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The Recruiting Function of the Christian Ministry

THE problem of the discovery, enlistment and training of men for the Christian ministry is among the supreme problems of the Christian Church. It is a problem of absorbing importance. It involves the whole question of Christian leadership in the Church.

The point of departure in the discussion of this problem, of course, is the assumption that it is God who calls men into his ministry. The Bible reveals to us only one kind of Christian ministry, namely, a divinely-called ministry. The Church may ordain men into the ministry, but it dare not call men into it. The calling of men is God's work and he does not vacate his seat to Pope, Bishop or Presbyter. And no man dare run until he is called. No prudential consideration should lead any man into the holy office of the Christian ministry. No constraint of friends should embolden him to undertake the sacred task of either preaching the gospel or administering the sacred ordinances of the Church.

The human agency in the divine call, however, is the subject of serious study today as not for many generations. Men today are saying that it is God who saves men, but while saying this they are reflecting also that God usually saves men through the agency of other men. And they are asking themselves if God in like manner also may not call men through men. The recruiting function of the ministry as the result of such reflections is receiving new study and investigation.

The earliest example of the recruiting function of the ministry is seen in Eli's interpretation of the strange voice heard in the night by the child Samuel. It was God calling Samuel, but it was Eli before Samuel who perceived that it was God who was calling. It was the old priest who interpreted the meaning of the inner voice that stirred in the childish soul. The fall of Elijah's mantle upon the shoulders of Elisha seems to have made clear to the young plowman the meaning of the sacred stirrings which long he must have felt in his soul. To Ananias came the knowledge of God's choice of Saul of Tarsus before such knowledge broke in upon that darkened soul. Human agency manifestly had a place in the call of Samuel, Elisha and Saul of Tarsus to their sacred work, and can any man conceive why there should be less need today for such agency in the divine call to men?

If the Bible teaches anything and the history of the Church proves anything, it is that the human agency is needed and is used in aiding men to hear the call of God. There certainly are "favoring influences," as Mr. Mott states it, which enable men to hear and heed the calls of God. If this be not true, what does it

mean that of the three thousand Southern Methodist preachers responding to questions from the superintendent of our Correspondence School, eighty-seven per cent of the number declared that they came from homes where both parents were Christians, while only ten per cent came from homes where only one of the parents were Christians? What does it mean that twenty-five per cent of these preachers name their parents as the human agents in their call? What does it mean that nine per cent of these preachers name their pastors as the human agents in their call? What does it mean that another five per cent of this number name the sermons they had heard, and another three per cent name the literature they had read as the human agents in their call?

An Irreparable Loss

WHEN President Thwing, among the greatest of American teachers, was discussing "The Good of Going to College," he credited the college, among other things, with lengthening the period of preparation for the work of life. And the most significant single thing of our day is the increasing emphasis of all educators upon this precious period. The kindergarten, the grammar school, the academy, the college, and the university are designed to extend the period of preparation to the first twenty-two or twenty-four years of life.

The period required for preparation is always the unmistakable sign of rank in nature. The mushroom may spring up in a night, but it requires several nights to grow an oak. The lower animals may be equipped for their work in a day, but it requires considerably more than a day for man to get ready for his task. The measure of human preparation, moreover, is almost the exact measure of human achievement. Is it not the prepared man who usually achieves? And is it not the unprepared man who usually fails?

The man of all men to be pitied is the man who is summoned to achievement, but who has left unused, or who has misused, his period for preparation. The proverbial task of making brick without straw is child's play compared to the situation of the man today who stands on the threshold of the period for achievement after the misuse of the period for preparation.

We were present some time since at a District Conference when a young man applied both for license to preach and for recommendation for admission into the Annual Conference. He was a perfect specimen of physical manhood. He had an open, noble face. His whole demeanor evidenced a genuine Christian experience and a real passion to preach. He was thirty-one years of age, married, and had completed studies equivalent to

those prescribed in the eighth grade of the High School. The case of this young man is vitally interesting because it is typical of the age at which and the qualifications with which literally hundreds of young men enter the ministry and are admitted on trial in our conferences. For such the period well-nigh has passed when the intellect is most inquisitive, the memory most retentive and mental habits most easily formed. For such the hour of achievement is at hand, and the past is credited with little, if any, preparation. For such, because of the increasing diffusion of knowledge both in the city and in the country, places are growing fewer and fewer in the ministry of any Christian Church. And, because of such, who will say the Church is not suffering an irreparable loss?

Fixing the Responsibility

QUITE sure are we that God cannot be assessed with the responsibility. God's call to the holy work of the ministry, in Samuel's case, was to the child. God's purpose respecting the ministry of Saul of Tarsus antedated his separation from his mother's womb. God's plan for a human life, we may believe, is not formed when that life is half finished. Would God, if unhindered, wait until the season of preparation is over before he calls a man to ministerial achievement? Would God, if unhindered, wait until a man is a bloody persecutor of his Church before calling him to the service of that Church? Would God, if unhindered, wait until the youth has spent years in sensuality before he calls him into the sacred ministry? It is unthinkable. Wordsworth was right: "Heaven lies about us in our infancy." God's call is still to the child.

Saul of Tarsus was a persecutor before he recognized God's call, but in this fact can any justification be found for saying that it was then that God first called him? Charles G. Finney was in the practice of law before he recognized the call of God, but in this fact is there any ground for saying it was there that God first called him? Wesley was a young man in his twenties before he recognized the call of God, but can you imagine that it was then that God first called him? Augustine was a sensual youth before he recognized the call of God, but can it be said that God waited upon such experiences to first make known His will concerning the work he was to do? Can it be said that wasted years and sin are necessary parts in the preparation to present the unsearchable riches of Christ?

Let the Christian minister who may chance to read these lines be not hasty to assess God or any one else with the responsibility for the countless hundreds of young men who have postponed the answer to God's call until the season for

intellectual preparation has passed. Let him, the rather, seriously ask whether he himself has faithfully exercised the recruiting function of his holy office. Has the vision of the whitened harvest with none to cast in the sickle sent him to his knees in prayer to the Lord of the harvest for more laborers? Has he lived so close to God that he has been able to interpret the strange fascination in young men for the work of the Church as the call of God? Has he been alert enough to see in the natural aptitude for language and facility in speech and yearnings for holiness an evidence that God has called the possessor of these qualities to preach his gospel? Or, has he directed young men with such abilities to serious thought of whether these things may not be evidence of God's call? Has it been his custom to urge upon his young men the claims of the ministry? Has he been a Phillips Brooks to some Charles E. Jefferson in bringing to his attention the needs of whitened fields? Has any young man found in his life "favoring influences" for hearing the call of God?

The Supreme Requisite

THE supreme requisite for Christian ministers who will exercise the recruiting function of their ministry is that they shall be men of prayer. The Master indicated clearly to his disciples the recruiting function of their ministry, but its exercise should be in and by means of prayer. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2.) It is in the exercise of prayer that Ananias has his vision of God's work for the smitten Saul of Tarsus. It is as a priest, solicitous for the welfare of God's house, that Eli is given the privilege of knowing that it is God who calls the child Samuel. It is as a man very zealous for God, though for a moment discouraged, that Elijah is entrusted with the knowledge of God's call to Elisha. Men of prayer are the best recruiters for God.

"Are you not called to preach?" said a praying pastor to one of his young men one day as he gently laid his hand upon his shoulder. "Who told you?" was the startled reply. Let the pastor study his young men, acquaint himself with their mental and spiritual aptitudes, watch for the deep, strange light in their eyes. Let the pastor associate himself humanly with his young men, be worthy of their secrets and keep them. Let the pastor now and then suggest the reading of his young men; let him, above all, pray for them, and, though it may be years thereafter, his heart shall be made to rejoice by the confession that it was through his life and ministry that the call to preach came.



A BUSINESS man sometimes asks why colleges are not so organized and administered as to make money, and he may intimate that failure to be self-supporting is evidence of inefficient management.

A certain class of institutions are self-supporting—business colleges, conservatories of music and preparatory schools.

The financial questions involved are (1) income per student, (2) salary of instructors, (3) number of students taught by each instructor. Piano music will furnish a simple illustration. Tuition is frequently as high as \$100, salary of instructor \$2000, number of pupils taught 25. Net profit \$500 per teacher. Tuition and salaries may vary, but the number taught by each instructor will seldom be less than 25. These figures will apply also to training schools, business colleges and seminaries for young ladies. Additional profits legitimately arise from rental fees on pianos and other instruments. The profits from board may also become considerable.

But these figures are not to be applied to colleges. But few colleges in the South receive as much as \$100 per student. Even when the fixed fee is that amount, much free tuition is granted in scholarships. The number of subjects taught in a college must be much greater than can

College Endowments

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be taken by any one student. These courses are largely elective, and some subjects attract only a small number of students. For example, a college may have 300 students and not more than ten of these may take Greek. In the large universities with 3000 students it is quite common to find advanced classes with less than ten students. When subjects are popular many instructors must be provided. Large classes must be prevented if the student is to receive personal attention. The average for American Colleges is less than fifteen students to the instructor. Applying the same figures for tuition and salary as in the former case, we see here not a profit but a loss of \$500 per instructor. Yale reports that the student pays but sixty per cent of the cost of his education, though the tuition fee is \$125 per year. This explains why Yale needs her endowment of \$13,000,000. The average endowment for the best equipped colleges is approximately \$2000 per student. The net income from such endowments will probably amount to \$100 per student. Combined with tuition fees this gives an income of \$200 per student. In the colleges of the East there are about twelve students to the instructor. Therefore, the income per in-

structor is \$2400. There are many administrative expenses besides salaries, and much free tuition and other prizes are offered to stimulate scholarships.

Our leaders in educational work have long declared that the colleges of the Church must be endowed or they will die. The support received from conference assessments and other contributions to current expenses are not sufficient to enable them to meet the competition of State-supported or privately-endowed institutions.

In the campaign for Southern Methodist University it was always declared that one-half of the first million dollars was to be for endowment; the gift of \$200,000 from the General Board of Education was conditioned on the setting apart of that amount for such purpose. Of the half million allowed for buildings \$450,000 has already been invested in Dallas Hall and the Men's Dormitory. Of the \$500,000 for endowment, \$140,000 has been collected and invested. Of this amount the General Board paid \$110,000. The remaining \$90,000 pledged by this Board will not be due till \$360,000 has been secured from other subscribers.

Certain friends of the University have

advised the officials that it makes collections difficult when it is known that the University has \$140,000 out at interest. The friend to Christian Education who has a correct appreciation of the problems of higher education will find in this fact his chief encouragement to aid its further progress. By a recent law of our Church an institution cannot be recognized even as a college till it has \$200,000 of endowment, and to be recognized as a University it must have \$1,000,000. The Methodists of Texas have a great and glorious task before them. Pass the word from subscriber to subscriber, "The University will open this fall. If prepared to take care of them, it might have a thousand students."

Now is the time that it needs your money most. This is our great hope for an institution owned and controlled by the Methodist Church, and so endowed as to be able to perform its great mission. Let it be a case where no question of ownership can arise, because it can be shown by its books that it was endowed by thousands of individual Methodists. It has been said that it is impossible to secure adequate endowment by popular subscriptions, because the masses can never be educated up to the point where they will understand and appreciate the necessity for endowment. These cynics do not know our people. They have already set their hands to the task and have accomplished too much to look back.

"Positive Preaching and The Modern Mind"

By REV. W. E. BOGGS, D. D., Fort Worth, Texas.

This article is not a review of Dr. Forsyth's strong book, bearing this strong title, but is a result of a recent rereading of that book. Dr. Forsyth's book was timely when published (1907), and for years to come it will be fresh and helpful.

What is positive preaching? Forensic dogmatization, frenzied fulminations against sin and fearless indictment of sinners, loyalty to orthodox traditions, consistent fidelity to the customs and creed of our fathers, to the institutionalism of our Church, to all the "Ye have heard that it hath been said" that may be found in the records of our cult, may be mistaken for positive preaching. The lament for all that is lost of the genuine in the heart of the past is pathetic, yea, more, it is tragic, because the loss of the genuine in religion is portentous. Yet it is possible for us to meet every demand indicated above, but dimly, fearfully fail of positive preaching. Much of the modern denunciatory preaching, while it may stir the passions of men, falls far short of the positive. Much of it is negatory of the gospel. Positive preaching is that presentation of the gospel of Jesus which convinces man of his own spiritual deadness on the one hand, and on the other reveals God in Jesus Christ, offering spiritual life. A gospel of judgment only is a gospel of law, but a gospel of redemption is a gospel of grace. Thus, St. Paul's "outlaws law" and "inlaws grace." Redemption, not commutation, is the goal of positive preaching. Recreation, not conformation, is its process. The gospel is the burden of positive preaching, and the gospel is Christ, and Christ is God. No amount of preaching about the gospel, about Christ, about God, will substitute for the real norm of preaching. Beautiful and useful as is much that may be preached about the gospel, it is misused when resorted to for other purposes than that of elucidation. The parables of our Lord set God in the midst of their drapery. When the true preacher appeals to the feelings of the hearer, he is seeking the enthronement of God in his affections. When he appeals to the reason, he is seeking to lead the hearer to "think God's thoughts after him." When he shows man his sin and its awful consequences, he accompanies it with the revelation of God in Christ, having stoned, and continuously redeeming. When he preaches about sin he must present it, not as misfortune, but as crime. He must lead his hearers not only to desire to be rid of sin as calamity, but to repent of it as an offense. He must make it clear that

repentance is not regret, but remorse. He must insist that regeneration is not a sublime dogma, but an essential fact. He may levy on art, science, literature, philosophy, theology, oratory, ethics, aesthetics—in short, everything that enters into the plenitude of human life; but nothing is positive preaching that subordinates to these, the bringing of man, the best, face to face with God in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself. Positive preaching may be hospitable to all that promises uplift; it can yield no whit of the authority of the gospel as ultimate. It has but little use for dogmas of theology; it cannot dispense with the dogma of the gospel. Nothing less than positive preaching will meet the situation presented by the modern mind.

Still it is no mere quip to ask, "Is there really such a thing as the modern mind?" Is it not the same old human mind, self-centered, sinful and heady, with some new conditions, which at the most, are only phases of life? Have these new conditions wrought any radical changes in the cognitive person? Have they eradicated from the small boy the impulse to choose the larger slice of pie when the plate is passed to him? Have they eradicated from kings, kaisers, stars and the cabinets of republics, the desire to seize larger portions of the earth? Have they made the commercial spirit less rapacious? A moderate degree of alertness will answer these questions. Industrial, social and political conditions of the present afford a vast field of human interest that no serious student of religion may dare neglect; but so far from these offering a solution of the great problem of the preacher, they bring confusion. The vast temple of modern civilization, in which, to say the least, God has been assigned to a rather obscure corner, has proved topheavy. We have another illustration of the fact that the cultivated, unregenerate human soul is "loaded," and that its explosion is all the more hurtful because of its high development. We are frequently met with the question, incident to the present disordered condition of more than half of the civilized world: "Has not Christianity failed?" I answer, no; it has been rejected in favor of these modern phases of life. Material civilization has become the God of the age. The Church has not altogether escaped the effects of the atmosphere of the time. I hesitate to say the Church has yielded to the pull of the "fashion of the day," but do we not blind ourselves when we insist there is no danger. Is the Church, as an institution immune to

the contagion of highly developed material equipment? May we not number our people and walk about our ramparts with less sense of dependence upon God than when we were a small people and meagerly equipped in munitions of the material sort? May we not organize at the expense of agonizing? May not the chariot with horses become a greater asset to us than the cross with its blood? May not the modern Renaissance mean more to us than the Resurrection? The lowly walk of the man of Galilee may have less attraction for us than the marshal tread of an army with banners. May we not do well to look more confidently to the little hill outside Jerusalem, from whence cometh out help, and to Joseph's new tomb which could not bind our hope in its death grip?

But these larger things referred to above are not the only evidence we have that we are dealing with the same old human heart. If we turn from the telescope to the microscope and view life, not from the exalted viewpoint of the observatory, but in the obscure laboratory of ordinary life, we may discover the reason for the failure of modern thought as a means of human regeneration. Modern thought has brought about an unexpected, but an insidious doubt concerning the whole matter of man's relation to God and to eternity. The great mass of men are not so sure they have souls as they once were. There is a vague feeling that "it does not matter much about life hereafter." To be just, cultured, and above all, brifly, is the whole duty of man. Of course, few definitely declare such a creed as this, but whoever carefully listens to the heartbeat of the time will find there is a very generally disseminated neo-ethi-cult which acts as a narcotic for the deeper pangs of the religious conscience. Preaching a positive gospel of authority is the antidote. Dr. Forsyth's fifth chapter is recommended as an extension of the study of this phase of the modern mind. Dr. Forsyth has written from the viewpoint of the master mechanic in the implement factory, and has written nobly. I am trying to write from the viewpoint of those of us who are in the field. We have Johnson grass, saffras and persimmon sprouts with which to contend in seeding the field. Those of us who have had experience know, that to cut these off at the top of the ground means trouble all through the cropping season. We know that we must grub at the beginning, or fight sprouts all through the growing of the crop. One of the largest temptations to the modern preacher is this quicker method of "top-cutting." Let us learn a lesson from a parable. "A certain man planted a fig tree in his vineyard, and after seeking fruit for several years, and finding none, ordered the keeper of the vineyard to cut it down and burn it. The keeper begged to spare

the tree for another year, proposing to dig about it and fertilize it, and if it then failed, to cut it down and burn it." This method was to that tree, the cultural method and the result was, it furnished the cross on which the keeper of the garden was crucified.

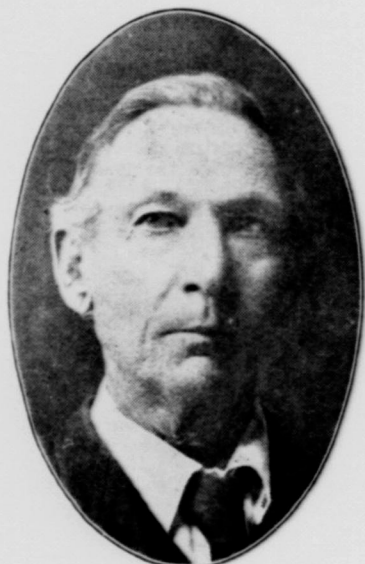
Dr. Forsyth refers to the fact that the fathers met with their gospel, the real intellectual problems of their time. With many reformers of our time, the effort is made to meet the gospel with the intellectual problems of the time. They would bend the stern moralism of the gospel to the pattern of this intellectual temper. Nothing short of the positive preaching of the doctrines of sin and repentance, forgiveness and redemption can stay this influence. This new phase of mind, which parades under the banners of scientism, modernism and liberalism, presents all the modern-ity with which we, as preachers, are concerned. We have all felt the pull, whether or not we have known the resources, or followed the leadings of the late Dr. James' "Sublimations," and Sir Oliver Lodge's "Psychological Researches," and some have turned to these instead of the simpler telling of his experience by one, Saul of Tarsus. We have turned pale when some Philistine has told us this same Saul, now Paul, after his christening, was a dogmatist of the "first water," and that "we are living in an age uncongenial to dogma." Well, the preacher is on much safer ground who accepts the statement of a man who knows, in preference to the hypotheses of men who "suppose." There is unquestionably much charm, even fascination, in these modern phases of thought, and herein lies the danger to the preacher. He may be wooed by this Delilah and shorn of his locks. He may even become ashamed of these locks; for does not Delilah tell him there is no virtue in long hair—that is out of style—even effeminate? But the moment he yields, he slackens his hold upon God. Delilah is dainty, delicate, and is not this the aesthetic age? True, men are not too ethic to commit sin, but some of them are too aesthetic to be told about it. Oh, it is a vulgar view of God, to think of him as a judge who will condemn men. He is the tender, indulgent father who will shield his children at whatever cost to his justice. Thus the sentimentalist comes to us as delicately as Agag approached the prophet, and sometimes as deeply stained with crime, for they have killed with their sentimentalism, positive faith in the Gospel.

But the pulpit has felt the influence of that phase of the modern mind which describes itself as liberalism. Liberalism, in the actualities of its attitude, is a renunciation of authority. It recognizes no other goal than enlargement of the innate, and encroachment upon a magnified ideal. It has its chart and compass in the form of exalted ideals of pure hu-

manism, but has lost its connection with its pole by reducing faith to mere sentiment with no fixed color. It is like Chesterfield's gentleman, having "acquired an easiness and versatility of manners, as well as of mind; like the chameleon, takes the hue of the company it is with." The preacher can not compound with this liberalism without the loss of positiveness. The renunciation of authority may be actual, indeed, it is actual with many in this time, but that does not make liberty real. Jesus spoke more wisely than the modern liberalist when he declared, "Knowing spiritual truth is the condition of freedom. (Jno. 8:32.) So far is psychological clinics from bringing real liberty that it reveals all the more clearly to man his limitations, but with this revelation, offers no hope of emancipation. Its highest hope is but a process of elimination, by pruning character of its vices, and a development solely dependent upon environment. In it there is no need for atonement, no need for redemption, no need for faith in its high spiritual connotation. It ignores Christ as God manifest in the flesh and magnifies Jesus as the supreme ideal of human character. It has no place for "Christ in us, the hope of glory," but is satisfied with and relies upon our imitation of him as the perfect example. Liberalism has nothing for the weak and lowly, but proposes an exclusive electorate on the basis of intellectual culture. The Sermon on the Mount, to which liberalism is so fond of referring as the charter of the religious life, becomes a solemn mockery of the great masses of people who are unable to pronounce the shibboleth of the "Ethical Culture" aristocracy. Liberalism tends to cultivate in man the very spiritual pride that Jesus teaches is fatal. Its doctrine of the sufficiency of human nature is in striking contrast with the New Testament teaching of man's need of divine help. "Ye must be born again" cannot stand on the same level with "You only need to develop the divinity that is in you."

Liberalism has nowhere manifested its influence more than in the field of "The New Theology." It serves no good purpose to flatly deny the actualness of this "New Theology." It has its place in the thought of the time, and that place is a very large place. What we need to appreciate is, that the "New" appertains, not to the "Theos," but to the "Ology." It is true the "New Theology" has furnished occasion for the action of centrifugal energy that has proved too strong for those whose faith had not been cemented to its object by the "experience of the renewed life." Liberalism has used the more or less flux thought, incident to modern criticism, to mold the modern mind in its die. It is not always easy to shift the course of approach without losing sight of the object. The sun

On A Golden Wedding Day



MR. JESSE W. ORENDUFF.



MRS. JESSE W. ORENDUFF.

Here's to a black-eyed Southern girl,
And to a boy who wore the gray.
After fifty years of married bliss,
Here's to their Golden Wedding Day.

The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse W. Orenduff, who reside five miles north of the city, was beautifully celebrated at their home by their children and grandchildren and a number of friends Tuesday, April 27, 1915.

This old Southern home, with its spacious rooms, decorated in gold-tinted roses and carnations, was the scene of much merriment as "the boys and the girls" gathered for the family reunion.

Jesse W. Orenduff was born in Breckenridge County, Kentucky, in 1843, and located with his father, William Orenduff, at his present home in 1855. "Uncle Jesse"—a sturdy old ex-confederate soldier, is loved and honored by a host of friends.

Mrs. Orenduff, whose maiden name was Sue Hampton, and is directly related to the Hamptons of military fame, was born in Louis County, Missouri, in 1842, and came with her father, William Hampton, to Bonham, Texas, in 1845. She was educated in the Bonham schools, and with her brilliant mind and noble heart she still retains the charm of her Southern graces.

Mr. and Mrs. Orenduff come of a long list of Methodists. Mr. Orenduff has been a member of the Methodist Church for fifty-six years and his wife has been a Methodist for sixty-

two years. The Rev. J. M. Binkley, of Sherman, preached one of his very first sermons in her father's home in Bonham.

Each of them take an active interest in affairs of today and are readers of The Daily Courier-Gazette, Dallas News and Christian Advocate.

Their seven children, who were all present at this family reunion, are: Mrs. Jeanie Mulkey, of Commerce; Arba and Monroe Orenduff, of Bonham; Jesse and Ross Orenduff, Mrs. Kay Boone and Mrs. Leona Harris.

An old-fashioned wedding dinner, consisting of turkey, cranberries and many varieties of salads, pies, cakes, etc., were served to some fifty guests, who registered their names in a beautiful hand-painted bride's book. The bride's bouquet was presented by one of the youngest grandchildren, O. C. Mallow, Jr.

Among the many wedding gifts was a gold clock, gold-banded china and \$27.50 in gold.

A photographer was present, besides several "dodgers," and many were the pictures taken.

Late in the afternoon the Altoga Band, through courtesy to their solo trombonist, Ross Orenduff, and in honor of his parents, came and rendered a concert of beautiful and appropriate music on the lawn, which was much enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.

Those present from a distance were Hon. and Mrs. O. C. Mulkey and little son, O. C., of Commerce; Arba and Monroe Orenduff, of Bonham, and Wilford Swinney, of New Orleans, La.—Daily Courier-Gazette, Denton, Texas.

SMALL BUT TRAGIC EVENTS.

H. G. H.

When Moses was found in the bulrushes on the Nile, he was soon conveyed to the arms of his own mother. The immortal lawgiver and leader of Israel was the outcome.

A heavy rain the night before and morning of the battle of Waterloo was the undoing of Napoleon Bonaparte.

James G. Blaine said, "A rain in New York kept kept 10,000 Republicans from the polls," and resulted in his defeat.

An axe in the hands of "Deaf" Smith, cutting down Vince's bridge, resulted in the capture of Santa Anna's army at San Jacinto, the freedom of Texas, annexation and ultimate possession of Arizona, New Mexico, California and linking of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

Less than 100 cotton bales, behind which Andrew Jackson's sharpshooters knelt down, brought the destruction of the British army at New Orleans in 1815.

The back of two envelopes was used by Francis Scott Key in penning the "Star Spangled Banner" at Baltimore in 1812, giving us a national song and Key immortal fame.

A hasty plate of soup kept Winfield Scott from quickly responding to the call of the President in 1845, and Taylor was made general, won victories and the Presidency.

A stroke of Wm. H. Seward's pen transferred \$7,000,000 to Russia and Alaska to the United States in 1867, with its billions of mineral wealth and agricultural resources.

How much of Divine Providence there was in these small but momentous events no man knows, but the man who proceeds in anything without reference to God, does it at his own peril.

THE INTEGRITY OF THE CHURCH

In his truly great sermon on Christ and the Church, Bishop Marvin sets forth the great truth.

Christ as the bridegroom and the Church as his bride without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Really the slightest impurity on the part of the bride is absolutely unthinkable. This is to illustrate with a concrete case:

Place, Lower Peach Tree, Ala. Time 1866. Actors, J. W. Rush, presiding elder; John Faust, preacher in charge.

Promptly Faust had served notice that he was not there as a trimmer but to be faithful, make a spoon and spoil a horn. By the first quarterly meeting all had lined up thusly: You dare to force the Discipline and your name is Dennis so far as a support is concerned. That put Rush on his mettle. Facing the preacher he said, "You dare to let matters drift as they have been doing and I will arrest you at conference for the neglect of duty; on the other hand I have some money



I chatter, chatter, as
I flow,
To join the brimming
river;
For men may come and
men may go,
But I go on forever.

Drink

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The Standard Beverage

Imitations of Coca-Cola come and go—none last more than a few seasons. This has been going on for 29 years—yet Coca-Cola, unchanged in name or self, keeps its old friends and makes new ones.

Demand the genuine by the full name that has inspired so many imitations.

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and your family shall not suffer." As a matter of fact they made it rocky for the preacher. Often was he reminded of David's lament, "I was made the son of the drunkard," for he remembered that John Barlecorn with all his various ramifications is at the bottom of all this trouble. When he and family went to Church or prayermeeting and met no one they would have prayers and go home, frequently using the old hymn:

"I hope against all human hope;
Self desperate, I believe."

The dilapidated camp ground was hard by but the idea of thinking of a campmeeting was positively ridiculous. However, the preacher laid aside his coat and with what little help he could get—cleaned up—settling matters to the right as best they could, and proclaimed far and near that the meeting would be held. At first it was the day of small things, but the crowd increased because they could not stay away. Rush, a son-in-law of Bishop Andrew, also an ex-Confederate soldier, fearing neither men nor devils, was at his best as a preacher.

"Before God and these witnesses it does look like some men in this country, if they could, would gladly take a barrel of red whiskey to the streets of New Jerusalem and sell the stuff to the Angel Gabriel to make money with which to carry on their unmitigated rascality." The shot hit. Two points must be remembered. A preacher never does his real best till he is cornered. Also the Master always helps a preacher when in a close place. Suffice it to say the meeting was an eminent success, the climax was reached the last night. The different classes all had their sunset grove meeting and as the signal for service was sounded they came in from different directions; some could walk, others needed help—all happy.

After a time Rush got to the point where he could read his text. "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad." That was the signal for a great shout, many responding, that is so, and I can prove it. "Well," said the preacher, "that is better preaching than I can do, we will sing a song, call penitents hoping to scrape the bottom by midnight."

The altar was soon filled and the mourner's bench was everywhere. At a late hour they reached a point where they could receive the members, baptize the children and adults, also administer the Lord's Supper to both the new and the old members. Thus closed one of the most wonderful meetings ever held on the soil of Alabama. After the benediction Faust was sent for to go to a certain text where he found Jeff Aldridge and others, the leaders of the gang. Well they did not roar like a lion, only because they could not. "How we do thank you for your faithfulness! Had you shirked as others have done we all would have gone to the devil in a pile. God bless you and yours! Here is what money we have and here is our note for the balance."

Say what you may about changed conditions there certainly is no change in the operation of the Holy Spirit. Like the noonday sun it comes down abundantly upon all who are prepared to receive it. On the other hand, if we fail to meet the conditions, He, the Holy Spirit, takes His departure saying, "Your house, no longer mine, is left unto you desolate." W. W. GRAHAM, Clarksville, Texas.

A trouble either can be remedied or it cannot. It can be then set about it; if it cannot be, dismiss it from your consciousness or bear it so bravely that it may become transferred to a blessing.—Lillian Whiting.

OUTLINE OF PERSONAL HISTORY.

By Gilbert Onderdonk, Sr.

My memories often freshly flow
Back to years of long ago,
When I was but a little boy,
And life to me was full of joy.

My mother was so good to me,
And father, who could better be?
Sisters, brothers, harmoniously all,
How sweet the days that I recall.

Then to school we each were sent,
And by our studies onward went,
Furling minds and bodies, too,
As on in human life we grew.

Then consumption seizing me
Compelled me from the North to flee,
And rushed me from my parents' dear
Down to the Texas wild frontier.

But Jesus came along with me,
And from my heart did never flee.
For seventy years He's been my guide,
And still is standing by my side.

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And soon our God my home will fix.
I'm looking for my glittering crown
To come when'er my sun goes down,
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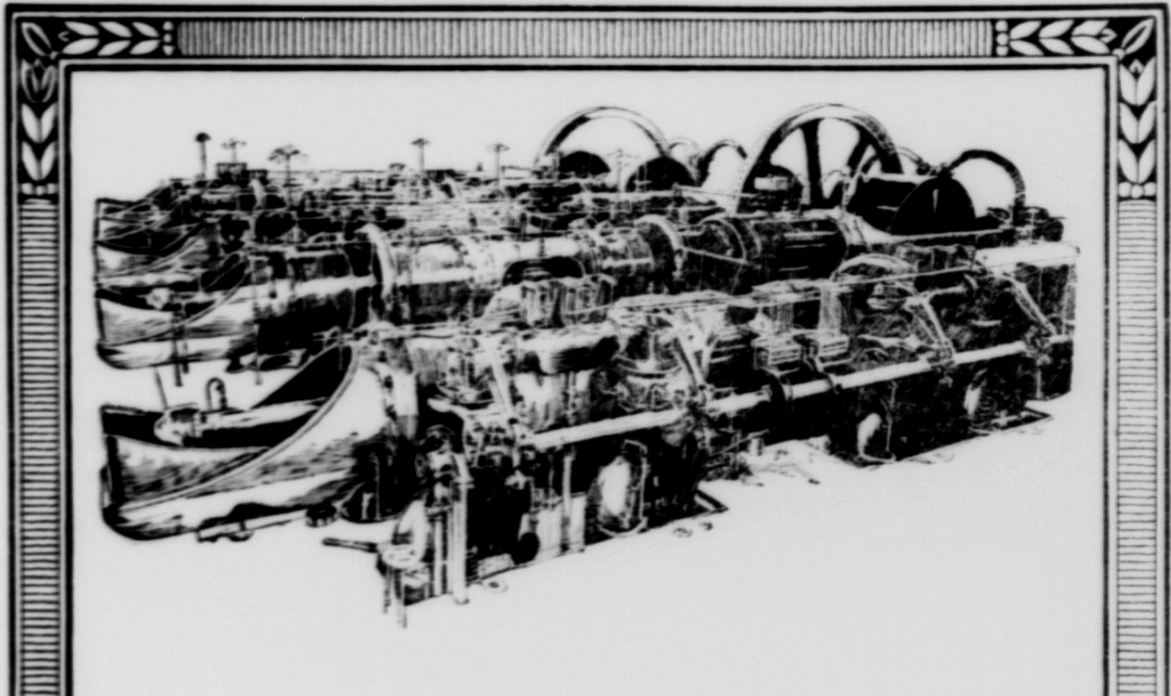
WEATHERFORD DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

District Conference for the Weatherford District met in Weatherford at Coats Memorial Church, at 9 a. m., on April 28, and adjourned at 2:30 p. m., April 29. On the night of the 27th a large crowd assembled in that hospitable and homelike Coats Memorial Church and listened to the opening sermon by Brother M. S. Hotchkiss, and all seemed to enjoy the Gospel sermon of this long servant to the Church. On the next morning the conference was delighted to find that Bishop J. H. McGee was on hand to preside. This he did the first day of the conference in a business-like and expeditious way. The Bishop made all feel at home, and all felt that in him was to be found, not some austere personage of whom they were afraid, but on the contrary, a most brotherly man to whom they could go and confide their troubles and feel the sympathy that the travel worn preacher stands so much in need of at times. The Bishop preached to a great sermon and from its spiritual uplift many of us felt inspired to go further on the way. But above all things we were impressed by his deep piety and conscientious discharge of duty. On the second day the pastor of Weatherford First Church, Dr. W. L. Nelson, at the request of the presiding elder, took the chair and presided. Perhaps there is no more universally loved man in the Church than Brother Nelson. Many, like the writer, have known him from childhood and found him always true and at the Master's work. There was a good attendance at the Conference and all agreed that it was one of the best that they had ever attended. There was a deep spirituality running through all the business of the sessions. At a pastors' conference in February it was decided to have a "win one" campaign in this district. After prayer and thought we fixed the goal at 500. I kept account of all the results and on adding them together find that we took in 501 new members and believe that nearly half of them were on profession of faith. Before leaving the Bishop paid a very much deserved tribute to L. A. Webb, the presiding elder of the district. We all agree that Brother Webb is a good presiding officer and we feel on the district that if we will all co-operate that much more remains to be done, and will be done ere the year shall come to a close. All the preachers in the district were present, with good reports. We licensed three good men to preach—J. C. Grimes, B. C. Cochran and R. N. Lewis—all of Okey. The following delegates to Annual Conference were elected: FRITZ G. LANHAM of Weatherford W. R. WITHERSPOON of Weatherford A. L. HOWARD of Mineral Wells C. W. WILSON of Mineral Wells Alternates: T. F. Temple of Weatherford J. H. Myrick of Okey Fritz G. Lanham was elected District Lay Leader. Brother Roach, of Southwestern; Brother Collier, of the Superannate Home Board; W. T. Gray, of the Waco Orphanage, and Brother Calbreath, of Nashville, representing the League, addressed the conference. Dr. John R. Nelson, of Weatherford, and Brother Bickley, of Cleburne, were also present. Brother Bickley preached a splendid sermon on Thursday morning representing the Mission Board. Dr. Bradford, of the Advocate, was a day late, but when he did come and preach he made up all lost time. He is a great preacher and will fill the job he has taken to the limit. J. HALL BOWMAN, Sec.

one to three places outside the towns that they are preaching to. The circuit men are not unmindful of this opportunity and are also using their Sunday afternoons in the same manner. Lying to the west of and adjacent to the Hamilton Circuit there is a stretch of territory too great for the pastor to reach, as it should be reached, so the presiding elder appointed D. Q. Owen, a consecrated local deacon, as junior preacher at the Hamilton Circuit, that this territory might be supplied with the Gospel, and that the work might go forward with greater strength. Rev. A. F. Winfield, President Meridian College, came so on with the report that the school was in good condition and doing a high grade of work, for which we all rejoice. We appreciate Winfield and are proud of his school. Delegates to the Annual Conference were elected as follows: JAS. M. ROBERTSON H. Y. PRICE J. A. G. WEAVER REV. D. Q. OWEN Alvin Franklin Cook, a young man of promise, was licensed to preach. The various committees in their reports showed painstaking care and throughout them all a spirit of a forward move was noted. Ever upward and on was their slogan. W. S. Ansley, our much appreciated District Lay Leader, was unanimously and enthusiastically re-elected to that office. S. J. Rucker has won our love. His District Conference presidency was noted for its kindness, smoothness and accuracy. Resolutions were introduced and passed by the conference expressing the appreciation of the conference of him for the way in which he had handled the business of the conference. Brother Monk and the good people of Hamilton did all that could be done for the comfort and happiness of their guests. In fact they did more than was necessary. We all left glad that we had gone to Hamilton. Adjournment was taken to meet again at Meridian, Texas, in 1916. F. O. WADHILL, Secretary.

McKINNEY DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The fourteenth session of the McKinney District Conference met at Farmersville April 12-15. Presiding Elder C. W. Dennis directed all the deliberations of the conference, and although it was Brother Dennis' first experience as a "presiding" elder he clearly demonstrated his ability to dispatch all business in order and to the satisfaction of all. The attendance was exceptionally good, there being only one preacher absent and only one charge that did not have one or more lay representatives. Careful consideration was given to the spiritual state of the Church, Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues and the circulation of religious literature. One of the most encouraging features of the conference was that our laymen had the above matters upon their hearts and were ready to stand before the conference and discuss them. Particular stress was laid by some stewards upon the good to be accomplished by placing the Texas Advocate in the homes of Methodists. Reports showed an increase in interest in Sunday School "efficiency" and the organization of four Leagues since Annual Conference. Two exceptionally fine officials were reported. At Carrollton Brother D. F. Fuller had a revival resulting in about fifty professions, and a thorough consecration of the entire Church membership. The revival at Farmersville resulted in about 275 professions and the fires had not died out when conference met. In fact, during the session of conference there were eight or ten conversions and two young men announced their submission to the call to the ministry, and another consecrated his life to whatever service God should direct. Two young men, Herbert Bryant and Conrad Rogers, of Frisco, were granted license to preach. Delegates to Annual Conference were elected as follows: J. J. M. HARPER W. L. NORRIS WALTER R. WILSON A. P. ROGERS Alternates: Jeff Lucell J. S. Dennis The next session of conference will be held at Nevada. Among the visiting lecturers were Dr. C. M. Traceless, presiding elder, Gatesville District; Rev. C. A. Spragins, Conference Secretary of Education; Dr. D. H. Abston and Rev. J. E. Gahler, of Wesley College, and Rev. W. T. Gray, of Waco, representing the Orphanage. The preaching of the conference was done by Brothers H. E. Anderson, E. H. Colburn, C. A. Long, T. N. Weeks and D. J. Fuller and was pronounced as powerful and inspiring as ever heard. The last hour of the session was given to an old-fashioned love feast, conducted by the presiding elder. God came down and gave us a mighty service. Men became wonderfully happy and shouted the praises of their Redeemer. But not less than the best of the services was the hospitality extended the conference by Brother Moreland and his good people. They left nothing undone that would add to our comfort and pleasure, and more was in our disposal than we could appreciate. We shall never forget Farmersville because of her hos-



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GATESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Gatesville District Conference met at Hamilton, Texas, April 27-28, 1915, with Rev. S. J. Rucker, presiding elder, in the chair. The conference met at 4 o'clock the first day and organized for work. Following the organization Rev. H. D. Huddleston preached the opening sermon. The roll call developed the fact that a full representation was present and the next morning the conference launched into business properly. Rev. W. H. Vaughan, Commissioner of the Theological Department of the S. M. U., was present and represented his work in that peculiarly characteristic style that belongs only to him. Rev. D. L. Collier brought greetings and a message as to the work of providing homes for the men who have worn out on the field of service. At night we had with us Rev. C. E. Landree, who as a representative of the Board of Missions of our Annual Conference, in a short address, urged the early payment of the mission assessment. After this short exhortation he then launched out into a sermon on "The Pre-eminence of the Gospel through Christ." At the conclusion of which there was an old-fashioned handshake and the old fires were seen burning again. E. L. Lloyd brought us a strong message at the 11 o'clock hour on the "Call of the Ministry." The pastors' reports showed determination and optimism. Strong gains were noted in many departments and we look forward to great things the next few months. One item is worthy of note in this report, and that is that we are now putting forth greater effort to reach the places without preaching service—the out-of-the-way school-houses and missionary territory. Very nearly every station preacher in the district has frui-

tility and more because of his religiousness. GUY F. JONES, Secretary. DALLAS DISTRICT CONFERENCE The District Conference at Dallas District met at Cedar Hill, Texas, April 29, at 8 a. m. General plans had been made by the transaction of all the business of the conference in one day. Two sessions were held in the afternoon, a short service intervening and adjournment was toward home service. All business matters were thoroughly gone into, and there was ample time for discussions, speeches and addresses. Sunday School matters were discussed by Messrs. W. B. Hamilton, R. S. Tate, B. M. Burgher, Ralph Parter, W. O. Fenester and others. Epworth League by Gus W. Thomasson and J. R. Gahler; and financial interests by Judge J. E. Cockrell, Dr. S. H. C. Burgen, Bishop Mansour and Dr. S. R. Day. Frequent sparks flew, but the fires held, and with steady clock-like precision, the confer- ence proceeded. Dr. O. F. Senzhang, the presiding elder, was assisted in the duties of the chair by Bishop F. D. Mansour, who presided in the afternoon. The attendance of the laymen under the new method of election was remarkable the record showing that more than members of the conference were present at the morning session. The two outstanding and unforgettable features of the conference were the sumptuous dinner served by the people of the Cedar Hill Church on the grounds of noon, and the sermon at 4 p. m. by Bishop Mansour. Each beyond the suggestion of improvement. Each completely satisfied. The Bishop's theme was "The Christian Conception of God." He used texts setting forth God as Spirit, Light and Love, and then unfolded the subject. It was not less a revelation to the hearts than to the head of the believers. The reports made read an statement. The average Sunday School attendance for March 1915, is shown to be an advance of 1500 over the previous year. March, 1914. There have been 1222 additions to the Church since Annual Conference, 1914 in these on profession of faith. Financial matters are well up to date. One new church has been organized. As delegates to the Annual Conference the following were elected: J. E. COCKRELL J. F. CARTER GUS W. THOMASSON T. J. BRITTAIN Alternates: B. M. Burgher W. C. Everett Homer Smartt, a local preacher, was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission. The conference acknowledged the kindness and courtesy of Rev. E. G. Roberts, pastor here, and his people by a strong resolution. The next District Conference goes to Tyler Street, Dallas.

Evening services of their usual order were given by Rev. J. W. Clark and Dr. W. D. Bradford. C. O. SUGART, Sec.

It is said that when Mr. Moody was holding a meeting in London, a minister prayed and kept on praying until it seemed that he would never stop. Mr. Moody queried him: "While the brother is bringing his prayer to a close let us sing 'Nearer My God to Thee.'" Whether the story is apocryphal we know not, but we know that other teachers and laymen alike lack personal facilities in their prayers. Whether they might or be publicly rebuked in public meeting.—Watchman-Examiner. IT PAYS TO BE CAREFUL Statistics reveal a surprising number of deaths resulting from seemingly trivial injuries. For instance, a rusty nail puncture, a neglected wound which becomes festering and ends in blood poison. What was easy to prevent becomes impossible to cure. Newspapers chronicle daily deaths which would never have occurred had Gray's Ointment been on hand. It is an absolute preventer of blood poison and cures quickly and permanently all boils, bruises, oaruncles, festering wounds, old sores, ulcers and other skin maladies of every nature. 25c a box at drug stores, or a Free Sample can be had from Dr. W. F. Gray & Co., 850 Gray Building, Nashville, Tenn.

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The discussion of "The Place of the Layman in the Church," by Brother W. M. Hurt, revealed that there are 260 laymen in his city who are doing "Gospel team work."

The discussion on "Rural Evangelism" by Rev. E. A. Townsend, perhaps, brought deepest conviction to the conference. He showed that there was much mission territory in the four counties in the Tulsa District and that the Missionary Board of the Annual Conference can not take care of all the places in need of the Gospel.

Rev. A. M. Belcher, in his discussion of the Sunday School, plead for consecrated teachers. He plead for the elimination of the mechanical in the Sunday School.

I have given this hasty resume of these discussions to show the reader some of the problems our Oklahoma brethren are wrestling with and the intelligence and energy with which they are addressing themselves to their task.

The closing session of the conference was held Thursday morning. One young man was licensed to preach—Brother L. M. May.

The reports of local preachers, whose licenses were renewed, showed a number of them actively at work. The following were elected as delegates to the Annual Conference: J. H. Esslinger, C. R. Gilmore, N. A. Jamison and T. W.

Eastham; alternates: R. A. Morrow and Dr. S. B. Leslie.

W. M. Hurt was elected District Lay Leader. Beggs was selected as the place for the next meeting.

Rev. J. H. Ball conducted the proceedings of the entire conference with poise and wisely directed all discussions. He showed himself to be intimately acquainted with the field and its problems.

Rev. I. S. Barton, who is so familiar to all Texans, closed the conference with a searching sermon from Gal. 1:11-17. He is the same useful man in Oklahoma as he was known to be in Texas.

P. S. The conference quickly raised the \$100 asked by Bishop Mounson as a loan fund for students at S. M. U.

COMMERCE.

Commerce is one of our beautiful North Texas towns, having a population of six thousand people. It boasts of one of the largest schools in the entire South—the East Texas Normal. Prof. Mayo is President of the school and is a member of our Church.

Rev. R. F. Bryant is in his second year at Commerce Station. He has received considerably above one hundred additions since conference. Last year he received 185 into the Church. No pastor in Commerce has written himself more deeply in the life of that city.

The editor faced large congregations at both hours last Sunday in the commodious auditorium of our Commerce Church. The people were both as attentive and cordial as he has met anywhere.

DEATH OF E. M. LIVELY.

In the passing of Bro. Lively, sudden as it was, a pioneer and a staunch Methodist was translated. For many years he had been prominent in the affairs of Methodism in Denton and Dallas Counties.

DEATH OF MRS. J. C. SMITH.

It was tragic, for she had been down town to do her shopping and was on her way home where her three babies awaited her coming. As she hesitated at the crossing a west-bound freight caused injuries that snuffed out her life.

Notes and Personals East Oklahoma Conference

LUTHER ROBERTS, Correspondent

Rev. A. M. Dupree, of Stroud, has a remarkable hold on the people of his charge and is doing a most excellent work.

At Henryetta, Rev. A. M. Belcher has received twenty-eight members this year, sixteen of these on profession of faith.

Rev. J. E. Carpenter, of St. Paul's, Muskogee, will preach the Commencement sermon for Hendrix College this year.

Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, D.D., is this week attending the meeting of the Church Extension Board in St. Louis. He has for several years been a useful and active member of that Board.

Mrs. E. H. Creasy, the wife of our pastor at Bristow Station, has been in very poor health for several months, but is reported as much improved.

At Stilzer our young pastor, Rev. H. P. Clarke, is handling a difficult situation in a most satisfactory manner. He is studious and consecrated, and is taking his place as one of the strong young men of the conference.

Rev. W. R. Rosser, a valuable local preacher, is supplying Garvin Circuit in the Hugo District, and is making a fine record. He is a man of great ability and ought to be a member of the conference.

Rev. A. T. Winn, of the Sasakwa Mission, is giving himself without reserve to his work. He is a young man of good ability and great promise, and enjoys doing the work of a Methodist preacher.

Rev. Johnson Tiger, of Wetumka, is one of our Creek preachers, and one of the most useful men we have. In addition to looking after the duties of his own pastoral charge he acts as interpreter for the presiding elder, Rev. T. F. Roberts, of the Creek-Cherokee District. At the mid-year

missionary meeting at McAlester this eloquent young Indian was one of the most interesting and helpful speakers on the program. He is doing a great work among his people.

The Church in Texas will rejoice to know that Rev. G. H. Adams is recovering from the effect of his recent accident. Brother Adams is one of our most faithful superannuates. May his recovery be complete.

Tiger Memorial Church, Tulsa, is reported as making substantial progress under the ministry of the pastor, Rev. J. E. McConnell. He is an untiring worker and his efforts are meeting with success in that difficult field.

Oklahoma Methodists are greatly rejoiced over the return of Bishop Murrah to us for another year. His administration has given universal satisfaction, and the brethren here were naturally anxious for his return.

A neat little card received at the Advocate office announces the arrival of Ewart Goodell at the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. Bascom Watts on May 2, 1915, at Amarillo, Texas. The Advocate extends a cordial handshake to the happy parents.

Rev. R. F. Stegall, of Asbury Church, Ada, is erecting an immense tabernacle near his church, where he hopes to have a great revival meeting of the old type. He is a Methodist preacher of the old type, full of faith and the Holy Ghost.

Great preparation is being made for the Sulphur Encampment, which meets June 21-July 1. An unusually attractive and strong program has been arranged, and the largest attendance in the history of the Encampment is expected.

Rev. M. L. Sims is having a successful term of service at Dustin Station. He is now in his third year at that place and the Church under his leadership has made wonderful development. His people have already asked for his return for the fourth year.

Rev. J. M. Cantrell, of Sapulpa Station, is a busy pastor. He has, besides receiving about sixty members into his Church this year, paid off several hundred dollars' indebtedness on his church and raised money for various improvements on the church property.

Rev. John R. Abernethy, of Okmulgee, who came to us last fall from the West Oklahoma Conference, is meeting with great success in that important field. He is preaching to splendid congregations, and the Sunday School is enjoying a healthy growth.

W. A. Holder, lay leader of the Tulsa District and Superintendent of the Sunday School at Stroud, recently died in a Nashville hospital and was buried at his old home at Gallatin, Tennessee. He was a staunch Methodist and a valuable man, and in his death the Church at Stroud has suffered a great loss.

Our Church at Poteau, Rev. Wm. A. Frazier, pastor, has recently experienced a great meeting in which Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker, of Denison, Texas, did the preaching, and Rev. J. C. Curry, of Atoka, Okla., led the singing. These brethren are spoken of as being an unusually strong evangelistic team.

PERSONALS

Rev. R. B. Bonner, of Shawnee, called to see us the past week. He is his usual cheerful self and very optimistic.

Rev. O. T. Cooper, of Denton, was in Dallas the past week and we enjoyed a call from him. He reports his charge in fine shape, and prospects favorable.

Brother L. I. Naugle and wife, of Josephine, called this week. His work is in fine shape. Brother Naugle brought a subscriber. He always looks after the Advocate.

Rev. Horace Bishop, of Waxahachie District, is always welcome in the Advocate sanctum. When he called a few days since he expressed a lingering desire to furnish some reminiscences to be placed in book form. His many friends and admirers would be glad to have him "perpetrate" a

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book. If he is timid on this point, then we would be delighted to have him use the columns of the Advocate for that purpose.

Rev. W. T. Whiteside, of Lamar Avenue, Paris, was a pleasant caller this week. He has just closed a good revival and his Church is in splendid condition. He is going to follow up his revival by an Advocate campaign.

Rev. W. G. Harbin, Sunday School Field Secretary of the Texas Conference, called on the Advocate this week. We are always glad to see Bro. Harbin; his visits are full of sunshine. He is doing a good work in his conference.

Mrs. Thomas More Harwood announces the marriage of her daughter, Mary Frances, to Mr. William Henry Stacy on Tuesday, the fourth of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, Gonzales, Texas. The Advocate extends congratulations.

Rev. J. W. Trevette, of Tipton, Okla., is pastor of our Church at that point. While visiting his parents in Dallas the past week he made a pleasant call on the Advocate. He is doing good work for Methodism in his charge.

Rev. C. B. Colson, pastor at Wylie, called this week. He reports the work in fine condition. They are planning \$7000 improvements in church and parsonage. A number of valuable new members have been received since conference and conversions are frequent.

Mr. Joe T. Burcher, of Oak Lawn Church, Dallas, celebrated his birthday on Tuesday, May 11, with a dinner at one of the leading hotels in Dallas. We would say that he was 53 years of age, but fear he might not want it known. May he live to enjoy many more anniversaries.

A card from Rev. T. O. Shanks, pastor at Vian, Okla., brings the sad news that his son, Olin, has been taken to a sanitarium for an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to learn that he stood the operation well and is in a fair way to recovery. Brother Shanks asks the prayers of the brethren.

A note from Rev. E. W. Solomon, presiding elder of the Beaumont District, says:

"The results of our Easter Campaign were over 500 members, and much more than half were on profession of faith. The district is in fairly good shape in every way."

WORDS OF CONDOLENCE.

The Business Men's Bible Class of First Church, Temple, Texas, sent a touching letter of condolence to Mrs. W. M. Dickey and family on the death of the husband and father, Mr. Dickey, lost his life in a tragedy in Temple recently. He was a member of the Bible Class.

AN APPRECIATION.

I wish to say to the ministers and friends through the Advocate that I greatly appreciate the many nice letters of condolence they have written me in my great bereavement.

MRS. J. P. CHAMBERS, Yoakum, Texas, Route 4.

ANOTHER OKLAHOMA 100 PER CENT.

Rev. C. H. Armstrong, of Davidson, Oklahoma, writes that every steward takes the Advocate. Brother Armstrong has added twenty-eight new subscribers to the list and is still at work.

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 Ragdale, care Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas.

AN ALL-DAY MEETING

The District Secretary of Dallas District held an all-day meeting at Trinity Church April 30. Ten auxiliaries were well represented...

LOVELY TRIBUTE

A very lovely tribute was recently paid our Texas Conference Recording Secretary and former Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. W. T. Spencer...

TO THE WOMEN OF THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

We are indeed glad the time is near when we may entertain you in Memphis. Let every auxiliary make a special effort to send at least one delegate...

TO THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

It is the wish of the Memphis Young People's Society that the Young People be accorded an especial invitation to be with us at the Annual Conference, which convenes in Memphis, Texas, May 29, to June 1, 1915...

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE TREASURERS

Forty-nine reports for quarter were received, only one being too late to be included in my report to General Treasurer...

SAN MARCIAL, NEW MEXICO

Just a few words as to what is being done here. During the first quarter we gained twenty new members, but lost two by removal...

Social Service meeting for the quarter was well attended and the program was excellent. Our district meeting is to be held at Vanhook. We will have three delegates there...

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

A Treat for the W. M. S. of Oklahoma. When the days of June have almost ended every energetic missionary woman in Oklahoma will doubtless appreciate a visit to a summer resort where rest and refreshment are at hand...

Duke Auxiliary

She also held an institute with the members of the Missionary Society and her children. It will be well worth while to hear Mrs. Wright, as she is exceptionally good in the Junior work...

REPORT OF TEXAS CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FIRST QUARTER, ENDING APRIL 30, 1915

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Membership dues, young people, Bible members, and various expenses.

Cash Receipts by Districts

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Amount. Lists receipts from various districts like First, Second, Third, Fourth, etc.

Financial summary table showing Receipts, Disbursements, and Total receipts. Includes sub-totals for various departments.

RATES TO MEMPHIS

Attention, Northwest Texas Missionary Conference: All railroads in our territory have granted the usual one and one-third fare to our conference...

WOMAN'S MISSION

This subject has been written and talked upon so often and so ably that I do not presume to think that I can advance anything new or better...

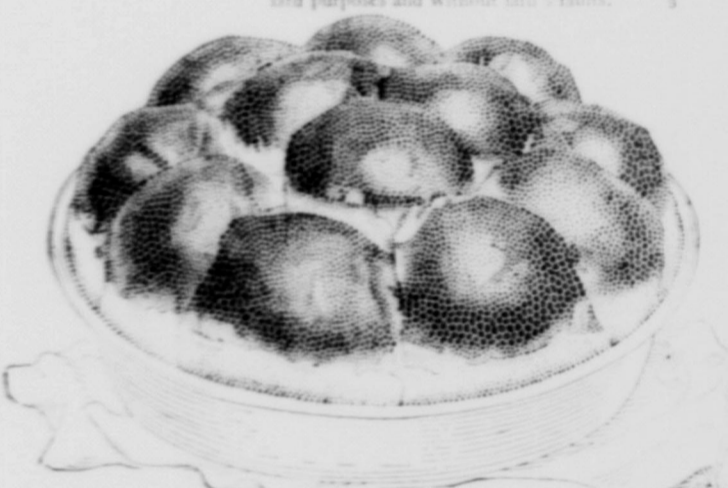
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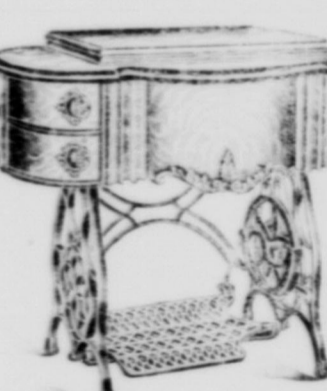
You try your hardest to reach perfect skill in the making. You're constantly on the lookout for the very best recipes. You watch your stove's condition and your oven's just-rihtness like a hawk...



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Thus writes Mrs. A. C. Sterling, wife of Rev. A. C. Sterling, of Crafton, Texas, referring to her Advocate Machine. Satisfied users have referred to it in many ways. "The Noiseless Wonder," is what one lady calls it, and she had used the machine long enough to make an ordinary machine "wobble" and become noisy...



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THE PASSING DAY

THE WAR.

It looks now as though Italy will get into the war. The opinion prevails in Rome that Italy's participation is only a question of days. All Italian officers in Switzerland have been ordered to join their regiments. Military preparations are being pushed vigorously and political opposition to war has died away. In Paris it is rumored Germany and Austria declared war on Italy, but there is apparently no basis for such reports. The facts are the territorial concessions from Austria were unacceptable to Italy as Trieste and Istria were not included. Heavy fighting has been in progress on the Gallipoli peninsula during the past week, though accounts of results are not obtainable.

An official statement issued at Constantinople says the French and British troops made four attacks near Avl Burnu on Sunday, but were driven back with heavy losses. It is asserted three battalions, or about 3000 men, were annihilated. Press dispatches to Athens to London says that the allies made important advances on Friday and Saturday and that the Turkish losses in the fighting were estimated at 45,000 men.

Victory in several engagements along the Carpathian front is reported in an official Russian statement. Dispatches to Switzerland say the Russians have begun a strong offensive at Tarnow, reported to have been captured last week by the Austrians as well as in the Baltic provinces to the north.

German and Austrian accounts of important successes in these regions, however, have not been qualified.

The one all-absorbing blood-curdling event of the week, and for that matter the war, is the destruction of the Cunarder Lusitania last Friday by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland. Nearly twelve hundred persons—men, women and children—over one hundred of them Americans, went to their death in the name of war. The palliation, if indeed there was any, was the warning of the German Embassy, published in American newspapers, to Americans not to enter the naval war zone on vessels flying the colors of the Allies. It is doubtful if there is a person in the civilized country who thought for a moment that the dire threats of the Kaiser to destroy an enemy's vessel freighted with the lives of innocent men and women would be carried out. The Lusitania is now resting three hundred and sixty feet below the surface of the sea, but the echo of the cries of anguish from those who went down with her on last Friday will reverberate throughout the whole civilized world until time shall cease.

President Wilson can be relied upon in this time of trial. He will not be influenced by the hot heads who would plunge the United States into war. His course in handling this delicate situation, whatever it may be, will be the course of wisdom. Uncle Sam is on guard, and the interest of this country, the honor of this country, the peace of this country, will be subserved and no stain will rest upon the banner of "the land of the free and the home of the brave." The President has practically decided upon the first step in the policy which the United States will pursue. A draft of a communication to be sent to Germany was submitted to the Cabinet Tuesday and was approved unanimously. It speaks, it is said, in no uncertain tones and will doubtless impress the Kaiser as no other note has during the war.

Between 1500 and 2000 of the 10,000 corporations doing business in Texas failed to pay their franchise tax by May 1, the last day for such payments, according to the State Department.

The Liberty Bell on its return from San Francisco in the fall will be exhibited at several South Texas points, according to the general itinerary outlined by the committee in whose charge the bell has been placed for the trip. Two hundred or more cities have asked for the privilege of receiving the Revolutionary War relic, but as yet the committee has not attempted selections of these. A new crack in the bell which, it is feared, will result in its entirely splitting has been discovered, and will necessitate the bell being tenderly handled.

In the Rigg's Bank suit in the Supreme Court for the District of Columbia, the Government has filed motions asking dismissal of the suit upon three grounds. First, that the action is one in fact against the United States and cannot be maintained except by the Government's consent; second, that the bank has its remedy at law, therefore cannot invoke the equity docket; and, third, as applied to John Skelton Williams,

Comptroller of the Currency, that the actions sought to be enjoined by the bank are lodged by statute in his discretion, and the court has no jurisdiction to review the exercise of the discretion. The suit was filed against Secretary McAdoo, Comptroller Williams and United States Treasurer Burke, who were charged in the bank's complaint with conspiring to wreck that institution.

W. G. Ashton, State Commissioner of Labor for Oklahoma, is making plans for supplying harvest hands for caring for the more than 3,000,000 acres of wheat which it is expected to be harvested in that State. Nearly 20,000 men will be required, beginning early in June, and the harvest work will continue until late in the summer.

The Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias met at Fort Worth Monday. The attendance from all portions of Texas was unusually large. The Pythian Sisters also attended in large numbers to participate in the annual meeting of the grand temple. The Grand Lodge session was opened with an invocation delivered by Rev. Hoyt M. Dobbs, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

The Texas State Ginnery will hold the sixth annual convention at Dallas June 3, 4 and 5. "The Permanent Warehouse" law will be the principal subject of discussion. Men who have made a study of the warehouse law and warehousing have been selected to lead the discussions. The discussions are to be open, permitting any delegate to ask questions and to join in the discussion at liberty. It is expected that between 1500 and 2500 ginnery men will be in attendance.

Randolph Natali, aged 71 years, for over forty years connected with the Southern Pacific Railway, died Monday at Morgan City, Louisiana. While his official position was that of station agent at the town where he died, it is stated he drew a salary of \$25,000 per year. Many years ago he attracted the attention of Collis P. Huntington, who recognized in him peculiar powers that made him valuable at Washington, but he never gave up the position of station agent.

A favorable report on the Gibson insurance bill modifying the provisions of the Robertson insurance law, was made and agreed upon by the house committee Monday, the vote being 10 to 6. Governor Ferguson says there will not be another special session of the Legislature on the heels of this one. "I look for the final passage of the appropriation bills by the end of this week," he said, "and a vote on the insurance bill early next week. Then the Legislature will be free to deal with other matters submitted until the day of adjournment, but there will be no call for another special session in the near future, and none at all if some dire emergency does not demand it."

Dr. Chrisman, State Veterinarian, says the puzzling disease which has been killing cattle in the cross timbers country in Texas is due to the common oak leaves. Dr. Chrisman investigated several suspected cases of charbon near Weatherford, Texas, and after a thorough investigation pronounced the trouble which was killing the animals to be not charbon, but the result of the stock eating great quantities of oak leaves, which, containing a large per cent of tannin, formed tannic acid in the stomach of the animals, causing death.

Regulations to govern the importation of foreign cotton lint, designed to prevent the introduction of the pink boll worm pest into this country, were issued Monday by the Department of Agriculture to become effective July 1. They provide for the entry of foreign cotton under permit and limit its delivery to mills licensed on condition that they adopt certain precautionary measures. The advisability of taking similar measures in regard to Hawaiian cotton is under consideration.

Law and its relation to the conflict between capital and labor was taken up Monday at Washington by the Federal Industrial Relations Commission. Comment and criticism directed against courts and statutes were voiced by Walter Clark, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina; Edgar M. Cullen, retired Chief Justice of the New York State Court of Appeals, and Gilbert E. Roe, a New York lawyer. Justice Clark and Mr. Roe both criticized the extensive practice of the courts in barking back to the archaic common law of centuries ago in deciding cases arising under circumstances of which the common law knew nothing.

Emphasizing that the strict enforcement of the Harrison Anti-Narcotic Law means the preservation of the

physical welfare of the nation, Judge E. R. Meek, of the Northern District of Texas in his charge to the Federal Grand Jury at Dallas urged that every attention be given to seeking out violators of this law. "You will be surprised to find the number of men and women, boys and girls, who resort to the use of the drugs," said Judge Meek. "The users of narcotics finally become physical, mental and moral wrecks."

The first State survey of the labor situation in Texas is now in progress, Robert McKinley, one of the two inspectors of the State Department of Labor, began work in Dallas Monday, and L. S. Garrett began in San Antonio. They will canvass the other cities of the State, and the statistics they gather will be compiled in a report which they will submit to C. W. Woodman, the new Labor Commissioner, who is directing the survey.

With Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who was a passenger on the Lusitania, virtually given up for lost, there is some speculation in New York as to

the probable disposal of his vast estate, estimated at from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000. Vanderbilt leaves three sons, William H. Vanderbilt, born in 1901, to his first wife, Ellen French Vanderbilt, and Alfred Gywne Vanderbilt, Jr., and George, born to his second wife, who was Mrs. Smith Hollins McKim.

Senator McNealus, of Dallas, has obtained a favorable committee report on his joint resolution proposing the submission of the question of a Constitutional Convention for Texas. Senator McNealus will make an effort to obtain early consideration of the proposition in the Senate. Special provision is made in this resolution that the homestead feature of the present Constitution shall not be disturbed and that the question of prohibition shall not be brought up until 1919.

The new Dallas County jail will be formally opened next Sunday afternoon with religious services. The jail, said to be the most modern in the country and costing nearly three quarters of a million dollars, was open for

inspection several days and was visited by between twenty-five and thirty thousand people.

A St. Louis man who simply signs his name "Unknown," has addressed the following letter to Mayor Henry D. Lindsley, of Dallas. The letter is also addressed to the Governor of Texas. "Kindly pardon but permit" says the unknown seer, "to inform you that according to meteorological laws, after forty-five years of study, I deem it my duty to my brothers in Texas to inform you that following May 21, 1915, another cloudburst will visit your district, with twisters or cyclones four to five days after; there be three of these, the one in June. I also will send warning."

Governor Ferguson's \$1,000,000 rural school bill, as introduced by Representative Wagstaff and Speaker Woods, was finally passed in the House Tuesday by a vote of 90 to 15. An attempt was made to eliminate the provision for rural school supervisor, but it failed. The Senate passed finally Tuesday Eleemosynary Appropriation Bill

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OUR CHURCH NEWS

The Book Committee of the Northern Methodist Church has just declared a dividend of \$300,000 for the benefit of the supernuantes.

It is computed that the steady drift from Romanism over into Protestantism in the United States numbers from 50,000 to 75,000 a year.

The Foreign Department of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Virginia Conference reports receipts last year amounting to \$19,263.41.

Recently a party of prominent Presbyterians, among whom was Dr. Robert E. Speer, sailed for an eight months' tour of the mission stations of that Church in the Orient.

The Book Committee of the Methodist Book Concern has authorized the construction of a new six-story building in Chicago at a cost not to exceed \$275,000.

Our Churches in Richmond, Va., received 739 members as a result of the simultaneous evangelistic meetings held. Of these 621 were received on profession of faith.

Bishop McDowell has been invited by Yale University to deliver the Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching. The invitation has been accepted. The lectures to be given directly after Easter in 1917.

United States Senator Beckham and Judge E. C. O'Rear, a prominent Southern Methodist, have promised to take the stump in Kentucky during the campaign for a constitutional amendment for State-wide prohibition.

Bishop Lambuth has just delivered the Cole Lectures in Nashville. The range of thought in all the lectures was practical and comprehensive. The Bishop has made a most valuable contribution to our missionary literature.

Dr. John A. Rice has been invited back to Chicago to give a course of lectures this summer. He will lecture on the Problem Books of the Old Testament and give a course of chapel addresses on "Jesus Christ and Our Human Hungers."

Rev. C. B. Spencer, D.D., editor of the Central Christian Advocate, of Kansas City, was recently seriously injured in an automobile accident in California. He is one of the most genial and broader of the Northern editors, and we sincerely hope for his early recovery.

Rev. Wm. A. Williams, D.D., pastor of Richmond Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, has a record of thirty-one young men who became candidates for the ministry from his Church. Twenty-five of these made the decision during a single pastorate of ten years.

The Methodist Church in the Philippines has now a membership of about 35,000 with adherents to bring the community up to above 50,000. A very successful deaconess training school at Manila, together with a training school for nurses, is proving an extremely valuable agency in Church work.

Dr. M. L. Butler, pastor of Broadway Church, Ardmore, Okla., has recently held a good meeting in his charge. The services continued for three weeks, the pastor doing the preaching except for several days, when Rev. J. D. Scott, presiding elder of the Ardmore District, conducted the services.

The students of the School of Theology of Boston University have brought to Christ between 1500 and 1600 souls in the year ending April 1, 1915. It would be most interesting for such a report to be made from all our schools in which young ministers are being taught.

Rev. Robert E. Goodrich is now in the fourth year of his pastorate at St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City. During the three and a half years he has received more than seven hundred members and expects to be able to report at least eight hundred and fifty by the time of the meeting of the West Oklahoma Conference.

In a note to the editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, written from Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Bishop Waterhouse stated that his three weeks' stay there had proved to be appreciably beneficial to him physically. His physicians gave their consent for him to attend the meeting of the College of Bishops and some other Connectional meetings; but they insisted that all other

engagements should be canceled and no new ones made for several weeks. The Bishop has been suffering from a high blood pressure and it is thought to be necessary that he desist from all active work for a season.

The late Mr. Percy Illingsworth, chief whip of the Liberal party in the House of Commons, was an earnest Baptist. He took part in the raising of the Baptist Central Fund for the support of the ministry (\$1,250,000), presiding at the thanksgiving meeting in the Albert Hall when the fund was complete.

His many friends throughout the Church will learn with regret that Dr. C. F. Reid, Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, has not been well for some weeks. It is hoped that a few weeks' rest will bring Dr. Reid back to health and strength. He has been abundant in labors and has never spared himself in service to his Lord and the Church.

Record of Christian Work says that June 30, 1915, is the six hundredth anniversary of the martyrdom by stoning of Raymond Lull, the great pioneer missionary to the Moslems, at Bugia, North Africa. This anniversary will perhaps see the crash of the Turkish Empire and of Mohammedan political independence throughout the world.

From the New Orleans Christian Advocate we learn that Col. J. M. Johnson, of Acona, Miss., who has been seriously ill for some weeks, is considerably better, and that the indications now point to his recovery. Col. Johnson is the father of Rev. W. J. Johnson, the efficient pastor of our First Church at Beaumont, Texas.

Bishop Bashford, of our sister Methodism, reports the work in China along evangelistic and educational lines as very prosperous. The net gain in the North China Conference this year will be more than twenty per cent. Last year the net gain was over thirty per cent in one of the conferences, and it is probable that the number of members and probationers in all China will double during the present quadrennium.

The Tuskegee (Alabama) News says that Congressman Hobson has consented to debate the liquor question in Worcester, Mass., with Congressman Meeker, who is the liquor champion to succeed Richard Bartholdt. The exact question to be debated will be "Is Prohibition Practicable?" The funny part of this is that Meeker, who now speaks for the liquor people, was a former pastor of the Congregational Church in St. Louis.

Leading Presbyterian clergymen have united in a protest against what is termed the dominance of the New York Presbytery by Union Theological Seminary, which institution they declare to be unsound in the faith. Rev. Dr. John Fox, Rev. Simeon B. Dunn, Rev. Dr. James G. Patterson, and Rev. Dr. Charles N. Van Houten have sent a joint letter to prominent Presbyterians throughout the country asking that the General Assembly, which meets at Rochester, New York, in three weeks, appoint a committee to investigate the conditions which are declared to be in plain violation of Presbyterian regulations.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE ADOPTED BY WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

To the President and Members of the Waxahachie District Conference.

Brethren: We, your committee, submit the following report:

Whereas, In the providence of God the Rev. G. C. Rankin, D. D., has by death been removed from the editorship of the Texas Christian Advocate and from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, thus creating a vacancy very difficult to fill (for he was in a class by himself), we desire to record our thanks to Almighty God for the great work which Dr. Rankin accomplished for religious and civic righteousness; we, with all Texas, feel very keenly his loss to the Church in this most important place; and,

Whereas, The Joint Board of Publication of the Texas Christian Advocate, after careful and prayerful search for a man to fill this important place, has called the Rev. W. D. Bradfield, D. D., to lead us as editor of our great paper, and Bishop McCoy has appointed him to this place; and,

Whereas, Dr. Bradfield comes to this position endowed with a great mind and heart and with a large experience in Church affairs, which eminently fit him for this responsible position, and so that he will be able to give us a

Southern Methodist University

"This is not a world of individual achievement and exploitation of personal prowess. Co-operation is the keynote to success in every line of endeavor, and the individual must learn that lesson or go down to ultimate defeat before the irresistible forces of immutable laws. Our duties extend beyond our own narrow lives to those of our fellow-men on every side. That is why we have been told that we are 'our brother's keeper.'"—Stockford.

The above quotation from a prominent business journal is only an expression of a great principle that is being taught today by every successful commercial institution, business firm or department head. It is everywhere admitted as fundamental to business success. It furnishes a subject for thought to the young men upon whom are to fall, in the very near future, the responsibilities of our Church. It is a subject that might well engage the attention of every Church official, presiding elder, pastor or layman and every parent in Texas. It is the reproach of our people that so few do the work of the local Church.

When a Methodist Church ceases to be "connectional," it ceases to be Methodist. There are no "local" Churches in the M. E. Church, South. Only one thing further is needed for the magnificent establishment and equipment of Southern Methodist University, and that is:

A little Co-operation.
A little Systematic Work and Instruction in Every Charge as to What has been Done and What Must Yet Be Done.

Then the consequent strong, "all-together" pull, and the Greatest Victory ever achieved in the Educational work of our Church will have been accomplished.

And certainly when the institution opens its doors a perpetual, intensive and extensive campaign of education of the coming generation everywhere will be conducted to inculcate and stimulate skilled labor in constant co-operation for the great ends of our Church work.

"The cable is no stronger than the weakest link."

"Think of the worst feature of our modern civilization that we have before us—think of that one supreme condition, which, in our opinion, is the greatest menace to the nation and its people—and I will tell you its remedy in one word—education."

Such is the recipe given by a recognized leader in the cold business world for the drink evil. The Methodist Church cannot afford to accept it without referring again to the conviction that an education that teaches only physical causes and effects will never stand the test. The education that leaves out the moral rights of "my brother, whoever or wherever he may be," is not complete and will not serve as the basis of an efficient life.

The justification of Southern Methodist University is that it will be prepared to furnish an equipment to young men and young women superior to that insisted upon by world's leaders, interpreting their requirements better than they even expect. The cold business world may not say so in words, but they demand and will continue to demand more and more a straining of the spiritual nature of their employes in addition to the best that can possibly be done by secular institutions. The time is coming when the boy or girl who thinks he or she is "fit" for desirable promotion will be disappointed unless they possess qualities that mold even their business associates into better personalities.

The opportunity of the centuries is before the Southern Methodists of Texas. They have pledged large things. They need large things. They hope for large things. And the world demands large things of Southern Methodist University—it only remains for Methodism, not the Administration, Trustees or Faculty, but the rank and file of the membership, to redeem their pledges, establish the institution and then see to it that it produces the proper results.

Preparations for the Opening in September are continuous and substantial. Not a day passes without inquiries, and few days without numbers of visitors to the grounds and buildings. Last Saturday afternoon, after the offices closed, one young man from the Panhandle, one from Southwest Texas, one from Central Texas, two young ladies from South-Central Texas, with their mothers, went over buildings and grounds, and four of these young people stated that they had arranged to enter the University on the opening day. All were delighted with the arrangements made.

It is gratifying to note how that our pastors' children expect to enter the very first classes of the University. They will, of course, receive their literary tuition, as in all of our Methodist Schools, and every possible attention will be given them.

Numbers of inquires and several contracts for homes have been made since the publication in last week's Advocate that financiers had been found who will build good homes on properties near the campus and on easy terms—and as cheap as the same houses can be built on similar lots anywhere.

This University Colony will be the most delightful place in Texas for Methodists to live. Let our friends who desire such homes write the office at once.

Since I have not recently made any report concerning my work in the interests of Southern Methodist University, it would doubtless be well to apprise the people of a few facts.

During the last few months the work in the several districts, McKinney, Waxahachie, Greenville, Marlin, San Angelo, Gainesville and Sherman has gone forward with interest and alacrity. In each district the field was well worked, since the District Commissioners were ever ready with their help and co-operation. They have all fallen in readily with the campaign plans, and the work has been personally pleasant as well as profitable for the University.

In all personal interviews with the people over the districts there has been a most liberal response. In some instances I have been especially gratified by the making of a number of advance payments. The people have the interest of the University at heart, and when the conditions, prospects and necessity of funds have been outlined, they have generously responded to the appeals made in these strenuous times.

New subscriptions have also been notable items with us. The faith of the people in the University has been proved by their donations, and the prospects for the future are very pleasing.

The number of prospective students is increasing rapidly. Everywhere I have been many inquiries have been made concerning the work for next year, and many of the young people are making their arrangements. They are knocking for admission in such great numbers that only those who make early arrangements can be assured of accommodations. Thus the work goes on, and from the present outlook the work for the next few months promises fair to be very profitable for our future plans.

W. B. WILSON.

great paper, and even now is doing so; therefore,

Be It Resolved by the members of the Waxahachie District Conference assembled at Bardwell,

First, That we pledge him our hearty support and co-operation.

Second, That we heartily commend him to the Methodists of our district, and,

Third, That we enlarge his field of usefulness by sending him the largest possible list of subscribers to the Advocate at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. WAGNER,
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Rev. F. M. Miller, of Tuttle, Oklahoma, appreciates the Advocate and has placed it in seventeen new homes in his charge.

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Rev. W. W. Armstrong, of Hugo, Oklahoma, is keeping up his habit of getting subscribers to the Advocate. He has added twenty-seven to his list so far.

KIND WORDS.

Dear Dr. Bradfield: I have just read the Advocate of the 29th of April. I have been reading Church papers for fifty years and I got more out of it than I ever got out of any single copy. I trust you may hold up to high water mark. Cordially yours,
H. C. MORRISON,
Leesburg, Fla.

IN EVERY HOME IN KETCHUM, OKLAHOMA.

Rev. O. S. Snell of Bernice charge, writes: "Your most excellent paper now goes to every Methodist home in Ketchum." Brother Snell has sent twenty new subscribers from his charge since January 1.

Methodism conducts thirty-three children's homes in the United States.