasm goes into peace and the occupations of peace, the effort to abolish war will be a failure, and, moreover, some justification will be given to those who believe that peace does as much to undermine the fibre of the human race as war does. Germany, to be sure, at the same time that she was doing so wonderfully along these various lines, became the victim of over-emphasis, not only of military strength, but also of that kind of efficiency which grows out of extreme organization in all departments of life. The predominance of Prussia in giving to Germany the unity she needed gave her also too much centralization, too much belief in material power, and tended to kill the genius of the other German States. Even before the war broke out Germany, for this reason, was beginning to lose the intellectual pre-eminence she had shown until a few years ago."

We must recognize the great end of all this ranting and running and toiling—not that you or I should reach the goal, and be rich and honored in men's mouths, but that the torch of truth which was put in our hands when we started should reach the people at the end all alight with truth as when we took it. Let it be our hands, if we can, that bring it there, and then the honor shall be ours; but that must not be our end. Let no petty conceit or unfledged pride keep us from giving it to a freer and stonger man, with a hearty God-speed to run the next stage of the same great journey.—Phillips Brooks.

large number of friends here. Many words of love and appreciation have been spoken of him. We are planning and praying for a great revival. Already we feel, as one of the members expressed it, "the thing has already begun." Have received fifteen members since conference. The attendance upon the services has been extremely good, considering the continued bad weather. Have an interesting and growing Sunday School under the leadership of Brother J. M. Patchman. Our Woman's Missionary Society is alive and active, and is, therefore, doing a fine work. The prayer meeting is not largely attended, about thirty being an average, but is spiritual and helpful. We hope to make this the most interesting and helpful service of the Church. We have no Leagues, but expect to organize in the near future. Have made considerable improvement already on the church and parsonage grounds, put in a large heater in the church and one hundred of our own little Methodist Hymnals. Beside this the good women have placed some new furniture in the parsonage. On Monday after our arrival the entire body of the Woman's Missionary Society stormed the parsonage with a nice pounding, representing the entire membership of the Church. These expressions of kindness show a loyal spirit and a willingness to work together for a great year. We are praying and planning for, at least, one hundred conversions and additions to the Church during the year. We mean to do our best, and with a people ready to co-operate, an opportunity that is great, and the promise of the Divine presence to lead and guide we can safely say we are going to have a great year. Pray for us.—J. Leonard Rea, Pastor, Jan. 25.

GRANBURY CIRCUIT.

We soon moved from Bluff Dale to the Granbury Circuit, and have been doing some work, in spite of the bad weather. We had our first Quarterly Conference January 30. On Sunday before, or the fourth Sunday, we began a meeting at Acton, the place of Quarterly Conference, but owing to the bad weather we did not have the meeting we hoped for. We had with us Rev. E. G. Kilgore, now of Granbury, Texas, for a part of the time. Brother Kilgore is a good preacher and seems to be at home in the revival work. I have had Brother Kilgore in two other meetings, I can only speak well of him. Rev. W. W. Moss, our presiding elder, came to us in time to preach for us Friday night and Saturday morning. He is somewhat of a preacher himself. We had a good Quarterly Conference. In the meeting there were five professions and five to join the Church. I am serving a good people. I will send you a better report later as we expect to have more to report.—Henry Francis.

REDWATER.

We have received from these good Methodists of Redwater charge (yea, and all the other good people) a cordial reception. A better people would be hard to find. They have received us with open arms and big hearts. On December 28, our beloved elder, O. T. Hotchkiss, came, preached us a fine sermon—theme, "Called to Service." It was fine. It stirred our hearts. We took courage and began to go about the great task of reconstruction and building that lay out before us. Glad to say God is with us. Everything looks good today. We will begin our new church at Redwater in a few days. God is giving us the means in cash and good subscription. We will have this all up in another week. The writer was called to the bedside of a sister in Birmingham, Alabama, on January 10; was gone ten days; had a lovely trip and a sad one, too, meeting relatives and friends not seen for twenty years, of whom we are very proud. When we returned home we found that wife and children had been pounded. Pantry filled with many good things to eat. This was love tokens of our Ladies Missionary Society of Redwater. We are certainly proud of our Mission Societies. Besides pounding the preacher with something to eat, they have put many nice things in the parsonage for our use. Of this the society at Maule did their part. I always did love good women and the older I get the better I like them. The Lord gave me a good helpmeet to whom I attribute all my success, except that of God's good keeping. This people has gone through a hard financial press in the loss of property, but they are coming to the help of the Lord with their means to the full extent of their ability. Any one who reads this and feels deep down in his or her heart that they can spare the Lord a dollar to help build these two churches destroyed by the cyclone we will gladly receive it and thank God for it. We are praying for great things, hoping for great things and expecting great things of the Lord this year.—G. M. Yearwood, P. C.

BRINKMAN, OKLA.

Things are moving along fine on Brinkman Circuit. We landed here December 11; were entertained until the ladies of the Missionary Society furnished the parsonage with nice, new furniture. We moved to the parsonage December 19. On Christmas night, as we sat around the fire, wife homewick "just a little" wishing she was at home to spend Christmas with papa and mamma, we took Christmas dinner with Dr. Jeter, and ah, what a nice dinner, but still a little lonesome, when, behold! what a crowd just walked right in on us and we got another one of those poundings! It is easier to tell what they didn't bring. Ham to dressed hens, butter, eggs, fruits and everything good to eat, such as we preachers like. We forgot about being homesick or lonesome in such a jolly crowd. Every-

body enjoyed the evening, even the preacher. When we went to Deer Creek they filled our buggy with back-bones, sausage and even to a gallon of rich cream, not milk, but cream! The good men moved the barn back on the parsonage lot and built a good barn lot and hen house and yesterday one of those terrible sand and hail storms blew it over. So we have work ahead. We have an interesting Sunday School at both places and growing ones. Such a good Missionary Society at Brinkman and will, I think, take up the work again at Deer Creek, when the weather gets warmer. What would the men do if it were not for the good women? Misses Young and Ward, of Mangum, came down Sunday and organized an Epworth League. I am sure it will move right along. We have our first Quarterly Conference the 6th and 7th of February. Planning for a great time. Have out our programs. We have the stake set and pulling to it. Have been working for the dear old Advocate. All the officials take it now.—Clarence Bounds.

LAKE ARTHUR, N. M.

At the recent session of the New Mexico Conference I was assigned to the Malaga and Lake Arthur Circuit, which consists of three organized Churches and two preaching places, where there is no organization. Lake Arthur is forty-five miles north of Carlsbad and Malaga is eighteen miles south of Carlsbad, and going either north or south through said place you have to remain over night, then so I decided Carlsbad would be the logical place for me to live, but after living there one month the people of Lake Arthur proposed to furnish me a house, rent free, if I would live there. I accepted and moved my family to Lake Arthur and we are very comfortably situated. The pounding came in due and ancient form, and we have been the recipients of many tokens of appreciation. We have two excellent Sunday Schools, both outnumbering the membership of the Churches where they are. We have one League with thirty-four members, which is doing splendid work. Our first Quarterly Conference was held Monday night, December 7, at Loving, and our "beloved" Rev. S. E. Allison completely won the affections of the people and presided with the dignity and grace of an old hand at the business. Sunday, January 3, Brother Allison was with us at Lake Arthur and preached two excellent sermons to the delight and edification of all who heard them. At the close of the 11 o'clock service ten were received into the Church, which makes seventeen since conference. We are planning a campaign of revival meetings, one to begin at Malaga in February and another at Lake Arthur in March, with others to follow. The outlook is encouraging. Brethren, pray for us.—J. I. Kelley, P. C., Jan. 26.

CHICKASHA MISSION, OKLA.

The session of the last Annual Conference held at this place closed my tenth year as an itinerant preacher in the Indian Mission and West Oklahoma Conference. Since the Texas Christian Advocate had been adopted as our Official Conference Organ I want to reintroduce myself to its many readers. I am not an "ex-Texas," but one of the "natives." So it goes without saying I am not a "new subscriber" to the great old Texas Advocate. I have not missed a copy during the ten years I have lived and wrought in Oklahoma, and no less irregular were its visits for twenty-five years before into my father's home—a local Methodist preacher. Since my father went away to heaven the paper finds a welcome each week at Polytechnic in my mother's home. My mother lives by it. If called upon, would swear by it, and if necessary, I verily believe, would die by it! Will I get some subscribers? Yes, I have and will! My work consists of Wesley Church, Chickasha, Alex and Ninnekah, then some classes at schoolhouses. Rev. J. G. McKnight assisted me in a meeting at Wesley for three weeks, closing last Monday night with a reception for young converts and new members. Eighteen members received during the meeting and eleven had been received since conference before the meeting with others at other points on the work, making the total to date thirty-six. Rev. McKnight was appointed evangelist for Lawton District, but is living in Clinton. McKnight suited our people here to a "t" and we recommend him to others as a safe, sane, earnest Gospel preacher. He has worked with the Salvation Army and sings some of their songs, accompanying himself with the guitar. These and other songs help men to God. The same preacher will assist me at Alex, beginning next Sunday evening. Blessings on all Texas Methodism and especial blessing upon the Advocate and its "On with the Battle."—John E. Martin, P. C., Jan. 27.

ALLEN.

Despite the clamorings of every important work in the conference the Bishop sent us back for another year. I am confident that I was asked for more vehemently than any other man in the conference. This conclusion is based on the hypothesis that still water runs deep and that the heaviest tone is imperceptible close at hand, for I have heard none of the noise and seen no disturbance concerning the aforesaid whatever. Selah! The past year has been one of success for the work, but the new one promises more abundant. The advancement of the past is not our goal, but the possibilities of the future. Our hearts are beating high with the vision of an awakened and a conquering Church doing service for the Master in his kingdom.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S Building and Endowment Campaign

Some Encouraging Letters

In making our plan of campaign this year we asked each preacher, presiding elder and district commissioner to raise in his charge a definite small amount. We want every charge in Texas represented, and judging by the number of replies we are receiving from pastors who have definitely agreed to raise the amount asked for there will only be a small number of charges that cannot help Southwestern with this small amount. The office has been busy this week sending out subscription blanks and the returns will be large for the amount asked for from each charge is so small and the terms of payment so reasonable that there is not a charge in Texas that cannot raise the amount requested.

Below we print the form of subscription we are using for this work, and ten subscriptions for \$50.00 each, payable \$10.00 a year for five years will not be hard to find in each charge. The first payment on these subscriptions may be made the latter part of this year; for instance, October 1, after the cotton, corn, wheat and oats have been harvested. This will give the subscriber nearly a year to raise the first \$10.00, which after all is only 83 1/3 cents a month or a great deal less than we spend for our favorite cigar or drink at the soda fountain in that length of time.

INSTALLMENTS		
Due	No.	Amount
Oct. 1, 1915	1	10.00
Oct. 1, 1916	2	10.00
Oct. 1, 1917	3	10.00
Oct. 1, 1918	4	10.00
Oct. 1, 1919	5	10.00

\$50.00 Southwestern University No.

GEORGETOWN, TEXAS

In consideration of my interest in Christian Education and my love for Southwestern University, and for other valuable considerations, I promise to pay to the order of SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, at its office in Georgetown, Texas, FIFTY DOLLARS, for additional buildings and Endowment, payable in installments as indicated in the margin hereof, with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the maturity of each installment.

Date _____ Address _____

WHAT ONE TOWN DID

Among the first letters that were sent out was one to the pastor of a little mission in the Central Texas Conference, who is only paid about \$500.00 a year. We asked him to secure four subscriptions for \$25.00 each or \$100.00, and on the day this preacher planned to raise his \$100.00 he put the proposition to his people and in a few minutes had secured \$200.00, or twice the amount he had asked for. What was done in this little village of less than 300 inhabitants can be done in every charge in Texas. A response of this kind from the other charges in the State would mean the securing of more than \$300,000.00 for Southwestern in a very short time, or the entire amount we have asked the Methodists of Texas for, in order that Southwestern might continue her great work of making Christian character with better facilities. This is a very small sum to ask the more than 300,000 Methodists of this great State; less than \$1.00 a member. Our Presbyterian brethren in one campaign alone for one of their Church schools gave more than \$5.00 a member, and at the same time carried on campaigns for other enterprises.

AN OLD STUDENT'S REPLY

"Your letter reached me this afternoon and I hasten to reply. I shall esteem it a great pleasure and privilege to undertake the small service you ask and endeavor to raise \$500.00 for Southwestern. I congratulate you on the scheme and I believe it will be fraught with the most fruitful results.

"At any time I can serve you command me.

"Detroit, Texas.

A TEXAS CONFERENCE MAN'S ANSWER

"Yours to hand. I am going to do all that I can to push the work in my hands as commissioner of this district. Your plan is a fine one and I like it. Many can give small amounts when they could not and perhaps would not give large ones. Be assured that I will not be indifferent to this great cause. With best wishes for a vigorous campaign and great success, I am,

Sincerely,

"Bay City, Texas.

ANOTHER OLD STUDENT'S ANSWER

"Yours to hand and contents noted. I am unable to say what I can get the people here to do for Southwestern. Nothing would delight me more than to do something good for Southwestern. You may send me the necessary material and I will see what I can do. I hope that the amount will be secured that you are asking for. Best wishes to you in your work. Fraternaly,

"Deport, Texas.

ONE FROM CENTRAL TEXAS

"Yours of the 12th is before me. I am in sympathy with you and am interested in this forward movement for old Southwestern. I want so much to help. I shall do my best to secure the \$100.00. May God bless you in your great work.

Sincerely,

"Santa Anna, Texas.

A NORTH TEXAS MAN SAYS IT WILL GO

"You may depend on me to do all in my power in the interest of Southwestern University. When I get better acquainted over the district I shall be in better position to say just what I shall likely be able to accomplish. Brother Roach's suggestion in reference to the raising of \$500.00 impresses me as a good one and I am inclined to think that we ought to be able to do that without difficulty. Suggestions from you will be cheerfully received.

Yours sincerely and fraternaly,

"Deatur, Texas.

A CISCO MAN SHOWS HIS LOYALTY

"Your communication to hand concerning the enlistment of each commissioner to raise \$500.00 for Southwestern. I think it a good plan, practical and simple. I am in the smallest district in my conference and our noble people are suffering from a six-years' drouth. However, I would like to be instrumental this year in securing that much in pledges for my dear old ALMA MATER. You already have my subscription for \$100.00.

"Wishing you abundant success, I am your brother,

"Cisco, Texas.

"YOU WILL SAVE FOR ALL TIME ONLY THAT MONEY WHICH YOU LEND FOR GOD'S WORK. SET ASIDE SOMETHING TODAY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 'BEFORE THE NIGHT COMETH.'"

Last night our first Quarterly Conference passed into the annals of time. Brethren, I am glad I am in the McKinney District, if for nothing else other than the privilege of being under the ministry of C. W. Dennis as presiding elder. Yes, he preached for us on a mid-week night, after which he held the conference. It was good to be there, not because of his great ability as an exegete or profound preacher. That is out of his line. But for genuine Holy Ghost Gospel he cannot be surpassed. The stewards raised our assessment, with the aid of an afternoon appointment, \$230. In due time we were made to feel extremely humble and profoundly thankful by a veritable pouring in of splendidly selected things to eat. Really we can live for some months without ever bringing in anything to eat whatever. Our Sunday Schools are doing good work. I have just begun the formation of what promises to be the greatest power for righteousness this town has seen: A real live, pulsating, enthusiastic men's class. I hope to speak of that at a later date. We are on the map and as happy as a pig in the sunshine on the outside of a gallon of good milk. Our hearts are in the work as well as our bodies.—R. B. Curry, Pastor.

COLLINSVILLE AND TIIGA.

After spending ten years and serving as pastor three charges within the bounds of the Sulphur Springs District, where we have some of the dearest friends that perhaps we will ever have in life, we find ourselves within the bounds of the good old Sherman District. At its capital city lives our venerable friend, Rev. J. M. Binkley, who was our first presiding elder when we served the Leonard charge twenty-three years ago. A truer friend, a better preacher, a more kindly hearted man it has not been our expectation to meet through all these years. While his ministerial life of actual service reaches back to near sixty years his bow still abides in strength and he received an appointment at the hands of the last Annual Conference. May many years yet be his to bless his generation. This is not what I started to write, but is it not better than on the grave of the dead? Our first Quarterly Conference is past. Our splendid presiding elder, Rev. R. G. Mood, came and preached Saturday and Sunday at 11 a. m. and administered the Lord's Supper. He is a faithful administrator of the law of the Church, looking carefully after all the details of his work. He is perhaps one of the most

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The Sunday School

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TRANSLATION OF DOCTOR HAMILL.

On the evening of January 2, at Tate Springs, Tennessee, where he had gone for his health, Dr. H. M. Hamill, Superintendent of Teacher Training for our Church, passed to his reward, after an illness of some weeks. Dr. Hamill had the distinction of being the first regularly employed trainer of Sunday School teachers in the world. For more than twenty years he was a member of the International Lesson Committee, and at the time of his death he was President of the International Sunday School Association. He had occupied the position of Superintendent of Teacher Training in our Church for about sixteen years. We had known for some time that his health was precarious—in fact he was never a well man—but we were not prepared for the telegram announcing his death. He leaves a gap in the Sunday School world that will not be easily filled. To the bereaved wife, who was the partner of his toils and comfort of his days, and to his children, the Advocate offers its sympathy.

THE NEW EDITOR MAKES HIS BOW.

In taking a place as one of the editors of the Sunday School Page we do so with a good degree of trepidation. This department has, in the past, been so well edited we very much fear that our contributions will fall very far below the standard set. But we can frankly say that if our ability were commensurate with the intense interest we have in the great Sunday School cause this page would lose nothing of brilliancy or forcefulness by our connection with it. This enthusiasm for the cause is the principal asset which we bring to this service.

We are glad to be associated in this capacity with our long-time friend and brother, Rev. Emmett Hightower, who has proved himself so efficient in the work to which he has consecrated his life, and who is so worthy of the high place he holds as Divisional Secretary.

We rejoice, again, because we feel very much "at home" to be thus associated with our Texas brethren, and thus to be able to speak to each other through our Conference Organ, the Texas Christian Advocate.

We hope to get help, and to gather inspiration, from our big sister to the south of us; for she does big things in nearly every way. We of the Oklahoma Conferences congratulate ourselves over the new arrangements that make us one with Texas in education, in Conference Organ and in our Sunday School movements.

We shall try to do the very best we can in the field assigned us. W. J. MOORE, Weatherford, Okla.

NEWS AND NOTES.

In his campaigns since receiving his present position the Secretary has not visited a single Church on Sunday where the attendance in Sunday School did not exceed in number by actual count the attendance at the morning preaching service. It ought not so to be, but depreciating the fact will not remedy the condition. After years of experience in the pastorate we are driven to the conclusion that it is not in the power of either pastor or the Sunday School worker to furnish a remedy. The remedy must be applied in the home. Meanwhile we face an actual situation and must deal with a fact and not propound a theory. The stubborn fact is that the Sunday School is the only point of contact between the van in the way of the young life of the country and the Church. Whatever religious impressions the American youth of today is receiving are coming in large measure from the Sunday School. To it is given the task of determining whether the citizenship of tomorrow shall be religious or the reverse—whether the Church of tomorrow shall be intelligent and spiritual or ignorant and formal. The lesson for Sunday School workers does not need to be searched out. As conditions exist at present we hold in our hands the destinies of both Church and State.

Sunday, January 17, the Secretary was with the Missouri Avenue Sunday School in Fort Worth. The superintendent is Mr. J. W. Shillingburg. He had only presided in that capacity for two Sundays, but his whole attitude showed familiarity with Sunday School work, and we were not surprised to learn that he had been active in Sunday School nearly all his life. Although the day was inclement the attendance in the various departments was as follows: Elementary, 76; Junior, 71; Intermediate, 41; Senior and Adult, 76; total, 274. The weak spot in this report is in the Intermediate Department. The Junior grade covers as many years as the Intermediate. The death rate is small among children between the ages of 9 and 13. There should be almost as many Intermediates as Juniors in a Sunday School. Forty-one against seventy-one is about the usual proportion. Where

are the remaining thirty? Those of us who are charged with caring for the Sunday School need to ponder this question on our knees.

The campaign which began in the Fort Worth District January 17 is moving as this is written to the delight of the presiding elder, Dr. J. R. Nelson. General Nelson is a seasoned and expert campaigner. He does nothing in a half-hearted, undecided way. Six Churches—Missouri Avenue, Glenwood, Highland Park, Mulkey Memorial, Central and Hemphill—were included in the first weeks' work, in two groups. On Sunday all these pulpits were filled by the visiting workers, the presiding elder and local pastors, and the Sunday School was discussed in each. In the afternoon rallies were held at Missouri Avenue and Central. By the use of an auto the Secretary and Miss Kilpatrick spoke at both places, and a number of other speakers did good service. It was a great day. Monday and Tuesday nights institutes were held for Group One at Missouri Avenue. Wednesday and Thursday nights the performance was repeated for Group Two at Central. These institutes were well attended, the interest was intelligent and intense, many questions were asked and many books were bought, and those present went away with a broader, clearer vision of the possibilities of the Sunday School.

Friday afternoon Miss Kilpatrick held a two hours' conference at Mulkey Memorial Church with the Elementary workers of these two groups. To say that the Sunday School workers of Fort Worth are delighted with Miss Kilpatrick is a mild statement of fact. She came, she saw, she conquered.

The report of the Sunday School Board of the West Oklahoma Conference showed marked progress during the year. In some things it did not appear so encouraging. We give some of the items below without comment as follows: We have 239 schools, 2090 officers and teachers, 23,677 pupils, Children's Day offerings, \$339; Birthday offerings, \$543; for missions, \$2824. The new board is facing the future with hopefulness. Much is needed for the development of our schools. It will take earnest co-operation on the part of presiding elders, pastors, superintendents, teachers, and other Sunday School people, to bring about the desired results.

The West Oklahoma Conference will hold its annual Missionary Rally at Mangum on February 2-4. The Sunday School will have a prominent place on the program, and the Rev. Emmett Hightower, Divisional Secretary, will be the principal speaker. We hope many Sunday School people will attend this great meeting and get the inspiration for their work.

The Sunday School folk of the Oklahoma Conferences are very much interested in the establishment of the Chair of Sunday School Pedagogy in the S. M. U., as the following resolution will indicate: "We recommended a year ago, in our report, that as a conference heartily co-operate in a campaign for the establishment of the Chair of Sunday School Pedagogy in the Southern Methodist University. We wish to reaffirm that recommendation." That chair means much to the Sunday School interests of the great Southwest, and Oklahoma will hold herself in readiness to lend a helping hand whenever the time comes for the movement.

The West Oklahoma Conference led the van in the way of Birthday offerings for the Sunday School Loan Fund last year. The amount was \$543. The two Oklahoma conferences have contributed more than one-third of the amount collected to date by the whole Church.

On January 2-4, under the call of the presiding elder, Rev. W. M. Wilson, the pastors, superintendents, lay leaders, stewards, and others, came together for conference and institute on the work of the Oklahoma District for this year. The Sunday School interests had large place in the program. This feature was under the direction of the chairman of the Sunday School Board. They had under discussion the new law as given in Chapter VII, and also the "Standard of Efficiency," as fixed by our General Board. The discussions were open, full and free, and nearly all took active part in the program. Many questions were propounded, and answered. It was a most helpful occasion, and a new impetus was given to our Sunday School interests. It is to be hoped that each district of the conference will hold one or more such conferences or institutes during the year.

Don't plan to apply the missionary offering of your Sunday School on the missionary assessment of the Church. This fund was intended from the beginning to be a surplus, and not to be thus applied, or misapplied.

It does not count for very much toward the general amount when it is thus used. Last year there was more than \$220,000 contributed by the Sunday Schools to this fund, and yet only about 10 per cent of this was applied as a surplus. If we plan to get our conference assessments without these offerings by the children most of us can do it. Dr. Rawlings puts it very pointedly in the following language: "Take a special for your school and don't use the missionary offering of the Sunday School to pay the missionary offering of the Church. Your Church doesn't need the little children of the Sunday School to help pay twenty-seven cents a member to save a world." Don't do it, brethren, don't do it.

No Sunday School is what it ought to be unless it is distinctly missionary in its plans and in its spirit. This is the place to begin our missionary education and to stir up missionary interest. It is so easy to teach the subject to the young people. A little boy was urging that he be allowed to go to Sunday School one Sunday morning. "Why," said he, "I give the preacher a nickel a month ago and I want to go and see what he has done with it." That small amount of money, no doubt, tied him on to missions for the balance of his life. How shall we make the school a missionary force?

1. By observing the law which says, "Let every Sunday School be regarded as a missionary society." It is a missionary society already. Let it be regarded as such.

2. Let the pastor and superintendent appoint a suitable missionary committee to see after the interests of missions in the school.

3. By observing "one Sunday in the month, preferably the last, be observed as Missionary Day."

4. "And let the entire missionary offering of this day be taken and designated Missionary Offering of the Sunday School."

5. Last, but not least, by the use of our monthly missionary programs as afforded us in the "Missionary Messenger." These programs are fresh, pointed and deal with our mission fields as they are today. Every school ought to have at least three copies, and begin at once to use them. This last item is a new feature in our missionary plans, and we predict great results will follow.

The Sunday School is the greatest missionary force in the world. It is also a field, and we need to direct that force and work the field.

Every Sunday School in the Oklahoma City District observed Children's Day last year except one; and that one was prevented by an epidemic of scarlet fever. How many districts can beat that record? It has been resolved that a similar, or better, record shall be made this year.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Following are the District Secretaries of the North Texas Conference as appointed by the presiding elders and approved by the Sunday School Board:

- Bonham District—J. A. Wheeler, Ravenna.
- Bowie District—J. W. Beck, Bowie.
- Dallas District—L. L. Cohen, Jr., Dallas.
- Decatur District—H. B. Johnson, Bridgeport.
- Gainesville District—J. W. Stagle, Myra.
- Greenville District—E. L. Silliman, Merit.
- McKinney District—Guy Jones, Anna.
- Paris District—A. Frank Smith, Denton.
- Sherman District—H. C. Howell, Van Alstyne.

These brethren are expected to assist the presiding elders in carrying out the policy of the Conference Sunday School Board.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A study of the Sunday School statistics for last conference year present some very interesting and suggestive facts. In the entire conference there was a net increase of 130 officers and teachers and 3848 pupils. But this increase came from six of the eleven districts. In five districts there was an actual decrease in Sunday School pupils, and in four districts a decrease in the number of officers. On the whole the Sunday School a little more than kept pace with the growth of the Church, but in three districts—the Bonham, Terrell and Decatur—there was a gain of membership and a loss in Sunday School enrollment. There may be some local explanation of this state of affairs, otherwise it should alarm presiding elders and pastors. By districts the comparison runs as follows: Bonham District, gain in Church membership, 290; loss in the Sunday School, 69. Bowie District, gain in Church membership, 568; gain in the Sunday School, 915. Dallas District, gain in membership, 93; gain in Sunday Schools, 1362. Decatur District, loss in membership, 281; loss in Sunday School, 267. Gainesville District, gain in membership, 604; loss in Sunday Schools, 21. Greenville District, loss in membership, 191; loss in Sunday Schools, 82. McKinney District, loss in membership, 350; loss in Sunday School, 208. Paris District, gain in membership, 242; gain in Sunday Schools, 355. Sherman District, gain in membership, 602; gain in Sunday Schools, 793. Sulphur Springs District, gain in membership, 839; gain in Sunday Schools, 538. Terrell District, gain in membership, 439; loss in Sunday Schools, 223.

In view of the fact that another denomination seems disposed to crowd over us in Dallas, the net increase of more than a thousand in that district, about fifteen times as many as the net increase in membership is especially gratifying.

These figures and the conditions which they indicate are especially commended to the thoughtful consideration of our brethren of

the North Texas Conference. From week to week a similar analysis will be made of the reports of other conferences.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

If we should assert that, through its Wesley Bible Class, Home Department, Cradle Roll and regular school, the Sunday School is doing more to add to the membership of the Church and develop Christian character than all other agencies put together, with the possible exception of the regular preaching service, few well-informed persons would have the hardihood to call the statement in question. That being granted, figures like those above present cause for grave concern to all who are interested in the welfare of Zion. A languishing Sunday School is evidence of a dead Church. We have practically turned over the teaching of the Bible to this agency, and if our people do not study the Word of God in Sunday School the probability is that they do not study it at all. The Sunday School must not only be made to keep pace with the growth of the Church, but unless we are to suffer untold spiritual depletion and become a prey as a denomination to all sorts of religious fanaticism, the growth in the Sunday School must exceed that of the Church until all Church members and their children are in the Sunday School. The best possible safeguard against spiritual deadness on one hand and religious extravagance on the other is a thorough knowledge of the Word of God. The Church membership in the North Texas Conference exceeds the Sunday School membership by 9452. Careful surveys of the present-day Sunday School have shown that on an average not less than one-third of the membership will be under 9 years of age. It is therefore safe to conclude that about thirty thousand Church members in the North Texas Conference alone were not in the Sunday School last year. Careful, earnest and persistent work would either land these in the Sunday School itself or tie them on to it through the Home Department. Pastors and superintendents, there is one of your most important tasks.

THE FORT WORTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

At the time this is written the Fort Worth District Sunday School campaign is in full blast. Since the last report an institute has been held at First Church for the workers in First Church, Weatherford Street, Brooklyn Heights, Sagamore, Riverside, Handley and Harwell's Chapel. On Sunday, January 24, the pulpits in this group were occupied by Bishop Mounson, Miss Kilpatrick, the Divisional Secretary and resident preachers appointed by the presiding elders to preach on the Sunday School. In the afternoon there was an enthusiastic mass meeting at First Church, at which addresses are made by the Secretary, Miss Kilpatrick, in the order named. This is written in the midst of a well attended and enthusiastic institute at Polytechnic. All these meetings have been well attended and the attention and attitude of superintendents and teachers indicate an earnest and intelligent interest in their work and promises well for the future of the Sunday School in Fort Worth. The campaign will close next Sunday afternoon with a District Rally at First Church.

THE MISSIONARY OFFERING.

Our schools are observing the "Missionary Day" once a month, preferably the last Sunday. It is not a matter of choice, if we are loyal as superintendents, pastor and presiding elder. During the month and quarter thousands of dollars are collected as missionary offering from our schools. We, as pastors, usually hold the amount until conference time. Now, the suggestion is that we make remittance of these amounts, monthly or quarterly, to the teller or Treasurer, and let the Board of Missions be getting the use of same, thereby relieving a strain, and saving the payment of interest, to some extent at least. Our minutes for 1913 show that there are 16,649 Sunday Schools in our Connection. If each school would remit just \$3 on an average it would make the magnificent sum of \$50,000. Would not that look good to those who have the "financing of the kingdom" in their hands? We think so. Suppose we all try this among the other new Sunday School plans that we are inaugurating.

KEEP UP WITH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLK.

1. Why? Because so many go out and away from the Sunday School to come back no more. It is estimated that 65 per cent of those attending the Sunday School sooner or later quit it. Suppose this statement is an exaggeration; yet there is enough truth in it to incite us to try to stop every leak possible.

2. When? Many persons go from one community to another during the course of a year. The Sunday School connection is broken; and if there is no way to introduce them and to tie them on to the school at the other place, they are apt not to re-enter, and to drift away permanently. We are sure that many of these could be saved to the school and to be Church and to themselves, if we would only use a little time, render a little service, at the right time. But

3. How? Let the superintendent or secretary follow the plan that the pastor follows when his Church members go away. He gives a certificate of Church membership. Why not give the pupils a certificate of membership in the Sunday School? This certificate should include the department and the grade of the pupil. These certificates will be an incentive for the pupils to join the new Sunday

School. This writer has before him the return "stubs" of four pupils who joined the school on the first Sunday after they went to their new home. The superintendent wrote in addition, "Enclosed you will find detached coupons from the Sunday School certificates. Mighty glad to have the children in our school, and to have the certificates along with them. Had all the family at Church last night." Try it, superintendent, try it.

"In our modern society children of professing Christians seldom go to Church during their best habit-forming years, while conversely Christian parents frequently neglect the Sunday School during their best service-giving years."—Farrar.

VERY SUGGESTIVE.

At the close of a Sunday School Institute recently held one of the participating pastors addressed the following letter to his superintendents, which is so comprehensive and suggestive that we print it without comment: My Dear Superintendent: At the conference between us next Monday evening I will want information on the following points concerning our Sunday School and then to discuss the plan as a whole with you:

- 1. Cradle Roll—All children under 4 years of age.
- 2. Beginners—All children from 4 years to 5 years.
- 3. Primary—All children 6, 7 and 8 years.
- 4. Juniors—All children 9, 10, 11 and 12 years.
- 5. Intermediate—All young people 13, 14, 15 and 16 years.
- 6. Senior—All young people 17, 18, 19 and 20 years.
- 7. Adult—All persons 21 years and upward to the oldest.
- 8. Teacher Training—All persons desiring to prepare for service in the school.
- 9. Home Department—All persons not able to attend school.

How far does our school conform to the above in grading?

Do you use the graded literature throughout the grades? If not, why not?

Have you departmental superintendents? Who are they? Do they study their work?

Cradle Roll—Have you a Cradle Roll superintendent? Who? Does she understand and do the work expected of her? Is she genial and tactful? Has she been furnished with a small card catalogue where the names of the babies may be kept by the months of their births? Has she the certificates of enrollment and birthday cards? Does she write each mother a personal letter on the child's birthday and enclose a card for baby? Does she solicit the 4-year-olds for the Beginners' Department of our Sunday School? Have you any idea how many little people in our Beginners' Department have come to us from the Cradle Roll Department?

Beginners' Department—Who is the superintendent? Who are the teachers? Are they in sympathy and love with the child and do they prepare their work? What equipment have they? Teachers text book? Picture sets for observation? The child's folder? Do they use any original devices? Have they a separate room? Do they observe the regular promotion day on the last Sunday in September or do they promote at will?

We will want to discuss each of the other departments corresponding in nature to the pupils as outlined in the Beginners' Department.

Home Department—Who is your superintendent? Does your superintendent understand and do the work expected? How many assistants does your superintendent have? Do they get reports of study and report same to the school? Do they bring in the offering?

Teacher Training—How many have you in the class? Are they interested in the work? Do they seem to be willing to enter the regular work when through with the course? What plan do you propose to get others to enter the work?

Adult—What plans have you in mind for your Adult Department as regards rooms to rent, organization, courses of study? What do you think of the elective courses of study for the adults? How many registered organized classes in all departments in the school? How many are registered with our own department at Nashville? How many classes subject to registration are unorganized? Why do they not organize? What steps are being taken to procure organization? Are the classes organized carrying out organized class ideas? Have they the committee work? Do they work and with what success?

Substitutes—How do you handle the substitute teacher problem? How many substitutes do you have? Are they appointed for departments or are they general substitutes? Do your regular teachers inform you of intended absences? How many classes have associate teachers? Are your substitutes and teachers provided with books and material to prepare for their work?

Has the Sunday School a Missionary Committee? A Missionary Superintendent? Do they render a missionary program on Missionary Day? Do they educate the school in missionary matter?

What are you doing for temperance instruction? Have you a temperance superintendent? Does your superintendent keep the temperance question before the school?

What attention do you give or what plans do you suggest to get your pupils to decide for Christ? Unite with the Church? Do you favor the confirmation class idea, or

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the Decision Day idea, or the personal appeal plan? Why?

How do you develop the spirit of worship in your school? What correlation is there between the school and the Church as to public worship? How do you propose to put the Church attendance idea in the minds and hearts of your pupils?

Have you the Workers' Council? Do they hold regular meetings to consider the work of the school? What suggestions do you wish to make to your pastors on the subject? Would a series of talks on the "Pulpit and the Teacher," "The Graded Lesson," "Methods of Teaching," etc., by the pastor be acceptable to you and your teachers?

Do you have the Advisory Committee? Has the Quarterly Conference appointed three men to represent them on this committee? Who are they? Are they performing their functions as officers?

How can your pastor help you in the work you have undertaken in love for your Church, the Church and the child? Suggest.

There are 1,342,000 Italians in the United States. More Italians live in New York City than in Rome, Italy. One out of every five returns to his native land after a few years' residence in the United States.

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It is useless to ask God to control our hearts until we are willing to try to control our own thoughts.—Edward Leigh Pell.

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A man's heart deviseth his way; but the Lord directeth his steps.—Prov. 21:9.

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A NEW YEAR'S RESOLVE.

- I will start anew this morning with a higher, fairer creed; I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbor's greed; I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear; I will waste no moment whining and my heart shall know no fear. I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise; I will search for the things that elude the grumbler's gaze; I will try to find contentment in the paths that I must tread; I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead. I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown; I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own; I will try to see the beauty, spread before me, in the rain or shine; I will cease to preach my duty and be more concerned with mine.

—British Weekly.

The Epworth Era is excellent this month. A large part of the excellence consists of the splendid notes from Texas which are under the head of Notes. We feel a little jealous of the Era because we feel that good news should be told to the family before it is told to one's friends. When you send in news to the Era don't forget the Advocate.

We are so rich in contributions this week that some of them will have to be held over until next week. Your editor is overjoyed at the number of splendid articles received. Let the good work continue.

DALLAS DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE UNION HOLDS IMPORTANT MEETING AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

On Friday evening, January 15, at First Methodist Church, the Dallas District Epworth League Union held one of the most important meetings in its history, inasmuch as it marked the beginning of a plan of work much broader in scope than ever before undertaken, and the enlargement of its Cabinet of officers to ten in number. These officers are as follows: J. Roscoe Golden, of Trinity Church League, President. C. E. Carter, of Tyler Street League, Vice-President. C. T. Dean, of Trinity Church League, Recording Secretary. Miss Mattie Lee Coleman, of St. Mark's League, Corresponding Secretary. George Webster, of Ervay Street League, Treasurer. Miss Enla Turner, of First Church League, Superintendent of First Department. Miss Brenda Starks, of Forest Avenue League, Superintendent of Second Department. Miss Jennie Vickery, of Grand Prairie League, Superintendent of Third Department. Miss Nettie Clark, of Tabernacle Church League, Superintendent of Fourth Department.

Miss Ella Nash, of Grace Church League, Junior League Superintendent. Mr. Golden, the new President, is one of Dallas' most successful attorneys, being a member of the law firm of Meador, Davis, Golden & Johnson. He is very active and enthusiastic over the work of the Union and anyone having the time and opportunity to call on him will be delighted with his cordiality and fund of information on League matters. The other officers of the Union are the most competent, capable and enthusiastic in the District and stand as representatives and specialists of the respective Department works of the Epworth League.

These officers should often be called upon by the local chapter department chairmen to give talks and suggestions on their work. This is an age of large organization, each feature of which is sufficiently important to demand the entire attention of a specialist, and this is exactly the plan on which the new Cabinet of officers will effect their work. If the local chapters give the support to this Union as now organized, which the opportunities for its great work demand, increased

"LET TEXAS FEED ITSELF."

"Something must be done at once to induce the farmers of Texas to grow their own food and feed for the coming year," said H. M. Cottrell to a group of business men in Dallas recently. So greatly did his declaration impress them that William G. Breg, Alex Sanger, J. C. Duke, E. O. Tenison and R. W. Higginbotham were appointed members of a committee to urge the co-operation of the business men of Texas in securing the planting of crops that will furnish food and feed to the people of the State.

Fort Worth business men responded at once when the matter was presented to them, and delegates were appointed from that city representing all lines of business, who will take equal part with those of Dallas and other cities. The first action taken was by the agricultural committee of the Texas Bankers' Association, which at once sent letters to every banker in the State.

The bankers' committee wrote: "If the usual acreage of cotton is planted this year and the yield is fair, that carried over will be

growth and activity in all League work will be assured and the success of which will be gladly recognized as a factor in Dallas Methodism.

At this same meeting a new constitution was reported and adopted, which covers quite fully all necessary organization and operation plans. As written above the name of this Union was changed from Dallas City Epworth League Union to Dallas District Epworth League Union, because of the fact that Lancaster and Grand Prairie are now members of the same and other nearby chapters contemplate joining during the coming year.

RECEPTION GIVEN TO THE PASTOR.

On the evening of January 14 the League of St. John's Church (Dallas) gave a reception at the church, honoring the new pastor, Rev. C. D. Montgomery. There was an interesting program.

Never, never wait for postmortem praise. Speak the kind words which love prompts, and remember that words of loving kindness are the best possible tonic which can be given, even to the happiest of the mortals.—Kate Tannatt Woods.

There is contagion in a sweet and beautiful character, for health is contagious as well as disease. We are all the time giving to others either wholesome or unwholesome mood—poisoning their atmosphere with doubt and suspicion, or clearing it with helpfulness and good cheer.—Phillips Brooks.

The little common things of life— A kindly word, a little trust, A friendly smile amid the strife, That crushes souls into the dust.

A flower for some tired eyes, Or music for a weary heart— "Just little things"—not so very smart! But, ah, the sweetness they impart! —Edith McKay.

THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS.

(February 7, 1915) By S. Stephen McKenney.

Scripture references: Isa. 55:7; Acts 5:31; 13:38; Eph. 1:7; Matt. 6:14, 15; 1 John 1:9.

1. The promise of forgiveness implies the fact of sin: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." It teaches that all sin is against God: "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned," and that it will stand charged against the offender unless God forgives him. The Scriptures represent man as a debtor who has nothing to pay, and whose debt cannot be repaid. This is the heart of the Gospel story: "Through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins." Hence, salvation must originate with him "in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins."

2. The promise of forgiveness, like all God's promises, is conditional. First, we can never be forgiven of sin until we are sorry for sin: "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." Secondly, we must forsake sin: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, etc. Thirdly, we must be faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Fourthly, we must desire God even more than pardon: "Seek ye the Lord." * * * "Call ye upon him." * * * "Let him return unto the Lord." Forgiveness is obtained only with "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." The promise of forgiveness presupposes the divine right to forgive. Only the offended can forgive the offender. As all sin, therefore, is offensive to God only he has the right to forgive: "Who can forgive sins but God only?" "The Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins," only because he is the Son of God. In him alone are human sympathy and divine authority conjoined. Because he is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" God can come to all men and all men may come to God, and find like the returning prodigal a welcome to the father's house and the forgiving love of a father's heart. Through our divine savior, the burden of sin falls off at the cross. The burden of sin falls off for "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." "Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel and the forgiveness of sins."

3. The promise of forgiveness must find its fulfillment in the spirit of the sinner. What are the evidences of forgiveness? First of all, "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Fellowship and communion between the sinner and Savior are restored. Then, too, the guilt of sin is gone: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." The burden of sin falls off for "When others forgive our sense of sin seems heavier, but when God forgives it is gone! O, how divine is God's forgiveness! "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." Finally, we also become forgiving. Whosoever has experienced the forgiving love of God is glad to forgive any human offender: "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

twice the quantity that can be used and cotton will be hard to sell at 4c or 5c a pound. A majority of the cotton growers raise cotton only, buying meat, flour, vegetables, fruit and condensed milk for the table, and grain and hay to feed their teams. Three hundred thousand farmers in this State do not raise an acre of hay or forage.

"We urge you to take up the matter with your business men and farmers. Call them together and arrange to have your community feed itself and its livestock for 1915."

E. O. Tenison, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank, said: "The Texas cotton grower should produce food for his family and feed for his stock in 1915. Then the bill at the store will be only a few dollars, and no matter what the price of cotton the farmer will be comfortable. A brood sow will raise pigs for meat and market. I think a loan on security of this kind both safe and desirable.

"When diversification is proposed in cotton-growing communities the tendency is to begin planning for truck crops. Instead, I would

advise staple crops, corn, peanuts, non-saccharin sorghums and hay. They require no special skill in shipping and there is a ready market for them. Every farmer should investigate the \$10,000 price offer and avail himself of the bulletins and advice of the Texas Industrial Congress."

A successful tenant farmer from the southeastern portion of Dallas County, one who pays \$5 an acre for his land, said, "I hope the gentlemen succeed in inducing every farmer to plant what he needs for family and stock. I regard it as right that a merchant or banker should make loans to those whose ability and judgment and success are such that there is every reason to believe the loan will be repaid. Certainly the man who provides a garden to feed his folks and field crops to feed his animals shows more sound business sense than one who is going to grow cotton alone. Therefore he should be able to get loans, if he needs them, more readily than a farmer who does not prepare to feed himself."

When merchants and bankers in the smaller cities of the State have been advised of the work of the Fort Worth Dallas committee, arrangements will be made for some hundred representatives from these cities to visit and confer with merchants, bankers and farmers in the cotton growing sections of the State, with a view of making plain the aim of the committee to have each community and farmer plant such crops as will obviate the necessity of buying food for the family or feed for the live stock in 1915.

(Signed) "LET TEXAS FEED ITSELF." WM. G. BREG, Chairman; ALEX SANGER, R. W. HIGGINBOTHAM, E. O. TENISON, J. C. DUKE, Central Executive Committee.

PENDING SABBATH LEGISLATION.

Just as I predicted in my last appeal to the ministers, the Parks' Sunday bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives, has been favorably reported by the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and is now on the House calendar. Should it become a law it will ultimate in a wide open Sunday in all our centers of population. We can reach the Legislature only by petitions. Will the brethren act at once? Circulate petitions and get all the signatures possible, women as well as men, and let that body know that we are unfavorable to any legislation that would in any way weaken our Sunday law. In the absence of a better form the following will suffice:

To the Hon. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Texas, convened in Austin: We, the undersigned citizens of the State of Texas, most respectfully petition your Honorable Body to refuse the assent of the Parks' Sunday bill or any other measure that would in any wise impair the existing Sunday law. Send to your Representative if he is favorable to such action; if not direct to the Speaker of the House and ask him to present your petition to the House.

R. C. ARMSTRONG.

Thomas A. Edison says: "The war will last at least one year and probably two or more." He thinks submarines will be perfected and remain a powerful instrument in warfare, but the dreadnought will not be eliminated, because some plan will be evolved to prevent torpedo attacks.

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THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Brewville, at Sinton	March 14-15
Coero, at Goliad	March 30-April 2
San Marcos, at Gonzales, 7:30	April 6
San Antonio, at Kerville	April 7-9
Plainview, at Crockett	April 7-11
Georgetown, at Bartlett	April 12-14
Uvalde, at Del Rio	April 12-16
Vinita, at Alton	April 15-18
El Paso, at Tularosa	April 20-24
Mineral, at Duke	April 21-23
Menkner, at Webber Falls	April 22-23
Cinton, at Sayre	April 22-25
Gatesville, at Hamilton, 3 p. m.	April 27
Weatherford, at Weatherford	April 27-29
Counties memorial	April 29-May 2
Lampasas, at Burnet	April 29-May 2
Austin, at Smithville	May 5-8
Madill, at Madill	May 12-14
Hugo, at Idabel	May 18-21
Bowie, at Bellevue	May 20-23
Holdsenville, at Konawa	May 25-27
McAlester, at Barnett Memorial	May 25-29
Jacksonville, at Frankston, 7:30	May 25
Sherman, at Tiocha	May 29
Creek (Full Blood Indian), at Cusita	July 15-17
Chocklav (Full Blood Indian), at Livingston	July 21-24
Tulsa, write Rev. J. H. Ball, Tulsa, Okla., for information.	

THE IMPRECATORY PSALMS.

Some people, and good people, too, are distressed over what they think constitutes evidence of temper and malice in the heart of David while writing the songs of the Old Testament Church to be used in the worship of God.

It is thought to be exceedingly wicked for David to write as he did concerning his enemies.

It is said by some that a man with David's feeling towards others today could not be a Christian.

When asked to point out instances of David's unrighteous spirit, they refer to Psalms 69 and 109. We admit that to take up these two hymns of the Jewish service and to consider them as the expression of David's heart towards certain people, makes them sound wicked.

But we must consider two things. First, David in his dealings with his enemies showed mercy and not malice. Second, The imprecations in both Psalms 69 and 109 were applied by the Apostle Peter, after the resurrection of Christ, to Judas, the betrayer, showing that it was prophecy.

"Noted Churchman Called Away"

Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald, editor of the Fort Worth Record, pays the following tribute to Dr. Rankin:

Rev. Dr. George C. Rankin is dead. He closed his eyes in eternal sleep at his home in Dallas Tuesday and when his soul took its flight there was removed from the mortal existence of a century had been a forceful figure and zealous partisan and active participant in the religious advancement as well as the political history of Texas.

For many years he had been the editor of the Christian Advocate and had made it a power among the church newspapers of the United States. He wielded a virile pen. He viewed the world through the eyes of a Churchman. He was a crusader as keen as the Crusaders of old who sought to wrest the Holy City from the defiling touch of the Crescent and the Koran. He was fearless, and he was dogmatic. They called him "the fighting Methodist of Texas."

He had a warm heart. When the combat was over he did not bear malice. While it was on he gave blow for blow and though his head might have been bloody he never winced or asked for quarter.

He had wonderful ability, he was Scotch and Irish and had all the pugnacity of the fighting race. He could smash a political opponent today and extend a helping hand tomorrow.

He had enemies who hated him and followers who idolized him. In politics he was for years a potential force, and knew the game. He was as much at home in a primary convention or on the floor of a State convention as in the editorial den of his newspapers or in the pulpit of the house of God.

He never followed. He was born to lead.

If he had not been called to the ministry and had invaded the field of politics he would have made his mark and would have become a national figure in the councils of the Democratic party.

In Texas Methodism his name was a household word. In the field of politics it was a household word.

In the years gone by he was the Peter the Hermit of the Prohibition cause in Texas. He threw down the gauntlet to John Barleycorn almost a third of a century ago.

Defeat did not dismay him. Reverses only made him fight the harder. He was a glutton for work, a human ox and ever tireless. He fought the saloon, he fought the reservation, he fought gambling, in the days when it required nerve to lead a forlorn hope in Texas.

He is dead now and there will be flowers for this wonderful crusader who was the stormy petrel for so many years of Texas politics and whose white plume ever waved at the head of the advance guard of those who considered themselves consecrated to the work of giving battle to sin and eliminating the allied causes in this land of ours.

When George C. Rankin trained his eyes on his political foemen in Texas.

A TRIBUTE FROM JUDGE FIRMIN.

In a letter to the Advocate expressive of his high esteem for Dr. Rankin, Judge A. E. Firmin, of Dallas, says, "I was much shocked to learn of the unexpected and sudden death of Rev. G. C. Rankin. As you are so well aware, the friendship between us was the outgrowth of controversial strife of a character usually creating enmities. But in the great and broad manhood of the hardest fighting Christian I have ever had the pleasure of debating with, no room was found for personal animosities toward me in all our twelve years of political strife. Recognizing my right to possess and express views incompatible with his own, asserting his own views with great vigor and rounded beauty of thought and expression, rising at times to almost classical sublimity of language, he unfailingly and invariably spoke in friendship and in fraternal spirit. Others have, at times, suffered from his satire and his sarcasm; his invective and his anger; but, in the more than forty debates we had together, and in the pleasant hours of private discourse, toward me there was never shown but the one side of his many-sided character. It was the side which gave him the perfected appreciation of the great Apostle and found highest expression in his wonderfully beautiful sermon, "The Life of St. Paul." Emulating the vigor, ambitious to attain and seeking to achieve the spiritual exaltation of his ideal apostle, it was easy for one who knew him, to trace in his debates, his very language, the effect upon his rugged, but still sensitive nature, of his close study of

prohibition wasn't even a white man's hope, all cities and towns of any size had their reservations where the daughters of Babylon and their male companions walked in the primrose path of dalliance. Public gambling was prevalent everywhere.

At all race tracks, pools were sold, and in the capital of our State saloons never closed from January until January.

He considered himself the Devil of the Prohibition cause and men who had no sympathy with his plan of making the world moral by law must concede that his pen and his tongue created a revolution in moral conditions throughout this Empire State and that his influence was as potential as that possessed by any man who has ever figured in the history of Texas since the close of the war between the States.

When armour-clad, ready for the fray, his pen was scorching and his tongue was blistering. In social life he was a lovable and companionable man. He loved a clever story. He could crack a good joke and he was half fellow well met with his craftsmen, whether of the pulpit or the pen.

He fought for his Church and his convictions.

He was battle scarred in the service of Methodism and the innumerable campaigns which he led against John Barleycorn since the prohibition wave began to sweep over this country.

He was a power in the councils of the Prohibition party. He was a bold politician but not a resourceful one. He was the founder and editor of the Home and State and that newspaper he made a terror to his enemies.

He had one ambition, even greater than his other ambitions, to be a Bishop of the Church which he had served from youthful manhood.

This was denied him. Then he realized that the men who do the rough fighting for Church or party, men who are ever on the firing line giving blows and taking them, men who make the sacrifices and receive the wounds and carry the scars are not those who are remembered when the rich gifts and honors and emoluments are bestowed.

These are for the sons of Mary.

The sons of Martha are the men who blaze the trail, who fight the battles, who never know when they are whipped, and who die in harness, unrewarded but not forgot.

A giant has departed from one of the houses of Israel. He was a gladiator in his time. He was long on the road and never ran up the white flag. He never retreated. He never called for a furlough. He never served in the commissary department or in the camp of the sutler. He lived and fought according to his lights and was rugged and sturdy and masterful either in the hour of victory or the hour of defeat.

When the bell ringer called he answered, "Ready." His eyes are closed, his hands are folded and his spirit at rest. "Peace to his ashes and sweet repose for his soul" is the prayer of one who was his political foe and his personal friend.

A. E. FIRMIN.

DR. RANKIN IS DEAD.

Texas misses something today. Dr. Rankin is dead. A fighter who never asked for quarter has answered the final summons of the Captain of all our souls. A soldier who, fighting for what he considered the right, never found the trenches too cold or the enemy's fire too hot, has passed to where the petty quarrels of poor earthworms are lost in heavenly harmony. A sledgehammer sort of man. A strike home sort of assailant. Not much more disposed to give quarter than to receive it. A foe to compromise. His pen was no billet doux producer. He was the Dean Swift of Texas controversialists. What he said always had a sting to it. Fighting for what he considered a great moral issue, he was not disposed to carry on the battle with a target rifle. He used siege guns and he used them vigorously. And yet a very sincere man; a passionately sincere man. If he used bitter words it was because he believed, if they proved convincing to the people, sweetness of life would follow. People can not all think alike. On every matter, big or little, there

are honest differences of opinion. But people sometimes all feel alike. Thus there is general admiration for an honest, clean fighter willing to take uncompromisingly as rough treatment as he gives. Such a man was Dr. George C. Rankin, for many years editor of the Texas Christian Advocate and editor as well of Home and State. Texas misses this firm-willed Cromwellian citizen-soldier. Any State will miss a citizen of whose conviction is as strong as Plymouth Rock.—Dallas Times Herald.

A TRIBUTE FROM HIS CO-WORKERS.

The employees of the Advocate join in the universal sorrow over the death of Dr. George C. Rankin, editor of the Christian Advocate. His pleasing personality, sympathetic disposition, kindly manners and genial character bound him close to every member of the Advocate family. We unite our tears with those of his own family, and our grief with that of the entire State and Southwest in this sad hour.

We trust that the God he loved and served so well will throw his everlasting arms around the bereaved ones.

**Lovingly and affectionately,
HIS CO-WORKERS.**

Dr. Rankin was known and loved beyond the confines of Texas; from outside the State have come telegrams breathing the deepest love and sympathy; they have also poured in to the family and the Advocate from all over Texas. There is a general sorrow—the Church is not stilled, but it is realized that one of its greatest pulses has ceased to pulsate. Dr. Rankin's death is a calamity not only to the great Church for which he spent his best days, but to the cause of temperance, morals and civic righteousness in Texas. Other than Churchmen mourn his death, other than Churchmen have sent word of condolence. Methodism weeps and Christianity bares its head at a common sorrow. Dr. Rankin has gone to his reward.

Where is there a body of men in all the world more true to life's highest ideals! In all of the over thirteen hundred preachers in Texas and Oklahoma there were only eleven who had to be dealt with by their brethren. Out of that small number only five failed in the passage of character.

What a power for good Southern Methodism could be throughout the world! We report a total membership of 2,040,283. And yet, with all that vast array our gain was less than two per cent. Our gain this year has been the least of all the quadrennium and below 1913 by over ten thousand. We had an experience like this once before when the sainted Galloway and his tongue of fire called all Texas to arms. The Shekinah still abides above our tented hosts. Are we asleep in the trenches? Is not this a call to arms? May Jehovah gird us with a power that shall make us a conquering host!

MR. WESLEY AS A READER.

John Wesley rode two hundred and fifty thousand miles, mostly on horseback, and preached forty thousand times. In other words, he traveled at the rate of five thousand miles a year and preached annually eight hundred times. Besides this he instructed classes and superintended the spiritual and temporal interests of his societies. He wrote and printed all the text books used in Kingswood School. Besides these he published dictionaries and religious books.

He was, moreover, a great and critical reader. He read while riding and then wrote a critique on the book. His reading was wide. It took in Latin, Greek, Hebrew, the classics, history, scientific and philosophical works and even infidel books.

In his Journal he makes mention of about two hundred and fifty authors whose works he read. There is one evident peculiarity about his reading. It is the fact clearly shown that he never read a book for the purpose of getting a sermon out of it. He got his message for the people out of the Holy Scriptures. His sermons show no culling from literature, theological treatises or philosophical speculations.

More no man ever read more or more accurately than did our great founder.

PASSING OF DOCTOR HAMILL.

All Southern Methodism, as well as world-wide Methodism, has suffered a great loss in the death of Dr. H. M. Hamill who died at Tate Springs, Tenn., on the evening of January 21. At the time of his death he was at the head of the Teacher Training Department of our Sunday School Board, also President of the International Sunday School Association. He was also Chaplain-General of the United Confederate Veterans. He was a native of Lowndesboro, Alabama, and was about sixty-five years of age. He had special adaptation to the work in which he was engaged and it will be hard to find a man who can fill the place with equal efficiency.

His body was taken to Nashville on Friday, January 22. The funeral services were held in McKendree Church on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The large congregation attested the hold which the deceased had upon the citizenship of Nashville. The many flowers which beautified the altar, pulpit and casket also spoke in the voice of love.

The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. T. C. Ragsdale; the prayer was offered by Dr. E. R. Chappell, Bishop E. E. Hoss, Mr. Marion Lawrence, Secretary of the International Sunday School Association, and Gen. Bennett H. Young, Commander in Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, spoke feelingly of the life, character and labors of the deceased.

The remains were carried to Mexico, Mo., where on Monday, January 25, they were committed to the soil he loved so well.

Our issue of Jan. 28 was received with great enthusiasm throughout the country. From every quarter we are receiving words of high appreciation concerning that issue. It responded to all the demands of a true and loyal Methodist. It is an issue that can be filed for the generation who is to take our place when we are gone. It fed the intellect and the soul, and gave the history that has made us what we are. But that issue was no exception. There is not a week but what the Advocate goes forth laden with the best vintage of the field. Without reservation, we say that into its columns are poured the best thought, the deepest devotion, and the most earnest concern for every heart that reads its pages.

LOYALTY.

A loyal person is one who is constant in fidelity to a cause espoused. It must be borne in mind that it pertains to that government, ruler or organization to which one professes adherence.

With a soldier enlisted in his country's army it means the sacrificing of everything that would impede his efficiency as a soldier or be disadvantageous to his country.

With a member of the Church it means the doing of the things that advance the cause of Christ and the refraining from those things, however unimportant to oneself, the doing of which would render less efficient the Church in its work of saving the souls of people.

The question of worldly amusements is to be considered in that light. It is not so much a question as to whether theater-going, card-playing or the ball room hurts you, as it is whether it hurts the Church to which you have declared allegiance, or will impede the cause of Christ to which you have pledged loyalty. Are you loyal to the cause of Jesus Christ and do you subordinate your own personal matters to the greater matter of promoting the interests of the Church by which Christ is to save the world?

A true soldier needs only to be convinced that a sacrifice of self is for the good of his country and he makes it.

A soldier who deserts his post, though by doing so he makes personal gains, is shot for disloyalty. Shall a Christian be less loyal to his Lord than a soldier is to his country?

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THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL.

A noted Church of England minister, in Wesley's day, wrote against the Methodists and John Wesley replied to his article in a personal letter.

Some parts of that Wesleyan letter sound like it was written to some Methodist preachers of today.

He tells the minister, "You want the life, the Spirit, the power which they (the Methodists) have, and not of themselves, but by the free grace of God. Else how could it be that so good a man and so good a preacher should have so little fruit of his labor, his unwearied labor, for so many years? Have your parishoners the life of religion in their souls? * * * Sir, what is it that hinders your reaping the fruit of so much pains and so many prayers?"

Mr. Wesley knew by experience that an honest and earnest preacher might have a barren ministry, as his was until the day his heart was strangely warmed. The power came when the Holy Spirit became the accepted force in his life.

A NEW HOUSE.

It sometimes occurs that a congregation loses out spiritually mainly because the people selfishly build for themselves good and modern homes and let the old and almost dilapidated church stand as the best they will do for Christ's cause in the community.

It lowers the spiritual tone of a Christian community that can, but will not, give the Lord a good house.

Mr. Wesley made the following note concerning a new chapel at Chester: "I rode over to Chester and preached to as many as the new house would well contain. How the grace of God concurs with his providence! A new house not only brings a new congregation, but likewise (what we have observed again and again) a new blessing from God; and no wonder if every labor of love finds even a present reward."

Many of our Methodist congregations need the blessings that come to those who build a new house of God.

COMMON GROUND.

Lord Bacon, the father of inductive reasoning, said a wise thing when he stated that in order to conduct all argument with an opponent it is necessary to first find a common ground upon which both disputants could stand.

This principle should be applied to all of theology, because unless a common ground may be found no hope of agreement is possible. Theology is the study of God. To study God with one of opposing views, without a common ground, is to waste time and perhaps temper.

The common ground, we think must be the acceptance of the Holy Scriptures as the word of God.

Stripped of all theories, of all opinions and of all modifications the plain statement of faith, "The Bible is God's word to men," must be accepted by all debaters on theology if they hope to reach any conclusion.

REV. G. A. LEHNHOFF.

Rev. Lehnhoff was born at St. Charles, Missouri; began education in public school at St. Charles; after finishing the grades he attended Central College at Fayette, Missouri, four years. His first charge was at Ashland, Missouri. Next he was stationed at Prairie Hill, Missouri, three years; Jameson, Missouri, four years; Monroe City, Missouri, three years; presiding elder Macon District, Missouri Conference, four years; pastor at Plattsburg, Missouri, when he resigned on account of his wife's poor health and was transferred to the North Texas Conference. After serving as pastor of the First Methodist Church at Pilot Point two years, the Denison conference sent him to the Decatur Station. Brother Lehnhoff is one of the most powerful preachers that has ever been sent to the local Church. His first sermon in the beautiful church building made a favorable impression on those who went out to "hear the new preacher." The word had gone out, and when the good man delivered his second Sunday sermon a large congregation greeted him. The people were pleased, the Methodist membership was enthusiastic. And this admiration and love for the man is growing as his splendid qualities as preacher and pastor are brought before the people. He is one of the most forceful preachers; he possesses a strong voice and his remarks carry to all parts of the church. He is a man of strong personality, easily approached and affable; big in brain and heart—Decatur Methodists have substantial reasons indeed for being proud of their leader. Rev. Lehnhoff's family consists of his wife and boy.—Wise County Messenger, Jan. 29.

PERSONALS

Rev. R. C. Armstrong was a pleasant caller this week.

Rev. R. L. McIntyre, of Bertram, called to see us this week.

Revs. S. A. Barnes and C. D. Montgomery called on us and we appreciated the visit.

Rev. E. H. Coburn, our pastor at Richardson, dropped in to see us. He reports everything in fine shape.

We appreciated brotherly visits from Rev. Leonard Rea, of Mt. Vernon, and Rev. O. E. Moreland, of Garland.

Rev. S. C. Riddle, of the Decatur District, was a visitor in the office this week. Brother Riddle is enthusiastic over his work and believes he has the best corps of pastors to co-operate with him in the entire conferences.

NEW BOSTON PARSONAGE DESTROYED BY FIRE.

To the Readers of the Advocate:

On last Friday night we lost our parsonage and contents, located at New Boston, by fire but are glad to say that they were pretty well insured. However, our beloved pastor, Rev. Mark N. Terrell, lost practically all of his belongings which were only partially covered by insurance. Part of his loss was his library and I want to ask every preacher who reads this, or any one else for that matter, to send him just one of your choicest volumes with your compliments. I am writing this without the knowledge of Brother Terrell, but I know that this will be a great help to him if all will respond, will not be missed by anyone and will be highly appreciated by him.

M. E. HARWELL.

CHANGE IN APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. P. S. Wilson has been transferred by Bishop J. H. McCoy from Burge and Diboll charge, Timpson District, Texas Conference, to Lometa charge, Lampasas District, West Texas Conference, and Rev. Chas. Doak from Lometa to Burke and Diboll. This exchange was made on account of Mrs. Wilson's health.

L. B. ELROD, P. E. Timpson District.

Our Church News

In a recent note in this department the types made us say that "more than 250,000 preachers" of the Presbyterian Church in the United States have been placed on the "suspended" roll within the last five years." The error simply slipped by us, as it frequently does in all first-class offices. It should have read "members," instead of "preachers." As a matter of fact, they have only 9536 ministers in the whole Church. The quotation, as now corrected, was made from a reliable exchange, and this department is for the gathering of Church news. We are glad to make the correction, since the percentage of ministers in the Presbyterian Church, who fall out of ranks, is to be rated among the smallest in all our denominations.

The Northern Methodist Church reports 30,404 church buildings, worth \$295,759,871; and the average salary of its pastors is \$969.

The War Relief Fund of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church reached a total of \$75,793.39 by January 7. During the first week in January \$9,450.94 was received.

There are 300,000 Indians in the United States, of whom 195,000 are wholly or partly civilized; 50,000 are Church members, and 55,000 are absolutely pagan.

At the time the negroes were set free from slavery they owned 550 churches and were worth about \$20,000. Now they have 40,000 churches and their wealth is reported to be over \$700,000,000.

The baccalaureate sermon of the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, La., will be preached on Sunday, May 30, 1915, by Rev. H. M. DuBose, D. D., pastor of the First M. E. Church, South, of Atlanta, Ga.

On February 5, Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, our oldest Bishop, rounded out his four score years. For sixty-

two years a Methodist preacher, thirty-two years a Bishop, he deserves the esteem and respect of the great Church he represents.

The South Carolina Conference at its late session paid one hundred and thirty per cent on the claims of superannuates and widows and orphans of preachers. That beats deficits, pro rating, etc. Oh, when will the Church membership every where awake to its full obligations!

Next year will be the centenary of Methodism in Australia. In 1815 the Rev. Samuel Leigh went out from England, the first Methodist minister to emigrate. Today there are in Australia ninety-five Methodist ministers and probationers, and 8636 local preachers. Members of the Church number about 150,000.

In the United States there is one ordained minister to every 594 people; in Africa there is one to every 82,152 people; in Korea there is one to every 123,711 people; in Japan there is one to every 172,538 people; in India there is one to every 467,462 people. There are 1557 principal cities in China unoccupied by missionaries.

The Northern Presbyterian Church sent to the foreign field during the past year 119 new missionaries. The force in the field now consists of 1226 missionaries, 349 ordained native helpers, and 5417 other helpers. There are 728 organized Churches with 133,118 communicants. Appropriations for the current year amount to \$2,293,168.

It is said that a large part of our congregations at Church, prayer-meeting, etc., is composed of women. But it is estimated that three-fourths of all the audiences at theatrical performances and other similar places are women. So can it not be said that while men are not the best they are not the worst of people always?

Bishop E. R. Hendrix is one of the most eminent and loved and revered of American Methodists. He was elected in 1886, and has already served a year longer than Bishop McKendree, and should he live until the next General Conference of our sister Church, in 1918, he will have served as long as Bishop Asbury, or thirty-two years in the episcopal office, having been elected at thirty-nine, the age of Asbury when chosen for that office. He is sixty-seven years young.

The form and character of Churches in the large cities are gradually changing to meet new conditions. Recently the M. E. Church, South, erected a church building in Los Angeles resembling a huge business block, and containing many rooms for offices and dormitory purposes. A statement is now made in the papers that the First Methodist Church in Chicago expects soon to erect a sixteen-story building on the site of the present church, to cost somewhere about \$3,000,000. Stores will occupy the lower floor and business offices above except space needed for Church purposes.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF DOCTOR H. M. HAMIL.

Passed by the Sunday School Institute, Fifth Group at Polytechnic M. E. Church, South, Polytechnic, Texas, for the Fort Worth District of the M. E. Church, South, on the 28th Day of January, A. D. 1915.

Whereas, God in his wisdom did on the 22nd inst. call Doctor H. M. Hamil of Nashville, Tenn., from his labors in this world to that upper and better Kingdom; and,

Whereas, The Church and the world have lost in the person of this great man a true and faithful friend, devoted worker and living example of unselfish devotion and Christian manhood, as well as genuine greatness, and the Sunday School, in particular, one of its strongest, staunchest and most consecrated workers, as is evidenced by these facts:

Doctor Hamil was a Confederate Veteran and was a pioneer in the field of Teacher Training, being the first man in the whole world to be employed by any Church in that field of labor; he was Superintendent of Teacher Training in the Southern Methodist Church for more than sixteen years; a member of the International Lesson Committee for more than twenty years and was at the time of his death President of the International Sunday School Association, in all of which positions he was a persistent, effective and efficient laborer and perhaps possessed the broadest and most complete knowledge of that department of Church work of any man, living or dead, in the entire world. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By this body of Sunday

School workers that we recognize as true the facts stated in the preamble to this resolution and deplore for the Sunday School world, in particular, and for the Church in general, the death of this great Bible scholar, sincere and devoted Christian, lovable and loving child of God; and in this hour of deep sorrow tender to his family and other relatives, and his beloved wife in particular, our tenderest and deepest sympathy. And be it

Resolved further, That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication, as well as to the press of the country in general, because Doctor Hamil was a man of Nation-wide reputation in his particular field of work.

The foregoing resolution was, on motion, unanimously adopted at the time and place above named.

JNO. R. NELSON, EMMETT HIGHTOWER, P. G. DEDMON, ELIZABETH KILPATRICK, C. F. WEBB, and Others.

RESOLUTIONS—JOHNSON-WILLARD PRIZE FIGHT.

Following a statement made by Rev. C. Wesley Webdell, pastor of Trinity Church, South, El Paso, and a stirring speech by Attorney G. L. Jones concerning the contemplated Johnson-Willard fight, the membership of the Church in attendance Sunday morning unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the spirit of the Christian religion is totally adverse to the spirit of the prize ring; and

WHEREAS, such contests are outlawed as criminal, demoralizing and un-American by our own great country, and therefore unworthy of recognition as a wholesome, legitimate sport; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of the prize-ring, which has rendered the world no good service, is entirely subversive of the teachings of the Church, which has proved herself the world's most substantial friend;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by this congregation:

1. That we greatly deplore the undue publicity given to the contest. Such publicity can bring us no permanent good.

2. That we believe in the greatness of our city, and are willing to co-operate with any force that will make her greater, cleaner and better.

3. That we deplore that spirit which seems willing to sacrifice the moral, intellectual and spiritual for the sake of some temporary financial consideration.

4. Finally, we hereby declare our unceasing opposition and emphatic protest against such contests, and respectfully request that our position be made known through those agencies that have given such publicity to the coming prize fight.

El Paso, Texas, January 30, 1915.

We are indeed glad to have the Texas Christian Advocate as our Conference Organ. Will do all I can to put it in every home. J. F. HENDREY, Granite, Okla.

We rejoice to have the Texas Advocate—the best Conference Organ—come to us as our Official Organ. I shall make a thorough canvass and if it is not placed in every Methodist home it will not be this preacher's fault. J. E. MARTIN, Chickasha, Okla.

I am going to make a special pull for the Advocate. It is a great paper that ought to be in every home. W. R. CROCKETT, Lovington, N. M.

The Advocate is indispensable to a Texas Methodist. It is newsy, religious and otherwise. The editorials are forceful and to the point and many of the contributed articles make interesting and edifying reading. T. Z. T. JACKSON, Verdi, Texas.

Congratulations on the continued success of the Advocate. It is a great paper. All Texas ought to be proud of it and it should go into every Methodist home. A fine optimistic spirit abounds among our preachers and people, and we fully expect a great year. S. W. THOMAS, Brenham District.

Rev. Clarence Bounds, of Brinkman, Oklahoma, has added his charge to the 100 per cent roll by enrolling all his stewards as subscribers to the Advocate.

Advocate just to hand. It is a splendid issue. Could you send me, say, half a score copies; should like to send one to some of my old college chums in England. It would divert, for a while, their minds from the awful war. Am doing my best for Ad-

SEVERE RHEUMATIC PAINS DISAPPEAR

Rheumatism depends on an acid in the blood, which affects the muscles and joints, producing inflammation, stiffness and pain. This acid gets into the blood through some defect in the digestive process.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the old-time blood tonic, is very successful in the treatment of rheumatism. It acts directly, with purifying effect, on the blood, and improves the digestion. Don't suffer. Get Hood's today.

I will do all I can for the Advocate. Things are starting off well with us here. We are planning for a meeting in the spring. T. E. BOWMAN, Venus, Texas.

Many in the Mangum District take the Advocate. Others are delighted with its adoption. The Advocate will have a chance in this field. C. F. MITCHELL, Mangum, Okla.

Every home wherein the Advocate is read makes a better Methodist home. The Advocate in our homes speaking to our people through its editorials accomplishes a work that the pastor cannot do, neither can he afford to do without. The Advocate brings the best of results whereunto it is sent, so here goes to help send her. G. G. Smith, Kempner, Texas.

My people at Epworth Church, Oklahoma City, are rejoicing in having the Texas Christian Advocate as their conference organ. As a member of the West Oklahoma Conference, I feel that I have aided in bringing joy to many Methodists in Oklahoma. C. C. BARNHARDT, Epworth Church, Oklahoma City.

I have received the Advocate since the days when Dr. John was the editor. It was a good paper then, but a much better one now. My people are delighted with the paper and I hope to get it in every Methodist home in my charge. THOS. F. BREWER, Wagoner, Okla.

Will make special canvass for the Advocate in the near future. M. L. BUTLER, Ardmore, Okla.

I am certainly glad this conference has adopted the Texas Christian Advocate as its organ. H. L. SHELTON, Marlow, Okla.

We are all pleased with the change in our Advocate and am sure we will get a good list of subscribers. One thing I like with my people, they are paying up with the Western Methodist. G. L. CROW.

WEATHERFORD FIRST CHURCH 100 PER CENT.

These subscribers fill out complete my official board, putting us in the 100 per cent column. W. L. NELMS.

Youthful love is a flame that may soon die down, but love in its aged life is life itself, and as a vehement fire its embers never die till the heart ceases to beat.

SILENT HEROES.

One hundred and twenty-nine years ago, January 5, the Boston Humane Society built its first hut on Lovell's Island near Boston, to succor stranded seamen along the dangerous and desolate coast of Cape Cod. Now there are two thousand silent heroes who for eight months of the year patrol the longest and most dangerous coast in the world. They go out and exchange checks where they rescue the periled and bring back to the life stations checks to show that they have done their work. Never has one of these faithful watchers and rescuers failed to come back without his check—the evidence of his faithfulness to duty, unless halted by a case of distress, and even then his fellow patrol comes on to meet him. There are now 290 on the lake and sea coasts of the United States. It is a matter of record that there are men in the service who have saved as many as 200 lives, and every man has been an actor in one or more of its ten thousand heroic stories. And yet how little is said or heard of these faithful and heroic men who daily expose their lives to danger of the most serious sort that they may save the lives and property of other men. All the heroes have not gone from the face of the earth.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

THE TEXAS MEXICAN MISSION.

By Frank Onderdonk.

The last General Conference ordered all the Mexican work east of the Pecos River organized into a separate mission. It was formally a part of the Border Conference, which, besides the Texas work, included a part of the work along the Mexican side of the Rio Grande.

As some of the Advocate readers may have noticed, I was appointed by Bishop Lambuth as Superintendent of this newly organized work. The first meeting of the mission was held in Austin, and the opinion is about unanimous among the workers that it was the most spiritual and profitable session they had ever attended. Since assuming charge of this work I have thought many times I would drop a few lines to the Advocate, but, honestly, I just have not had the time. Added to the Mexican work, which within itself is large, Dr. Moore has placed under my care all the Bohemian and Italian work in the State. To visit all these places every three months (and sometimes oftener) and attend to the heavy office work occasioned by it, is about as much as I can do. If it were not for "Kitten," who has not forgotten the art of helping the "old man," I don't know what I would do.

We are making headquarters in San Antonio, where house rent is so high that a fellow feels like he might as well buy a place and pay for it by the month and be done with it. I always was afraid of this "driving down a peg" business, for when a man gets new marching orders it becomes hard for him to pull up. As our children are all away at school and I am on the road nearly all the time, Kitten stays by the stuff and attends to the mail, answering such letters as need immediate attention.

The magnitude of this work grows on me more and more. I have never seen the Mexican people so accessible by the Gospel as they are at this time. The field is literally "white unto the harvest." Then one stops to think of there being nearly a half million of these people in Texas, with thousands of them to stay, rearing their children who will soon be voters, it makes him tremble at the possibilities of the future. It's easy enough for some people to dismiss the whole matter by saying that they are just "nasty greasers," and let it go at that. But as sure as that Christ died to save all men, these people are here under the Divine providence, and God is looking to us to care for their souls. There was a time when we prayed for open doors. God opened the doors, but we did not enter; now, seeing our indifference, the Lord is bringing the foreign mission problem to our very doors and forcing it upon us. In spite of this, some are so blind they can not see the hand of God in it all.

These foreigners in our midst can be reached for Christ. One of the troubles with us Americans is that we feel that we are better than any other part of the Lord's created race. We have a way of looking down upon any one who has the appearance of being a "foreigner." I fear that we forget that we all sprang from the stock imported from other shores. If every Christian man and woman were to assume an attitude of loving interest toward these people, and take a live interest in their salvation, it would result in the greatest missionary effort seen in the Church. They are hungry for sympathy and love. They have human hearts like yours and mine, and they respond to the brotherly touch. I find it a luxury to love them and let them know it. The pay I receive is worth more to my burdened heart, than all the priceless jewels of kings.

The trouble is we have not recognized this foreign problem as ours. But God knows that it is. In some places we are perfectly contented to spend multiplied thousands of dollars upon expensive church buildings for ourselves, while in another part of the city the Mexican work struggles in a building which can not command the respect of a self-respecting people. I do not believe that it is our duty to go into a place where we have no congregation of Mexicans and build a church. It is far better to establish a work among them, holding meetings in private houses or in schoolhouses until there is a nucleus of genuinely converted souls who are under the burden of the work. Then the American Church can come to their rescue and assist them in building attractive churches. The Roman Catholics are doing this for the Mexicans, Italians and Bohemians all over the country, and we must do it.

My heart has been cheered by the sympathy shown me by my brethren in many places. Some have written asking me to visit their communities and look into the possibilities of the work. I am doing this as fast as time allows. The brethren in Waco, under the special action of Brother John R. Morris, have actually undertaken the support of the Mexican work. Brother Arroyo, a Mexican local preacher there, who had been giving himself to this work for his people, has been employed and the outlook is promising. They have a good Sunday School and regular preaching services.

In Dallas the Trinity League, under the leadership of that great layman, Gus Thomason, has undertaken work among the Mexicans there. Judge W. S. Maple and Miss Drago, are heart and soul in the work and they find a ready response to the efforts of our workers. The Romanists naturally make a noise and oppose us, but this they do everywhere. We are accustomed to their boldness of opposition.

In Fort Worth Miss Eugenia Smith has been showing special interest in the Mexican people and has rallied them around the Wesley House as a center. Brother Tom Barcus is greatly interested in this work and appeal-

ed to me for counsel and help. A short visit to Fort Worth gave opportunity for a conference on the subject. There is an ex-local Mexican preacher there who has shown himself greatly interested in his countrymen and he has shown every desire to labor among the people. He will be relicensed and appointed to supply the work he may be able to do in connection with his regular duties. We are striving in this work to make it as near apostolic as possible. We want men to seek to save souls because they love them. It is our purpose to press self-support right along with the development of the work.

The Mexican people are in the midst of great hardships at this time, especially in the cotton raising districts. Many of them are in real want, and yet I have never seen more liberal responses to our appeals for financial help. I have not visited all the charges yet, but can say that to date not one has taken a backward step, and most of them have subscribed more for the present year than ever before. Present indications are that this will be a record-breaking year in the amount of money raised.

But what is better still, there is a prospect of great spiritual activity. I believe that this is to be a year of great revivals and a mighty ingathering of souls. The preachers, both American and Mexican, are praying and trusting for great things. It is our plan to have a great revival campaign that will touch the entire mission. What I want is to be able to purchase a tent for this work. It will cost something like a hundred dollars. Our plan is to go to the towns where we expect to work, erect the tent, have seats and a platform put in, get a piano, have good lights and good singing. Miss Wynn, in conjunction with the pastor and the Superintendent, will be busy visiting among the people. She will have charge of the Bible selling and personal workers. There is no reason why we should not see hundreds of Mexicans happily converted this year. We dare trust the Lord for this.

I am not expected to make appeals through the papers for any specials, but I want to say right here that I have no money for buying this tent; but I am ready to accept any gifts that may be sent me for this purpose. We should have it within sixty days if possible. We are already arranging to open up in Del Rio where the field is "white unto the harvest."

I have made reference to Miss Wynn, Bishop Lambuth appointed her to work as missionary at large under the supervision of the Superintendent in Texas. She is doing a great work selling Bibles, Testaments and portions, as well as a great amount of house to house visiting and evangelistic work. The truth is she is about leading us all in the work. She carries great inspiration to the pastoral charges she visits.

O how this work appeals to me! Later on I will try and get time to write more definitely about it. Let our friends pray for the power of God to come upon the workers everywhere. I will have something to say later regarding our work at Thurber, Rosobud, Temple and Bryan, where we are laboring among the Italian and Bohemian peoples.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

By H. L. Gray.

We are glad to be able to announce the assignments of books in the conference course of study to the instructors appointed by their respective conferences. A number of new men have been appointed for this work, but a good percentage of the old corps of instructors will be back with us. We expect from all of them, the new as well as the old, good, thorough work, and we believe it is quite worth while for every undergraduate in Texas to come and take his course at Georgetown.

Later we shall be able to make announcement concerning the post-graduate instructors, and concerning the public lecturers from our own State and from afar. We are confident of being able to maintain the high standard we have attained in this work, and assure our brethren, the preachers of Texas, that time and money will be well spent in coming to share in the good things here provided. There is always a sad thought that comes in the midst of the great lectures we hear and at the end when we have something of an experience meeting and a not merely formal expression of appreciation of the good things bestowed upon us, the thought that there are so many absent ones into whose hearts and lives these inspiring thoughts and moral and spiritual uplift might have come. But ye would not." So it is; the men who know these things to be true and make sacrifices to be here, feel greatly repaid and find mind and heart refreshed and instructed and inspired; to them who have, it is given. And there are those who have not this discernment and are content to stay at home and read no new, great books, and think no further than they thought in childhood, and from them is taken away that which they have, or seem to have even the freshness and power of childhood's faith. Would that all might receive the help of our great Summer School!

Admission on Trial.

Rev. F. A. White, Smithville, Texas, Wesley's Sermons and the Book of Discipline. Rev. G. F. Campbell, Bruceville, Texas, Bank's Manual of Christian Doctrine. Rev. J. Sam Barcus, Bonham, Texas, English Grammar and Rhetoric. Rev. I. F. Betts, Jacksonville, Texas, Swinton's Outlines of World's History.

First Year.

Rev. Rex B. Wilkes, Clarksville, Texas, Kern's Ministry to the Congregation. Rev. E. P. Williams, Cisco, Texas, Angus-

Green's Cyclopedic Handbook of the Bible. Rev. W. K. Strother, Stamford, Texas, Wesley's Sermons—1-126.

Rev. E. W. Potter, Houston, Texas, Tillet's Personal Salvation.

Rev. Geo. M. Boyd, Uvalde, Texas, Purves' Apostolic Age.

Second Year.

Rev. Joe F. Webb, San Angelo, Texas, Sheldon's System of Christian Doctrine.

Rev. Clovis Chappell, Polytechnic Hill, Fort Worth, Texas, Lawrence's How to Conduct a Sunday School, and Atkins' Kingdom in the Cradle.

Rev. T. N. Weeks, Plano, Texas, Wesley's Sermons—27-152.

Rev. A. W. Hall, Vernon, Texas, Angus-Green's Cyclopedic Handbook of the Bible, I-X.

Rev. F. M. Boyles, Marshall, Texas, Bruce's Training of the Twelve.

Third Year.

Rev. A. L. Andrews, Wichita Falls, Texas, Sheldon's System of Christian Doctrine.

Rev. J. A. Ruffner, Santa Anna, Texas, McTyeire's History of Methodism.

Rev. A. L. Moore, Big Spring, Texas, Angus-Green's Cyclopedic Handbook of the Bible, XI-XVI.

Rev. R. P. Shuler, Austin, Tex, Hendrix's "Skilled Labor;" Mott's The Pastor and Modern Missions.

Rev. Glenn Flinn, Longview, Texas, Davis' Elements of Psychology.

Fourth Year.

Rev. H. E. Draper, San Saba, Texas, Davis' Elements of Ethics.

Rev. C. A. Spragins, Greenville, Texas, Fisher's Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief.

Rev. H. B. Smith, Trinity, Texas, Jevon's Elements of Logic.

Rev. M. Phelan, Chillicothe, Texas, Fisher's History of the Christian Church.

Rev. R. W. Nation, Hico, Texas, Tigert's Constitutional History of American Episcopal Methodism.

A NEW PLAN.

Believing that the brethren would appreciate a suggestion that is working in a way that is building the kingdom, and believing in being of service to others who want help along the line of Church activities I am going to tell you of a plan that we are using in this Church that is being blessed of the Lord. It is simply this:

The three committees called for by the new Discipline have been given with the Sunday School the mid-week service. The Committee on Evangelism takes one week, the Social Service Committee one week and the Missionary Committee one week, the Sunday School officers and teachers one week, and the fifth week is left open for any other work that may need particular attention. Now, you ought to see these committees at work. The Committee on Evangelism, headed by Brother Mulkey, takes one week and they have a great meeting; they help the preacher along all lines of evangelism and suggest subjects of vital interest that ought to be preached on. They find out how many have family worship, how many go to Church twice a Sunday, how many are willing to take an active part in the work of the Church, etc. Then the Committee on Social Service, led by Brother Banister, their Chairman, takes a night, and they talk over all the work coming under their particular department—who is out of employment, what about the sick and who are looking after them, what about vice in the city, and many other things. Then here come Prof. Blair, one of the great laymen, with his Committee on Missions and twenty-four men with him plan for this work; addresses, information, a forward movement, every member canvass, etc. Then the Sunday School Superintendent, Brother Weiler, who is a graduate in this work and a great planner takes a week and he, with his officers have a week and take up the work of this department. Not only these committees meet that night, but all the Church is urged to come. You ought to see this great Church at work. Brethren, if you have been troubled with what to do at the mid-week service, try the plan and see if you don't say, "Why didn't we think of this long ago?"

Let the Chairman of each of these committees be absolutely responsible for the service one week out of the month. Instead of a pastor doing it all, sixty on the committees and thirty on the Sunday School force are at work. This plan will work on any circuit or in the small station. Just thought, Mr. Editor, I would give you the plan that is working so well with us. The Church is a believer in activities.

J. W. FORT, Pastor First M. E. Church, Corsicana, Texas.

AN EDUCATION FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AND MONEY, TOO.

There is no easier, more useful, honorable or interesting way of making money open to boys, girls or men than winning the large cash prizes offered by the Texas Industrial Congress for bettering farming and gardening. You learn larger and more profitable crops, finer and more valuable animals, how to enrich yourself, increase the fertility of the soil, and in addition to all this you have the opportunity of winning the large cash prizes. Improved methods of farming remove all fear about the price of cotton. A better and more wholesome living, more independence, leisure and pleasure are assured, independent of the price of cotton. Improved methods mean more time for education, wider knowledge, happier and richer lives as well as richer soils.

The future forebodes low prices for cotton and high prices for all food and feed products, so every family should grow a garden this year. One-tenth of an acre properly worked may easily grow more than one hundred dollars' worth of wholesome vegetables and save heavy expense in both grocery and doctors' bills. Small expense need be incurred. A fence, a few dollars for seed and fertilizer, and a little exercise will give ample returns in vegetables through the summer, a canned supply for the winter and something for sale through the local market of parcel post. A bed six to eight feet wide and twenty to one hundred feet long may be used for a small garden. It should be covered with stable manure or other fertilizers, plowed or spaded to the depth of eight inches, and seed planted in rows twelve or fifteen inches apart. The bed should be leveled and prepared to drain, and a record should be kept of the time of planting and the variety of seed used. In January and February one should plant: spinach, lettuce, onion, radish, carrots, beans, Irish potatoes, English peas, and Early corn. Tomato and cabbage seed should be planted in cold frames, in boxes kept indoors until the frozes are past. A little later beans, black-eyed peas, melons, cantaloupes, squashes, yam potatoes and other tender varieties may be planted.

The Texas Industrial Congress is offering a number of prizes for gardening. It also offers a \$500 prize for the best model four-acre farm, conducted according to certain rules. It also gives prizes for production of forage crops, production of beef and grain crops. These contests are open to all. Other contests, open only to boys and girls under twenty years of age, are for the best production of corn, peanuts, baby beef and hogs. While the home and school garden contests were planned primarily for boys and girls, one class, that for gardens on vacant city lots is open to all. The Henry Exall combination prize contest is open to boys and girls entered in other contests.

Full information as to all these contests, the conditions and prizes to be awarded, will be promptly furnished by the Texas Industrial Congress from its office in Dallas.

E. W. KIRKPATRICK, President Texas Industrial Congress.

FARMERS' PROHIBITION LEAGUE OF TEXAS.

The Farmers' Prohibition League was organized for the purpose of more readily reaching the farmers of Texas in a straight fight against liquor.

Seventy-five per cent of the farmers of Texas are prohibitionists. We propose to drive liquor out of Texas and the Nation before we let up. We ask the co-operation of all ministers of the Gospel, the Churches, all good women and all Temperance Associations. We want one or more organizers in every county in the State to organize local leagues, so that they can be communicated with by sending literature to them and lecturers. We must be in close touch with them at all times. There is a great temperance wave now going over the world. Russia at one fell stroke cleared the demon alcohol out of that nation. In the short space of five months drunkenness, murder, and all sorts of crime, have decreased in a great measure. The prosperity of the people is showing as never before, notwithstanding the cruel war.

Look at the great change in our own country—the business sentiment is against the use of liquor. We will get their co-operation in a way. The railroads have long maintained strict rules in regard to drinking among employees; but do we know that within the last few years practically every great industry has established similar rules?

Take for instance the International Harvester Company, Sherwin-Williams Company, Sheffield Car Works, United States Steel Corporation, Western Electric Company, Pullman Company, Edison Company, Standard Oil Company—where drinking will spell prompt dismissal of any employe—he then asks, "What does it mean? Have our industrial leaders been caught up in the swirl of religious revival? Has a moral wave begun to climb up through the hearts of our captains of industry? Not a bit of it. They are as much interested in the almighty dollar as they ever were, but their eyes have been opened. They see dollars—thousands, millions of them—slipping away, and they are going to stop the leak or know the reason why."

Laboratory tests have proven beyond any question that a man's efficiency is lowered by the use of alcohol. If an office worker takes only so much as one glass of beer daily he decreases his efficiency 7 per cent, according to experiments of Bergman, Mayer and Kiez. West Virginia was made dry by the captains of labor for the reason that when their men got to drinking business stopped; not only did business stop, but the families of the laborers suffered for the necessities of life. So much for the man who drinks.

Another big national business, known as the American navy, has learned that alcoholism efficiency lesson. July 1, 1914, the order went into effect prohibiting the introduction of intoxicating beverages into the ships of the navy, the naval stations, and all points under the jurisdiction of the navy.

It is not commonly known that one of the chief considerations which started Secretary of the Navy, Joseph Daniels, into this action was first revealed by the medical inspector of the United States Navy that there were nearly ten times as many admissions to the hospital for alcoholism in the American Navy as in British Navy, and nearly fifty times as many as in the German Navy. It alcohol was sending so many men to the hospital undoubtedly it was rendering inefficient a still larger number of men who did not get

as far as the hospital. Alcohol in the name of efficiency was banished.

JOHN T. GARNER, President of League Winfield, Texas.

THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM. WHAT DOES IT EXPECT?

By Rev. T. G. Whitten.

Have we not rather an anomalous condition of things when we undertake to make the law of the Church and the practice of our Annual Conferences agree? The Church provides for the appointment of evangelist on the recommendation of the Conference Board of Missions. Men are recommended and appointed. A committee on evangelism is appointed—for what? We have a committee of ten splendid men, made up of laymen and preachers. It is tacitly understood the evangelist's salary is to be paid out of freewill contributions by congregations where he works. But when, where and how is he to work? The pastor goes where he is assigned and plunges into his work, no questions asked. The presiding elder announces his appointments for quarterly meetings. That is regular. The Bishop completes his round of conferences, and if no emergency calls—no churches to dedicate, no commencement sermons to preach—he has current literature and selects the most up-to-date books and broadens his horizon of thought, preaches for the brethren when called upon, his salary is provided for. The editor is appointed editor of our conference organ, and a wise management puts him to work and he is cared for. The Commissioner of Education is appointed to care for our great educational interests and a plethora (?) treasury is ready to meet his demands. By the same Bishop and his counsel, working under the same program of the Church, appoints men to be conference or district evangelists, and he goes home. His Board of Stewards (the Committee on Evangelism) go to their varied fields of labor. They have provided no support, no pastor calls him to their aid in revival meetings. He has a family to support, has no parsonage to save rents. If he undertakes to make a living, by some other method, at the forthcoming conference the presiding elder solemnly regrets to have to say it, "But Brother Blank has become so commercialized that the conference cannot use him," and he moves his location.

What does the Committee on Evangelism, what does the Church expect of men thus appointed? He cannot announce to brethren he will be at their place at such and such a time to conduct a meeting. What shall he do? He cannot (must not) dig; to beg he is ashamed. Then what is he to do? Please let the committee, the presiding elder or the Bishop answer. Dallas, Texas.

Liquor was barred from use on Russian and Japanese warships before it was prohibited on United States vessels.

OUR NATIONAL DISEASE Caused by Coffee

Physicians know that drugs will not correct the evils caused by coffee and that the only remedy is to stop drinking it.

An Arkansas doctor says: "I was a coffee drinker for many years and often thought that I could not do without it, but after years of suffering with our national malady, dyspepsia, I attributed it to the drinking of coffee, and after some thought, determined to use Postum for my morning drink.

"I had the Postum made carefully according to directions on the pkg. and found it just suited my taste.

"At first I used it only for breakfast, but I found myself getting so much better, that I had it at all meals, and I am pleased to say that I have been relieved of indigestion. I gained 19 pounds in 4 months and my general health is greatly improved.

"I must tell you of a young lady in Illinois. She had been in ill health for many years, the vital forces low, with little pain. I wrote her of the good that Postum did me and advised her to try it.

"At the end of the year, she wrote me that she had gained 40 pounds in weight and felt like herself again."

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

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

Instant Postum—is a soluble powder. A teaspoonful dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water, and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. 30c and 50c tins. The cost per cup of both kinds is about the same.

"There's a Reason" for Postum.—sold by Grocers.

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.

AN INTERESTING GIFT.

The Home Department Secretary has been notified of the deed of a certain piece of property in Arkansas to the Woman's Work. It is the purpose of the donor that this property shall be sold and the money invested so as to found a vested fund, the interest of which is to be used for the support of a deaconess to work in penitentiaries. The donor has done much evangelistic work in the penitentiaries and knows the great need of the deaconess work at these centers.

A few weeks previous to the notification of this gift application was made for a deaconess to go to a certain penitentiary where there were sick and dying convicts who had no one to prepare them for death save a convict nurse. In religious things it would seem that demand and supply go hand in hand as they do in nature. There is a large opportunity here for women of deep religious life and experience to be of service.

FRUITS AT WEST VIRGINIA COAL FIELDS.

A Sunday School at Dixon, a little mining town about three miles from Welch, was organized November 22 by our workers. Sixty-seven were enrolled. On November 30 there were eighty-five present, with a collection of \$3.66. These people have had no religious services heretofore—they have no church. The Sunday School is held in an old schoolhouse that is not used for school. The pastor at Kimball has promised two services each month.

SUPPLIES.

My Dear Co-Workers: As you probably know, the General Conference granted the request of the Woman's Missionary Council for organic union. This made a change regarding supplies. There shall be a Bureau of Supplies for the purpose of sending boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the M. E. Church, South. To institutions in both home and foreign fields under direction of the Council; to Missionary Training Schools, and all institutions that are supported by our conference societies.

Now, dear sisters, we are so glad to call your attention to our new drawer in this Bureau—the Foreign Drawer. We appreciate this, since the uniting of the home and foreign societies, we have felt that our department was one-sided. This new plan makes it necessary that each Auxiliary elect a Superintendent of Supplies. She shall superintend the getting up and sending off boxes and other necessary supplies to ministers of our Church, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. Her duty does not stop here. The Superintendent must report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies. This, you see, puts us in vital touch with both home and foreign work.

Now I am expecting by this article to get in touch with the Auxiliaries of North Texas Conference and ask you to be looking out for a woman in your Auxiliary who is interested in supplies, and at your next election of officers elect her to the office of Superintendent of Supplies. Through this article also we are going to insist that each Auxiliary in the North Texas Conference, if able and willing, to send a box to needy preachers, to communicate with me at an early date and I will send you blanks filled out and you can then prepare the box and send it direct to the preacher and report same to me. If you cannot send a box to a preacher, I insist that you send one to some school—Wesley House, Denton Dormitory, Virginia K. Johnson Home, Wesley Chapel and other institutions under the direction of the Council. You will note by this change in our By-Laws that we are not allowed to report through this department supplies sent to Orphanages, nor miscellaneous donations, unless they are supported by a Woman's Missionary Conference. Make your quarterly report to me by the first of January, April, July and October. It is very necessary to send boxes to preachers as early as possible if we hope to render them the best help, so please begin at once to prepare a box and write me for a blank. If Auxiliaries wish to remember occupants of our Superannuate Homes, their widows and children, and cheer them with substantial tokens of love and appreciation, write me and I will furnish you names and size of family in any of these Homes in North Texas Conference. May peace and joy be theirs as well as yours and mine through all the changes of the year. The assurance that we are doing

something for God's "little ones" will bring a warmth and tenderness into our own hearts, realizing that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

May we rejoice that He said: "I was naked and ye clothed me. Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

LULING AUXILIARY.

At the regular business meeting of the Luling Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society, West Texas Conference, the following officers were elected for 1915: President, Mrs. J. W. Gracey; First Vice-President, Mrs. D. F. Webb; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. M. Pierce; Superintendent of Study and Publicity, Mrs. J. E. Fisher; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. Keith; Treasurer, Mrs. Abt. Taylor; Agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. E. L. Taylor.

Our auxiliary is gaining in interest and membership.

SUPERINTENDENTS FOURTH DEPARTMENT, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Please let me hear from you. You meant to send me your name after you were elected, but you forgot it. Please write me at once if you have just been elected to the office of Superintendent of the Fourth Department, or if you were re-elected. Let me hear from you immediately. I want to send literature direct to you. Write me about your work so that I may pass your plans on to others. Help me to get a complete mailing list early in the year by sending me your name.

MRS. J. B. SMITH, Sagerton, Texas.

MERKEL.

The Merkel Auxiliary met in regular business session and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. H. C. Williams; First Vice-President, Mrs. G. H. Adams; Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. D. Mims; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. L. Harris; Recording Secretary, Mrs. William Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. N. D. Cobb; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. H. C. Burroughs; Superintendent Publicity, Mrs. R. A. Martin; Superintendent Mission Study, Mrs. M. Armstrong; Agent Voice, Mrs. T. L. Grimes.

We also have a Parliamentarian, Local Treasurer and Director of Music. A spirit of helpfulness and earnestness is noticeable since Sister Bloodworth's visit to us. The new pastor, Brother Garvin, and his good wife have taken hold of the work and already occupy a warm place in our hearts. We are hoping to be of more use to the Master this year. Though only a small earthly vessel we would be clean and empty, that He may use us to water his thirsty fields.

CENTRAL AVENUE M. E. CHURCH, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO.

Central Avenue M. E. Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico, observed their week of prayer December 28, 29 and 30. The pastor, Rev. T. L. Lallance, led the services each day. The Sunday School room, where they were held, was attractively hung with missionary posters and pictures of some of our great school.

On Monday the leader reviewed the past history of our Missionary Society and just touched on the different phases of the work. Tuesday he took up the Home Department's varied work and Wednesday the work of the Foreign Department. These talks, by a leader with a thorough knowledge of the work, together with the questions asked and the discussion sometimes evoked, made interesting, uplifting meetings.

The week was finished with the services Sunday night in charge of the Woman's Mission Society, led by the retiring President, Mrs. Wilson, who gave a fine review of our local society's work and aims. Mr. Lallance gave one of his strong missionary talks and the presiding elder, Mr. Givan, gave the charge, after which the officers for the new year were impressively installed. The evening offering was for Vashi.

Officers for 1915: President, Mrs. T. L. Lallance; First Vice-President, Mrs. T. M. Morris; Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. C. Thaxton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. I. P. Bacon; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Braher; Superintendent Study and Publicity, Mrs. L. R. Goehrin; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. G. V. Mackey; Superintendent Supplies, Mrs. H. R. McKay; Agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. F. Brown.

MRS. W. C. THAXTON, Recording Secretary, 1914.

AUXILIARIES, NOTICE.

Auxiliaries will please send names of their delegates to the annual meeting to be held in Sherman February 1-5 to Mrs. F. C. Vaden, W. Laurel Street, Sherman, Texas.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council will be held April 14-22 at First Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. The change of place for holding the meeting is due to the financial stringency of the times. The Pacific Conference Society generously concurs in the selection of a more central location for this reason.

ANNUAL MEETING W. M. S. WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. Chas. L. Canter, Okla. Home, Publicity Superintendent.

The fourth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the West Oklahoma Conference, M. E. Church, South, convened at Altus January 12-15. A large and interesting delegation of women were in attendance, including a number of visiting women. There were also a goodly number of pastors present. The recital given by Mrs. C. E. Hall on Tuesday evening, the very cordial words of welcome extended by Mrs. T. M. Robinson, the most delightful reception at the home of Mrs. C. C. Hightower, the delicious noon lunches at the church, also the most generous hospitality of the people of Altus, proved their ability in making this one of the most delightful meetings in the history of the conference.

The President's message was most excellent

and her presence, as usual, was an inspiration to those present.

The reports given show an increase in the number of auxiliaries and membership. The officers reported the greatest number of Adult, Young People and Junior Societies observing the Week of Prayer, and the offering larger than ever before. Mission Study Classes and numbers taking the courses also show an increase. In speaking of the work in general, Mrs. C. S. Bobo, Corresponding Secretary, said: "This has been a testing time, and it has proven pure gold." Two volunteers for service were reported from the Young People's Department.

The special visitors were Bishop Mounzon, who delivered two most excellent sermons to large and appreciative audiences; Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, of Nashville, Home Base Secretary of Woman's Missionary Council, who had charge of the Worker's Conference and was a great source of inspiration to all who heard her.

The Young People's service, "A Missionary Spectacular," under the direction of Mrs. R. E. L. Morgan, First Vice-President, given by some forty or fifty young people, deserves special mention. The children's service conducted by Mrs. G. R. Wright, Second Vice-President, and participated in by a great host of juniors, was also most interesting.

The Publicity Exhibit was very helpful. This, with the report from this department, proved that our officers, if watered had given faithful and efficient service. The women of the conference were advised to learn that Mrs. W. F. Whittington, who for years has been Treasurer of the Foreign Department, was in the hospital critically ill. We are praying for her recovery.

The conference will meet next year at Norman. The list of officers is as follows: President, Mrs. R. M. Campbell, Oklahoma City; First Vice-President, Mrs. R. E. L. Morgan, Mangum; Second Vice-President, Mrs. G. R. Wright, Headrick; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. S. Bobo, Norman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. A. Cherry; Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Rains, Paris Valley; Superintendent of Study and Publicity, Mrs. L. C. Carter, Okla. City; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. E. E. Phillips, Oklahoma City; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. Guy T. Horton, Altus. The District Secretaries are: Ardmore District, Mrs. W. A. Frost, Wynnewood; Chickasha District, Mrs. Jerome Stone, Chickasha; Clinton District, Mrs. A. Y. F. Lee, Cordell; and Lawton District, Mrs. Helin, Lawton; Mangum District, Mrs. N. H. Dotson, Mangum; Oklahoma City District, Mrs. G. W. Sparks, Oklahoma City.

A new era has dawned in our missionary work. The two phases of missions are inseparable and we are combined as one department. This year, 1915, one body of women are to be united. We are to be united in every auxiliary to organize Mission Study and Bible Study Classes, now in the very beginning of the year. If the work of this office is new to you, write me at once and I'll be glad to send you full explanation of this great work. I am depending upon you to attend the Church's year-long Auxiliary Publicity Superintendents for a list of the new officers. Please send them in at once so I can mail to you the necessary information, literature and so forth. Do it now.

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. L. Canter, Okla. Home, Publicity Superintendent.

Received for dues \$14.00
Received for conference fund .25
Received for pledge .100
Total \$15.25
Which was forwarded to Mrs. R. G. Mood. Our prayer is that the Lord will help our band of thirty-four to do more this year than ever before and abundantly bless all who are striving in our Master's vineyard.

MRS. BESSIE STRICKLAND, Corresponding Secretary.

DIAMOND HILL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

On Monday, January 11, 1915, the Missionary Society of the Diamond Hill Methodist Church, Fort Worth, met in the church for their regular business meeting. New officers for the coming year were elected. There was a good attendance of the members and a very interesting program.

The following are our new officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. F. W. Averitt; First Vice-President, Mrs. C. E. Simpson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. R. Hayes; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Walker; Corresponding Secretary and Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. O. J. Helm; Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. Maclin; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. J. M. Donald.

Our society is striving to do more this year than any previous year. Rev. C. E. Simpson and wife have taken hold of the office of the Church's year-long Auxiliary Publicity Superintendent. The Society is sharing in the outpouring of the Spirit. Great changes are going to take place in every department of our Church this year and our Missionary Society under our able President, Mrs. F. W. Averitt, is going to do its part.

MRS. N. COX, Publicity Superintendent.

FIRST CHURCH, SAN ANGELO, AUXILIARY.

The annual meeting for installation of officers and planning for the new year's work of the Woman's Missionary Society of First Church, San Angelo, has been held. Mrs. A. M. Hicks, District Secretary, presiding. The society has one hundred members and is divided into seven circles, which meet every Thursday afternoon. This plan was adopted several years ago and has proved to be a great success.

The reports for the past year were very gratifying. The society raised for all purposes \$1129.22. Of this amount \$867.15 was sent to the Conference Treasurer for Connectional work. Is there another society in Texas that has done so well? The amount sent locally was \$249.95. In addition to these amounts over \$450 was contributed by the members of local charity, this money not passing through the Treasurer's hands. All of the money reported above was raised by the voluntary contributions of the members of the society. Some years ago the society adopted this plan and from the day of its adoption no suppers, teas, or any of the usual means of raising money have been used. The membership is educated to give and the response is generous.

All departments of the work are kept up. The Bible study and mission study courses are kept up. The Bible study and mission study courses are used in all the circles and once each month the whole society meets at the Church. It has been suggested by some that this society is made up of wealthy women. This is not so. We have but few who could be counted as wealthy, and most of the members are poor families. The members have studied the question of giving and each one tries to contribute as the "Lord hath prospered" her.

The new officers installed and at work for another year of success are: President, Mrs. W. Hill; First Vice-President, Mrs. C. A. Brown; Second Vice-President, Mrs. F. T. Pickett; Superintendent of Study and Publicity, Mrs. F. B. Buchanan; Superintendent of Local Work and Social Service, Mrs. Boyd Cornick; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. O. Perry; Treasurer, Mrs. Theo. Herring; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Cobb; Agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. Griffin. Liberal pledges for the year's work have been made and we look forward to a year of growth and great activity.

MRS. F. B. BUCHANAN, Superintendent of Study and Publicity

LONE OAK AUXILIARY.

The Lone Oak Auxiliary, Greenville District, has elected officers for the ensuing year, which are as follows: President, Mrs. Ruth Couch; First Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. McCrumb; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Lula Hunt; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bessie Strickland; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mattie Williams; Treasurer, Miss Mae Oma Stilwell; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Coppedge; Superintendent of Mission Study and Prayer Circle, Miss Dessie Vice; Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. Adda Elliott; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. Lula Beard.

Installation services were held at the home of Mrs. T. P. Stilwell, conducted by our pastor, Brother I. E. Thomas.

The following program was rendered: Opened with song. Scripture reading by pastor, together with Mrs. Southall and Mrs. Beard. Season of prayer closed by all repeating Lord's Prayer.

The following papers were then read: The Woman's Missionary Society, Its Organ and Growth, by Mrs. Lula Hunt.

The Surrendered Life, by Mrs. Adda Elliott. Intercessory Prayer, by Mrs. Lula Beard. The Revival, by Miss Dessie Vice. Just Suppose, read by seven ladies.

Paul's First Missionary Journey—Mrs. Ruth Couch.

A short talk was made by the pastor, which was very encouraging to the members. Officers were installed and pledged themselves to do all they could to fulfill their office.

Mrs. Southall who is going to move to Greenville, was given a miscellaneous shower. Gifts were presented by Mrs. T. P. Stilwell in a very appropriate way. Each member regrets very much to give Mrs. Southall up. We feel sure she will be a help to the society to which she will join.

A two-course lunch was then served by the hostess. Our installation service was then closed by singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

What a blessing it is to each of us to meet each Monday to do the Lord's work. We only wish we could meet together more and sing God's praises and ask our Heavenly Father to help us to lend a helping hand to others. The Week of Prayer was observed by our society and great interest was taken by all of our members and several visitors from other denominations. We have a mission study class which has been studying "Mexico Today." Much interest was taken. I am sending in our report for 1914.

Collected for Adult dues \$34.25
Conference expense 1.90
Conference pledge 8.80
Week of Prayer offering 8.10
Cash expended on parsonage 69.20
Cash expended locally 66.35
Cash expended on church 42.25

Grand total \$230.85

Foreign Department—

Received for dues \$14.00

Received for conference fund .25

Received for pledge .100

Total \$15.25

Which was forwarded to Mrs. R. G. Mood.

Our prayer is that the Lord will help our band of thirty-four to do more this year than ever before and abundantly bless all who are striving in our Master's vineyard.

MRS. BESSIE STRICKLAND, Corresponding Secretary.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF GRACE CHURCH, DALLAS.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Grace Methodist Church, South, Dallas, Texas, held an all-day meeting at the Church January 18, at which time the officers recently elected were installed.

An interesting program was given and matters of interest to the society were discussed.

Pledges were made for the ensuing year. A social time was enjoyed, each lady bringing her fancy work.

Our newly elected officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Frank Gilbert; First Vice-President, Mrs. P. Gillespie; Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. M. Smedley; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frank Marshall; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Foster Patterson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. K. Parker; Superintendent Study and Publicity, Mrs. R. W. Baird; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. W. T. Henry; Superintendent Supplies, Mrs. A. Walker; Press Reporter, Mrs. H. H. Jacoby; Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. Prator; Bible Leader, Mrs. A. T. Knauer.

Our Society feels proud of the fact that all obligations were met in full for 1914.

MRS. W. T. SHERMAN, Press Reporter.

EL CAMPO AUXILIARY.

At a special business meeting held in December the El Campo Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. F. M. Deaver; First Vice-President, Mrs. H. J. Heffer; Second Vice-President, Mrs. S. E. Bates; Superintendent of Study and Publicity, Mrs. F. T. Earl; Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. R. F. Constock; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Smith; Recording Secretary, Mrs. N. I. Sunwall; Treasurer, Miss Dovie Deaver; Agent of the Missionary Voice, Mrs. H. D. Clark. MRS. EDWIN F. EARL, Superintendent Publicity.

GORMAN AUXILIARY.

At the last business meeting for the year 1914 the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. E. W. Kimble; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. I. E. Walker, Sr.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Frank Morrow; Treasurer, Mrs. H. K. Denton; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Mullines; Superintendent of Study and Publicity, Mrs. Marion H. Smith; Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. John G. Pollard; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. T. I. Halev.

We hope soon to have our Vice-Presidents in office and their work, which is so vital, in operation.

We feel that we have cause for great rejoicing. Despite the financial strain to which our little city has been subjected the women

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A Woman's Appeal

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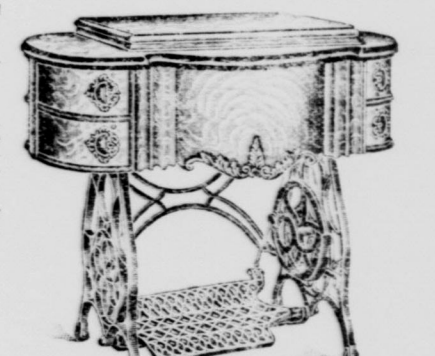
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THE PASSING DAY

THE WAR.

Heavy fighting has been resumed along the Warsaw front in Poland, within the past week. The new German attack has led to some fierce combats in the East, in fact the most strenuous since the war began. Russia's battle line on which she is fighting alone is 1500 miles long. The line extends from Tilsit far in the North of East Prussia to Tabroz in Persia. Only that portion on Roumania is free of menace.

An official statement from Petrograd admits that the Germans succeeded in carrying Russian trenches in the region of Sochaczew and Bolimow, near the Vistula and about thirty miles west of Warsaw, but states that the German successes were of small importance compared with the losses they sustained which are described as enormous. On one front less than a mile long, more than six thousand Germans are said to have been killed in a week. The Russians charged the captured trenches with bayonets and Petrograd reports that they succeeded in winning back a large part of them.

In France and Belgium there has been little fighting during the past week.

From London comes word that Austria-Hungary wants peace. The dispatch states that when Baron Burian, the Austro Foreign Minister, was in Germany recently he suggested to the Kaiser that the dual monarchy was on the verge of collapse and that it would be wiser to give in, relinquishing certain territory now, than to wait for a catastrophe, which would disintegrate the only ally of Germany and mean, eventually, the complete and crushing defeat of the Teutons.

According to the dispatch, Baron Burian informed the Kaiser that Russia must be stopped at any cost in her advance upon Budapest. If Russia is not checked, it is declared the Baron told the Kaiser, the Slav invasion means the complete and almost immediate downfall of Austria-Hungary.

The German statesmen conceded that the suggestions of the Baron were excellent, but maintained that to make overtures for peace would be disastrous to their cause. Disarmament of Europe, they declared, would mean England's complete dominance over every Continental country. It would be madness to take any steps, they held, revealing a disposition to end the war.

The Zeppelin raids overhead and the submarine raids below have proved very annoying as well as disastrous to Great Britain, especially the submarine attacks. The appearance of one or more of these terrific under sea fighters appeared in the Irish sea off Fleetwood last week and three British vessels were sent to the bottom.

This raid on commerce, combined with the German activities in the English Channel, lead to the belief here that Germany is attempting to carry out Admiral von Tirpitz' threat to prey on all shipping entering British harbors by means of submarines. The presence of one of the craft so near to Liverpool, however, is especially disconcerting, since that port is one of the few open ports remaining in Britain, most of the others being under control of the Admiralty and given over largely to naval uses. As a result a great portion of Britain's imports are received by way of the Mersey, and any serious bottling of the harbor, or unchecked activity of hostile underwater craft might, conceivably, have a devastating effect on over seas commerce.

The recent announcement of P. W. A. Van der Linden, premier of the Netherlands, in the Dutch Parliament, that "We must maintain under the colors our entire army, for at any moment incidents are possible which may render it necessary for us to make an appeal to arms," has directed much attention to the activities of the Germans at Antwerp.

Ever since the fall of Antwerp, October 9, there have been reports that this great Belgian port has been fitted up as a German submarine naval base. Further, it was reported that many of these craft had been shipped by rail to Antwerp and that they were being put into commission and launched in the river Scheldt.

Holland has for centuries maintained that the entrance of the Scheldt was Dutch territory, and its use by naval craft in times of war would be an invasion of its neutrality. For home defense and the protection of its East Indian possessions the Hollanders maintain a navy of ten battleships and four cruisers. The two newest

battleships carry 11-inch guns.

In case of war Holland has ready for immediate use a force of about 200,000, as the government proceeded to put the army on a war footing as soon as hostilities opened last August. Under normal conditions the Dutch field army is approximately 125,000 men with 152 Krupp guns. This strength has been gradually increased and is being maintained.

Where will it end? Italy is yet hesitating on the brink. She does not know whether it best to jump in or stay out. Complication follows complication.

The little matter of the Dacia and the right of Uncle Sam to purchase ships of belligerent nations is causing some deep, deep thought. Notes and counter notes are carefully read and re-read. The situation is one that requires the best diplomacy to handle. It's a man's work to keep intact the bonds of fraternity between Uncle Sam and Bro. John Bull.

Though awarded a medal by Congress for saluting the first American flag on Cuban soil after the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, Captain Frank H. Ainsworth, Inspector of Immigration at San Francisco, has received notice of dismissal. The order was based on charges preferred a year ago in which Ainsworth was accused of improper action in excluding and admitting aliens. Ainsworth has since been serving the United States in an ensign.

The \$135,000,000 cotton pool expired Saturday and not an application for loan was made through the Texas committee. The time for obtaining loans from the pool was fixed at February 1, but as the last of the month fell on Sunday, Saturday was the last opportunity offered to the borrower.

Many Texas farmers believe the pool has a sort of psychological usefulness in that it stimulated the farmer to hold his cotton, showing that the bankers of the country had confidence in the value of the staple and were willing to back this confidence with hard cash.

The new \$3,000,000 steamship, Great Northern, sailed from Philadelphia last week, on a voyage through Panama Canal to San Francisco. The steamer carried 500 passengers. The Great Northern is possibly the first vessel with passengers aboard to pass through the canal. The trip through the canal will be made in daylight, with stops at Colon, Balboa, San Diego and Los Angeles. The approximate distance of the cruise is 5205 miles, and it will require sixteen days.

Addressing the Young Men's Christian Association at Washington last week President Wilson said: "I have long ago received with amiability, I hope, the professions of all sorts and conditions of men, but after I have heard their professions I wait patiently to see their performances, and do not pass judgment until that performance. If a man wishes me to consider him loyal, for example, I must really trouble him to show his quality when he is put to the test; and if he can not show his quality when put to test I may not say anything the next time he comes around and professes his loyalty, but I will do a lot of thinking. I wonder within my own head if he really thinks that he does not deceive me, really thinks I am as innocent as I look. That is the rigid and stern standard to which we hold each other, whether we realize it or not. You know the slang expression, 'He is a bad actor.' You are not speaking of the stage. You mean he does not do what he says; and the minute you find he does not do what he says, then it is all up so far as your trustfulness and admiration and willing dealings with him are concerned."

A story of six days spent by fourteen men and two women, in the after deckhouse of their half-submerged vessel, while food and water ran short, was told in a letter received in New Orleans from a member of the crew of the American bark, Ethel W. Boynton, which foundered off the Cuban coast January 12. Captain Gustav Waldemar, his wife and daughter and the twelve members of the crew were rescued January 18, just before the ship broke up, the letter said.

A far-reaching plan to connect the lobbies man with the manless job through the medium of organizations maintained by railroads is being considered by Secretary of Labor Wilson and other advisers of President Wilson on the unemployment problem. The proposed plan is the enactment of national legislation permitting railroads to transport unemployed persons free of charge to places where they can obtain work. The creation of labor exchanges to which the railroads will transport unemployed persons for work with their station agents. The payment of seasonal laborers in the locality where the work is performed instead of in the large cities at the close of the season.

The steamer Dacia sailed from Galveston Sunday. The Hamburg-American liner, now under American registry, has figured in diplomatic negotiations for many days. It is thought Great Britain will not fail to capture the steamer and then there will be some more diplomatic negotiations.

A special committee appointed by the Board of Estimates of New York to investigate that city's treatment of victims of the drug habit, reported today that the attempt to cure cases sent to hospitals has been a failure. Victims were committed to hospitals for such short periods that no good results were accomplished, the committee reported. Changes in the law permitting the imposition of longer sentences by the courts were proposed. Ernest K. Coulter, who said he appeared for Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, asserted the treatment was a "hideous farce."

A huge sixteen-inch gun, the biggest single piece of ordnance in the world, is on its way to the United States arsenal at Watertown, Massachusetts, where it will be mounted on a paratory to shipment to the Panama Canal for zone defenses. The gun, which weighs 284,800 pounds, had to be shipped on a specially constructed steel bridge car, which alone tips the scale at 192,420 and which required a carriage of thirty-two wheels.

President Wilson and employees at the White House and all the Supreme Court Justices last Friday wore carnations in honor of the seventy-second birthday anniversary of the late President William McKinley.

Wilhelmina Helena Pauline Maria is the only reigning Queen in Europe. She was born

August 31, 1880, and succeeded her father, the late King Willem III, November 23, 1890. She became queen August 31, 1898, and was crowned September 7, 1901. She has one daughter, Princess Juliana Louise Emma Marie Wilhelmina, born April 30, 1909. The birth of the princess in 1909 was the occasion of great rejoicing in the Netherlands. According to ancient customs heralds were sent through the capital and other cities of the country announcing the fact that the House of Orange would live. The fact that no children had been born to the royal family since the marriage in 1901 had been a source of much disappointment to the Queen's subjects, and the coming of the princess was celebrated with a great national festival.

A ship loaded with food for famine threatened people of Palestine and Serbia will be dispatched from the United States soon by the provisional Zionist committee. It was announced that assurances of safe conduct for the vessel had been given the State Department by the British, French, and Turkish governments.

Drafted by a committee representing 20,000 members of the International Congress of Farm Women, a bill was introduced last week in the House to create a farm women's bureau in the Department of Agriculture to solve the domestic problems of country life.

The Supreme Court at Washington has denied Leon M. Franks habeas corpus appeal for oral argument to February 29 on joint request of counsel for Franks and the State of Georgia.

John Mitchell, former President of the United Mine Workers of America, and now a member of the State Workmen's Compensation Commission, told the Federal Industrial Relations Commission Monday that the Rockefeller plan of settling labor troubles in Colorado was "simply absurd." "No good can come out of such a plan," said he. "The unorganized men can be depended upon to select to represent them men whom the bosses want. They may not be directly influenced in so doing, but there will be an indirect influence which they can not resist."

Indications now point to the South retaining its "seat in the saddle" in the House of Representatives at Washington, so far as the Democratic organization for next Congress is concerned. Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina, it is believed, will be chosen by acclamation to succeed Majority Leader Underwood as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee when the Democrats elected to the next Congress hold a caucus.

The United States Supreme Court has interpreted the White Slave Act as authorizing the indictment of a woman, transported in violation of law as a conspirator with the persons who caused her transportation. The court's opinion was announced by Justice Holmes, Justices Lamar and Day dissenting.

In the Indiana Legislature a bill making mandatory the appointment of policemen in cities of the first, second, third and fourth classes, has been introduced. The bill provides that in every such city one woman shall be appointed to the police force for every twenty men on the force for every twenty appointed hereafter. The same restrictions which apply to the appointment of policemen shall apply to the appointment of policemen. The duties of the policemen are to be similar to the duties of policemen with the exception that they shall be required to serve subpoenas. The bill stipulates that they shall pay particular attention to women offenders.

The "Let Texas Feed Itself" Campaign was put in motion Tuesday, when the flying squadrons started out of Fort Worth and Dallas for a whirlwind campaign which will cover a hundred towns in Central and East Texas in three days. The final touches to the Dallas end of the enterprise were made at a luncheon at the Hotel Southland. This luncheon took on the nature of a school of instruction for the evangelists who will preach the propaganda of "Let Texas Feed Itself."

Eleven thousand dollars' worth of radium bromide, refined from Colorado by the new simplified process worked out by the Federal Bureau of Mines laboratory at Denver, was formally turned over by the government to Dr. Howard S. Kelly, of Baltimore, for use by the National Radium Institute in treatment of cancer cure. The event was celebrated at a luncheon at the bureau of mines, at which Secretary Lane, of the Interior Department, made a speech congratulating the government on what had been accomplished and expressing the hope that proof of the government's ability to refine radium by its own process, independent of the closely guarded European methods, would cause Congress to enact the radium conservation bill.

Formal announcement of postponement of the opening ceremonies at the Panama Canal from March until some time in July was made Saturday by Secretary Daniels after a Cabinet meeting. In July the Atlantic fleet will pass through the canal and all the other ceremonies planned for President Wilson's attendance in March will be carried out. The reason of Governor Goethals' of California for the postponement. It was announced definitely that President Wilson expects to go to the San Francisco Exposition in March, despite the postponement of the opening of the canal, and will make a special trip to Panama in July.

Administration officials Saturday issued disclaimers to charges Representative Hobson of Alabama, that as the price of peace with Japan, the United States had prepared specifically to abandon the Philippines. His suggestion that this Nation ought to "get from under" a case of hostilities with Japan or any other Power was condemned.

Eli Rodish, a Serbian steel worker at Gary, Ind., has been sent to the State Asylum for the Insane by a sanity commission. Rodish has been wandering about the streets armed with sabers, revolvers, and rifles, singing the Serbian national hymn. He told the police he wanted to go to war.

There is probability that the Sheppard National prohibition resolution will not be reported by the Senate Committee on Judiciary during this session of Congress. Senator Culberson said there was no disposition among the members to report any legislation that would interfere with the Administration's executive program for the remainder of the short session.

More than 100,000 persons have been added to the list of postal savings bank depositors since the European war began, increasing the total deposits of the system at the rate of nearly \$3,000,000 a month. Officials think this means that thousands of foreigners

working in this country are holding on to their earnings instead of sending money or orders to their native lands as in times past. Figures made public by the Postoffice Department showed that the total amount on deposit with postal savings banks on December 31 was \$59,200,000 to the credit of 497,000 persons.

The State Department has begun an investigation into the shooting Friday by Villa soldiers, who are on the Mexican side of the border, of an American soldier lying in his tent on the United States side. His name was William D. Warrick. He came from North Carolina. A bullet pierced his heart and death was instantaneous.

Miss Nona McAloo, daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury, sailed from New York Saturday on the Lusitania for France. She will become a Red Cross nurse.

Col. and Mrs. E. M. House were passengers on the Lusitania Saturday. Colonel House is understood to be charged with a special mission by the President to sound official opinion in London on the ship purchase bill but he refuses to say anything about his trip other than that it was in the nature of a vacation.

Duval West, an attorney of San Antonio, has been tendered the detail by the administration to go to Mexico as special envoy of the Government, and in the absence of an official announcement, it is understood, that he will succeed much to the same duties that devolved upon John Lind, of Minnesota, who was sent to the war-torn country last year. The administration is anxious to obtain first-hand information that will assist it in helping Mexico toward a peaceful settlement of her difficulties and desires to appoint to some one well in touch with the country and familiar with the temperament of the people.

The Austrian Government has decided to organize a grain monopoly on similar lines to that established by Germany. The Austrian Minister of Agriculture has announced that the army has procured supplies of grain sufficient to last until the end of August. Owing to the quantities of barley and maize now being taken for breadstuffs, according to advices from Vienna, there is a serious shortage in the supply of fodder. Virtually no grain is being offered on the markets in Vienna, Budapest or Prague.

Twenty-seven persons were sentenced at St. Louis to heavy fines or imprisonment, or both, for violation of the law imposing a tax on colored oleomargarine. Of the twenty-seven, eight had been convicted by jury and nineteen had pleaded guilty. The imposing of sentence was the culmination of an extensive investigation of illegal violations of the oleomargarine laws.

Leaders of the administration in conference with President Wilson decided that there was no immediate need for legislative action to increase the Government's revenue. Secretary McAloo of the Treasury, announced that it had been agreed that at the end of the fiscal year the Government would better know the effects of the European war and what, if anything, is necessary to be done. Mr. McAloo declared that he will stand by his estimate of the Government's revenue for the fiscal year ending next June, which, compared with the estimate of expenditures, would leave a deficit of \$10,000,000.

A movement directed against the Carranza and Villa elements in Mexico has been launched by the Cientificos party, which supported Diaz and the Huerta regime, according to authentic information received. The new movement is said to have received the adherence of men formerly wealthy landowners. Further, it was declared that a purported meeting of prominent Mexicans, set for February 3 at San Antonio, Texas, was expected to advance a new plan of government which would oppose both the Carranzistas and the Conventionistas. Federico Gomez, a former Cabinet Minister under President Huerta, and once Ambassador to the Washington Government, was reported as having been elected for the position of Provisional President.

Another international problem incident to the war was thrust upon the United States Tuesday by the action of Werner Van Horn, who, operating on the Canadian side of the border, demolished the railway bridge over the St. Crispin River and then escaped into the State of Maine at Vanceboro. A few hours later in a room at a hotel in Vanceboro Van Horn quietly exhibited to arrest, but immediately proclaimed himself an officer of the German army and set on the claim that he had committed an act of war, and, being a neutral country, could not be legally surrendered to an enemy of the Fatherland. The Canadian authorities, however, at once instituted proceedings to obtain Van Horn's extradition on a charge of destruction of railroad property.

Oscar Wells, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of the Eleventh District at Dallas, on Tuesday resigned as director and governor of the bank to accept the presidency of the First National Bank at Birmingham, Ala. The resignation was accepted by the board of directors and the position occupied by Mr. Wells was tendered E. O. Tenison, chairman of the board and Federal reserve agent. Mr. Tenison asked the board for sufficient length of time to take the matter under advisement.

General Bennett H. Young, Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, has fixed the dates of the 1915 reunion as June 1, 2 and 3. The reunion will be held at Richmond, Va.

United States Senator Sheppard, because of his effort to secure prohibition in the District of Columbia, has received an anonymous letter threatening his life. "Friend Sheppard,

your days are numbered," says the letter. "You will pay with your life for your prohibition fight. The people of this district will not put up with your despotism and I am willing to go to the electric chair for the satisfaction of killing a devil like you. You cannot deprive people of their rights, and expect to live, so make your peace with God and right soon." Senator Sheppard said he would turn the letter over to the police and postal authorities with a view to discovering the writer. He does not take the threat seriously.

The cruiser Tennessee arrived at Alexandria, Egypt, Saturday with 1000 refugees from Jaffa, on the Syrian Coast, and reported to the Navy Department. The cruiser North Carolina remained at Beirut to guard American interests.

Henry W. Putnam, 90, philanthropist and inventor of barbed wire and horseshoe nail, died Saturday at San Diego, California. He was one of the wealthiest men in Southern California. He was one of the chief builders of the Brooklyn, N. Y., elevated system. A son, Henry W. Putnam, resides in New York.

Four members of the Texas delegation will vote not to pass the immigration bill over the President's veto, but the indications are others of the delegation who supported the bill on final passage will do so. Representatives Garner, Burgess, Eubank and Hardy voted against the bill, and will vote "No" when the veto test comes. Several members of the Oklahoma delegation will vote to pass the bill.

A bread famine in the United States is almost an economic impossibility, even though increased exports of wheat to Europe seem to threaten our domestic supply. This was the declaration of Dr. I. M. Estabrook, statistician of the Department of Agriculture. Dr. Estabrook asserted that future orders of American millers and bankers, which are being placed constantly throughout the year, will insure for the United States an adequate supply of flour, even though exports of American grain send wheat prices up to the fabled \$2 a bushel mark. "We have figured out," he said, "that the United States normally has between 250,000,000 and 300,000,000 bushels of wheat for export. The bumper wheat crop of the United States, which was practically 900,000,000, has had the effect of slightly raising this export maximum, thereby allowing the United States to export a larger amount than usual."

The world has taken a long step forward when all of the rulers at war deny responsibility for beginning hostilities, declared Secretary Bryan last week, addressing the North Carolina Legislature. He declared the so-called "Bryan Peace Treaties" were a sure cure for war. He said he could not reconcile the situation in Europe with statements that preparedness was the best remedy for prevention of war. The Secretary declared the initiative and referendum were fundamental principles of Democracy. He advocated recall of all officials. Woman suffrage, he declared, was sure to come.

What prices soared again this week at Chicago. The May delivery touched \$1.50, the top figure to which the market went in the famous deal by James A. Patten in 1909. Extraordinary rises in quotations at Liverpool excited wheat traders. C. H. Calkins, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, said the Liverpool prices were probably due to an advance in war risk insurance and to fear that submarine attacks would hinder the arrival of British supplies, and make shipments from other countries to Great Britain more difficult.

Taking the view that the home rule bill gives the city the right to regulate the so-called jitney cars in operation in many of the cities of the State, the House Judiciary Committee killed the jitney bill introduced by Representative Mendell, of Travis County. A number of lawyers and jitney owners were in Austin to appear against the bill, but it was necessary for them to be heard.

Great Britain has notified the United States, though not officially, that foodstuffs of any kind destined for Germany, Austria or Turkey would be regarded as contraband of war. The action of the British Government is based on the recent German decree, whereby that Government will take over all grain in Germany for common use.

Jesus Carranza, a brother of Gen. Carranza, and Col. Peraltillo were executed at Nuevo Laredo Sunday in San Geronimo by order of Gen. Santibanez, the defeating Carranza commander.

That the statecraft, humanitarianism and religion of the twentieth century will be used to devise a scheme whereby every man and every woman shall enjoy the fruits of their own labor, and to prevent any one from monopolizing the toil of thousands, was the hope expressed by Champ Clarke, Speaker of the House of Representatives, in a speech at a banquet of the Chicago Dental Society. "In 112 years our total wealth multiplied 125 fold, and is now rated at the enormous sum of \$140,000,000,000," he declared. "This if equally divided would give \$312 to every man, woman and child between the two oceans."

W. S. Claywell, of Dallas, has just heard of some good fortune that has come to his brother-in-law, Peter Gross. Mr. Gross lives at Gillespie, Indiana. Thirty years ago he traded a horse for 200 acres of land in Virginia. The horse was a good one and he hesitated about making the trade. Recently coal was found on the land and he sold the coal for \$2000 per acre, receiving \$400,000 for the 200 acres. He still owns the land, the clipping adds.

Nine Democrats in the Senate Monday joined an alliance with the Republican in an unexpected attempt to recommit the Government Ship Purchase Bill. The sudden revolt turned in a twinkling an administra-

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tion advantage into a defensive, which appeared almost hopeless to many of the Democratic leaders. Forced to fight for the very life of the proposed measure, the Democrats succeeded in adjourning the Senate with a motion pending to send the bill back to committee. Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, sprang the surprise when he arose while Senator William Alden Smith, of Michigan, was concluding a long speech against the bill and asked him to yield for a motion. The Senator yielded and Senator Clarke, introducing his remarks with an appeal for consideration of other legislation, moved to send back the ship bill. The legislative pandemonium that followed has not been witnessed in the Senate in many years.

Before the United States Commission on Industrial Relations John D. Rockefeller admitted that there is a "possible" danger of large foundations such as that established by his father being able to implant the views of men behind them in the minds of the young through educational institutions. He likewise granted the "possibility" of such a foundation exercising a deadly influence on liberalism in this country, as has been done in Germany, by the military class since 1848.

A Babylonian tablet, believed to have been buried in the earth more than four thousand years and containing the earliest law code, recently has been unearthed, and is now in possession of Yale University. It became known recently. The tablet is heavily encrusted but part of it has been cleaned and deciphered. The laws are written in the Sumerian language, the language of Southern Babylonia, prior to its conquest by the Semites or Accadians in the time of Hammurabi. Owing to the imperfect knowledge of the language, the work of deciphering is extremely difficult, but the university expects to have complete translations made and published. These laws are believed to have been written about 2500 B. C.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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lovable characters in our whole Connection, a blessing to the home, a real benediction of heavenly grace it is to sit under his ministry of the Word. We are told that some there are here who seldom attend service at any Church never miss hearing Rev. R. G. Mood if at all possible to attend. His visits are always looked to with pleasure and profit. The stewards assessed for preacher in charge \$900. The apportionment for the presiding elder by the District Stewards being \$180, making the whole amount \$1080. This we feel to be a liberal assessment for this charge and speaks well for the people of this work. Collinsville and Tioga are growing towns and rapidly forging to the front. We need a new church building and better location for our church at Collinsville and hope we may have it in the near future. We are in succession here of many good men, all of whom were at one time members of the North Texas Conference—Rev. L. S. Barton, A. L. Seales, J. A. Old, C. B. Carter, John Moore, D. F. Fuller, with others who are still members, and Rev. R. S. Kerr, our preacher who has wrought well here for the past two years. Yes, the storm has broken in upon us too, not leaving death and desolation, but leaving many good things to eat. If you intend visiting our parsonage home soon you would be a good time. We ask an interest in the prayers of our friends and brethren that the Lord's work may prosper in our hands and that God may save souls to his glory.—N. C. Little, P. C.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT BRISTOL.

We decided that if three men go into business in the same town to get gain, and two of them push their goods to the front and the third one never says much about what he has he need not expect much gain. Well, it is something like that in the Church business in our town. Two of the denominations have preached Church creed time after time, so we thought it best to tell the people what the Methodists believe and teach, and why they believe and teach the doctrine they do. So we asked Bro. Joseph Lee of Ferris, Texas, to come down and tell the folks what the Methodists stand for. At 11 o'clock we had a nice crowd and he preached on "Infant Baptism." He went back to the old covenant and came on down through the ages to the present time and made it so plain that no man could say they are not God's property and have no place in the visible Church. One man expressed himself in this way about the sermon. He said, "Brother Lee did not quite get the children into the Church, but he put them out nor refute the argument."

At 3:30 the congregation assembled again and listened to a great sermon on "Man's Duty to God." He said the man who robbed God of his time and substance need not expect anything else but for God's wrath to rest upon him, and he also said a hundred other good things. After the service closed people of all the denominations expressed themselves as believing every word which he spoke. One man came around and said to me: "That was the best sermon that has been preached in this town since I've been here, and I've been here a long time." This was a hard saying and a little embarrassing to the preachers of the different Churches and I turned a little red in the face, but I could not say anything for I believed it to be so, for no man can beat it. At 7 o'clock the house was filled with people of all the denominations and they heard an able sermon on "Bible Mode of Water Baptism." There was nothing taken for granted and no text covered up. Sprinkling was made so plain that everybody could understand it. Brother Lee had the right spirit and we believe Methodism will be strengthened by his sermons. He never criticised anybody. He never said everybody was wrong but the Methodist. At the close of the evening service he exhorted the Baptist folk to be true Christians and the Christian folk to be Christians, and the Methodist and Presbyterian folk to be true to

God. If any of the brethren need any doctrinal sermons just send for Brother Lee. He can preach to them and let the other fellow alone, and all denominations will come to hear him. If everybody could preach doctrinal sermons with the spirit which Brother Lee does all denominations would love each other better. G. G. MITCHELL.

CORPUS CHRISTI.

The series of meetings held during the past three weeks in the Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Will T. Renfro, closed with a triumphant service last night. The great auditorium was filled with interested listeners, many of whom have listened to every sermon preached during the series by this earnest, wide-awake minister. The subjects for the last Sunday were "A Soul to Let" and "A Soul in Soak," which gave the preacher an opportunity to call the newly converted into service. In the first sermon the pure white newly garnished soul was presented ready for filling; the coming of the spirit with a call to service was urged and a plea made for consecration. The results were gladdening. Fifty-nine members were added to the roll and many more reclaimed and brought into renewed fellowship with an awakened people who have determined to cast "the world, the flesh and the devil" out of their lives that they may show Christ to the people of this city.

In the last sermon the preacher showed how the soul, given up to sin, was in "soak" to Satan and would not be redeemed because of the love of the sin. A beacon was kindled and a cry for consecration made. They came. During the series of sermons, Rev. Renfro took every opportunity to cry out against the evils of modern society, branding the dance of today "the most diabolical instrument the devil ever turned loose" in the world. With ridicule, condemnation and pleadings the preacher urged the young women of the community to forsake this form of sin, pleading for the redemption of their young men companions.

The co-operation of the other denominations of this city made possible the great success of the meeting. Rev. Mr. Gladney, a man mighty in prayer, attended every service and gave unto this brother a strong boost. Rev. Henry Austin preached one morning—services were held every morning as well as at night. The Press Helped.

Each morning a column write-up appeared in The Caller and helped interest the people in the great revival, and the afternoon paper, The Democrat, gave afternoon accounts of generous space.

The Men's Meeting. The last Sunday afternoon a great men's meeting was held when two hundred men attended. Many were brought to a realization of their sinful condition and went forward in re-consecration.

The Old People's Service. At the last service a thanksgiving offering people of the city were invited, and such a beautiful service, full of heartfelt rejoicing in the anticipated joys of heaven never was held before in this city.

Been Here but Three Months. Rev. Mr. Renfro has been in this city but three months, and during this time he has received about eighty members into the Church.

Thanksgiving Offering. At the last service a thanksgiving offering was made amounting to \$1504.25, which was used to pay two notes due the first of February on the new church.

The Church life of Corpus Christi was greatly strengthened by the frank, earnest presentation of the truth with a careful hewing to the line as laid for a live Christian to walk by. The high type of consecration was lifted and with it the standard for a Corpus Christi Christian.

MAUDE H. GERHARDT, Corpus Christi, Tex., Jan. 25.

MARSHALL DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, January 19, 20, the presiding elder and the preachers of the Marshall District, Texas Conference, held a very pleasant and profitable Missionary Institute and Pastors' Conference, at Kilgore, Texas. The pastor and people made our stay very pleasant, indeed. The preaching was strictly evangelistic, and continued from Sunday until Thursday night. The services were well attended by the people of the town. We all came away with a fine impression of Kilgore. To show that ours is not a biased estimate: They are building a new church in spite of the hard times. This enterprise is being led by the Woman's Missionary Society.

A large part of Tuesday was devoted to a discussion of our missionary interest. This discussion was led by Bro. Bergen; all present took part in the discussion. It was agreed that the preachers should endeavor to enlist every auxiliary of the Church in an educational campaign, in the interest of missions, for at least four weeks during April and May. The use of the every-member campaign was urged.

The next question was that of evangelism. This discussion was led by Bro. Flinn. The campaign for five hundred new members by Easter Sunday, already started by the presiding elder, Brother Boyles, was explained. We soon discovered that every man was filled with enthusiasm for the campaign, and only wanted to know how best to proceed. Thus we discovered that the heart of every pastor was set on the saving of his people.

It was decided that the laymen and every auxiliary of the Church must be enlisted, and February 14 was designated as rally day. This is for the purpose of explaining the campaign (Continued on page 16)

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE. BOARD CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the Central Texas Conference will meet at the Publishing House in Dallas, 10 a. m., Tuesday, March 2. Rev. K. P. Barton of Brownwood is prepared to furnish the necessary blanks for an application. Those desiring a grant from the Parent Board should procure these blanks immediately and after carefully and completely filling them out have them in the hands of some member of the committee before the above named date. The rules under which the General Board came into existence do not admit of personal representation.

J. J. CREED, Pres., Taylor, Tex. K. P. BARTON, Sec., Brownwood, Tex. C. L. CARTWRIGHT, Treas., Gatesville, Tex. Committee.

BOARD OF MISSIONS—WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Board of Missions of the West Texas Conference will hold its mid-year meeting in San Marcos, Tuesday night, Wednesday and Wednesday night, February 9 and 10. The presiding elders are expected to meet with the board. Dr. Moore and Dr. Raylins, Missionary Secretaries, will probably be in attendance. Entertainment will be provided and those who expect to attend are requested to notify Rev. D. E. Hawk that homes may be assigned them. STERLING FISHER, Pres. S. B. BEALL, Secretary. San Marcos, Texas.

LAMPASAS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The District Conference for the Lampasas District will be held at Barnett April 29 to May 2. Opening sermon will be preached Wednesday, April 28, at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. R. E. Deke.

The following committees are appointed: License to Preach—J. F. Lawlis, J. G. Farreston, J. P. Garrett. Recommendations to Annual Conference—Z. V. Liles, Lee A. Clark, C. G. Hill. Diaconal and Elder's Orders—R. L. McIntyre, J. T. Tracy, C. W. Rylander. Southern Western Scholastic—H. E. Deaper, R. J. Richey, M. M. White. Every member is urgently requested to be present at the first roll call and to remain until the close of the meeting. Our Connectional brethren will be most cordially received. Bishop McCoy is expected to hold the conference. J. W. COWAN, P. E.

EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE. CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Executive Committee of the East Oklahoma Conference Board of Church Extension will meet at McAlester, Oklahoma, March 16-17, same time and place of the Conference Institute. All who desire to make application for loans or donation to the General Board should have application properly filled out, and in the hands of the President or Secretary of the board before that time.

Read carefully the application and be careful to properly fill out all questions with proper answers. Do not leave out any question unanswered, and do not leave any blank unfilled that applies to your application. Be careful to write plainly. We have had to guess at some answers. The consideration your application will receive will largely depend upon how you fill it out and the information you give. License to Preach—J. E. McConnell, Secretary, 11 East Easton, Tulsa, Oklahoma; L. R. Ellis, President, Ada, Oklahoma. L. B. ELLIS, President.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of Conference Treasurer for the West Texas Conference on Orphanage Collections from close of conference, October 27, 1914, to February 1, 1915.

Table with columns: Date, Charge, Amount. Lists contributions from various churches and individuals from Dec 2, 1914 to Jan 30, 1915.

Total \$923.01 Notice—Several of the pastors of the West Texas Conference, instead of remitting direct to the Conference Treasurer their Orphanage Collections, have made remittance direct to Waco, and have asked me to remit them for these monies. This, of course, will be impossible, as the Conference Treasurer can only give receipts for cash actually coming into his hands, and the pastors in charge will receive credit only for such items as pass through the hands of the Conference Treasurer. The pastors must hold the Conference

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Treasurer's receipt for Conference Collections, and receipts can not be issued by him unless the money passes through his hands. This rule has been the standing instructions of the West Texas Conference for the last four years and the Statistical Secretary insists on a strict compliance therewith. C. C. WALSH, Treasurer West Texas Conference.

PROGRAM MID-YEAR MEETING BOARD OF MISSIONS, CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin Avenue Church, Waco, Texas, March 9 and 10. F. P. Culver, President and Host. 2 p. m.—Devotional, Lester Smith and H. F. Brooks. 2:30 p. m.—Organization and minute work. 3 p. m.—The Presiding Elder the Key Man. How Best to Co-operate with the Pastor and Board of Missions for Full Collections. Open conference all presiding elders, led by Juno R. Nelson. 4 p. m.—Missions in the Sunday School Our Best Missionary Opportunity. How to Hit While the Iron is Hot, Alonzo Monk, Jr. 7:30 p. m.—F. P. Culver presiding. Rev. C. F. Reid, Specials.

Wednesday. 8:30 a. m.—Devotional, C. A. Bickley. 8:50 a. m.—Roll Call, Reading Minutes. 9:00 a. m.—Aggressive Evangelism, the Attitude of the Pastor to Authorized and Unauthorized Evangelists, C. E. Lindsey, J. L. Hallbert. 9:40 a. m.—The Goal in My District; Conventions and Collections, led by W. W. Moss, and each presiding elder. 10:30 a. m.—Committee on Lay Activities, How Done. Round Table, Dr. Reid.

Afternoon. 2:00 p. m.—Devotional Service, J. B. Curry, followed by Executive Session of the Board. 2:45 p. m.—The District and Charge Lay Leader Helpless Without the Co-operation of Presiding Elder and Pastor, W. E. Williams. 3:00 p. m.—Round Table. Every Member Canvass, How to Work It In Country and City, Dr. C. F. Reid. 3:45 p. m.—Business Methods in Collecting the Conference Assessments, C. M. Alexander. Evening Session. 7:30 p. m.—W. C. Hillburn Presiding. Results Secured in the Hong Kong Church, W. Erskine Williams. 8:00 p. m.—Address, by Dr. C. F. Reid. M. S. HOTCHKISS, Sec. Board.

Sherman District—Second Round.

Key Memorial, Feb. 27, 28. Howe Cir., at Ferguson's Chapel, March 6, 7. Pottsboro and Preston, at Pottsboro, March 13, 14. Van Alstyne Sta., March 20, 21. Sherman Cir., at Southmayd, March 27, 28. Bells Cir., at Virginia Point, April 3, 4. Sadler and Gordonville, at Gordonville, April 10, 11. Waples Memorial, April 18, 19. Trinity, April 24, 25. Pilot Grove Cir., at Pilot Grove, May 1, 2. Preaching at Harless Chapel May 2, at 8 p. m., and Quarterly Conference of Denison Mis., at Harless Chapel, Wednesday, May 5, 8 p. m. Whitesboro, Robertson Memorial, May 8, 9. Pilot Point, May 15, 16. Whitewright, May 22, 23. Collinsville and Tioga, at Tioga, May 29, 30. Travis Street, June 5, 6. The District Conference will meet at Tioga, becoming Friday, May 28, at 2 p. m. The opening sermon will be preached at 11 a. m. Friday, May 28, by Rev. W. C. Howell. Remember that the delegates are to be elected by the Church Conference. See minutes of last session of the Annual Conference, page 3, rule 14. Let the pastors have their delegates elected at their earliest convenience and report names and addresses to me. Committees are as follows: License, Admission and Re-admission—A. R. Nash, A. T. Bridges, J. R. Atchley. Deacons and Elder's Orders—N. C. Little, P. C. Archer, R. P. Buck. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

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Weatherford District—Second Round.

Mineral Wells, Feb. 28. Gratiot, at Saleville, March 2, 11 a. m. Olney, March 3, 7:30 p. m. Olney Cir., at Bitter Creek, March 4, 5. Loving, at Hawkins Chapel, March 6, 7. New Castle, March 10, 11 a. m. Elizaville, at Murray, March 13, 14. Graham, March 14, 7:30 p. m. Graham Mis., at Rocky Mount, March 16, 11 a. m. Whit. at Poolville, March 20, 21. Sauto, at Brazos, March 27, 28. Strington, at Agnes, April 3, 4. Azle, April 7, 11 a. m. Azle, April 10, 11. Mhsap, at Garner, April 17, 18. Weatherford Cir., at Godfrey's Chapel, April 20, 11 a. m. Weatherford, First Church, April 25, 11 a. m. Coats Memorial, April 25, 7:30 p. m. District Conference will be held in Weatherford, Coats Memorial, April 28, 29. Opening sermon April 27, 7:30 p. m. District Conference committees: License to Preach—J. H. Bowman, F. A. Ray, W. J. Morriss. Admission—W. L. Nelms, W. A. Clark, H. L. Vincent. Orders—C. W. Daniel, M. S. Hotchkiss, J. J. Rape. L. A. WEBB, P. E.

Madill District—Second Round.

Kington, Feb. 13, 14. Woodville, Feb. 14, 15. Caddo, Feb. 20, 21. Durant, Feb. 21, 22. Oakland, Feb. 27. Madill, Feb. 27, 28. Roff, Feb. 28, 29. Tupelo, March 6, 7, 8. Coleman, March 7, 8. Emmert, March 13, 14. Tishomingo, March 14, 15. Atwood, March 20, 21. Colbert, March 27, 28. Achleer, March 28, 29. Lightening Ridge, April 3, 4. Converseville, April 10, 11. Bushnell, April 17, 18. Blue Ribbon, April 18, 19. Conway, April 24, 25. T. P. TURNER, P. E.

Jacksonville District—Second Round.

Palestine, Grace, Feb. 25, p. m. Jacksonville Cir., at Providence, March 6, 7. Jacksonville Sta., March 7, 8. Athens Sta., March 13, 14. Malakoff Cir., at Trinidad, March 14, 15. Neches Cir., at P. Grove, March 20, 21. Palestine, Centenary, March 21, p. m. Alto Cir., at Mt. Zion, March 27, 28. Alto Sta., March 28, 29. Brushy Creek and Frankston, at F., April 3, 4. Larue Cir., at Baxter, April 4, 5. Keltys Cir., at Wildhurst, April 10, 11. Eustace Cir., at Mallard P., April 17, 18. Transcender Cir., at Tool, April 18, 19. Elkhart Cir., at Corinth, April 24, 25. Cushing Cir., at Linn Flat, May 1, 2. Douglas Cir., at Douglas, May 2, 3. Gallatin Cir., May 8, 9. Rusk Sta., May 9, 10. Overton and Arp, at Arp, May 15, 16. Troup Sta., May 10, 17. Bullard and Mt. Sehan, at Mt. S., May 22, 23. Montalba, at Tennessee Colony, May 29, 30. To the Stewards: Very little has been paid in on the support of the preachers during the first round. I urge the stewards to do their best. Your pastor can not do his work unless you support him. To the Preachers: Press the claims ordered by the conference. Many preachers fall down on the collections because they wait until the close of the year. Now is the time for both preachers and laymen to show what is in them. The Jacksonville Missionary Institute and Pastors' Conference will meet in Alto February 24, 25. Let every preacher in the district be present. The Jacksonville District Conference will meet in Frankston May 25, 7:30 p. m. We hope to have a full attendance of preachers and laymen. I. F. BETTS, P. E. Jacksonville, Texas.

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Chickasha District—First Round. 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.) LaKempt and New Hope, at LaK., Feb. 6, 7. District Conference, at Sayre, April 22-25. W. J. STEWART, P. E. Guymon, Okla.

Lawton District—First Round. Chattanooga, at Okemune, Feb. 6, 7. Walter, Feb. 7, 8. Chard Chief, Feb. 13, 14. Indian Work, at Cedar Creek, March 6, 7. W. H. ROOPER, P. E.

Lawton District—Second Round. Cordell, Feb. 14, evening. Rocky, at Hill, Feb. 27, 28. Hobart, Feb. 28, March 1. (Indian work, at Cedar Creek, March 6.) Gotebo, at Lake Valley, March 7. Loveland, at Fort Auger, March 12, 13. Grandfield, March 14, morning. Fredericks, March 14, evening. Randlett, at Taylor's Chapel, March 20, 21. Lawton, March 28, 29. Mountain Park, at Bethel, April 2, 4. Manitou, at De Young's Chapel, April 3, 4. Tipton, at Alphan, April 9, 11. Davidson, at Oak Chapel, April 10, 11. Indian Work, April 16. Cloud Chief, April 17, 18. Hastings, April 24, 25. Temple, April 25, 26. Chattanooga, May 1, 2. Walter, May 2, 3. Snyder, at Elliott's Chapel, May 8, 9. W. H. ROOPER, P. E.

Oklahoma City District—Second Round. Lexington, Feb. 27, 28. Norman, Feb. 28, 29. Blanchard and Washington, at Washington, March 6, 7. Purcell, March 7. Paoli, at Florence Chapel, March 13, 14. Pauls Valley, March 14. Piedmont, March 20, 21. El Reno, March 21. Arcadia, March 27, 28. Epsworth, March 28. Minco and Geary, at Geary, April 3, 4. Weatherford, April 4. C Avenue, Okla. Cit., April 10, 11. Guthrie, April 11. Stillwater, April 27, 28. Perry, April 18. Franklin, April 24, 25. St. Johns, April 25. Noble, May 1, 2. St. James, May 2. Wheatland, May 8, 9. St. Lukes, May 9. W. M. WILSON, P. E.

Mangum District—First Round. Lone Wolf Cir., at Olive Branch, Feb. 20, 21. Carter Cir., at Belview, Feb. 27, 28. Elmer Cir., at Elmer, March 6, 7. Olustee Sta., March 7, 8. Sentinel and Port, at Retrop, March 13, 14. Martha Sta., March 27, 28. Granite and Willow, at Granite, March 22, 23. Della Cir., at Centerpoint, March 27, 28. Mangum Sta., March 28. Dryden and Red Hill, at Red Hill, April 3, 4. Prairie Hill and Victory, at Victory, April 4, 5. Vinson Cir., at Union, April 7. Mangum Cir., at White Flat, April 10, 11. Blair and Hester, at Blair, April 17, 18. Duke Sta., April 20, 3 p. m. Headrick and Midway, at Headrick, May 1, 2. Eldorado Sta., May 2, 3. Hollis Sta., May 8, 9. Altus Sta., May 9, 10. Pleasant Hill and Bethel, May 15, 16. Brinkman and Deer Creek, at Brinkman, May 22, 23. District Conference, at Duke, April 21-23. Opening sermon will be delivered by Rev. C. A. German. Let all the recording stewards secure the new record and have them present for examination. C. F. MITCHELL, P. E.

Muskogee District—Second Round. Muldrow, Jan. 30, 31. Sallisaw, Jan. 31. Atkins Circuit, at Atkins, Feb. 1-7. Stillwell and Stillwell, at Stillwell, March 1. Stillwell Circuit, at Barron, Feb. 27, 28. Westville and Stillwell, at Stillwell, March 1. Wamsilla Circuit, at Freewater, March 2, 7. Tahlequah, March 10. Hallettsville Circuit, at Grand View, March 13, 14. Park Hill Circuit, at Woodall, March 14, 15. Muskogee, St. Paul, March 18. Keota Circuit, at Powell's, March 20, 21. Kanama Circuit, at Eureka, March 21, 22. Tamaha Circuit, at Garland, March 23. Whitefield Circuit, at Duke's Chapel, March 24. Stigler, March 25. Muskogee Circuit, at Howard, March 27, 28. Checotah, March 31. Oktaha Circuit, at Fawn, April 3, 4. Warner and Porum, at Warner, April 4, 5. Boynton and Morris, at Boynton, April 7. Wainwright Circuit, at Augusta Avenue, April 10, 11. Muskogee, First Church, April 11, 12. Fort Gibson, April 14. Vian and Bragg, at Bragg, April 17, 18. Wetters Falls, April 21. District Conference will convene at Wetters Falls at 9 a. m., Thursday, April 22, and close Sunday evening, April 25. Rev. E. S. Harris, of Fort Gibson, will preach the opening sermon Wednesday evening, April 21. CHAS. L. BROOKS, P. E.

Oklahoma City District—First Round. 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.) Melrose Cir., Melrose, Feb. 6, 7. Tucumcari Cir., Mt. Zion, Feb. 13, 14. San Marcial, Feb. 20, 21. Clayton, Cir., Tipton, Feb. 27, 28. San Jon Cir., Bethel, March 6, 7. Tucumcari, March 13, 14. Albuquerque, March 20, 21. Vaughn Cir., Taiban, March 27, 28. GEO. H. GIVAN, P. E.

El Paso District—Second Round. Toyah, Feb. 5. Van Horn, Feb. 6, 7. La Mesa, Feb. 14, 15. Clint, Feb. 21, 22. Highland Park, Feb. 27, 28.

Alta Vista, Feb. 28, March 1. Las Cruces, March 7, 8. Lordsburg, March 10. Deming, March 14, 15. Fort Davis, March 21, 22. Buena Vista, March 28, 29. East El Paso, April 2, 3. Trinity, April 3, 4. Alamogordo, April 19, 11. Carrizozo, April 17, 18. District Conference, April 20-24, at Tularosa, New Mexico. HUBERT M. SMITH, P. E.

Pecos Valley District—Second Round. Portales, Feb. 6, 7. Portales Cir., Feb. 7, 8. Rogers Cir., Feb. 13, 14. Dayton and Lakewood, Feb. 20, 21. Carlsbad, 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. Pecos, March 16. Eamcke, March 20, 21. Lovington, March 23. Queen and Rocky Arroyah, 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. Columbus, Feb. 13, 14. Weimar 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, 3 p. m. Elgin, April 3, 4. Manor, April 4, 5. Ward Memorial, April 11, 12. Webberville, at Colorado Chapel, April 17, 18. University Church, April 25, 26. First Church, May 1, 2. V. A. GODBEY, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round. Feb. 6, 7, Gregory, at Rockport. Feb. 7, 8, Aransas Pass. Feb. 13, 14, Skidmore. Feb. 14, Sinton. Feb. 20, 21, Mathis, at Sandia. Feb. 21, Falfurrias, at Premont. Feb. 27, 28, Kennedy. Feb. 28, 29, Floresville. 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 20, 21, Oakville, at Three Rivers. March 24, Corpus Christi. T. F. SESSIONS, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round. Midfield, at Midfield, Feb. 6, 7. Palacios, Feb. 7, 8. Goliad, at Goliad, Feb. 13, 14. Victoria, Feb. 15. Seadrift, at Bloomington, Feb. 20, 21. Edna, Feb. 27, 28. Ganado, at Louise, March 1. Port Lavaca, at La Ward, March 6, 7. Nursery, at Fordtran, March 13, 14. Hallettsville, at Mossy Grove, March 20, 21. Provident, at Lights Chapel, March 21, 22. Yoakum, March 24. Smiley, at Westhoff, March 27, 28. Cuero, April 2, 4. Runge, April 7. El Campo, April 10, 11. Nixon, April 14. Pandora, at Caddo, April 17, 18. Stockdale, at Stockdale, April 24, 25. District Conference will be held in Goliad March 30-April 2. Opening sermon on Monday night, March 24, by Rev. W. M. Crutchfield, followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Let us earnestly endeavor to have missionary assessments collected by then. We are asked to observe the second Sunday in February as Rescue Home Day. It is to be hoped that good collections will be taken at that time for this worthy cause. Don't forget the Orphanage. A. W. WILSON, P. E.

Lampasas District—Second Round. Center City, at Bethel, Feb. 6, 7. Star, at Molme, Feb. 13, 14. Goldthwaite, Feb. 20, 21. Mullin, at Mullin, Feb. 27, 28. San Saba Cir., at Chapel, Feb. 27, 28. Fredonia, at Katey, March 6, 7. Mason, at Mason, March 7, 8. Lometa, at Metcalfville, March 13, 14. Lampasas, March 14, 15. Llano Cir., at Mayes 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.

San Angelo District—First Round. (Revised.) Paint Rock, Feb. 6, 7. Ozona, Feb. 13, 14. F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round. Preaching dates: Feb. 7, West End, 11 a. m. Feb. 7, McKinley Avenue, 7:30 p. m. Feb. 14, Alamo Heights, 11 a. m. Feb. 14, Travis Park, 7:30 p. m. Feb. 21, Englewood, 11 a. m. Feb. 21, Laurel Heights, 7:30 p. m. Feb. 28, Prospect Hill, 11 a. m. Feb. 28, South Heights, 7:30 p. m. March 7, Government Hill, 11 a. m. March 7, Alamo, 7:30 p. m. Preaching and Quarterly Conferences: March 4, San Antonio Circuit, at Oak Island. March 20, 21, Banlera. March 21, Medina. March 27, 28, Pleasanton. March 28, Jourdanon. March 29, Potect. April 3, 4, Center Point. April 4, Boerne, at Comfort. April 7, Kerrville. April 7, 9, District Conference at Kerrville. Quarterly Conferences: March 16, Travis Park. March 17, McKinley Avenue. March 18, Alamo Heights, at Los Angeles Heights. March 24, Government Hill. March 25, Englewood, at East End. March 26, West End. March 30, Prospect Hill. March 31, South Heights. April 2, Alamo. April 5, Laurel Heights. J. H. GROSECLOSE, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round. Feb. 13, 14, Manchaca, at Creedmoor. Feb. 20, 21, Leesville.

Feb. 27, 28, Waelder, at Thomsonville. March 6, 7, Kyle and Buda, at Kyle. March 13, 14, Staples, at Prairie Lea. March 15, Martindale, at Fentress. March 20, 21, Dripping Springs. March 23, 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. THOMAS GREGORY, P. E.

Uvalde District—Second Round. Fowlerton, Feb. 6, 7. Tehuacana, Feb. 13, 14. Dilly Cir., Feb. 19, 20. Cotulla, Feb. 20, 21. Gardendale, Feb. 20. Laredo, Feb. 24. Moore, Feb. 27, 28. Hondo, March 6, 7. Rock Springs, March 13, 14. Uvalde, March 18. Pearsall, March 21, 22. Batesville, March 27, 28. Eagle Pass, March 30, 31. Sabnal, April 3, 4. Del Rio, April 10, 11. Utopia, April 17, 18. Devine and Lytle, April 21. Crystal City, April 25. Carrizo Springs, April 25, 26. District Conference, at Del Rio, 12-16. S. B. JOHNSTON, P. E.

CENTRAL TEXAS

Brownwood District—First Round. Coleman Sta., Feb. 6, 7. Brownwood Sta., Feb. 9. I. H. STEWART, P. E.

Cisco District—First Round. Pioneer, at Pleasant V., Feb. 6, 7. Romney, at R., Feb. 13, 14. Dredona, at D., Feb. 20, 21. Strawn, at S., Feb. 25, 11 a. m. Cisco Sta., Feb. 27, 28. Cisco Minn., at Eureka, Feb. 27, 11 a. m. Cisco Station, Feb. 27, 28. E. P. WILLIAMS, P. E.

Cleburne District—First Round. Venus, Feb. 7, 8. Grandview Sta., Feb. 14, 15. W. M. MOSS, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round. Emmett, at Emmett, Feb. 6, 7. Frost, at Frost, Feb. 7, 8. Pardon, at Pardon, Feb. 13, 14. Chatfield, at Chatfield, Feb. 20, 21. W. H. MATTHEWS, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round. Hico, Feb. 6, 7. Carlton, at C., Feb. 13, 14. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round. 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. Evans, at Pearl, Feb. 6, 7. Fairy, at Fairy, Feb. 13, 14. Hamilton, Feb. 14, 15. Hamilton Cir., at Lum., 11 a. m., Feb. 15. S. J. RUCKER, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round. Jarrell, at Jarrell, Feb. 6, 7. Hutto, at Hutto, Feb. 13, 14. Weir, at Weir, Feb. 14, 15. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round. Temple, First Church, Feb. 28, March 1. Temple, Seventh St., Feb. 28, March 2. Midway, at Cedar Creek, March 6, 7. Belton, March 7, 8. Thrall, at Thrall, March 13, 14. Granger, March 20, 21. Georgetown, March 21, 22. Florence, March 28, 29. Salado, at Prairie Dell, April 3, 4. Jarrell, April 4, 5. Bartlett, April 11, 12. Holland, at Wilson's Valley, April 17, 18. Rogers, April 25, 26. Hutto, at Round Rock, May 1, 2. Weir, May 2, 3. Oenaville, at Heidenheimer, May 8, 9. Troy, at Pendleton, May 9, 10. Taylor, May 15, 16. The District Conference will convene in the Methodist Church in Bartlett, Tuesday morning, April 13, and embrace Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be preaching Monday night the 12th, by J. J. Creed. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Hillsboro District—Second Round. Irene, at Irene, Feb. 20, 21. Brandon, at Brandon, Feb. 27, 28. Coolee, March 6, 7. Hubbard, March 13, 14. Hillsboro, Line Street, March 27, 28. Hillsboro, First Church, March 28, 29. Huron, at Fort Graham, April 3, 4. Whitney, April 4, 5. Abbott, April 10, 11. Itasca, April 11, 12. Kirk, at Ben Hur, April 18, 19. Peoria, at Kirby, April 24, 25. Covington, at Covington, May 1, 2. Mungler, May 8, 9. Malone, May 9, 10. Lovelace, May 15, 16. JNO. M. BARCUS, P. E.

Waco District—First Round. Aquilla, at Aquilla, Feb. 6, 7. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round. Weatherford Cir., at Bethel, Feb. 6, 7. L. A. WEBB, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round. Aquilla, at Aquilla, Feb. 6, 7. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round. Weatherford Cir., at Bethel, Feb. 6, 7. L. A. WEBB, P. E.

TEXAS

Beaumont District—Second Round. Jasper Cir., at Peach Tree, Feb. 27, 28. Jasper Sta., Feb. 28, March 1. Burkeville, at Brookland, March 6, 7. Kirbyville, March 7, 8. Newton, at Farr's Chapel, March 13, 14. Orange, March 14, 15. Batson and Saratoga, at Batson, March 20, 21. Silsbee, at Silsbee, March 21, 7:30 p. m. Kountze, at West Nona, March 27, 28. North Elm, March 28, 7:30 p. m. Call, at Watson's Chapel, April 3, 4. Liberty, at Liberty, April 11, 12. Dayton, April 12, 13. Roberts Ave., April 18, 11 a. m. Port Bolivar and Stowell, at S., April 18, 7:30 p. m. First Church, April 25, 11 a. m. China & Nome, at China, April 25, 7:30 p. m. Nederland, at Pt. Neches, May 1, 2. Port Arthur, May 2, 3.

Anahuac, at Anahuac, May 8, 9. Sour Lake, at Sour Lake, May 15, 16. Woodville, at Warren, May 22, 23. Mt. Bellview, at Mt. Bellview, May 29, 30. E. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round. 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. Glenhira, Mar. 6, 7. Somerville Sta., Feb. 3. S. W. THOMAS, P. E.

Houston District—First Round. Katy, Feb. 6, 7. Woodland Heights, Feb. 9. Bruner, Feb. 10. Iowa Colony, Feb. 13. League City, Feb. 13, 14. Tabernacle, Feb. 17. Velasco, Feb. 20, 21. Washington Avenue, Feb. 22. Harrisburg, Feb. 24. Humble, Feb. 28. J. KILGORE, P. E.

Jacksonville District—First Round. Rusk Sta., Feb. 7, 8. Overton and Arp, at Arp, Feb. 13, 14. Trout 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. Leon Mis., at Pleasant Ridge, Feb. 6, 7. Centerville, Feb. 7, 8. Flynn Cir., at Flynn, Feb. 9. Norman, 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. 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. 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. Nash Cir., at Nash, Feb. 6, 7. Hardy Memorial, at 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. Mt. Enterprise, at Mt. E., Feb. 6, 7. Garrison, Feb. 13. Center Cir., at New Prospect, Feb. 20. Melrose, at M., Feb. 27. Naugoches, Feb. 28. Appleby, at Smith's Chapel, March 6. L. B. ELROD, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round. 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. I. T. SMITH, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS

Bonham District—First Round. (Revised.) Ravenna, at R., Feb. 6, 7. Winlona, at H., Feb. 13, 14. South Bonham, at R. P., Feb. 27, 28. C. C. YOUNG, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round. Ringgold Cir., Ringgold, Feb. 6, 7. Nocona Sta., Feb. 7, 8. Blue Grove Cir., Deer Creek, Feb. 13, 14. Vashiti Mis., Vashiti, Feb. 14, 15. Post Oak, Post Oak, Feb. 20, 21. Dundee, Marion Chapel, Feb. 27, 28. Mesquite Mis., Mesquite, March 6, 7. Sunset, Dry Valley, March 13, 14. Cranton, Red Bud, March 14, 15. District Institute, Electra, March 16, 17, 18. District Conference, Bellevue, May 20-23. I. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round. Brooklyn and Irving, Feb. 6, 7. Trinity, Feb. 7, 10. Mungler 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. Perrin Mis., at P., Feb. 6, 7. Bryson and Jermyn, at B., Feb. 7, 8. Vineyard 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. 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. 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. Blue Ridge Cir., at B., Feb. 6, 7. Renner Cir., at R., Feb. 13, 14. Josephine and Copeville, at J., Feb. 20, 21. Nevada, Feb. 21, 22. Weston Cir., at W., Feb. 27, 28. C. W. DENNIS, P. E.

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Paris District—First Round. McKimie Cir., at M., Feb. 6, 7. Bogata, at Rosatic, Feb. 7, 8. Centenary, Feb. 14. Avery Mis., at A., Feb. 20, 21. W. F. BRYAN, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round. Whitewright, Feb. 6, 7. Travis Street, Feb. 14, 15. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round. 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. Brashcar, at Sherry, Mar. 6, 7. Sulphur Springs Sta., March 7, 8. R. C. HICKS, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round. Mabank Mis., at M., Feb. 6, 7. Scurry Cir., at S., Feb. 13, 14. Hutchins and Wilmer, at W., Feb. 20, 21. Lancaster Sta., Feb. 21, 22. E. L. EGGER, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEXAS

Abilene District—First Round. Putnam, at Putnam, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Cross Plains, at Cross Plains, Feb. 3. Clyde, at Lula, Feb. 6, 7. Ovalo, at Jim Ned, Feb. 13, 14. Tuscola, at Tuscola, Feb. 14, 15. Trent, at Cross Roads, Feb. 20, 21. Alton, Feb. 21, 22. Hawley, at Hawley, Feb. 27, 28. Nugent, at Nugent, March 6, 7. C. N. N. FERGUSON, P. E.

Amarillo District—First Round. Stratford, Feb. 6, 7. Amarillo, Folk 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. Hamford, March 6, 7. Ochiltree, March 7, 8. ERNEST E. ROBINSON, P. E.

Big Spring District—First Round. Brownfield and Plains, at B., Feb. 6, 7. O'Donnell, at Pride, 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. Headley, Feb. 5, at 11 a. m. Shamrock, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p. m. Wheeler, Feb. 6, 7. Caspary 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. Sylvester, at Sylvester, Feb. 6, 7. Rule, at Rule, Feb. 13, 14. Rochester, at Rochester, Feb. 20, 21. Luedo, at Luedo, 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. Lockney, Feb. 6, 7. Plainview Sta., Feb. 8. Silverton, Feb. 13, 14. Roaring Springs, Feb. 20, 21. Matador, Feb. 21, 22. Turkey, at Flomoi, Feb. 27, 28. Dimmitt, March 6, 7. Plainview Mis., at Meteor, March 20, 21. O. P. KIKER, P. E.

Stamford District—First Round. Seymour Sta., Jan. 30, 31. Lueders Mis., at Lueders, Feb. 6, 7. Throckmorton Mis., at Cross Roads, Feb. 11. Throckmorton Sta., Feb. 12. Woodson, at Woodson, Feb. 13, 14. Albany Sta., Feb. 20, 21. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Sweetwater District—First Round. Sweetwater Mis., at Sweetwater, Feb. 6, preaching, at Ada, Feb. 7, at 11 a. m. Sweetwater Sta., Feb. 7, 8. Roscoe, Feb. 14, 15. Loraine, at Loraine, Feb. 21, 22. Roby, at Roby, Feb. 27, 28. J. T. GRISWOLD P. E.

Vernon District—First Round. Quanah Sta., Feb. 6, 7. Esauline, Feb. 12, at 11 a. m. Tell, Feb. 13, at 11 a. m. Childress Sta., Feb. 14. Childress Mis., Feb. 15, at 11 a. m. Dumont, Feb. 27, at 11 a. m. Paducah, Feb. 27, 28. Lazare, Feb. 28, 29. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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and enlisting and organizing the workers. Believing that prayer must be the central factor in this campaign, the preachers and several laymen entered a mutual agreement to pray daily for each other, and all who work in this campaign. We believe our people will enter this work with enthusiasm. We pledged ourselves to pray and work for fifteen hundred additions during the year.

The Sunday School work was then taken up, and much enthusiasm prevailed. It was urged that our Sunday Schools obtain the literature for the purpose, and really observe Missionary Day. It was also urged that all our schools observe Children's Day, and take the offering.

Rev. J. E. Turrentine spoke in the interest of the Alexander Collegiate Institute. It is prospering under his presidency.

There was not a discordant note, yet there was great enthusiasm. It was generally considered the most profitable institute that any of us had ever attended. The preachers, to a man, are entering the evangelistic campaign with great faith in its success.

E. L. INGRUM.

METHODIST ASSEMBLY, SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA.

The necessity of maintaining and further improving this assembly should be apparent to every Methodist in Oklahoma. While the meetings in the past have been held under very great difficulties, the attendance has been smaller than it should have been, still our Church has reaped large benefits therefrom. We can make this assembly one of the greatest inspirational factors in our Church life in Oklahoma if we will. It is generally known that this assembly is no longer simply an Epworth League Assembly, but has become the minister of all the active Church in our State. The Board of Missions arranges a splendid program, both inspirational and educative, the Board of Education brings able men to discuss this great and growing interest of our Church, the Sunday School has a large place in the work of the assembly, and contributes much to the efficiency of Sunday School work in our State. The young preacher has an opportunity to follow his conference studies under strong and capable instructors. The social advantages are valuable beyond calculation. We are lifted from the limitations of our little fields, and catch a vision of the unity of Methodism throughout the State and throughout the world. We come in close contact with the men and women who are doing things. We are inspired to undertake larger tasks ourselves and taught to do them more efficiently.

Let every loyal Methodist respond to the appeal of the Board of Control, and pay off the debt against our property there, and set ourselves to the task of making this a great assembly, one of the dominant factors in the building of Oklahoma Methodism.

R. T. BLACKBURN.

OKLAHOMA METHODIST ASSEMBLY.

A campaign is now being conducted by a special committee to secure funds to pay the indebtedness and to provide for additional buildings and equipment for the Methodist Assembly of Oklahoma. This is an institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the State of Oklahoma and is owned and controlled by the two conferences of the State. The purpose of this enterprise is to provide for an annual meeting in which the preachers and laymen from all departments of the Church work may counsel together about the interests of their special departments and about the general interests of the Church, and increase their efficiency by pursuing courses of study provided here. The program for the meeting in July, 1915, will offer to Sunday School workers, Epworth Leaguers, members of the Woman's Missionary Societies, men of the Church and pastors very helpful and attractive features. Every interest of the Church is given attention and every member of the Church in Oklahoma will find it profitable to attend this meeting. We have at Sulphur a splendid site for camping, with provision already made for plenty of Sulphur's best water, the use of some excellent lakes for boating, fishing, bathing and a first-class auditorium. This auditorium and ten acres of land is deeded to the Church, but we owe about \$800 on the property. We are now asking the people of the State for \$2000 to pay this indebtedness and to provide other much-needed buildings and equipment. We are trying to find one hundred persons who will agree to pay ten dollars each, thus contributing the first thousand dollars. One-fifth of the number have already responded. Send your pledge to the undersigned now. When we have all of the first thousand pledged we are confident that we shall easily find the second thousand. Watch for further announcements about the program. Send your pledge today. W. M. WILSON, President Oklahoma Methodist Assembly.

THE PRE-EASTER REVIVAL CAMPAIGN IN TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Committee on Evangelism in the Texas Conference requests every pastor in the conference to put on a "personal work Revival Campaign," closing with Easter Sunday. So far as practical the plan used last year in St. Louis should be followed in its main features. It will be remembered that nearly two thousand people were brought into our St. Louis Churches last Easter morning as a result of their "One to Win One Campaign," closing on that day.

Each pastor will have to work out the details of the plan best suited to his needs and opportunities. The essential thing in the plan is to set each member to work to win one for Christ by that time. Fuller information will be mailed to the pastors in "The Revival Bulletin" soon to be issued. Some of the pastors are planning to have preaching daily for one or two weeks before Easter. Others are organizing for a strictly personal work campaign. If any considerable portion of our seventy-five thousand members can be enlisted in a campaign of this sort it will mark the dawn of a better day for soul-saving in our Zion.

It is advised that each pastor get and read "Todd's Personal Evangelism Exemplified." Then circulate it among his officials. Let the holy desire in the heart of the pastor to win one for Christ percolate down to the lay man and woman in the Church. Let the matter be mentioned in the prayer meeting and from the pulpit from time to time. In pastoral visitation let it be made prominent. Commend freely all who show a willingness to co-operate. Use pledge cards if it seems expedient in your congregation. (This writer has tried it both ways, using the pledge cards and not using them and he got best results by using pledge cards, committing the members to try to win one for Christ in a given time).

If your Committee on Evangelism provided for in the new law has been appointed its members should be the leaders in the personal work campaign. They could be a clearing house for this work.

It is hoped that there will be a conference-wide movement that shall result in bringing into our Church at least five thousand by Easter as was suggested in the report on evangelism in the Annual Conference.

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM. O. E. GODDARD, Chairman. GLENN FLINN, Secretary.

AN APPEAL TO THE PREACHERS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Our recent conference at Austin continued our Rescue Home work in this city with Rev. J. D. Scott as Commissioner. Brother Scott is on the job. Do not think he is eating any idle bread. But we set him a very difficult task, almost an impossible task. We asked him to finance that institution these hard times. There is no institution in Texas that is doing a similar work. It is the only door in Texas that is open to abandoned women who desire a better life. None of our other institutions are open to them at all. Now we are face to face with conditions that threaten the closing of this door. Will you be a party to closing the only door in this great State? No, I can answer for you.

But if you keep Brother Scott out of your pulpits, if you fail to pay your subscription made last year, or if you only raise the assessment against your charge for this cause, you will jeopardize the interests of this "open door." When we were at Austin we heard that an assessment was asked for against the whole State to help support this institution. The other conferences failed to take an assessment. They agreed to prevent the matter and ask for an offering, but our conference must and will stay with Brother Scott in this matter.

The San Antonio pastors have set apart the second Sunday in February as Rescue Home Day. They will preach on the subject, take a collection and then follow up with a still hunt and make it as great an offering as possible for this worthy institution. Won't every pastor in the State do the same? Brethren, in the name of the Christ who brought a Gospel that was to reach the fallen, I beg you to help us out at this time.

Are there not a number of good people who read these lines that will send a personal check to Judge Walsh, San Angelo, Texas, at once for this work?

J. H. GROSECLOSE.

* GOODNIGHT. *
* Mrs. W. D. Van Voorhis. *
* I heard a knock at the study door. *
* A knock that was soft and light. *
* And, creeping toward me, my lassie said, *
* "I wanted to say 'goodnight.'" *
* (That dear little word, that queer little *
* word, *
* That sweet little word, "Goodnight.") *
* "I know that I haven't been good today, *
* As good as I truly might; *
* But I want you to know I am sorry *
* now, *
* And I wanted to say, "Goodnight." *
* (That dear little word, that queer little *
* word, *
* That sweet little word, "Goodnight.") *
* "O you are so big and so strong and so *
* good," *
* (And she hid her sweet face from sight) *
* "But if you'll forgive me and try me *
* again, *
* Tomorrow I'll do just right." *
* Ah, I clasped her close and I kissed her *
* hair, *
* As she lovingly said, "Goodnight." *
* She is gone; and, repentant, I kneel to *
* thee, *
* Thou, God of the true and right, *
* O hold me close as I held my child *
* When she kissed me and said, "Good- *
* night." *
* For, like her, I pray for a better day *
* With the dawn of the morning's light. *

If there were no suffering in the world whence would come the joy of relieving suffering? Don't blame God for the conditions of our probationary life.

Give us brains, please, not battleships; souls, not soldiers. War is the annihilation of the ten commandments and the crucifixion of Christ afresh.

Southern Methodist University

THERE BEGINS THROUGHOUT TEXAS ASSISTED BY OKLAHOMA AND NEW MEXICO this week, probably the most stupendous, yet enthusiastic campaign ever inaugurated by the M. E. Church, South, for educational purposes. It has for its aim the opening of Southern Methodist University, September 15th, 1915, in a manner consistent with the needs and commands of the General Conference and Annual Conferences and the demands of the people. Immediately prior to the inaugural, and the organization of the student body, will be held, as announced, a Conference of the Presiding Elders west of the Mississippi River, and also the usual fall meeting of the Bishops. The occasion is necessarily one of the most important in the history of our Church, and certainly the University must be as thoroughly equipped as possible, not only for the comfort and convenience of the large student body, which we have every reason to expect, but with an endowment and physical plant that will enable the administration to do the highest possible grade of work from the very beginning. To do this a large sum must be collected in cash or equivalent, and to this end, the Annual Conferences took action in the appointment of a Commissioner in each District. These brethren, together with many of the Presiding Elders, have, as outlined in last week's Advocate, met and after careful consideration have agreed on the following plan and set the goal for the Conference year for

ONE MILLION DOLLARS!

THE NECESSITY FOR THE CAMPAIGN

1. As announced, the University must open this year. This was contemplated in the action of the General Conference when Southern Methodist University was selected as the connectional educational institution and the University of the Church for the region west of the Mississippi River.

2. The authorities under the above action set apart a certain portion of the funds that have heretofore gone to the Theological Department of the Vanderbilt University and to this sum the Annual Conferences of last year added an assessment that will start a splendid school of Theology, thus meeting an emergency in the Church. A student body making preparation for entrance to this department.

3. It is obviously impossible to open the School of Theology without opening the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior Classes of the College of Arts and Science. Few students indeed, will be equipped for the B. D. course, the great majority of necessity carrying courses in the Freshman and Sophomore years.

4. It is necessary that we open for both sexes, because of the 15,000 people who subscribed to the University; a very large per cent did so with the thorough understanding that it was to be a University and therefore co-educational. Large sums have been collected with this understanding, and trouble would ensue if it were violated. Again, many young ladies will probably desire to take at least a portion of the work in the School of Theology, especially in the Department of Religious Education, English Bible and Church History, and a much larger number expect to avail themselves of every course, equipping them for work in the public schools and as teachers for various colleges and academies. It was never the purpose of the Church to eliminate such young ladies from any department of the school. In addition numerous young ladies residing in the City of Dallas and nearby, have a right to expect these courses, without asking boarding facilities. It is obvious that if the above classes are to be admitted there is no reason to exclude the larger number of young ladies who wish to take the courses always contemplated in connection with the institution.

5. To accommodate these students, there must be expended immediately, approximately \$250,000 for the construction and equipment of the heating and lighting plant, complete water system, finishing and furnishing of the two buildings already completed, necessary improvements upon the Campus, the liquidation of all outstanding obligations, and the building of additional dormitory facilities. It is necessary that work begin on these items in the very near future, and therefore the prompt inauguration of the campaign.

6. It is well known that the large subscription accumulated for the University by the Methodists of Texas, was in the form of notes, running for a period of five years, only one or two payments of which have in many cases fallen due. Approximately \$150,000 worth of these notes scattered in small amounts over the State have recently matured and are now unpaid. It is obvious that the collection of these amounts is a necessity if the subsequent payments are dependable at their maturity. In addition, approximately \$200,000 of these payments will mature before the conclusion of the present conference year, and this campaign contemplates their collection also.

7. The public is at last realizing something of the necessity of endowment for institutions doing advanced work. It is conservatively estimated that it will cost more than \$100.00 per student more than the student pays in for tuition to give the work demanded by the public, and the Church. The necessity of a campaign for great endowment is evident. The Church must remember that the undertaking to build a university and that our own Church authorities insist not less than \$1,000,000 invested in endowment be accumulated. If a large student body is received, a large endowment must be raised.

8. The General Board of Education is yet due us on their pledge \$90,000; to secure this amount it will be necessary to raise \$360,000 without the accumulation of debts. This \$90,000 will be worth more than \$500 per month to the University, and an amount desperately needed from the very start. It is well to remember also, that the prompt collection of this amount from the General Board will greatly increase the University prestige and enable us to make demands otherwise impossible.

9. The administration is well aware that many individuals of wealth are carefully watching the progress of the University with the intention of making

large gifts when the Methodist people have proved beyond any question their determination to continue the campaign without any sensation until they have indeed built an endowment school that will last, abide forever. The test of its life is its endowment. Numbers of these large gifts are known to be impossible without the campaign designed, and most sincerely believed will be made conditional upon the raising of not less than \$1,000,000 this conference year. If every Methodist would pay during the year not less than the amount falling due on their subscriptions, there is practically no doubt but the balance of the million would be raised. People outside of the Church who signified their willingness to help always demand to know what the Church is doing, and it is a fact that without any "strings whatever" the City of Dallas and non-Methodist people combined, have paid in cash to the University more than twice as much as all the Methodists of the State.

10. It is often overlooked, but nevertheless all important, that so far as Southern Methodist University is concerned the cessation of intensely aggressive campaign is suicide. Until we have the million of endowment plus building and equipment for Methodism to show any disposition to relax the campaign, would mean the loss of much that has been accomplished and of untold gifts almost in hand. For the above, and many other reasons, the authorities of the Church have ordered the campaign—and it has already begun, must auspiciously.

THE PLAN.

The campaign is designated as having begun with the conclusion of the conference year of 1914; all cash received since that date is credited to the several Districts and Conferences.

To each of the District Commissioners has been sent a list of the subscriptions in his District showing all payments and amounts due. He has been sent, also, a book of receipts which are also certificates showing that the payments have been made on this particular million dollar cash campaign and properly credited to the old subscription.

The idea is that all friends of the University unite in this effort to secure not less than 100,000 payments of \$10.00 each, or an equivalent of that amount in multiples of \$10.00 each, thereby making up the million dollars. On this amount will be counted all payments of old subscriptions whether made through the office or District Commissioner; all new gifts of cash or marketable securities, such as stocks, bonds, etc., vendor lien notes, land with market value, etc.; and, to be sure, all subscriptions of any amount whatsoever in cash made by people who have not heretofore subscribed. Upon the receipt by the office of the report of the District Commissioner the office will also acknowledge the payment thereby making mistakes practically impossible.

The campaign for each district is under the control of Bishop Mouzon, Presiding Elder and District Commissioner, with the full co-operation of the University office. The methods of conducting the campaign vary, as the peculiar conditions of the districts may demand. The object, however, is the same in each, namely, that every member of our Church be given full information as to every detail of the University's work to date. If the people get the facts, the inspiration and response are certain.

The campaign will wage steadily, quietly, persistently until its purposes are accomplished. We have lost enough time. The more the delay, the more the expense; the greater the immediate response, the less the cost. If all Methodists had done their very best, the University would now be established with its million dollar endowment.

The City of Dallas—always loyal to the University will certainly do her part. Prominent citizens have had numerous meetings and pledged their co-operation in just such a campaign as is being inaugurated, willing to divide the labor and expense. They are organizing for the assistance of every man in the field.

Further details to the working out of the plan will be given from time to time, together with the reports of progress. In summary, it may be stated that with all the authorities of the Church behind them, Bishop Mouzon, the Presiding Elders, the District Commissioners, the University Administration, hundreds of pastors, subscribers and friends already organized have determined to show to the world that the Methodist Church with its 360,000 membership in the three States, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, can, from themselves and through their friends secure the equivalent of \$100,000 payments of ten dollars each in cash or its equivalent.

Five different persons are bidding for a certificate number one on the campaign. How much are we offered for certificate number 100,000? A good Methodist from out of the State has just written the office that not later than March 1st, we may issue him

receipts for 500 of the \$10.00 certificates, that means a gift of \$5,000 cool cash on March 1st.

"Our credit in Heaven depends on earth's debts to us."