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"Now Concerning The Collection"

ONE of the most significant gatherings in the history of the entire Church was the meeting of Peter, James and John, and Paul and Barnabas "in conference" at Jerusalem. The conference was held some twenty years after the conversion of the great apostle to the Gentiles.

The themes which seem to have been of absorbing interest to the conference were Christian doctrine and Church benevolence. The whole question of the rite of circumcision was gone into; and the result of the deliberations was the recognition of the divine call and the formal ratification of the divine mission of the Apostle Paul to the Gentiles.

How deeply the question of Church benevolence rested upon the heart of the Jerusalem Conference must be judged by the historical situation. The Christian community at Jerusalem seems to have suffered from chronic poverty. Its early scheme of Christian communism had proved a failure. The city of Jerusalem itself had little natural or commercial wealth. The Christians of Jerusalem, moreover, from time to time suffered actual persecution by the unchristian Jews.

The situation of the early Christians in Jerusalem, therefore, gives a great depth of meaning to the words which were enjoined upon Paul and Barnabas at the Jerusalem meeting. They were to "remember the poor."

How faithfully Paul attended to the benevolences of the early Church may be seen from his writings. Upon the third round of his missionary journeys he seems everywhere to have pressed the "collections." In almost every province which he visited he stressed the Church benevolences, Galatia, Macedonia and even Ephesus in Asia responded to his appeals in behalf of the poor saints at Jerusalem. He wrote letters in advance of his personal visits. The commonplace subject of "Church collections" occupies two full chapters in his second epistle to the Corinthians. It is of the Church benevolences of which he speaks when he says, "Now concerning the collection for the saints."

As the Christian Church has grown in numbers and as the conditions of society have become more complex her benevolences have greatly multiplied. Education, Missions, Church Extension, Orphanage, Conference Claimants, Bible Society and the rest have naturally followed in the wake of an enlarging Church. The simple gifts of an industrially and commercially poor Church have multiplied into literally millions of dollars.

It is important for the modern Church to remain Apostolic in its doctrine. It is important, too, that it remain Apostolic in its benevolence. The credentials of an Apostolic Church in the first cen-

tury were pure doctrine and hearty benevolence, and precisely these must be the credentials of any Church which lays claim to such distinction in the twentieth century.

The Methodist pastor, who is tempted by the thought that in attending to the "collections" he is somehow doing less than the work of an apostle of Christ, needs to refresh himself with the doings of the early Jerusalem Conference of which we have spoken. The Methodist Church, which is tempted by the thought that its pastor in pressing the "collections" has degenerated into a mere tax-gatherer, needs to trace the footsteps of the toiling Paul, the great apostle to the Gentile world.

Liberality A Grace

THE benevolence of the Macedonian Churches, in their response to the great apostle's appeal, has never been surpassed. All that could reasonably be expected of them they did. Paul says they gave "according to their power." Their gifts even surpassed their real ability to give. The Apostle says, "And beyond their power." Without excessive persuasion or human compulsion, too, they freely gave. "Of their own accord," says the Apostle.

Moreover, the Macedonian Churches begged the opportunity to give. "Praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift!" And to make their benevolence even the more remarkable their offerings were in the midst of great personal trial and "deep poverty." A people themselves persecuted and all but poverty-stricken entreating the great Apostle that "the kindness might be shown them of permitting them to take active part in the work of the collections!"

In vain will we search for such benevolence in the non-Christian world or among non-Christian men. Heathenism, neither ancient nor modern, knows of such liberality. Such benevolence is nothing less than a holy enthusiasm for humanity. Wherever such a stream is found we may trace its source high up among the foothills of divine grace.

Such benevolence is not the "native growth of the soul" nor does it come "by independent spontaneity." Graciously God wrought upon the Macedonian Churches by his quickening Spirit, and in the midst of their poverty and distress their Christian zeal was attested by the highest generosity. And precisely this the Apostle himself says, "We make known to you the grace of God which has been given to the Churches of Macedonia."

A people really and vitally religious give. Precisely this is the lesson to be learned for all time from this thrilling recital. The pastor must seek to have his people first give their own selves unto

the Lord. A man never gives much else until he has given first himself.

The liberal givers in every age of the Church are those who, like the Macedonians, have given first their own selves unto the Lord. The first contribution is the surrender of one's self. A surrendered heart and life constitute the basis of all worthy Church benevolence.

Men never give much else to an enterprise until they have given first themselves to that enterprise. It was easy for Alfred Nobel to give his ten millions to the promotion of peace when he had given himself to the cause. It was easy for Cecil Rhodes to give his thirty millions for the promotion of international fellowship and fraternity when he had surrendered himself to such promotion. In the measure in which men first give themselves they give other things.

The security of the great benevolences of the Church, therefore, rests in the consecrated lives of our people. Every pastor knows this. The revival of religion will open closed pockets when all argument and appeal have failed. Heroic liberality is always a grace.

"I Am A Debtor"

CHRISTIANITY is essentially a missionary religion. Its great Founder thought and loved in terms of the world. The object of the Father's love, the subject of the Son's redemption, the sphere of the Spirit's activity and the field of the Church's labor, He taught, is the "world." When Christianity ceases to be missionary, therefore, it ceases to be Christian.

A great preacher was once asked to state the great underlying missionary motive of the Christian Church. He was asked for an argument in view of which Christian men will feel impelled to give themselves to the enterprise of world-wide missions. And certainly if the enterprise of world-wide, Christian missions shall sustain itself, the Church must be able to give a self-justifying motive for such enterprise. What is that motive?

No Christian man, certainly, ought to embarrass the divine enterprise of missions by assigning an inadequate or incorrect motive for its prosecution. And it is to be remembered, further, that there may be considerations which moved men in the past to undertake the enterprise of evangelizing the world, but which considerations would not so move men of today. It is altogether possible, therefore, to injure the good cause of missions with a bad argument for missions.

The constraining motive for Christian missions which justifies itself best to the minds of modern men is precisely the motive which the first great Christian missionary gave nearly nineteen hundred years ago: "I am debtor."

How could Paul say this? What had

the Greeks and the barbarians done that to them he should feel indebted to preach the gospel? How had the Greeks and the barbarians and even the Romans brought the great Apostle under such obligation? Had not some of these actually beaten him with stripes, or would they not do so? Had not some of these imprisoned him, or would they not yet do it? Was he not in reality to be beheaded by some of these very people?

Despite all this, however—despite the absence of any favor shown him, and despite the positive infliction of pain and humiliation upon him, the great Apostle cries out, "These people are my creditors, all of them, and 'I am debtor.' I owe them an unspeakable debt and this debt I will gladly discharge."

Paul felt himself a debtor not only to the Greeks and to the barbarians, but to the whole non-Christian world because he was in possession of a truth and its experience which as yet were unknown but rightfully belonged to the whole world. Paul had the gospel and had felt its power. Paul had in his keeping a truth and an experience which by simple and exact right belong to all men without respect to their nationality or culture.

Paul was in possession of good news from God. Paul had a sublime conception of God and a gracious experience of God. Paul knew God as an ethical God, a saving God, a trustworthy God, a Fatherly God. Paul's new knowledge of God through the gospel was not only an intellectual conception but a vital experience.

Paul, moreover, was aware that just this the world needed. More than this, Paul was aware that just this is the rightful property of the whole world. And until he had disclosed to the world of his day, without reference to language or race, this new knowledge and new experience he felt himself a profound debtor.

In the last analysis has the Christian Church any other real reason for missions? Is not this the underlying reason for the great commission of our Lord? "As men have accepted the good news of God through the gospel in the past they have felt themselves debtors to whomsoever the good news as yet has not come. Sustained by the Christian conception and living experience of God they have crossed seas, suffered shipwrecks, endured persecutions and gone to their death in heroic effort to discharge their pressing sense of debt to all men."

When the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall have paid her whole annual assessment for foreign missions this fall, what will she have done? She will have paid twenty-five cents per member, or a little less than a two-cent postage stamp per week, toward the discharge of a solemn debt to the world! What a pitiful evidence that our great Church has any sense of her indebtedness at all!

Notes From The Field

WELEEEKA STATION, OKLA.

We are in the greatest revival this little city ever saw. Some twenty saved, fifteen have joined the Church. Stores closed for the day meetings. Rev. O. C. Fontaine to the bat—the greatest striking I have been able to see and hear. He will do to have in the battle. You will get the report of the meeting later.—B. L. Williams, Pastor.

BRADEN, OKLA.

We are having a good revival here now. Eleven professed conversion last night. Quite a number have professed and many are happy. To the brethren who are writing to me for help I will say I am now engaged for all my time till conference. I wish I could help you all, but can't now. God is very graciously blessing my labors and I am always busy. To God be all praise forever.—W. H. Brown, Sept. 2.

HORN HILL CIRCUIT.

We finished our revival meeting September 2. We had seven in all, and we are very well pleased with the final results. I consider the charge in good condition now. We had 193 conversions with ninety-one additions to the Church and eighteen babies baptized. We expect to report everything in full at conference this fall. We want to come back to Horn Hill or get a better place; either will be good for us.—R. B. Hooper, P. C.

MELISSA.

Have just closed our meeting at Melissa with sixty professions and forty-four additions to Methodism, and thirteen names for membership in the Baptist Church. Our meeting at Chambersville resulted in fifteen professions and eleven additions. The pastor did the preaching at both places and the "Lord was our help." All praise to him. We begin at Anna Thursday. Pray for us, brethren.—Guy F. Jones, P. C., Anna, Texas.

PROSPER.

We closed a very successful revival last evening at Elm Ridge, six miles west of Prosper. On August 15, Rev. J. W. Tinecher, of Aubrey, came to assist me and rendered very efficient assistance indeed. We were rained out twice, but the people had a mind to work and the Lord was with us in great power. There were something like forty professions and thirty-five were added to the Church. To God be all the glory. This is a very fine charge, and after one more year these people will expect the Bishop to send them a good preacher.—R. L. Ely, P. C.

BIG SPRING MISSION—ELBOW.

Rev. M. D. Hill, our young supernuminate of Plainview, an acquaintance of seventeen years, came down to Elbow and held our meeting for us. It was a success from every standpoint. His preaching of the old-time Gospel was a scathing arraignment of sin, and a presentation of the fundamentals of Christianity in a way that took hold upon the people and was honored of God. Our Church was wonderfully revived. Eight souls were converted and the Church was built up. Brother Hill is evangelical to the core, and no pastor will regret having him in his charge. By the way, why not let our supernuminates do more in our meetings? God knows their ministry, and they are men of ripe experience.—S. B. Cox, P. C.

RYAN, OKLA.

Ryan Charge has been blessed this year with good revivals. We have just closed two good revivals in the country. Banner is our country appointment, and we had twenty-three conversions and twenty-four accessions to the Church. We then opened up at Bellview Schoolhouse, east of Ryan, and we had twenty-two conversions, and we organized a Church. The pastor did the preaching. All of our conversions were at the altar and gave evidence of life. This makes seventy-seven members received during the year. I am convinced that we pastors should give more attention to the country work. We serve a loyal people. Our good women have looked well after the comforts of the parsonage.—M. T. Allen.

ROCK ISLAND.

Since I last wrote I have held a meeting at Rock Island with good results, amidst the great floods of rain. In a meeting at Harrell Chapel now. The meeting began Sunday night.

Interest good. The Lord is on the give-a-hand. Our fourth Quarterly Conference will be held at Wister, September 19. We will dedicate our church at that time. Brother J. M. Peterson, our presiding elder, will preach the sermon of dedication at 7:30 p. m. All former pastors are specially invited to be with us and any others that may wish to be with us. There are no debts standing against the church. A great part of our section of country is damaged with the recent flood of Poteau River. We hope to come up to conference with our collections.—J. A. Grimes.

TURNERSVILLE CHARGE.

We were almost rained out at Prairie View, where we hoped to reach a climax with our meeting interest of the charge. Yet, we thank the good Lord for some good results. There were four conversions and a few reclamations. Three bright girls were baptized and joined the Church. "We thank God and take courage" for the measure of success that has come our way. Rev. Ken Turner, our most efficient local preacher, helped us at Prairie View. All glory and praise to our Heavenly Father, and we thank, too, the many that co-operated in the meetings of the charge. We report 165 conversions and seventy-three additions up to date, with others yet to join. Our people have a warm place in their hearts for the Orphanage, having to date paid \$121 in cash.—Mac M. Smith, P. C.

LOVINGTON, N. M.

The fourth Quarterly Conference for Eunice charge will be held September 15, instead of the 22nd, as first published. At my last appointment at Eunice I appointed a committee to secure grounds for a church and parsonage. They have also enlarged the school building. It is impossible for me to answer all the letters I received from people asking about this country. This is a good country, and all who have not homes ought to secure them before all the good land is homesteaded. Three hundred and twenty acres of good land is a great gift from Uncle Sam for living on it three years. Good schools and churches are being built all over New Mexico. All my children except one have homes near us, for which we feel very thankful to God and the homestead law. People are constantly coming in and settling.—W. R. Crockett, P. C., Eunice Charge.

GREENWOOD.

Rev. R. S. Watkins began his meeting at Rush Branch the second Sunday in August and was rained out Tuesday after the third Sunday. Bro. Watkins did all the preaching. His help failed to come, and it rained us out three times. But we had a good meeting. Twenty conversions and

seventeen additions, twenty or twenty-five reclamations. One man and his wife and two children were converted that belonged to the Roman Catholic Church, and joined the M. E. Church, South, and had their baby baptized. I never saw a Church work more beautifully. Many thanks to J. E. Wilhite and wife, T. H. Batt and wife, J. H. Wilhite, wife and daughters, from Rush Creek Church, for the work they did; and I would not forget Uncle Tom Vick. If it had not been for the big rain and we could have run the meeting on till Sunday there would have been scores converted. Brother Watkins is a success and we want him another year.—A. C. Key, Alford, Texas, R. No. 3.

QUANAH.

We held our revival at High Point, seven miles from Childress, the first week in August. Was assisted by Brother Fisher Sharp, a Baptist preacher. He did fine work. We held only one week, but had a good revival and a goodly number to join the Church and received fifty dollars in subscription for missions. The congregation paid Brother Sharp forty dollars for helping in the meeting. I preached four days and nights at Shore's Creek last week. We have no organization there, but some of our members of Tell live in that community. We have taken a collection to supplement our conference collections. Received twenty-three dollars and fifty cents in cash and subscription. Am now with Brother R. E. Burns, of Quanah. This is the second meeting I have helped him in. Am going to assist in one more, then he is to help me at Northfield the second Sunday in this month. Those who read this pray for us. Crops here are extra fine. Every pastor in this part ought to be able to procure his mission or conference collections.—J. W. Griffin.

HOLLAND.

Affairs are moving along very well in this field. Our protracted meetings have all passed into history, and we are now shaping our plans for the conference round-up. There were not the results in the meetings that we had hoped to see, yet much good was accomplished in all of them. At Holland we were assisted by H. L. Munger, of Mansfield, at Wilson Valley by A. E. Watford, of Godley, and at Mills' Chapel by J. M. Bond, Sr., who has since gone home to God. And how these faithful men did preach! We have never heard the Gospel presented with more earnestness and sincerity than by these servants of the Lord. Many Church members were given a deeper consciousness of duty, a number of conversions in each meeting, and several members added to the Church. Our third Quarterly Conference was held in connection with the meeting at Mills' Chapel and our great presiding elder, Rev. T. S. Armstrong, was on hand. We were privileged to hear one of his masterful sermons on that occasion. We hope to have a good report at Corsicana.—J. M. Bond, Jr., P. C.

EOLA CIRCUIT.

We have God's promise of a blessing to those who meet conditions as laid down by him. We saw this promise fully verified in our meeting with Bro. T. M. Lane at Bird Schoolhouse. There was confession and forsaking of sin among the professing Christians and as a result souls were saved and backsliders brought back to God. It was a feast to our souls. The old time power came upon us again and again. There were sixteen conversions and reclamations. Six joined the Methodist Church, eight will go to the Baptist, one to the Christian and one little girl will join the Methodist later. This is only a small community and came nearer being reached as a whole than any meeting we were ever in. Bro. Lane is one of God's good men and his people love him. He is a congenial workfellow, making one feel free and easy. We were also in a meeting which Rev. Joe F. Webb held for him at Mullin Schoolhouse. There were thirteen conversions and reclamations and a number of additions to the Church. Bro. Webb gave them some splendid gospel sermons which they will have a hard time getting away from. We send Christian greetings to all our friends and brethren.—S. J. Estes, San Angelo, Tex.

NOVICE CHARGE.

We have closed one of the greatest revival campaigns in the history of the charge. Truly this charge is indeed coming to her own. The campaign just closed lasted thirty-two days. Our Conference Evangelist, W. H. Keener, and his singer, W. M. Bowden, came to us the last of July and led four meetings, missing only two services during the thirty-two days. They did the best work I ever saw, having about 194 conversions about one-half of whom were children. This makes a total of 114 conversions during the year with forty-nine additions to the Church and about ten more to follow. I have known many greater orators than Bro. Keener, but he goes after the people in his own way. Being himself a member of conference, he knows every phase of Church work and strikes right where men live. Some of the hardest sinners in the country were happily converted. Bowden is a rare jewel when it comes to singing. I never worked with a more congenial team. All of my conference collections are covered with good subscriptions, about one-half is in cash already in hand, have dedicated twelve infants already and have two more for my next Quarterly Conference; have sent nineteen new subscriptions to the Advocate, making a total of thirty-three on my work. One of my members sends ten copies to our prisons, making forty-three Advocates paid for by my people. Indeed, Novice is coming to her own.—T. D. Ellis, P. C.

MATADOR.

The revival meeting conducted by Rev. F. M. Neal closed last night with a great service. Frank Neal is one of the most effective evangelists I have ever seen. I have attended great

meetings conducted by D. L. Moody, Sam Jones, Gipsy Smith and a number of others, but I am free to say that I had rather have Brother Neal than any evangelist I ever saw to hold a meeting for me. He is fearless in attacking sin in all its hydra-headed forms, high and low, in the Church and out of it, but withal he is kind and sympathetic and makes men feel the touch of his loving compassion for the lost. For fifteen days and nights, without one day's rest, he labored with unflagging earnestness. This man of God led the people in one of the greatest meetings I have ever seen, closing with seventeen conversions in the last service. The good accomplished in this meeting cannot be tabulated in figures. God only can measure the good accomplished and to him be all the glory. Brother Ira Huckaby led the singing, and we never heard better singing anywhere. His solos stirred our hearts with heavenly aspirations and deep emotions. We will not forget the work of Brother and Sister Huckaby in this great meeting. Matador showed her appreciation of these faithful workers with the most cheerful offering I think I ever saw, raising more than \$500 in a few minutes, besides paying their traveling expenses to our town. It was indeed a free will offering. Such evangelists as Brother Neal are needed very much to stir our people to zeal and consecration to God.—R. F. Dunn.

PLUTO.

On Aug. 30 our union meeting with the Presbyterians at Pluto closed. Brother Jaspner, of the Presbyterian Church; Brother Barcus and the writer doing the preaching. It was indeed a great meeting. The entire community was reached. Old grudges were buried. The Church membership with one accord renewed their vows to God. There were twenty or more reclamations and conversions. Ten members were received into the Presbyterian Church and nine into the Methodist Church at the closing service. This meeting closed my summer revivals. Brother Wynn, of Itasca, held the meeting at Mt. View for me. That is an afternoon appointment. Brother Wynn did some great preaching and dug up that entire community. There were fifteen or more conversions. I do not know any better help for a genuine old-time revival than Bro. J. M. Wynn. At Lovelace Brother Gid Bryau, of Grandview, assisted in the meeting. The Church members were stirred and lifted to a higher plane of living. Bro. Bryan certainly knows how to reach professed Christians and bring them to a deeper sense of their obligations to God and the Church. There were a number of conversions and lasting good accomplished. Brother Bryan is splendid help in a meeting. At Pleasant Hill Brother Barcus preached a few days. That Church is in better working order than it has been for several years. There were a number of conversions and eight accessions at Pleasant Hill. The outlook for that plucky Church is very hopeful. At File's Valley the Presbyterians and Methodists held a union meeting, resulting in some twenty conversions and reclamations. Dr. McLain, the Presbyterian pastor, is a genial, brotherly spirit. The meeting created an atmosphere of brotherly co-operation in that entire community. During the year sixty have been received into our Church and the whole circuit is in fine working spirit.—Seba Kirkpatrick.

WYLIE.

Church matters move exceedingly well in Wylie, in answer to prayers and earnest efforts of pastor and faithful workers. On August 29 we closed one of the most glorious revival meetings—one of those revivals that mark a new epoch in a community. This meeting was conducted by our pastor, Bro. Golson, assisted by Bro. R. C. Dial, North Texas Conference lay leader, and his daughter, Miss Florence Dial, a Bible reader and personal worker. Bro. Dial is an earnest and forceful speaker, and his strong logical reasoning leaves sinners without excuse. Miss Dial is a rare character. She is a student of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and is strong in soul-winning. Earnestly and courageously she presents the gospel in a simple, clear and decisive manner, without the shadow of a compromise with sin. There were about fifty souls saved aside from several reclamations, and a general spiritual uplift. Fifty-three new members were received into the Methodist Church, making a total of eighty-eight members received since the last Annual Conference. There were also some members secured for other Churches in town. One of the greatest victories was won at a consecration service, when seven young persons surrendered their lives for special work. Five of these will take up work in the Methodist Church,



M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, MARBLE FALLS.

Greater credit is due Rev. N. G. Ozment, the former pastor, and now pastor of Center Point, Texas, than to any other man, for it is through his earnest and patient effort that we have it today. The building is of concrete block construction. The extreme dimensions of the building is approximately 55x80 feet, with a basement 34x45 feet. It is built of solid blocks, and there is an inner wall of wood that makes the air space perfect, and guarantees dry walls, and is much more beautiful in finish and decoration. The main floor contains the auditorium with splendid choir loft, pastor's study, Sunday School lecture room and nine classrooms. The classrooms form a half circle facing the lecture room, and, with partition opened, places the entire floor space available for seating, and directly facing the platform. The basement contains the reception room, kitchen and furnace room. For the completion of this part of the building, which is one of the neatest and most complete in the entire building, the Church is due its vote of thanks to the Baracas, Philatheas, and the Woman's Missionary society. The Church is thoroughly organized in all its departments, and the Social Service Committee, in its monthly gatherings, has found the reception room and kitchen a constant source of pleasure and profit.

REV. R. E. DUKE, Pastor.

COLORADO CORRESPONDENCE— THE DENVER CONFERENCE.

By Rev. E. Hightower.

The Executive Committee of the General Sunday School Board gave the Field Secretary instructions to visit all the Annual Conferences in his division. That is why the morning of August 25 found this scribe at Colorado Springs, the seat of the Denver Conference. We had been engaged to preach that night and do some institute work later. On looking up the church and pastor, however, we were informed that Dr. Pinson was in a hurry to leave and that we were to have Friday evening and let him speak that night. We were assigned to a conference home and soon found comfort with the family of Dr. Deder-

nett, of Commerce, temporarily exiled to Colorado for health considerations, but shortly to return to Texas for good. Some one said, "If you want to see people you know go out to Maniton Springs and sit down and you will not have to wait fifteen minutes." We tried it. Before we had time to find a seat along came Bishop Hendrix, followed by Governor George T. Lester, of Corsicana, Mrs. Smyer, of Mart, Mrs. Woodfall, of Waco, and so on and on. Prof. Morgan Caloway, of Austin, had made the trip on the same car with this scribe. Texas people are everywhere in Cool Colorado, and Texas autos much in evidence. Some preachers we met were Dr. Gibson, of Tyler, with his bride, and Dr. Buggin, of Dallas.

The conference met on time and did its work in due and ancient order. It has one presiding elder and nineteen pastors. Bishop Hendrix and his "Cabinet" (consisting of Brother Dickinson) seemed about as busy and burdened and perplexed as such officials do at our large and growing conferences. Some pastors had rounded out a quadrennium, some wanted to move, some Official Boards were asking for a change, there were rumors and counter rumors. The "State" Woman's Missionary Society was in session at the same time and the entire attendance was less than that of an average Texas District Conference. But in a very short time we knew we were in an Annual Conference, though all through the session we were reminded of a very young miss in pinafores.

The Sunday School was given much consideration. Drs. Pinson, McMurry and Anderson all gave it a large place in their addresses; and the Sunday School representative had one afternoon, one evening hour, and at the request of the Bishop preached to the conference one morning. Rev. Robt. E. Dickinson, P. E., has given special attention to the Sunday School interest with gratifying results.

When we left the seat of the conference on Saturday afternoon the appointments had not been read. The other business was all finished, but Bishop Hendrix had announced an efficiency conference for Monday morning and the appointments were to follow that. Indications pointed to several transfers in and out.

This scribe spent Sunday, August 29, at Trinidad, Colorado. I found there a band of plucky Southern Methodists with one of the best conducted Sunday Schools it has been my privilege to visit. Mr. I. E. Harnish is superintendent, and he has a very faithful and efficient band of helpers. Brother Pendleton was absent at conference, but the membership showed the Secretary much kindness. The day was one of unalloyed pleasure to the Secretary, and he hopes the occasion was not destitute of profit to those good people.

NEW MEXICO COLLECTIONS.

Ever since the day in the times of the apostles, when, because of the multiplying of their numbers, there arose a "murmuring of the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations," there has been the constant necessity, and from the same reason, "multiplying," to conscientiously prorate the collections. I am writing because my chief Dr. Anderson, moves through the conference secretaryship as well as from my own convictions. One of the times when a preacher needs to hold himself steady is when the collections are to be divided, specially when there is a deficit. Here is a concrete instance of

common honesty, and of honor in discharge of a trust, in a legal sense. Not only do the objects for which the money was paid look for their share, but we are surely educating Official Board and membership, the Church and Nation, in our ideals of financial honor. This counts far more than our unaligned preaching.

I have often wondered which taught the principles of honorable finance—the better, the loose and constantly repudiated Church vow of support, or the note going to protest, of the bank. The facts for this matter lie in the memory of every man amongst us. In the pressure, and sometimes disappointment of conference disbursements, we make this error. The best evidence there was of the mind of the New Mexico Conference on its late lamented college was the discrimination shown against her own educational project by the pastors. In 1911, in the whole Connection, had the collections for Missions, Church Extension and Education been prorated, the cause of education would have received \$42,000 more than it did receive. Bishop McCoy makes this squarely a "moral" issue. There is doubtless a margin within which the preacher in charge has some discretion. An increase in conference collection would hardly be interpreted as prevailing to the decrease of the salary of the preacher in charge. Last year my own salary was seventy-one per cent of the budget. This year it is 66.5 per cent. After paying on the scale of last year's budget we shall then push on into the new responsibility. A preacher cuts off his own head who listens to a Board of Stewards which pays the preacher at the expense of the collections.

The educational interest of the Connection, affecting directly ministerial education in their children and their ministry itself, should not be slighted. This is one of the bulwarks of our connective strength. As the withdrawal of one vital element, as phosphorus kills a plant, so the withdrawal of education from our system would kill our Church, and a tardy mediocrity of support is worse than the full withdrawal.

EDWARD C. MORGAN, Deming, New Mexico.

THOSE OLD-TIME MIDWEEK PRAYER MEETINGS.

Please allow me to speak out and tell Mr. C. W. Hardon about the old-time midweek prayer meeting of which he asks. It was in the country in Michigan when I was a young man and a new convert. We did not call it a Methodist or a Baptist prayer meeting. Although a good schoolhouse was in the neighborhood, the brethren considered it more brotherly to hold the meetings at the houses of the people in order that young, as well as old, could be present. We held them alternately, going one week to one house, the next week to another, and so on till the round of all who attended had been completed, and then began over again. We never had any one to "lead" these meetings. When it was thought all were present who would come, some good brother rose up and said: "Let us open this meeting with prayer from Brother _____," mentioning some one of the older members. After two or three had made short prayers we all arose, sang a hymn, then two or three would pray, till all had prayed who would. And generally every one present offered a short prayer. Then one after another rose up and told what the Lord had done for him and how glad he was to meet his Christian brethren. Every one present took part, most always voluntarily, although once in a while a timid, hesitating brother was called upon to speak or pray. These meetings lasted from one to two hours. At the close there was a farewell hand-shaking and greetings of good will from one to another. Personal exhortations to continue in the Christian life were freely given from brother to brother. Every one felt it was good for him he had been there. A feeling of brotherly love was thus engendered. Every one who took part felt himself strengthened for and better prepared for the trials of life. The sympathies so freely given to an unfortunate or bereaved brother were comforting to his soul, and he took fresh courage and hope from the kind words spoken from the heart of his brethren.

These meetings continued till the newer and better (?) way of having a leader do nearly all the talking came into vogue. Then some one else made the discovery that a Church was the only proper place for a prayer meeting; and the spiritual decline of the midweek prayer meeting began then, and I am afraid has been increasing all the time since. It is very true that the leader often asks all to take part but the majority of those who go consider the invitation a purely perfunctory one, which the leader has no

idea or hope will be accepted. It is just like the well-known orators' "pause for a reply."

Now, my good brethren, and especially the pastors, I want in all seriousness to propose the following plan. And I am fully aware of the fact it will meet with a smile of derision from some and a burst of laughter from others. Be it so. Yet Lockett Adair, when in Denton, urged the ladies to hold house to house meetings. And if good when interest is aroused, it is more so when feelings are dulled. And if good when Lockett Adair or Billy Sunday are present, why not when the Master of all is here?

I propose that every pastor of the M. E. Church secure the consent of several of his best known and most esteemed members to have mid-week meetings held at their houses. Let them also try to get the pastors of other Churches to do the same. It certainly seems to me that the way I now is has been in practice so long, and its results so unsatisfactory, that, regret it as much as we may, we must honestly confess it is a failure. Try this all over Texas for one year, and see if the good old days of the midweek prayer meeting will not return with all their old-time power for good. J. J. MATTHEWS, Denton, Texas.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

C. W. Hardon asks: "Has the midweek prayer meeting outlived its day of usefulness?"

The prayer meeting to the Church is what the steam gauge is to the engineers, the barometer to the marine and the speedometer to the fast revolving machinery, the water gauge to the fireman.

The prayer meeting shows the spiritual condition of your Church just as sure as the steam gauge shows the condition of the steam in the boilers. Would you want to travel on the steamship whose engineer had cut out his steam gauge? Would you travel with a captain who had thrown his barometer overboard?

Now, brother, if you haven't a good prayer meeting it is because the spiritual condition of your Church is not good and you certainly want to oil up and get your prayer meeting in good running order.

Now, I'm not an official, but just a lay member of the "Church built in a day." Our anointed pastor, R. F. Brown, leads our prayer meetings. Our membership is not very large. The last two prayer meeting nights it was raining, still the attendance was twelve and thirteen, respectively.

The last meeting, in clear weather, we had fifty-one present; females, twenty-three; males, twenty-eight. Our attendance is predominated by men. Very seldom the ladies are in the majority.

Now, brother, I wish you could just be with us in one prayer meeting. Our pastor reads us the Sunday School lesson and then comments on it for ten or fifteen minutes. Then nearly every one present takes part. We all enjoy our prayer meeting and look forward to Wednesday night with anticipation of having a good spiritual time. We are a praying folk. Prayer is the force that moves the heart of God. God heareth prayers and those of the righteous availeth much.

I have attended prayer meetings held by frontier circuit riders in the early '60's—such devout men as Kemp, Perry, Gaston, Mussett and others. Our prayer meetings are composed of the same devout men and women, worshipping the same God. We do not know what you mean by using modern methods. Take Christ for your guide, turn your vessel out to sea, open the throttle wide, just know you are headed for the port, laugh at the impossible, and say it shall be done. Go ahead old fellow, you will win. J. C. FIELDS, Waco, Texas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

What? The Texas Conference Sunday School Board and Committee on Evangelism will run a Special De Luxe through the Texas Conference in the interest of better Sunday School Methods and Sunday School Evangelism.

When and Where? Texarkana, September 16 to 19. Bryan, September 19 to 22. Houston, September 22 to 26. Beaumont, September 29 to Oct. 3. Timpan, October 3 to 6. Palestine, October 6 to 10.

Who? Greatest Sunday School team we have ever had, consisting of Rev. Emmett Hightower, Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Mrs. H. M. Hamill, Walter G. Harbin, representatives of Con-

ference Committee on Evangelism, local workers.

What to Do! Read this notice to your Sunday School, elect delegates. If possible pay the way of some of your bright workers. Send names to pastor at place of institute you will attend, and come and bring them. Attend institute most convenient to you. Sunday Schools select what delegates they wish. Don't miss this greatest of Sunday School opportunities. WALTER G. HARBIN.

Paul had no sympathy with the idea that it makes no difference what a man believes so that his life is right, nor would he tolerate those people who live after the flesh while loud in their proclamations of a correct faith. One is as far from the truth as the other.

SIGHS AND SMILES. By Elsie Malone McCollum. If I could gather every sigh That frets the breezes going by, I'd shut them all in a cell so tight And lose the key from mortal sight. If in one cave all smiles were kept I'd like to go, while their guard slept, And open the door and set them free; Till all the world would smiling be. McCullay, Texas.

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FIRST CHURCH, CORSICANA.

In fulfillment of an engagement of some weeks' standing we preached morning and evening last Sunday for Rev. J. W. Fort and his people at First Church, Corsicana.

First Church is now the second largest Church in the Central Texas Conference, having an enrolled membership of 1910. Only First Church in Fort Worth, we believe, has a larger membership. Brother J. W. Fort is in his second year as pastor, and during his two years has added some three hundred and fifty members to his Church.

Corsicana is a thriving city of some twelve thousand people, and our First Church is a dominant factor in its affairs. The Mayor of the city, Judge Halbert, is Chairman of the Official Board of First Church. Leading professional and business men of the city are to be found in its membership.

Recently the First Church membership contributed thirty thousand dollars toward the erection of the splendid Y. M. C. A. building, and a more inviting building is not to be found in Texas.

First Church will be the host of the Annual Conference in November. The Church already is preparing for the coming of the great annual gathering.

The Odd Fellows' and the State's Orphan Homes are located in the outskirts of the city. The Superintendent of the State Home and a number of the members of his happy family were in attendance upon the morning service last Sunday.

The editor was guest at the hospitable table of Judge and Mrs. Halbert at noon Sunday. He expresses delight with their cordial fellowship. The Advocate goes weekly into some seventy-five homes of First Church, and kind things were said to the editor by quite a number of friends.

Once they proved the divinity of Christ by the Bible. Now they prove the divinity of the Bible by Christ.

THE CHALLENGE OF DALLAS

The city of Dallas is preparing for one of the most remarkable campaigns in its history. The city proposes to raise in two weeks two hundred thousand dollars for the erection of a Woman's Dormitory on the campus of Southern Methodist University.

The present campaign is inaugurated with all the scientific thoroughness with which Dallas citizens have done other big things in their past history. Indeed, it is doubted if any other thing which Dallas has undertaken ever commanded the enthusiasm and intelligence of so many of her citizens.

BISHOP MCCOY DESIGNATES DAY OF PRAYER.

Elsewhere we publish Bishop McCoy's appeal to Texas Methodism to observe Sunday, September 12, as a day of prayer for the success of the remarkable campaign in Dallas for the raising of \$200,000 for Southern Methodist University.

This appeal from our Chief Pastor, the President of the Texas Conference to be held this fall, should meet the hearty response of Texas Methodism. It should identify the whole State with the Dallas campaign.

DALLAS PASTORS IN LINE.

The Dallas pastors are enthusiastic over the city's campaign for Southern Methodist University. Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh presented the matter to his preachers last Monday morning and to a man they are ready to take any place in the campaign to which the General Campaign Committee may assign them.

The Dallas News and the Evening Journal are devoting an enormous amount of space to the campaign. The Methodists of Texas will remember with gratitude these great papers. The former carried in its issue of September 6 the following telegram from Bishop McCoy:

I am personally interested in the campaign to be launched by the citizens of Dallas Tuesday night to raise \$200,000 for Southern Methodist University in two weeks. It can be done. The entire Church rejoices in what Dallas is doing for this great enterprise and Dallas could not make a better investment.

In every Methodist congregation prayers should ascend for blessings upon Dallas in her great work. Methodism hopes to repay the city of Dallas not only with her quota of material

of organized squads of the men who have made the commercial greatness of the city. Men without reference to creed or Church will give thousands to the great campaign. It is a vast citizens' movement of such proportions as we have never seen.

The whole movement upon the part of the city of Dallas is a sublime expression of the city's confidence in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The title to every dollar of Dallas' munificence is well understood by its citizens to be vested in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Dallas would not have it otherwise.

The Educational Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has just gone on record as saying that we have but begun to build. It has sent out an appealing call to the Methodists of the South to respond to the needs of our proposed universities at Atlanta and Dallas. The Commission itself and the entire Church will be humiliated beyond expression if our people should fail to respond.

THE SUPERANNUATE PREACHER.

The cause of our superannuated preachers is so meritorious that we feel justified in reproducing a part of the resolutions of the World's Interdenominational Church Pension Congress recently held in San Francisco. The resolutions, in part, are as follows:

VICTORY IN FREESTONE.

On August 31 Freestone County went dry by the following vote: For local option, 1102; against, 643. Only two comparatively insignificant boxes remained to be heard from, and these, therefore, cannot change the result.

OUR SCHOOLS OF THEOLOGY.

The large number of applicants for admission into our schools of theology shows a decided revival of interest in the matter of theological training. The Dean of the Candler School of Theology of Emory University told us on his recent visit to Dallas that his school could have 140 students for the coming year if means could be had for their education.

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that the minister should be required either to solicit or to receive relief as if he were a pauper, that the humiliation which such a condition imposes upon the minister tends to a depreciation of the influence of the ministry, and to such an underestimate of its supreme worth as a field of service as to deter many of our ablest and most earnest-minded young men from recognizing and accepting the call of God to this holy office.

V. That we recommend to all the Churches the adoption, as far as practicable, of such a system of pensions or annuities, based upon service, as may be in harmony with the usages of each Church, that the moneys necessary for the payment of such pensions or annuities be secured by the income derived from invested funds, together with that derived from regular contributions in the Churches, and that in addition to aid outside of such pensions or annuities special provision be made for cases of special need, so that no true and worthy minister of the Gospel shall be allowed to suffer want.

Old age pensions present a theme of commanding interest to the entire nation. The government of the United States recognizes, and has long recognized its duty to its citizens who have risked life and limb in its service. Great corporations are increasingly providing for the old age of faithful employees. Colleges and universities are beginning to recognize their obligations to their retired teachers.

Society and the Christian Church owe most to the superannuated preachers of the country. Society and the Christian Church are the beneficiaries of the labors of the superannuated preacher as of the labors of no other man. The retired preacher has been the pioneer of our civilization. He has dared go where no other would go. He has humanized whole communities by his preaching.

No more sacred cause, therefore, will be presented to our people in these days of the approaching Annual Conference than the cause of our superannuated preachers, their wives or widows, and their children. The call is not one involving mere "charity," but one involving simple right and justice. These heroes of the Church and of society have gone at the call of duty, counting neither their own lives nor those of their families dear unto themselves.

The Superannuate Endowment Fund of our Church must be enlarged and no congregation should think of failing in the collections ordered by the Annual Conference for these uncrowned heroes of our Methodism.

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Freestone County is thus taken from the partially dry column to the dry column. We congratulate the county and the great cause of prohibition.

It is our judgment that increasing effort should be made to extend prohibition through the local option method granted by our State Constitution. We ought to gradually drive the saloons to their last strongholds—the cities. The final assault will be surer of success when we have driven the foe into a few strongholds. The corruption in the cities of Texas can almost wholly be traced to their saloons, and in time enough friends in the cities will tire of the saloon's dominance of city politics to enable us to make the final successful drive. The saloon is indefensible and must go.

THE BREWERS' ATTACK UPON STATE LAWS.

The case of the State against the Association of Brewers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers is attracting the attention of the people of Texas. The preliminaries in the case are now being considered in Austin. The Brewers and Liquor Dealers have matched the Attorney-General's office with skilled lawyers.

The latest move of the attorneys for the Brewers, according to dispatches, is to attack the constitutionality of the Act of 1907, which prohibits corporations from contributing to campaign funds of political parties. The attorneys also attack the statute of 1907, which authorizes the Attorney-General, through the courts, to delve into the records of any and all corporations.

Exactly this was to be expected. When caught in the toils of the law (the whiskey business can be depended upon always to try to destroy the law. The whiskey business knows no law but its own insatiable greed. It is essentially lawless. It regards neither God nor man. The whiskey business is determined to run the politics of Texas and if the law gets in the way of its doing this, then the law must go.

If there is one righteous law upon the statute books of Texas, it is the law which prohibits vast aggregations of wealth, known as corporations, from contributing to the campaign funds of political parties. The exercise of such right lodges vast political power in the hands of the few. This is a government for the people, of the people and by the people. This, at least, is the theory of republican government. The moment, however, vast aggregations of wealth are allowed to raise large sums for the sending out of their agents to select candidates, to make sentiment and to finance campaigns, that moment the individuals composing the corporations exercise a power vastly greater than they are entitled to under a democratic form of government.

This righteous law, however, must now go down before the ruthless attacks of the skilled attorneys of Brewers and Liquor Dealers! Liquor dealers are the first to attack this law!

We tell the liquor dealers of Texas that their business is infamous. We tell them that the right to manufacture or sell liquor does not inhere in citizenship. We tell them that their business has no rights only as society chooses to recognize them. We tell them that their whole wicked business is purely by the permission of society. We tell them that their business doesn't stand on the plane of decent business. We tell them, also, that society has just about made up its mind to withdraw their permit to do business at all. And certainly the time has come to do this when the infamous business demands the right to run the politics of the State and would strike down any and every law of the State which stands in its way.

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REV. E. HIGHTOWER, Georgetown, Texas
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AN EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE WITH A VISION.

The important work that Rev. Walter G. Harbin, Sunday School Field Secretary, Texas Conference, is doing is due largely to the backing of the conference Committee on Evangelism. This committee very wisely recognizes the fact that the most fruitful field for evangelistic effort is where children are found, and that the most promising young life of the country goes to Sunday School. Hence it does well to put emphasis upon Sunday School work by lending its active influence and support to agencies that aim at thorough work in our Sunday Schools.

FLYING SQUADRON FOR THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

One of the plans recommended to the Field Secretaries by the Executive Committee of the General Board is "special institutes conducted by flying squadrons." The Southwest Division has been a little ahead of the procession in doing things ever since the last General Conference. It had the first Divisional Secretary that entered the field. It has had the lion's share of the time of Miss Kilpatrick, who is the first field worker selected by the Board, and now it is to have the first flying squadron. This squadron will consist of Rev. Walter G. Harbin, Mrs. H. M. Hamill, Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick and the editor of this department. Following are the dates and places where institutes will be held:

- Texarkana—September 16-19.
Bryan—September 19-23.
Houston—September 23-26.
Beaumont—October 1-3.
Timpson—October 4-7.
Palestine—October 7-10.

These institutes will be for the districts in which they are held and will have the active co-operation of the presiding elder. It will be a rare opportunity for Sunday School workers in these districts to obtain the best and latest information concerning the work and also hear some very inspiring addresses. The field is large and Mrs. Hamill and Miss Kilpatrick are not likely to cover the same ground more than once. Wide-awake Sunday School workers will not miss the chance to hear them.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Navasota District Conference. Your committee reports as follows: The journal of the Annual Conference of last year shows that in the bounds of the Texas Conference there were 530 Sunday Schools, with 4612 officials and teachers, and 54,596 pupils. In the conference the additions on profession of faith were 5532, and of this number 2646 came through the Sunday School. In this district there were fifty Sunday Schools, having 459 officers and teachers and 5068 pupils. 741 accessions on profession of faith, 255 coming out of the Sunday School. These figures disclose the fact that the Sunday Schools are among the most effective feeders of the Church.

The committee had before it the efficient Field Secretary, Rev. W. G. Harbin, who gave a report of his work. Brother Harbin is a trained Sunday School man, and is stirring an interest in Sunday School work from one side of the conference to the other. He is especially helpful to the Sunday Schools in our conference in the organization of its special departments, such as the Wesley Bible Class, Home Department and Cradle Roll. He is now in a one-day campaign of institutes with the Sunday Schools of the conference, and his high standing with the General Sunday School Board has made it possible for him to secure for six special Sunday School institutes in the bounds of the Texas Conference Mrs. H. M. Hamill, Miss Kilpatrick and Rev. E. Hightower. The announcements for these institutes held at different places and dates will be thoroughly advertised, and our pastors and Sunday School workers are urged to attend the institute most convenient to them. We recommend a joint institute of the Sunday School Board and the Conference Committee on Evangelism. We desire to express our thanks to the General Board for the services of Mrs. Hamill, Miss Kilpatrick and Rev. E. Hightower as special workers in our conference for the six institutes to be held without expense to our Conference Board.

We heartily recommend the services of Rev. W. G. Harbin, our Field Secretary, to the brethren, and ask them to invite him to their charges for special Sunday School work.

Knowing the financial condition of the Sunday School Board of the Texas Conference, we recommend that a collection for the Sunday School Board be taken on Rally Day in each Sunday School. Respectfully submitted, J. E. MORGAN, H. A. MATNEY, W. E. BAY, W. G. FONDREN, H. B. SMITH, Sec. Navasota Dist. Conf. Adopted unanimously.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY TO THE GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

(Concluded from Last Week.)

Field Work and Workers.

Three Divisional Field Secretaries have been elected. Rev. Emmett Hightower for the Southwest Division, Mr. J. M. Way for the Atlantic Division and Mr. A. L. Dietrich for the Middle Division. These brethren entered upon their work November 16, 1914, December 1, 1914, and June 1, 1915, respectively. Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick was elected Field Worker at the meeting of the Executive Committee in February, and entered upon her work March 1, 1915. When Mrs. Hamill is relieved of her duties in the Department of Teacher Training she will render an invaluable service as elementary specialist. Brother D. P. King is our Sunday School Field Secretary in China. I have no report of his work to submit.

Our Church cannot hope to do intensive Sunday School work until Children's Day offerings and the missionary ten per cent yield us \$25,000 or \$40,000 annually, making it possible for the Board to put a dozen workers in the field. It is for the Board to determine whether or not the funds available will admit of placing other Divisional Secretaries in the field at this time. This may be said—the need is urgent.

The reports of these field workers are on file and show that they have been diligent in the prosecution of their duties. It should not be forgotten that they went into the field without a definite policy and with little more than paragraph 254 to guide them. Their hearts are in the Sunday School work and they have been ready at all times to co-operate with the Central Office in Church-wide plans.

We have fourteen active Conference Field Secretaries. Their quarterly reports are on file. A number of these have done excellent work, but the Conference Secretaryship has not in it the promise of success because of the uncertainty of proper financing. This makes it all the more important that the General Board be enabled to exercise full supervision over the Sunday School work throughout the Church. The surveyor's chain is not an accurate measuring line in Sunday School work, but the one hundred thousand miles traveled by the field men under our Board and by the Annual Conference Secretaries since January 1, 1915, indicate a commendable activity.

During the year our workers have attended the Encampment at Epworth-by-the-Sea, Corpus Christi, Texas, the Methodist Assemblies at Sulphur, Okla., and Arcadia, Missouri, and will be at Junaluska in full force. The General Board co-operated with the Memphis Conference Sunday School Board in holding seven institutes in the Memphis Conference. The Flying Squadron, with two sections of workers, demonstrated the importance and feasibility of such institute work when we have an adequate force.

With a view to getting exact information concerning our Western work, that I might intelligently represent the field at this meeting of the Board, I made an itinerary throughout the West in May, touching the more important centers. I held conferences with our presiding elders, pastors and Sunday School workers in Denver and Colorado Springs, Colorado; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Phoenix, Arizona; Los Angeles and Oakland, California, and Portland, Oregon. Religion is at a low ebb in the West. The needs are great and our Church is debtor to that great field of souls. It is the consensus of opinion that the Sunday School is the best means of establishing and extending our work in the West. A study of the map and

railroad facilities will doubtless show the necessity of redistricting our Western territory.

Societies Without Sunday Schools.

At the meeting last year the Corresponding Secretary was requested to ascertain the number of societies in our Church that have no Sunday Schools. The minutes of the Annual Conferences show that of our 19,806 societies, 2938 have no Sunday Schools. Letters have been written to the chairmen of all Annual Conference Sunday School Boards calling attention to this fact and urging the Boards to adopt means for organizing a school in every Church.

Leaflets.

The Executive Committee in February authorized the printing of the leaflet, "Some Facts and an Appeal," written by Dr. Chappell. An edition of 30,000 was printed and copies have been sent to all pastors and superintendents in the Church. Additional copies have been furnished all Sunday School secretaries. The leaflet is informing and stimulating.

The Standard of Efficiency adopted by the Board, based on the action of the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations, has been printed in the form of a wall chart, suitable for framing, and every school is urged to procure a copy and hang it near the superintendent's desk as a challenge to worthy endeavor and achievement.

Teacher Training.

The death of Dr. H. M. Hamill, January 21, 1915, created a vacancy in the Department of Teacher Training which will be difficult to fill. A man of unusual ability and adaptability is needed for this supremely important work. Last year the Chairman of the Executive Committee and

the Corresponding Secretary sent out a questionnaire to all presiding elders with a view to securing data concerning our Sunday School work throughout the Church. A number of answers were given to the question, "What is the greatest need of the Sunday School in your district?" Among them the following: "We need Sunday school pastors;" "We need Church buildings adapted to the needs of the modern Sunday School work;" "But in almost every instance these presiding elders wrote: "We need well-equipped Sunday School teachers." Our work is suffering in this respect, and through our Department of Teacher Training we must seriously address ourselves to the task of training a teaching corps for the Sunday School.

Outlook.

The Sunday School is the most effective agency under the control of the Church in the field of Christian education. Sunday is set apart for its session. The Bible is its textbook. It has a great constituency. It is an educational institution. It is a missionary society. It is an evangelizing agency. It is the source of our Church membership. According to the conference Minutes 65,845 Sunday School pupils were received into the Church during the conference year 1914-15.

The Church has given us a representative Sunday School Board and has provided a means by which the work may be financed. It behooves us as builders of the Church to be wise and active leaders. Let us gird ourselves and meet this opportunity, the greatest that has ever come to us, and let us lead the forces in bringing about a Sunday School enlargement that will thrill the whole Church. Respectfully submitted, CHAS. D. BULLA, Lake Junaluska, N. C., July, 1915.

Epworth League Department

EULA P. TURNER, Editor, 917 N. Marsalis Ave., Station A, Dallas, Texas.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF STATE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

We, your committee for investigating the present status of the Texas Methodist Assembly, after careful deliberation, desire to recommend that the Assembly continue under the Constitution of the State Epworth League with the following changes:

- 1. That Article I of the By-Laws touching the Program Committee be changed to read: "The program of the Assembly shall be prepared by a committee of five members, constituted as follows: One member to be selected by the Cabinet, a Dean and three other members to be elected as are the other officers by a majority vote of the convention."
2. That the Committee on Nominations bear in mind in nominating the members of the Program Committee—the other departments of Church work represented in the present Assembly.
3. That the Program Committee for the 1916 Assembly, in addition to the preparation of the program, also prepare for the adoption at that meeting a plan by which to enlist all departments of our Church work.
4. That the action taken by the Assembly last year, giving the Board of Trustees power to elect the Dean of the Encampment, be rescinded and the election of the Dean by the Assembly with the other officers be continued.

(Signed): REV. GLENN FLINN, Chr'n. REV. S. F. GODDARD, DR. F. S. PARKER, PRES. T. F. SESSIONS, MISS EULA P. TURNER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FUTURE WORK.

We, your Committee on Future Work, after carefully considering the present status of Epworth League work in the State wish to report as follows:

In order to perfect the organization of the State Epworth League and bring it to its highest degree of efficiency it is necessary to more vitally relate it to the various conference organizations. The work of the State organization must be largely with and through the conference organizations and to this end we recommend: 1. That Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution be revised to read: "The officers of this convention shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, an editor of the Epworth League Department of the Texas Christian Advocate, and a Dean of the Encampment, all of whom shall be

elected by a majority vote of the convention."

- 2. That Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution be revised by striking out the sentence "The stated duties of the Superintendents shall correspond to those of the same officers in the local chapters."
3. That Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution be revised by striking out the clause "Conduct its general correspondence."
4. That Article III, Section 4, of the Constitution be made to read: "The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the convention and otherwise perform the duties common to this office."
5. That Article III, Section 5, of the Constitution be made to read: "The editor of the Epworth League Department of the Texas Christian Advocate shall furnish the Texas Christian Advocate regularly with material of interest to the Epworth League members over the State."
6. That Article III, Section 6, of the Constitution be revised to read: "The Cabinet shall be constituted of the above named officers, together with the President and Secretary of each of the Annual Conference Epworth Leagues. It shall have the power to appoint in conferences not organized a District Secretary, where none exists, in each presiding elder's district in Texas, whose duty it shall be to report to the State Secretary-Treasurer all statistical information obtainable in his or her respective district and to co-operate with the presiding elder in the development of Epworth League work in that district."
7. That Article III, Section 5, of the Constitution now be Article III, Section 7.
8. That, in view of the fact that the Central Office recommends the change of terminology from State Conference to State Convention, the Constitution be revised to read: "State Conference."
9. That the various conference organizations be urged to include in their budget an amount equal to paying the expenses of two or more delegates-at-large to the Annual State Convention. (Signed): MISS EULA P. TURNER, Chairman, MISS NORWOOD WYNN, REV. J. MARVIN CULBRETH, RUFUS W. CHAPMAN.

POLICY OF WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE, 1915-1916.

Realizing the eminent fitness and utility of reorganizing the West Tex-

as Conference Epworth League, the following policy for the year 1915-16 is recommended:

- 1. That we hold a meeting next year, 1916, and that at least two delegates from each Senior League, Junior Boys and Junior Girls' organization be secured, and one additional delegate for each ten members in excess of twenty-five in each chapter.
2. That we hold in each presiding elder's district a District Institute wherever expedient; that the District Institute be made a permanent organization, and that the district secretaries lend their services to the presiding elders and pastors for the promotion of Epworth League work in the several districts.
3. That it be our goal to bring about the organization of at least one League Chapter in each pastoral charge in the conference and that all the forces—conference officers, district secretaries and local chapters—be enlisted in a campaign of conference-wide organization.
4. That in co-operation with the Conference Epworth League Board we endeavor to secure the observance of Anniversary Day the second Sunday in May in every pastoral charge.
5. That we co-operate in observing Epworth Era Day throughout the conference with the view of increasing the circulation of the Epworth Era to 30,000.
6. That we adopt as our missionary special the "Africa Special," and place as our goal the raising of at least \$800 to be paid by September 1, 1916, or earlier.
7. That it be our policy to support Epworth-by-the-Sea both by attendance and financially, and that the district secretaries be urged to secure a large delegation for the 1916 session.
8. That we indorse the conduct of the Epworth League page of the Texas Christian Advocate and that we urge the local chapters to send in news items to the editress, Miss Eula P. Turner.
9. That we heartily co-operate with the central office in all Church-wide League movements, and promptly remit to the Treasurer at Nashville the chapter membership fee of \$2.50. (Signed): H. H. WASHINGTON, Chr'n. MARION SNUGGS, STELLA PATTESSON, Committee.

Budget.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Postage \$15.00, Printing 15.00, Convention expenses 100.00, Supplies 25.00, "Africa Mission Special" 800.00, Miscellaneous 20.00, Total \$975.00.

Financial Plan.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Anniversary Day \$50.00, Assessment of Chapters 125.00, Special pledges of Leaguers 800.00, Total \$975.00.

(Signed): S. L. BACHELOR, Chr'n. LENA WRIGHT, NANNIE LEE POWELL, Committee.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 19, 1915. To the Leaguers of West Texas Conference:

You will note from the policy and budget adopted at a convention of the Epworth Leagues of this conference that they have set as their goal the raising of \$800 for missions in Africa. The membership fee to the Conference League is \$2.50 per year. This is needed now, so we might proceed promptly with the Conference League work. Bring these matters before the next business meeting of your League. Make all remittances, either for the membership fee, or the "Mission (Africa) Special," to Mr. W. H. Nunneley, Beeville, Texas, Conference Treasurer. BASH E. RYAN, President, West Texas Conference Epworth League.

My Dear Miss Turner: I wish that you would make an appeal through your columns of the Advocate to the Leaguers of the North Texas Conference for an early payment of their conference claims. This means so much to us in the preparation of our 1916 program and we are going to strain every effort to give the conference the best program thus far in 1916. Some few have already responded to my letter sent to all the Leagues in July, but it means so much to our conference to get these claims in early. Gainesville is eagerly awaiting the coming of the conference, and already some preparations are being made. We are going to be disappointed with any number less than 500 delegates. Yours in the work, WM. R. RUE, Sec.-Treas. (I take the liberty of publishing this letter because it speaks for itself.— E. P. T.)

Woman's Department

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

EFFECTIVE WITNESS.

Dr. Timothy Richard, of Shanghai, reported that at a meeting where representatives of Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism, Mohammedanism and Christianity met in 1911 in Shanghai, one Mandarin said: "When I go to the country and see a good school or college and ask, 'Who put it up?' the answer is, 'The Christians.' When I see a good hospital where many patients are attended to daily, and ask, 'Who does this?' I am told it is the Christians. When I look over the names on the Famine Relief Committee I find that those who are taking a leading part both in the raising of funds and in the very dangerous work of distribution of relief are Christians." In China, as everywhere else, it is Christian life that bears effective witness.

GREAT OUTING FOR GIRLS AT GLEN ROSE.

"Lazily the day shall pass, yet not be wasted. From my drowsy ease I borrow health and strength to bear my boat through the great life ocean." The first annual encampment for the girls of Central Texas Conference has closed and to say it was a success but mildly expresses it. On August 11 the girls, accompanied by chaperones, began to assemble at Glen Rose, and for several days at intervals cars would arrive, bearing happy-hearted crowds upon pleasure bent.

At the last annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Conference of Central Texas the First Vice-President, Mrs. J. B. Price, realizing the importance of the young people's work, and having their pleasure and profit always on her heart, advanced the idea of having an annual outing for our girls. The plan was heartily approved by the conference and Glen Rose was the spot selected, and a more ideal place could not have been found. With the mountains rising high, at the foot of which flows the beautiful Paluxie River on the one side and a grassy, shady, level stretching far away on the other, sulphur and iron water in abundance, cold, clear, pouring continually from flowing wells, make this the greatest camping place known. The little 12x14 camps are neatly and well built, weatherboarded up for four feet and finished the rest of the way with screen wire and good, heavy curtains that may be raised or lowered at will.

This encampment was under the direction and personal supervision of Mrs. Price, who provided every pleasure possible for the girls.

Mrs. A. E. Milam, the Second Vice-President, and a resident of Glen Rose, had anticipated our every want, so when we arrived there were no arrangements to be completed and everybody began at once to have a good time. We were fortunate in securing Mr. and Mrs. Conway, of the Y. M. C. A. at Waco, as our athletic directors. Each morning at 6:30 Mr. Conway gave the rising signal. Five minutes were given for donning our bathing suits, then out upon the lawn for a thirty-minute physical drill. This finished with our faces all aglow and our blood tingling, we took a plunge in the river, and you may well believe we did justice to the camp breakfast. At 8:45 camp inspection. The camp found to be the tidest and most sanitary bore the honors for the day. At 9 o'clock a devotional service, led by Miss Ethel Jackson, deaconess from the Co-operative Home at Waco. Miss Jackson chose as her subject each a day a famous woman of the Bible. These stories alone would have well repaid one for the trip. The rest of the day was given over to general pleasure of our own choosing, mostly swimming, and let me add that under the able direction of Mr. Conway almost every girl learned to swim.

Just as the shades of night began to fall the camp fire was kindled, and here it was that the good times were had in song, story telling and the reading of the "Camp Fire Journal," our daily paper, and so worth while did our conference officers consider this paper that it is to be published "for true" and sent out to all Young People's Societies in the conference. The day was fittingly closed with a vesper service conducted by our own dear Mrs. Downs, Conference President, who had chosen for her subject, "Famous Men of the Bible." It seemed quite a coincidence that Miss Jackson and Mrs. Downs should have chosen these subjects so closely related to

each other, as neither knew what had been selected by the other. And, Oh, how much of joy and how much profit and instruction came from those lessons! So interested were the girls that when time was called a motion would be made and carried that time be extended that they might listen longer to these able women who so beautifully told of the lives of the greatest men and women the world has ever known.

The following conference officers were present all the time: Mrs. J. W. Downs, President; Mrs. J. B. Price, First Vice-President; Mrs. E. A. Milam, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Perry, Treasurer.

A number of auxiliary first vice-presidents from over the conference, as well as many other intelligent and interesting women, helped to make the encampment a success.

Brother Neville, pastor in charge at Walnut Springs, accompanied by his wife, was on the ground, and both

much enjoyment and help. Mrs. Wiggley, President of the Board of City Missions of Waco, stayed from the first until last and did everything in her power for the pleasure of the whole camp. All of Glen Rose was interested in this encampment, and who wouldn't have been when they saw that bevy of pretty, attractive girls pouring into their town? They gave us a grand reception of welcome the night of our arrival and served us with delicious watermelon, such as only Texas can grow, and when the rain came, opened their homes and sent their cars, inviting us to come spend the night.

However, we were comfortable and although some accepted this invitation, quite a number remained in camp. Now this encampment is a permanent annual affair. The first ten days of July, 1916, have been selected for the next meet.

The fishermen say the fish bite better then. The nature lovers say all things are prettier then. The girls just out of the schoolroom are more eager for an outing then and everybody voted that the best time.

Now, mothers, of the Central Texas Conference, let me whisper in your ears: "If you want your girls to have the very best possible outing, full of pleasure and profit and far from the maddening crowd," plan for it and see to it that she attend the 1916 Glen Rose Encampment.

MRS. J. M. BERRY,
Auxiliary 1st Vice-President
Weatherford, Texas.

PARCEL POST SHOWER FOR MISS HOLLAND.

Under the general supervision of the Livingston Auxiliary, Timpson District, assisted by several other auxiliaries of the Texas Conference, gave a parcel post shower in honor of Miss Charlie Holland, of Moscow.

Miss Holland is one of our new missionaries, and she leaves soon to take up her work in Japan.

A committee from Livingston Auxiliary sent to Miss Holland for a list of the articles necessary for the five years' sojourn in Japan. This list was divided among the different auxiliaries and Caro, Center, Carthage, Corrigan, Camden, Diboll, Lufkin, Nacogdoches, Moscow, Timpson, Teneha, Joaquin, Shelbyville and Livingston of the Timpson District and Bay City, Nazarene Society of Beaumont, Richmond and Caldwell of Texas Conference, responded liberally.

On Monday, August 2, the shower was given in Livingston at the residence of Mrs. Jame E. Hill. As the guests arrived they were served with punch in the hall, then invited into the living room and introduced to Miss Holland.

The honoree's chair was placed in an alcove, under a large Japanese parasol. There were gay-colored lanterns hung all around. She had in attendance four beautiful Japanese maidens. After all the guests had arrived, small suit cases, bearing Miss Holland's name and address in Japan, were passed, and it was announced that the guests were to take a "Trip Around the World." There were articles to represent the different countries. The contest proved very interesting, and Mrs. Johnson, of Georgia, received the prize, which was a carved Japanese paper knife.

A shrill whistle was heard at the door and in walked a very small boy dressed as a postman. He announced he had a parcel post package for Miss Holland and gave her a book in which

to sign her name. This book was found to contain the names of all the auxiliaries and guests contributing. Mrs. J. F. Kidd, President of Livingston Auxiliary, spoke a few appropriate words as the articles were presented, to which Miss Holland responded in a most pleasing manner.

There were many, many beautiful gifts and these only express in a very small way how much the ladies and young ladies of Timpson District and Texas Conference really love and appreciate Miss Holland.

After all the packages were opened, a Japanese gong was heard, and, on following the sound, found it led to the dining room. This room was arranged as a typical Japanese tea room and was beautiful with the gay-colored lanterns and other decorations. There was a beautiful embroidered Japanese cloth on the table. In the center was a large basket filled with bright-colored asters and tied with white mulline.

The guests were asked to be seated on mats on the floor and were served by four Japanese ladies. The refreshments consisted of sandwiches and ice tea and were served in true Japanese style.

Miss Holland is a woman of strong personality, and the ladies of Livingston feel that it was a great honor and privilege to have had her in their midst and she will go to Japan with the love, prayers and best wishes of them all. MRS. H. T. WILSON,
Publicity Superintendent.

C. AVENUE AUXILIARY, OKLAHOMA CITY.

We met in the basement of the church September 2 and were delighted to find Mrs. Shepard, our pastor's wife, so nearly restored to health as to be able to preside.

We looked through the parsonage which is modern throughout, and most conveniently arranged. All the appointments are lovely, but perhaps the commodious bathroom, with both hot and cold water and all the fixtures in place, and the pretty kitchen with its white sink, called forth our heartiest admiration.

Our pastor's family, including Mrs. Selzer, Mrs. Shepard's mother, a lovely lady, whom we are delighted to have with us, are highly pleased with their new home, as we feel they should be, for they helped plan it, and Brother Shepard did many hard days work on it with his own hands, as did several of the members of the Church. Indeed, if it had not been for the carpenter work donated by Brothers Beaver, Poole, Bretz, Marshall and others, our parsonage would not have been possible.

Ten dollars was allowed to pay on the parsonage by the auxiliary; also a committee—Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. Cwver and Mrs. Wilhoit—was appointed to purchase bedstead, springs and mattress for the same.

Mrs. Neal made a short talk, but earnest and much to the point. We trust that our auxiliary may constantly grow in grace, usefulness and spiritual power, and that we may be like the women of old who ministered unto the Lord "of their substance." MRS. J. W. RAY,
Pub. Supt.
Oklahoma City, Okla.

MISS MARY SUE BROWN.

The departure of Miss Mary Sue Brown for Brazil was a great event in the history of the Gatesville Church. She was born and reared in this vicinity, and she and her entire family are held in high esteem. Here she taught many of our boys and girls in the public school, and every one of them learned to love her. In fact, we all think Miss Mary much above the average young lady in beauty, intelligence, attractiveness and consecration. From time to time, ever since Miss Mary announced her intention of being a missionary, the people of Gatesville, in various ways, have shown her their love and appreciation. When she came from Scarritt, where she graduated last June, to spend these last few weeks in her father's home, the Methodist Church in Gatesville seemed to realize that this was an epoch in the life of the Church and sought to do honor to her departing member.

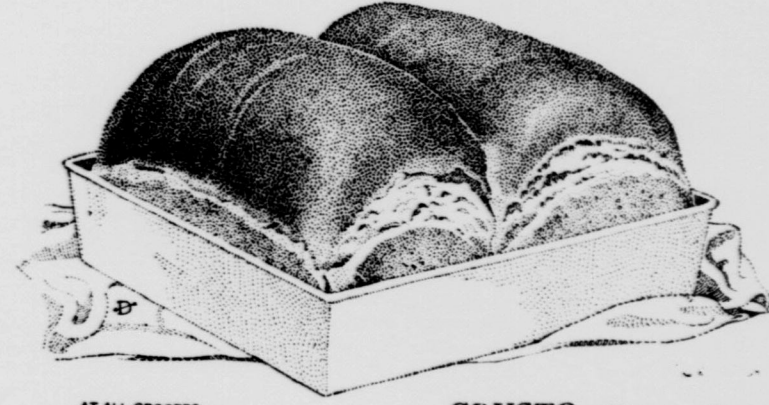
In Sunday School, in Epworth League, in the Woman's Missionary Society, in the Church services, and particularly during the revival meeting, Miss Mary was a great help and inspiration.

When the date of the sailing of the missionaries' vessel was announced, Brother Cartwright, our esteemed pastor, announced a farewell service for Miss Mary Brown at the church, to be held the last Sunday night of her stay in Gatesville. The immense congregation, filling even the gallery, was a high tribute. What impressed



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me most was the presence of entire families, fathers, mothers, little children from babies on up—people who do not often come to Church, but neighbors of the Brown family, who wanted to do them honor. At this service there was special music, remarks from the pastor, but the principal talk was made by our missionary herself. She first told of conditions and needs of the country to which she was going, Brazil. Then Miss Mary grew personal and opened her heart to show how the Lord had laid on her the command to be a foreign missionary. "It is not that I do not realize the need at home," she said. "I know there is a great deal to do here at home, but He wants me in another land." She told of how she came to choose as her verse to live by, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." "With this verse I can leave my home and you, my friends; I can go to a foreign land and try to teach the people to know my Savior."

Rev. S. J. Rucker: "Her Voyage," Mrs. D. R. Hall: "Her Parents," Rev. C. L. Cartwright. Then one of the ladies presented a shower of gifts draped in Uncle Sam's flag and held by Master Tom Hall, dressed in the colors of Brazil. Bro. Ayres presented Miss Mary with quite a good sized check, a gift from the men.

On Saturday afternoon, August 14, surrounded by a host of friends, her eleven brothers and sisters, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, niece and nephew, father and mother, Miss Mary boarded the train for New York, where she was to sail on August 21. It was a sad but happy parting, and we still carry in our minds a picture of Miss Mary Sue Brown on the rear platform of the train, bravely smiling as she waved her white handkerchief to loved ones. There she stood a trim little figure in a brown suit, "going," she said, "to teach little brown children about Jesus."
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BACK TO THE OLD HOME.

"Back to the old home I'll wander
Back to the sweet dreamy past
Back where my heart once beat stronger,
Back to the old home at last.
Then here's to the old Susquehanna
Here's to the dear mountain town,
Here's to the friends of my childhood,
Here's peace to the true hearts at home."

YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN

from your address have reserved their rooms at Hendersson-Brown College. You should be in their number. Music, business, art, expression, literary and scientific courses, with athletics, literary society work and spirited student life, will be enjoyed by them. Do not wait but write today.
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Arkadelphia, Ark. President.

DR. W. D. JONES DR. H. B. DECHERO
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And THROAT
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THE PASSING DAY

THE WARS.

Stirring events are anticipated in theater of war in the very near future. For the past week there has not been much activity, warring factions appearing to have put in the time "commencing to begin, to get ready to pull off" one of the big coups of the war. The news that Emperor Nicholas has placed himself at the head of his army and the visit of General Joffre, the French Commander-in-Chief, to the Italian Army, suggests, it is believed in many military circles, important events on both the Eastern and Western fronts in which all the armies of the Allies will cooperate. Advances declare the Russians are nearly holding their own against the Austro-Germans, whose advance at most points has been stopped and in places the Russians have assumed the offensive. Riga remains the danger point, but the fact the Russians continue to occupy the town after the Germans advanced to Dvinsk, southeast of Riga, leads military writers to the conclusion that the Russians feel reasonably certain of their ability to defend the river and to push sufficiently far westward to relieve the pressure on their forces on the shores of the Gulf of Riga.

Nothing of a startling nature is reported from the Dardenelles and the activities of the Italians for the past week have been confined to minor engagements.

Peace, sweet peace, appears to have settled over the United States so far as an European war is concerned. The destruction of the Hesperian by a German submarine has brought about a slight feeling of anxiety as to whether the Kaiser's expressions of willingness to conform to the Government's idea of humane warfare were sincere or merely "a stay," as the lawyers term it. At any rate the usual notes will pass, and, as has happened before, President Wilson will score again in the game of diplomacy. These "scraps of paper" count as meaning something.

The Mexican situation is more tense. Uncle Sam, while the edict has not gone forth from Washington, is tiring of the opera bouffe tactics of the doughty Mexican warriors. Vast troop trains are now nearing the border and before another week is gone, Gen. Funston will have an army along the Rio Grande that will appall the Mexicans. This is an army of defense. Merely a patrol as it were, but there are "snipers" among the boys in Funston's army as well as among the bandits across the river.

Mayor Henry D. Lindsley has invited Mayor Blankenberg to visit Dallas as the guest of the city while the Liberty Bell is on exhibition in the "City of the Hour" in November.

A Texas oil mill is experimenting with peanuts with success. Recently 2400 pounds were run through in the hull and the oil extracted, leaving a residue or cake, which it is thought will make good hog feed. The oil has been sent to chemists for thorough analysis.

A process has been discovered by which dyestuffs materials can be manufactured from crude American products. This announcement was made by Dr. Thos. H. Norton, of the Department of Commerce, after a series of conferences with representatives of a corporation by whom the process is controlled.

Dr. W. J. Battle Acting President of the University of Texas, on his return to Austin from a month's vacation, denied that there was any truth in the rumors that he contemplated resigning as Acting President. When questioned about the recent attack on him by Governor Ferguson, Dr. Battle said that he would rather not at this time discuss the matter, but that later he probably would make a statement.

Charts to be used in connection with the teaching of disease prevention in 5000 rural schools of Texas this year are being demonstrated in several of the largest county seats by Dr. W. A. Davis, Secretary of the State Board of Health. The subjects covered are: "Home Sanitation," "Stimulants," "Personal Hygiene," "Accidents," "Our Uninvited Guests," "Prevention of Disease," "Vital Statistics," "School Sanitation" and "Social Hygiene."

S. Shima, of the Southern Products Company, has just returned from Japan, where he made a close study of general business conditions and the cotton situation. Mr. Shima asserts that last year Japan took 300,000 bales

of American cotton, and estimated that last year Japan took 300,000 bales be 50,000 bales in excess of that figure. He expects China to take about 20,000 bales, explaining that the latter country utilizes its home production.

For some weeks the Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers' Association has been compiling data on the Trinity River, to be submitted to Congress in December. On this information will be based the request for an appropriation for further work on the river, including the completion of locks and dams Nos. 4 and 5. The Government has already spent \$1,000,000 on Trinity River improvements and the object of the additional appropriation is to complete the work on the upper river.

Doves, or at least the doves common to this part of Texas, are not considered migratory birds and consequently are not protected under the Federal game regulations, in the opinion of local Federal authorities. Assistant United States District Attorney W. E. Allen said he gave this opinion to hunters who inquired last year and is giving the same ruling to those who ask this year. U. S. District Judge Gordon Russell held at Sherman that doves are protected by Federal laws, and that they could not be killed before the middle of October. There appears to be some conflict of opinion even between Federal officials.

The thirty-second session of the Tyler District Conference convened in Lindale, Texas, August 30-September 1, and was said by many to be the best in its history.

The conference met at 4 p. m. August 30, with Rev. J. T. Smith, presiding elder, in the chair. After prayer by Bro. Smith, he read and gave some splendid comments on the tenth chapter of Romans. The roll was called and W. S. Easterling was elected Secretary, and on his nomination, E. P. Swindall and J. R. Ritchie were elected Assistant Secretaries.

The opening sermon was preached by Geo. H. Collins, of Canton, and it was indeed a great and rare treat. The attendance on the conference was exceptionally good. One hundred members reported present, and there was an unusual large number of visitors in attendance during the entire session. Every pastor was present except two, and they were unavoidably kept away.

The reports from the various pastoral charges show the district to be in a good healthy condition. A number of the charges have had good revivals with many additions to the Church. The finances are considerably behind, but all hope to make a good showing by Annual Conference. The preaching was done by the following brethren: G. H. Collins, J. D. Scott, Frank Seay and J. B. Turrentine.

Several of our connectational men were present and made speeches in behalf of the institutions represented by them. Among them were: Rev. J. D. Scott, of the Mission and Training School, San Antonio; Rev. Frank Seay, of the Theological Department of the S. M. U.; Rev. John E. Roach, Commissioner of Education for the S. W. U.; Dr. H. A. Boaz, President of the T. W. C.; Rev. W. K. Strother, President of the A. C. I.; Rev. W. G. Harbin, Texas Conference Sunday School Secretary; Rev. Jesse Lee, President of Conference Board of Church Extension, and Rev. J. B. Turrentine, presiding elder, Marshall District.

Seven men were licensed to preach, viz: Ernest G. Downs, Everett Hutchins, J. L. Terry, Reagan Turner, C. M. Curry, G. M. Gibson, Jr., and Rolan Goens. Sam Standly was received as a local preacher from the Freewill Baptist Church.

Ernest G. Downs and T. Royal Smith were unanimously recommended to the Annual Conference for admission. G. B. M. Hubbard and C. O. Marsh were recommended for deacons' orders.

Delegates to the Annual Conference:

JUDGE J. W. FITZGERALD, Tyler.
JOE P. DOWNS, Edgewood.
JESSE SMITH, Canton.
W. D. RICE, Lindale.

Alternates:

J. T. Posey, Quitman.
Ben Moore, Tyler.
Rev. E. S. Brawner, Van.
C. L. Yarbrough.

Miss Lydie Crow was awarded the Sunday School scholarship for the S. W. U. and John C. Malone for the A. C. I.

Wednesday was Layman's Day. The lay delegates reported on the financial state of the charges and for the most part they were optimistic in their re-

port. Judge J. W. Fitzgerald, District Lay Leader, delivered an able address on the "Layman's Relation to the Church and Its Work." As also did Judge H. B. Marsh on the "Financial Support of the Ministry."

Mrs. C. J. Pearson, Tyler District Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, and Mrs. J. D. Young, of Ennis, Texas, were introduced to the conference and Mrs. Pearson spoke of her work.

Our beloved presiding elder was never more at himself than during this conference. And there was not a dull moment from start to finish. No man was ever more universally loved by both preachers and laymen than is Bro. Smith.

The conference is indebted to Rev. W. S. Easterling and the good people of Lindale for the cordial welcome extended to it and the delightful way in which it was entertained. The next conference goes to Grand Saline.

The following resolutions on Bro. Smith were unanimously adopted by the conference:

Whereas, Brother J. T. Smith has been the presiding elder of the Tyler District for the past two years to the eminent satisfaction of the pastors and laymen of the district, and has discharged every duty pertaining to his office with the utmost care and judicious wisdom; and

Whereas, Brother Smith's health has improved much during the year, for which we desire to record our grateful appreciation to the Heavenly Father, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we as a District Conference do hereby record our appreciation of these facts to our beloved presiding elder personally; and

That, we express to the President of the approaching Annual Conference, Bishop J. H. McCoy, our unanimous desire that Brother Smith be returned to us next year, and that we pledge to him our heartiest support and co-operation.

J. R. RITCHIE,
Assistant Secretary.
Grand Saline, Texas.

ORPHANAGE REPORT TO ADVOCATE, FROM AUG. 5 TO SEPT. 3, 1915.

N. W. Texas Conference.

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| Aspermont | \$ 24.00 |
| Stanton | 28.00 |
| Buchanan Street, Amarillo | 12.20 |
| Park Street, Amarillo | 116.50 |

Texas Conference.

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| Calvert | \$ 10.00 |
| Pittsburg | 70.00 |
| First Church, Houston | 59.50 |
| Dix Sandy | 5.00 |
| Wills Point | 10.00 |
| Port Arthur | 14.00 |
| Corrigan | 6.20 |
| McKee and Trinity | 8.00 |
| Orange | 28.00 |
| Iowa Colony | 5.00 |

North Texas Conference.

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| Tyler Street, Dallas | \$ 2.00 |
| Galveston, Denton Street | 40.50 |
| Winnabro | 32.00 |
| Ringgold | 1.54 |
| Jones-Bethel and Wesley Chapel | 28.00 |

Central Texas Conference.

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| Bosqueville | \$ 40.45 |
| Azle | 2.50 |
| Emmett | 5.00 |
| Pioneer | 4.20 |
| Mexia | 97.20 |
| Fifth Street, Waco | 1.00 |
| Highland Park, Fort Worth | 8.00 |
| Highill | 80.00 |
| Coleman Mission | 5.00 |

Northwest Texas Conference.

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| Lorenzo | \$ 16.55 |
| Canyon City | 78.75 |

We have as many children in the Home as we have room for, have been forced to say "No" to more than 200 children this year. When will our people in Texas prepare a home where we can care for at least 300 orphan children at one time? To the good women and others who have and are doing a great work in the way of clothing the children we have in the Home, I want to say, you can never know what that means to the Home, and especially to the children.

I hope no one will think that because the times are hard that we will have to let a child we have agreed to clothe go without for a while. It don't take much from a Church, Sunday School, class or individual to keep one of these children in good clothes, and I am sure the Lord will greatly bless those who send clothes, as well as the child who receives them. Thanks to the good Lord, we have not had a sick child in the Home this year.

Will all the Methodists pray for us? Remember, we are doing the best we can.

Yours in His name,

R. A. BURROUGHS.

Both Protestant and Catholic churches in Germany are "crowded to overflowing," and where pastors are absent at the front, laymen are leading the services.



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OUR CHURCH NEWS

(Continued from Page 5.)

Magath, "Hebrew Christian Missions;" Dr. W. W. Pinson, "Missionary Administration." Bishop J. C. Kilgo and Bishop J. H. McCoy will lecture on "Homiletics."

The Mongolia, which sailed for the Orient from San Francisco Wednesday, August 25, was verily a missionary ship. Approximately two hundred missionaries took passage. Among them were ten Southern Methodists, as follows: Dr. O. G. Nelson and wife and Misses Laura Edwards, Ruth Brittain, Lelia Judson Tuttle, and Olive W. Lipscomb, for China; Misses Hallie Buie and Ellie Gray, for Korea; and Misses Charlie Holland and Annette Gist, for Japan. A large company of friends and well-wishers were at the wharf to see them off.

Dr. J. R. Joy, editor of the New York Christian Advocate, says: "When we read in an authoritative statement that a certain person was 'The Greatest Woman of Southern Methodism,' we naturally wonder what gave her peculiar eminence among the millions of her sisters. Lucinda Helm gave herself for others. She was 'the soul' of Woman's Home Missions. She lived on intimate terms with God, and could say, 'Our religion is a matter of life and death, and the world is perishing for want of Christian help. Let us lose no time in our services for Christ!'"

Where is there a better confirmation of the word, "She who will be chief among you, let her be your servant?"

Zion's Herald of August 11 carried an excellent picture of Bishop Collins Denny on the coverpage, and printed in full his sermon delivered at Northfield, Mass., on August 1. The Bishop's theme on that occasion was "Mary Magdalene, the Power of Love," and his message was a strong and scholarly one. Some of us remember this great sermon, delivered before a Texas Conference, when Bishop Denny was Book Editor.

The Western Methodist says that Dr. E. C. Wilm, with degrees from Southwestern, Vanderbilt, and Cornell, has been elected to the chair of philosophy in Boston University, which was long and ably filled by that prince of modern Methodist philosophers, Dr. Borden P. Bowne. Dr. Wilm's comes now from Bryn Mawr, having held positions in Washburn College, Wells College, Radcliffe, and Wellesley, all except one being colleges for women.

Concerning Bishop R. G. Waterhouse, who for some time has been in feeble health, the Pacific Methodist Advocate says: "Bishop R. G. Waterhouse, who, as our readers know, is taking a much-needed rest at his home, in Los Angeles, is faithfully following the advice of his physicians as to diet, rest, and recreation. He goes out riding in an auto nearly every afternoon and feels that he is,

Round. Belmont, Oct. 9, 10. Seguin, Oct. 16, 17.

Uvalde District—Fourth Round. Tehuacana, Sept. 11, 12. Hondo, Sept. 12, 13.

Central Texas. Brownwood District—Fourth Round. Blanket, Sept. 5, Q. C., Oct. 5.

Cleburne District—Fourth Round. Alvarado, preaching, Sept. 5. Quarterly Conference Nov. 9, 7 p. m.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round. Red Oak Cir., at Boyce, Sept. 11, 12. Palmer Cir., at Garrett, Sept. 18, 19.

Weatherford District—Fourth Round. Grafrod, at Oran, Sept. 16, 11 a. m. Loving, at Farmer, Sept. 18, 19.

Waco District—Fourth Round. West and Elm Mott, at West, Sept. 19, 20. Bosqueville, at B., Sept. 25, 26.

Corsicana District—Fourth Round. Rice, Sept. 11, 12. Corsicana, 11th Ave., Sept. 12, 13.

Dublin District—Fourth Round. Comanche Mis., at Hasse, Sept. 11, 12. Comanche Sta., Sept. 12, 13.

Fort Worth District—Fourth Round. Hemphill Heights, 11 a. m., Sept. 19. Weatherford Street, 8 p. m., Sept. 19.

Gatesville District—Fourth Round. McGregor Sta., Sept. 11, 12. Ceryell, at Mosheim, Sept. 18, 19.

Meridian Sta., Oct. 8, 10. Meridian Cir., at Lumpkin, Oct. 9, 10.

Hillsboro District—Fourth Round. Whitney, preaching, Sept. 12. Hubbard, preaching, Sept. 19.

Navasota District—Fourth Round. Oakhurst, at Johnson's Chapel, Sept. 11, 12. Huntsville Sta., Sept. 12.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round. Dalby Springs, at Dalby Springs, Sept. 11. Winfield, at New Hope, Sept. 18, 19.

Timpson District—Fourth Round. Geneva Cir., at Geneva, Sept. 11, 12. Hamilton and Bronson, at H., Sept. 12.

Tyler District—Fourth Round. Mincoola Mis., at Sandflat, Sept. 11, 12. Edgewood, at Small, Sept. 18, 19.

Beaumont District—Fourth Round. Jasper Cir., Sept. 11, 12. Jasper Sta., 8 p. m., Sept. 19.

Jacksonville District—Fourth Round. Neches Cir., at Neches, Sept. 11, 12. Palestine, Grace, Sept. 12, 13.

Bowie District—Fourth Round. Burk Burnett Mis., Coopers, Sept. 11, 12. Burk Burnett Sta., Sept. 12, 13.

Decatur District—Fourth Round. Preaching at Ponder, Sept. 11, at 8 p. m. Argyle Cir., at Prairie Mound, Sept. 12.

Greenwood Mis., at Rush Creek, Oct. 9, 10. Paradise Cir., at Garvin, Oct. 16, 17.

Gainesville District—Fourth Round. Bonita Cir., at Prairie View, Sept. 25, 26. St. Jo Mis., Sept. 26, 27.

Greenville District—Fourth Round. Caddo Mills and Floyd, at Floyd, Sept. 11, 12. Lone Oak Cir., at Lone Oak, Sept. 18, 19.

McKinney District—Fourth Round. Plano Sta., Sept. 19; Quarterly Conference November 10, 7 p. m.

Paris District—Fourth Round. Clarksville Sta., Sept. 12, 11 a. m.; Quarterly Conference, Oct. 1, 8 p. m.

Sherman District—Fourth Round. Travis Street, Sept. 11, 12. Key Memorial, Sept. 12, 13.

Sulphur Springs District—Third Round. Brashear, Sept. 11, 12. Sulphur Bluff, Sept. 18, 19.

Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round. Cooper Sta., Sept. 25, 26. Sulphur Springs Mis., at Mahoney, Oct. 2, 3.

Terrell District—Fourth Round. Fate Cir., at Millwood, Sept. 11, 12. Forney Sta., Sept. 18, 19.

Brownwood District—Fourth Round. Blanket, Sept. 5, Q. C., Oct. 5. Winchell, at Cleveland, Sept. 11, 12.

Marshall District—Fourth Round. Resewood Cir., at Rosewood, Sept. 11. Kilgore Cir., at Kilgore, Sept. 15.

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NORTHWEST TEXAS. Abilene District—Third Round. First Church Abilene, Sept. 14.

Amarillo District—Fourth Round. Wildorado, Sept. 11, 12. Channing, Sept. 18, 19.

Big Spring District—Fourth Round. Seminole, at Seminole, Sept. 11, 12. Stanton, Sept. 18, 19.

Clarendon District—Fourth Round. Hedley, Sept. 11, 12. Shamrock Mis., Sept. 18, 19.

Hamlin District—Fourth Round. Vera, at Vera, Sept. 11, 12. Sylvester, at Sylvester, Sept. 18, 19.

Plainview District—Fourth Round. (Revised) Kress, Sept. 19, 20. Lockney, 3 and 8 p. m., Sept. 22.

Stamford District—Fourth Round. Avoca Sta., Sept. 11, 12. Munday Sta., Sept. 16, 17.

Sweetwater District—Fourth Round. Dunn, at Dunn, Sept. 11, 12. Ira, at Ira, Sept. 18, 19.

Vernon District—Fourth Round. Vernon Cir., Sept. 15, at 2 p. m. Telbert, Sept. 17, at 11 a. m.

Abilene District—Third Round. First Church Abilene, Sept. 14. St. Paul's, Abilene, Sept. 16.

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Bishop McCoy Calls Texas Methodism to Prayer for Success of Campaign Now in Progress in Dallas

"I am personally interested in the campaign to be launched by the citizens of Dallas Tuesday night to raise \$200,000 for Southern Methodist University in two weeks. It can be done. The entire Church rejoices in what Dallas is doing for this great enterprise and Dallas could not make a better investment. I suggest that all Texas Methodists join in prayer for the success of the campaign, and I hereby designate Sunday, September 12, as a day of prayer by every Methodist of Texas."

Probably no Methodist in Texas is unaware of the great campaign now in progress in Dallas under the leadership of the Chamber of Commerce, the University officials and Mr. Frederick Courtney Barber, of New York. The contract between the Methodist Church on one hand, the city of Dallas and the General Board of Education on the other, to build a university—a real university—educable to the standards of our own Church and our great Eastern universities, is not forgotten by the citizens of the great city of Dallas.

Dallas has already built Dallas Hall, a \$300,000 administration building, unsurpassed in the South, and given 660 acres of land in

the edge of the city, but now proposes to raise \$200,000 in two weeks, build another new and great building and deed it to the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, for aye and aye and service.

A meeting of the General Commission of Education appointed by the General Conference was held in Dallas a few days since. The progress of the University was gone over and heartily endorsed. Southern Methodist University is now formally adopted by the Church as the connectional institution west of the Mississippi, and the city of Dallas celebrates by raising another \$200,000. **And who for?** Really for the boys and girls of our great Southwest, and under the full administration of our Church.

Will they succeed? Of course they will. Dallas never fails, and Methodism will not fail in co-operation. The incentive is overpowering. The possibilities and certainties become identical. Shrewd Dallas business men by the hundred are organized to see to it that every dollar is raised and properly expended.

Was ever Methodism so challenged? Can any doubt the result?

Our good Bishop McCoy has the interest of Southern Methodist University on his heart, and from his heart he asks the prayers of the Church for the success of the campaign.

These are days of great deeds. May God help us!

1000 PLATE BANQUET

To be Tendered the Faculty, Student Body, Visiting Churchmen and Local Friends by the Dallas District Epworth League Union on the Evening of September 22.

The very gathering together of such a company would be an event of importance at any time, but when the place is the elaborately appointed and spacious dining hall of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and the occasion is the opening of Southern Methodist University it goes without saying that 1000 plates is a small number.

The banquet will be served under the personal supervision of Dave Morrison, of the Oriental Hotel, and the menu agreed upon for the table service is one which the committee has pronounced super excellent.

The program arranged by young people thoroughly in touch with the spirit of each person present is certain to be a feature of the opening of the University. There will be speeches and remarks, jokes, songs and sentiment, but inspiring withal, combining to make the occasion one to be remembered by each person present for the balance of a life time.

At least two Bishops will participate in the program, namely, Bishops Joseph S. Key and J. H. McCoy. The Presiding Elders' Association will be present and furnish at least one speaker and the faculty and students will be there.

Let Texas Methodists come and enjoy this event. Make reservations at once by sending check to Methodist Publishing House, 1308 Commerce Street, Dallas—One Dollar per plate.

S. M. U. A POOR BOY'S SCHOOL

One of the most inspiring features of the work for Christian manhood at Southern Methodist University is the great number of boys who come in from day to day with no money, maybe, or at least very little, but with a determination to get an education that is unconquerable.

It is true that such applications bring a feeling of sadness to the University office. But such is dispelled by the fact that Dallas has rallied to this need also and no good boy who really wants to work need go away. He has all opportunities necessary. The University office could not, of course, take time to solicit over the city for positions. Nor could they very well follow up these hundreds of boys every week to see that they succeeded in their positions. But the Y. M. C. A. was equal to the need, and now every deserving boy is referred to Mr. Scott, general secretary, and every possible opportunity is given him during the whole year. Hundreds will be given all they could possibly ask.

Of course, there are many who do not really want to work. Those who are looking for "soft snaps" are sure to be disappointed. The boy who applied for a position that must pay his room, board, tuition and thirty dollars per month besides found no encouragement. It is best for our boys to learn now that they must produce adequate results if they would enjoy the reward.

The University office, the Y. M. C. A. secretaries and the city of Dallas want a chance to help every boy who has the moral character and the ambition to lead in service. Let all such boys write the office at once.

THE BANQUET.

The Executive Committee of the Dallas District Epworth League Union, who have in charge the 1000-plate banquet to be given the student body and faculty of the S. M. U. at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on the evening of September 22, reports splendid progress in its work.

The hall will be elegantly decorated in the University colors, red and blue, as well as the League colors of white and gold. The banquet is to be served under the personal direction of Mr. Dave Morrison, of the Oriental Hotel, and the menu is the best to be had. Tickets for the banquet may be secured at the Methodist Publishing House (Phone M. 777).

Probably more than 600 students from the S. M. U. will be in attendance at the banquet as well as all the faculty and seventy-five presiding elders from Texas and Oklahoma. The speakers of the evening will be representatives from the Church, University and Epworth League. Bishops J. H. McCoy, of Birmingham, Ala., and Joseph S. Key, of Sherman, known throughout Texas as the "Father of the Epworth League in Texas," will be present. Others on the program will be Dr. F. S. Parker, General Secretary Epworth League Board; Dr. J. M. Culbreth, Assistant General Secretary; Dr. Frank Seay, Dean of the Faculty

of S. M. U.; Mr. W. C. Everett, President Presiding Elders' Association; Mr. S. J. Hay, who will extend a word of welcome in behalf of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Henry D. Lindsley, who will extend a word of welcome to the newcomers on behalf of the city.

The program will be interspersed with musical selections, readings, college yells and various other entertaining features.

An incident not heretofore developed will be the bringing together six of the twelve members of the General Epworth League Board, namely, Bishop J. H. McCoy, of Birmingham, Dr. F. S. Parker, of Nashville, Tenn., Dr. Ivan B. Holt, of Missouri, Rev. Paul B. Kern, of Nashville, Rev. J. M. Culbreth, of Nashville, and Gus W. Thomasson, of Dallas. The Reverends Parker, Kern and Holt are accepting professorship in the new University, which will give Dallas four resident members of the Board.

The banquet promises to be one of the greatest features of its kind the League in Dallas or elsewhere has ever undertaken and happenings will be dated from its occurrence. Mr. Thomasson, General Chairman of the Banquet Committee, has had much experience in work of this kind and states that the present banquet under way promises to be a great success.

JUST A FEW MORE THINGS.

H. G. H.

We are bound to have something to laugh at and "Gulliver" gives it to us; but he must not take the brethren too seriously.

Sometimes when a man makes a pious talk in class meeting he forgets in ten minutes what he said.

Many delightful memories cluster about a former visit I made to the high hills of San Angelo.

Memories of Bishops Morrison and Key, Drs. Winton and Rankin, Simeon Shaw and his charming wife and of their little boy who was born in Japan and was now sorry because he could not be President.

Of meeting in conference for probably the last time saintly old Buck Harris, whose place has never been filled in our conference.

And now in going back we accept gladly the invitations of Bros. Walsh and Buchanan—for if "Buck" says he made the speech he made it.

When there before we walked down to the banks of the Concho and thought of the truth that when Andrew Jackson Potter on horseback crossed the Concho Methodism crossed with him.

I want Dr. McMurry to have full

swing at next conference with that big voice of his on Church Extension.

And I want some of the brethren to tell us why the West Texas Conference Church Extension Board should be called on annually to donate out of its small fund from \$300 to \$400 to assist in building a metropolitan national cathedral in Washington City, and in order to do so throw into the waste basket six or eight worthy applications to help build churches in waste places?

At that conference I'd like to see the faces of Joyce, Gillett, Nolan, King, Hill, Keith, Williamson and the rest.

Mr. Editor, we are having war times down here—fighting close to where I am now writing, and I have sent to Segun for a weapon of a carnal kind, not knowing what moment I may be called to the colors. Things are awfully disturbed in the Rio Grande Valley.

Do not make your pastor spend valuable time calling again and again for your Church assessment. Send it to him, or put it in the bank for him this month. Do unto him as you would like to have him do for you.

You are giving us a most excellent paper. The last number is superb.

S. W. THOMAS.

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—Adapted from Silas Wegg, in Zion's Herald.

WHO NEXT?

Rev. F. B. Buchanan, of San Angelo District, reported two charges on the Honor Roll last week. Sherwood Circuit has paid all conference collections in full and Owensville Church, Junction Circuit, had paid pastor's salary in full.

Let us have a long list by October 1.

The man who wrestles with the best there is in him is wrestling with his own angel.

Time lost can never be redeemed; souls lost can never be ransomed. Some things are irrevocable.