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Philosophy of Revivals

THE movement of the race toward the realization of its ideals is much like that of the tides. You are standing on the ocean's beach and are told that the tide is coming in. For the moment it seems so, but almost immediately the tide recedes. Again there is a succession of ebb and flow. "Is the tide really coming in?" you ask. After an hour's waiting it will be seen that the whole sea perceptibly has moved forward. So with human progress. It is made by a succession of ebb and flow, of declension and revival.

The "flow" in human progress is always a time of excitement, of stimulation, of enthusiasm. Indeed, there is no progress in any field of human endeavor without such.

We speak of the "Renaissance." What do we mean? Simply that the period immediately preceding the Reformation was a period of intellectual excitement. A "revival" of learning is succeeding the intellectual stagnation of the "dark ages." The classic days of Greece are being lived over again.

We speak of the "Reformation." What do we mean? Simply that the sixteenth century was an age of religious excitement. The battle for the right of the private interpretation of the Scriptures—the battle for the rights of the individual conscience is being fought and won.

We speak of "the age of democracy," and by it we mean that the nineteenth century was a period of political excitement—a period when one hundred and eighty millions of Europeans rose from degraded vassals to the rank of free and self-governing men. Verily, the intellectual, the religious and the political progress of mankind has come by a succession of periods of acquiescence and of excitement, of declension and of revival, of ebb and of flow.

There is a profound philosophy in it all. Underlying this method of progress is a sublime psychological necessity. The only instrument by which thousands of minds can be stimulated is excitement. "Society of feeling," Mr. Beecher says, "helps feeling." The intellectual dullard is reached through the intellectual excitement which surges about him. The apathetic patriot is permeated by the political excitement of his times. He is borne on by the current of enthusiastic partisanship in which he finds himself. The astute politician understands the imperative necessity of political excitement if there is to be a "heavy vote."

Exactly this principle of progress through excitement holds in matters of religion. Many a man is reached through religious excitement who otherwise would not be reached at all. The religious dull-

ard, the man apathetic toward God and spiritual things, is stirred and swept on by the society of religious feeling in his neighborhood. Alone with his Bible and his own beating heart, perhaps, he would never turn his face toward his Father's house.

The religious dullard is not strong enough alone to face the opposing currents of the world. Religious excitement is the only means strong enough to neutralize the other excitements in which he lives. This alone can "inhibit" his deadening attention to lesser things. For, at bottom, the problem of the revival is the problem of getting the man's attention.

Ministry of Revivals

ONE of the outstanding facts of history is that in every age of the Church the revival economy has been inseparable from the progress of the Church. Do not all the writers tell us this?

Were there no revivals in Judaism? What was the meaning of the great feasts of unleavened bread, of the weeks and of the tabernacles? Was Mr. Beecher wrong when he said, "I hold that the three great annual visits of the whole Jewish male population to Jerusalem were substantially nothing more than protracted meetings?" Was not their end the revival and the promotion of the Jewish religion?

Was not the period of Jesus a period of religious revival? Did not the religious excitement of the Baptist's ministry prepare the way for the ministry of Jesus? And was not the whole ministry of the Christ one extended revival of religion?

The Acts of the Apostles has been called "The Gospel of the Holy Ghost," called such because the personality of the Holy Spirit has the prominence in all its records which the personality of Jesus himself commanded in the four gospels. Very well. But what of the ministry of the Holy Spirit? Did it not begin and has it not continued a ministry of sacred revival?

The truth is that every great religious denomination which is really commending Christ to the world today was born in a period of religious revival. If the Roman Church and the Episcopalians are the Apostolic Churches, which they claim to be, do they not owe their birth to Pentecost? If the Baptists can trace their lineage to Christ or the Baptist, as they claim, were they not cradled in a period of religious excitement?

Whence the Lutheran Church? Was it not born in the revival conducted by Martin Luther? Whence the Congregational Church? Could it have been without the Puritan revival in England? Whence the Presbyterian Church? Could

it have been without the mighty prayers and preaching of John Knox? Could the Quakers have seen the light without the revival led by George Fox? Could Methodism have been without the revival fires of Wesley and Whitefield? Did not the revival of 1800 bring into being the Cumberland Presbyterians?

Has all this history been made by a sort of "fortuitous concurrence?" Is it accident or chance that the revival economy is inseparable from the progress of Christianity in the past? Are we now to believe those who tell us that the revival period has passed? Impossible! As long as human nature remains what it has been since man had a beginning human progress will continue to be the result of periods of stimulation, excitement, revival. The intellectual, political and religious inertia of the race will continue to call for periods of intellectual, political and religious revival.

Agencies in Revivals

WE are not pleading for indiscriminate excitement in the promotion of religion. We are not an advocate of spurious sensationalism in the Church. The excitement for which we plead is the result of the co-operation of orderly and intelligent agents.

Genuine religious excitement has its source in God. This we are never to forget. A true revival is not gotten up; the rather, it comes down. It is not the result of human manipulation; the rather, it is the result of divine inspiration. The prophet prayed, "O Lord, revive thy work." The Psalmist prayed, "Wilt thou not revive us again?"

To revive is to bring to life. Only God can bring to life. Only God can clothe the bleaching bones with sinew and flesh and make them stand up an exceeding great army. The power capable of organizing men dead in trespasses and in sins into living, breathing Christians is from above, and only from above.

Happily there is no serious dispute in the theological world as to this. Romanist, Calvinist and Arminian are agreed that men in their natural state are dead in trespasses and in sins, and that the grace which enables them to turn to God is from above. The Romanist says this grace is given to, and finally successful in, those who submit to certain ordinances; the Calvinist says this grace is given to those whom God chooses; the Arminian says this preventing grace of God is given to all. However different in the conditions of its operation, all are agreed that it must come from God. Each prays, with prophet and psalmist, "O Lord, revive thy work;" "Turn us, O God of our salvation;" "Turn us and we shall be turned!"

On the human side of any great spirit-

ual awakening is a man with an enlarged heart. The very name of the prophet, whose prayer we have quoted, means "embracing." Luther paraphrases it as "taking to one's heart." The prophet saw among his people "spoiling and violence," "strife and contention;" he complained that "the wicked compass about the righteous and therefore wrong judgment proceedeth." The prophet thus saw the desperate plight of his people, he "embraced" them in his solicitude, he "took them to heart," and in his overwhelming spiritual passion cried out, "O Lord, revive thy work."

Depend upon it, that wherever there has been a genuine religious awakening in the whole history of the Church there has been present a prophet of God who has projected his very life into the lives of the erring, sinning men around him—a Moses who has cried out for his sinning people, "Blot me out of the book which thou hast written"—a David who has cried, "Wilt thou not revive us again"—an Habakkuk, who in tender solicitude has prayed, "O Lord, revive thy work"—a Paul who with breaking heart has said, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved"—a Knox who with bleeding spirit has prayed, "Give me Scotland or I die"—or a Whitefield who has lain prostrate and prayed, "Give me souls or take my soul."

God and a man whose heart he has enlarged with spiritual passion and sympathy—these are the agencies which have operated in the great revivals of the past and only these can bring the spiritual awakening which the world now so sorely needs.

The greatest campaign yet proposed to the Methodism of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas is the campaign soon to be submitted to the conferences by their committees on evangelism. The work of these committees, therefore, will be second in interest to that of no other committee. To these committees the ministry and laity of our Methodism in this region will look earnestly. Our people will expect from them clarion calls to the supreme work for which the Church exists.

One of the most successful pastor-evangelists in world-wide Methodism confesses that in the last month before his special revival services he sought to have all his reading of the kind which would inspire him for his work. His preparation consisted of increased devotion in prayer, of devotional evangelistic Bible study, and of the reading of the biographies of eminent evangelists. This is indispensable, for how can the pastor hope to inspire his people to the work of individual evangelism until his own heart has been enlarged?

Report of the Educational Commission to the Annual Conferences

Dear Brethren: In pursuance of the action of the last General Conference, the Educational Commission issued a statement to the Church about a year ago, and a copy of that statement was sent to your reverend body at your last session. In that communication was reported the founding at Atlanta, Ga., of an institution of university grade for the territory of our Church east of the Mississippi River, and the conditional adoption of the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, for the region west of the Mississippi River.

During the year which has elapsed since that date the work of the Commission has made marked progress, and it is desired that the Church be fully informed of what has been done.

The University at Atlanta.

The University at Atlanta has been named Emory University, perpetuating the name, which since 1836 has been attached to the College which has now become the collegiate department of the University. By joint and unanimous action of the Board of Trustees of Emory College and the Educational Commission, that old and honored institution was incorporated into the University by due process of law last March. It has a great history, and is well equipped for the most excellent work. Its buildings, grounds, apparatus, library and endowment are worth not less than \$700,000. The library contains more than 40,000 bound volumes and many thousands of rare pamphlets. The apparatus in the departments of mathematics, physics, chemistry, and biology is excellent and is being improved constantly. The gymnasium is one of the most admirable buildings of its kind in the South. "Haygood Hall" is a commodious dormitory, recently built, and thoroughly furnished with everything required to promote the comfort and health of the students. The college is located in the beautiful village of Oxford, on the main line of the Georgia Railroad, not far from Atlanta.

The School of Theology, named by the Educational Commission the "Candler School of Theology," was opened in September, 1914, with a faculty of seven men well qualified for the work assigned them. Since then the faculty has been increased by the addition of one full professor and an instructor in vocal music. The enrollment of students for the first year exceeded the expectations of the friends of the institution, and the work of the year has been highly satisfactory. For the present this department, or school, is conducted in the great Wesley Memorial building, at the corner of Auburn Avenue and Ivy Street, Atlanta. It has a valuable library, a part of the collection being the famous "Thursfield Smith Collection," brought over from England a few years ago. In this collection may be found every book written or edited by John Wesley, all the standard histories of Methodism, and all the Methodist Hymnals from the first until the last issued. In addition to these rare books, there is a large number of the most recent treatises in theology. The library has grown rapidly, and it is enriched constantly both by gifts and purchases. Plans for a permanent building to be occupied by the School of Theology have been accepted. This building will be ready for use by the opening of the fall term of 1916.

In the month of May, 1915, the University acquired by gift the fee-simple title to the Atlanta Medical College, a medical school of the highest grade with an excellent history running back for more than fifty years; and that institution has now become our School of Medicine. It is well equipped with apparatus, laboratories and hospital facilities. Immediately in front of its buildings is the Grady Hospital, the large municipal hospital of the city, in which the School of Medicine has been given teaching privileges. Within three blocks of the School of Medicine is the Wesley Memorial Hospital, which has property valued at \$200,000, and which will also be used for teaching purposes by the faculty of the School of Medicine.

In addition to the large gifts reported a year ago, the University has received by deed in fee-simple seventy-five acres of land in the beautiful Druid Hill Park on the northeastern side of the city of Atlanta. It has also received for various purposes donations amounting to a little more than \$135,000. These donations include the gifts to the building funds of the University, to its loan funds, and to its endowment. The authorities of the Atlanta Medical College accompanied the gift of that institution with an additional gift of \$15,000 in cash, and \$5000 in the form of an interest-bearing note, perfectly secured. The assets of Emory University now aggregate

a little more than \$2,500,000, including the property of Emory College, the School of Liberal Arts.

The Southern Methodist University. In the report of the Educational Commission made a year ago it was said, "For the University west of the Mississippi River the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, has been adopted, provided its Board of Trustees and the Annual Conferences controlling it meet the conditions prescribed by the General Conference for the ownership and control of the institution. This we are assured will be done, and the University for the region west of the Mississippi River will be opened in September, 1915." Since that statement was made the charter of this institution has been amended and is in process of further amendment so as to perfectly conform to the conditions prescribed by the General Conference.

The University's property lies immediately north of Highland Park, an attractive residence suburb of Dallas, Texas, and consists of more than 500 acres of land, of which 132 acres have been reserved for the campus. The following buildings will be ready for the opening of the University on September 26: "Dallas Hall," in which are the offices of the administration, lecture rooms, laboratories and library; the "Women's Building," which will provide for 150 young women; and the three smaller dormitories for young men. All of these buildings will have steam heat and electric lights, and will be supplied with artesian water. They will be adequately furnished at the time of the opening of the University. The total resources of the Southern Methodist University, as reported to the Educational Commission by the authorities of the institution on June 16, 1914, were \$2,021,578.63. Other gifts have been made since that date, the amount of which we are not able to give in detail.

Charters, Etc.

The Fourteenth Section of the Bill adopted by the General Conference for the creation of the Educational Commission is as follows: "Said Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to take over any institution of higher education now established, provided the ownership and control thereof be secured to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or to some other governing body of the same, in perpetuity." In the establishment of Emory University and in the adoption of the Southern Methodist University, the Commission has followed scrupulously this mandate of the General Conference.

In the charter of Emory University it is specifically provided that "all property, real or personal, that may be purchased or otherwise acquired by said corporation, shall be received and held in trust, that it shall be used, kept, maintained and disposed of for the educational purposes in this charter set forth, subject to the discipline and usage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said Church." It is further provided that the Board of Trustees may not take action contrary to any action that may be taken by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South." Its charter further provides that all its by-laws, rules and regulations, shall be in keeping with the "laws, rules, resolutions, actions or regulations now existing, or that may hereafter be taken, or adopted, by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South." In the deed conveying the real estate owned by the University the property is made subject to the "discipline and usage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as from time to time declared by the General Conference of said Church." In the deed of gift by which Mr. Asa G. Candler, Sr., conveyed to the University an endowment fund of \$1,000,000, the donor incorporated his letter sent to the Educational Commission on July 16, 1914, in which he declared that his gift was to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and this letter has become a part of his deed. In addition to incorporating his letter in his deed, the donor inserts in the deed the following language also: "It is my intention and desire that should there ever arise any conflict or dispute between the said Emory University and the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that the will of the said General Conference with reference to the management and disposition of said fund shall be supreme, and shall be observed by the said Emory University." These particular statements are made that the Church may be informed of how perfectly this institution has been placed in the ownership and control of the Church. This charter

may be amended in minor particulars before its final report to the General Conference, but the provisions by which the institution is given absolutely into the hands of the Church will not be modified in any way to make them less binding or authoritative in this particular. Experience may suggest some minor changes in the charter, and the General Conference itself, if it should judge necessary, may order changes in it, but no modifications will be made in the charter or in the deeds to both the real estate and the endowments, by which any question can ever arise concerning the Church's ownership and control of the institution. Impressed on the official seal of Emory University are the words "Founded by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," that the perpetual ownership of the Church may be proclaimed in every diploma and other document issued by the institution.

The Southern Methodist University was established by a Commission of Education appointed by the Annual Conference of Texas in 1910. Through the action of these Annual Conferences of 1911 its ownership and control by the Church was secured by charter provisions. In its name, as well as in its charter, its Churchly nature is defined.

In the Eighteenth Section of the Bill passed by the General Conference by which the Educational Commission was created, are these words: "We express the belief that there should be east of the Mississippi River one such institution, and one such institution west of the Mississippi River; and in this connection we express our pleasure at the establishment, by the membership of our Church in the State of Texas, of the Southern Methodist University, situated and located in the city of Dallas, in said State, and commend such institution to the said Commission for its consideration." When the General Conference took this action it was informed concerning the charter of the Southern Methodist University. In obeying the instructions of the General Conference concerning the institution the Educational Commission might have left the charter as it was when the General Conference took action upon the subject; for the Commission was authorized to take over any institution of higher education which had been established before that time, "provided the ownership and control thereof be secured to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or to some other governing body of the same, in perpetuity." By its first charter the Southern Methodist University was thus secured to governing bodies of the Church in perpetuity. But in obedience to the suggestion of the General Conference, the institution was taken over by the Commission, and in order to give it a more connective character it was thought best that its charter should be amended in some particulars. The charter has not yet been brought to its final form; but the Church may be well assured that this institution will be owned and controlled by the Church in perpetuity.

In the light of the past experiences of the Church, which need not be discussed in detail in this report, the Educational Commission has kept steadily in view, and will not lose sight of, the absolute ownership and control by the Church of its two Universities.

A Concluding Word.

It may not be out of place in this report to call attention to the fact that during the year past the educational center of the world has shifted from Europe to America. Some of the European Universities have been destroyed, and all of them have been injured. Their students have been dispersed, and many members of their faculties have been slain in battle. They cannot be again what they have been. It will take many years to repair the damage done to them even if it can be repaired ever. By consequence thousands of foreign students are now in American institutions of learning. Unfortunately, most of them are in institutions, the atmosphere of which is distinctly unfriendly to evangelical Christianity. When they have returned to their own land, such students will, in many cases, if not in most cases, be obstacles in the way of our missionaries. The power of our investments in missions will be greatly reduced unless more of these foreign students are drawn into Christian institutions, and this can not be done unless the colleges and universities of the evangelical Churches are speedily made as strong as the strongest of the secular institutions. Our educational work has become, therefore, a missionary work also. Therefore it has become more important and more imperative. We feel that the Church should prosecute its educational work with zeal and generosity far beyond anything of the past, and we specially invoke the co-operation of all our preachers and people in making our two Universities what they should

be, and what we are well able to make them.

If we will give them adequate resources their influence for good will extend to the uttermost parts of the earth. In Latin-America, especially, they will exert a great and benign influence. Students from Mexico, Central America, the West Indies and the northern parts of South America would prefer to attend universities in the mild climate of the South rather than institutions in the colder regions of the North, provided they can find equal advantages in our section. Here in our Church has both a great opportunity and an immeasurable obligation.

Signed on behalf of the Educational Commission.

A PLEA FOR SUPERANNUATES.

I observe that brethren are making appeals for full collections for the several claims in which they are so much interested, and I admire their interest and zeal. The truth is, that it is good for the pastor as well as the layman to have his work pressed upon him and the demand for full collections emphasized.

It is seldom that the readers of our Church periodicals find any appeal for our superannuate preachers, their widows or orphans. I was delighted however to read the good editorial of Dr. Bradford in the Advocate a few weeks since on this question. I read it with much interest.

Here in Texas those of us who love Texas history well know that Texas owes a debt of gratitude to the frontier minister which she nor the Church can ever expect to pay. For instance, such of our superannuates as Rev. H. M. Glass, Rev. J. P. Mussett and many others, all well know of the hardships, dangers and privations of a frontier life. On our effective list such grand men as Dr. Horace Bishop, the beloved of Waxahachie District, can give any one some startling points in his own experience. It ought to be regarded as a blessing as well as a delightful privilege for any Methodist to contribute for the support of his Church, and especially to the fund for the relief of the necessities of the faithful old soldiers of the Cross who have made possible the grandeur and moral condition of Texas. It is my firm conviction that almost any pastor can raise this collection if he will but make a plea for it. Hundreds of people of no creed will gladly contribute to this cause.

Our Board shall need every cent assessed for this cause and unless we receive it many disappointments will result by reason of the deficit. We are holding our assessment down to the actual needs of our claimants.

I grant my brother, that I may be over-zealous for this cause, but you would find it a difficult matter to convince me to the contrary. I have labored on the Joint Board for almost thirty-five years successively, and I have studied this question closely, prayerfully and considerably, and from every angle. To my mind it is one of the sparkling jewels in our beloved Methodism that we provide and care for our aged ministers, their widows and orphans, and we have always done so. It is no new thing with us.

Imagine a well-rounded young man just coming into manhood, with his college diploma, if you please, who has felt distinctly the call of God to the ministry, but one who is ambitious to do and be something in this world. See this young man as he stands at the chance in front of one of our Bishops seeking admission on trial into our traveling connection. After this young man shall have given satisfactory answers and assurances to every inquiry the Bishop wishes to know, I can hear this young man in his heart, with a tremble in his voice say: "Bishop what may I expect in this world if I am true and faithful from this Methodist Church?" The good Bishop looks him in the eye and with great emphasis says: "My young brother, the whole Church is unconditionally pledged and committed to you, if you are admitted, that if you prove yourself true and efficient you shall always have a charge in which to preach and over which you shall be pastor and leader so long as you are effective. Should you be unfortunate and your health fail you the Church will provide for your needs until you recover. Should you live to be an old man with your head frosted with age, your limbs frail and feeble, your body wrecked with pain then, even then, our Methodism is unconditionally pledged to look after and care for you. Should you die and leave a heart-broken widow or orphan Methodism is pledged and committed to care for them. You shall have an abundance of hard work all of your effective days, but your salary will be but a meager support. You will not only be thus provided and cared for, but you will always have the tender love and respect of your brethren. With brief outline of what you may rely upon and the assurance on my

part, do you still seek admission?" The young man with strong and abiding faith in God answers, "I do." This is by no means overdrawn.

Then let us as Churchmen rally to the superannuate, the widow and orphan and see that every penny from our several charges is paid. It is my candid judgment that we are not true to ourselves, our Church nor to God unless we do so.

All large corporations are doing it; many lodges are doing it and many of our governments and peoples are doing it. All of them borrowed the idea from our Methodism, just as Texas borrowed from our Methodist system of conferences the plan and system for her courts, trial and appellate, though like some borrowed matter by one editor from another, no credit is given. Facts and history, however, disclose the truth of it.

Let every pastor urge this collection for conference claimants, place it on its merits if need be, and should you have a surplusage in your collections why not give it to these claimants occasionally. It is a small collection and can and ought to be paid. Who dare neglect it. I plead for it.

JAMES M. ROBERTSON.

Meridian, Texas.

TEXAS CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPAIGN.

By E. Hightower.

This scribe entered the Texas Conference Sunday School campaign after one of the six meeting points had been passed and was called out of it by other duties before the last point was reached, hence I cannot speak with authority as to the general results.

When I reached Bryan on the last night of the institute for the Nevada District a good audience was present, and the ladies of the "team" said they were tired of work and at their earnest insistence the Secretary took the lion's share of the evening. Next morning until noon attendance was good and the interest was intense. We were sorry to miss Brother Talley and Brother Shettles, pastor and presiding elder, who were at Dallas attending the Conference of Presiding Elders.

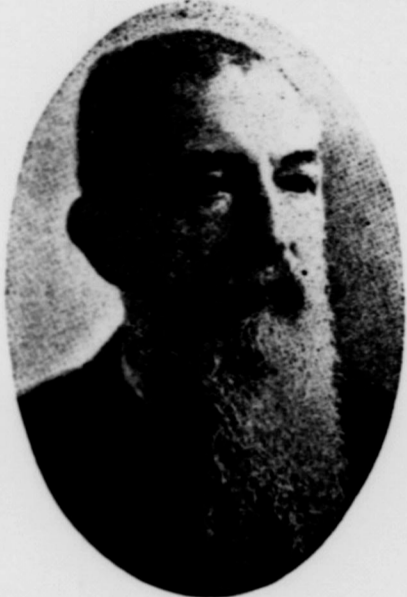
From Bryan we went to Houston, where the institute began on Wednesday night and lasted through the following Sunday. A good audience was present the opening night to hear some most excellent music and two good addresses by local speakers. Sessions were held afternoon and evening the rest of the week. A feature of the occasion was the music furnished by the choir of First Church. In fact, about as much time was given to the music as to the institute work. First Church certainly has reason to be proud of its choir. On Sunday the workers scattered to the various Churches. This scribe worked with Brother Potter at Grace in the morning. The Sunday School fills the church and Sunday School annex and overflows both. We ascertained the number present at Sunday School and counted those in Church just before the text was announced. There were three hundred and fifty-one in Sunday School and a hundred and fifty-four at Church. That is not an unusual situation. This writer has faced only two audiences this year that were as large as the Sunday School in the same house the same day. Here is food for thought. Sunday evening we were with Brother Mills at St. Paul's. The audience was large and attentive and the music inspiring, albeit Brother Mills somewhat stumped a new choir when he raised "Lord Revive Us" to the old tune. But true to their good campaigning training the audience joined heartily and we had good singing. And the choir did its best. The audience was responsive to the message and the speaker had liberty and enjoyed the occasion.

From Houston, after a breathing spell, the "team" moved on to Beaumont. The Secretary arrived there Thursday night, a day late, and next morning met Elder Solomon "going out to hold two quarterly meetings." Up to that time he had been in the institute, and were told that his hearty "amens" had done much to hearten the workers, especially the ladies. The local attendance at Beaumont was gratifying, and there was a considerable sprinkle of out-of-town workers. We enjoyed an address by Brother Crum, of Port Arthur, and good fellowship with Johnson and Peritte, of Beaumont, and W. W. Watts, of Orange, and other preachers and laymen. This ecclesiastical wanderer will not soon forget the Christian hospitality and spiritual fellowship in the home of Judge O'Brian.

After a brief stay in Beaumont we left Saturday noon for Timpan as advance man for the institute in that district. The weather was dry, and the traveler certainly accumulated a large stock of real estate on that trip. The railroad engines burn oil, and the acquisition of soil was well

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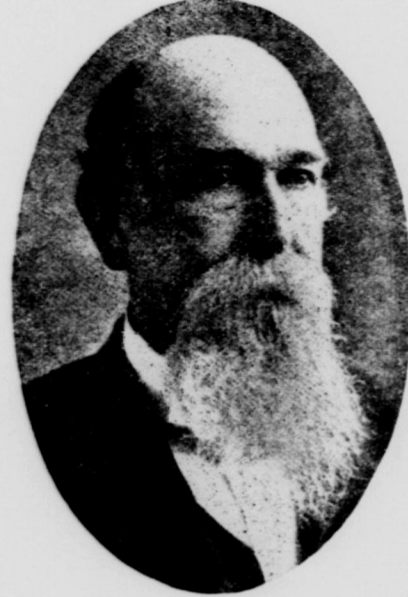
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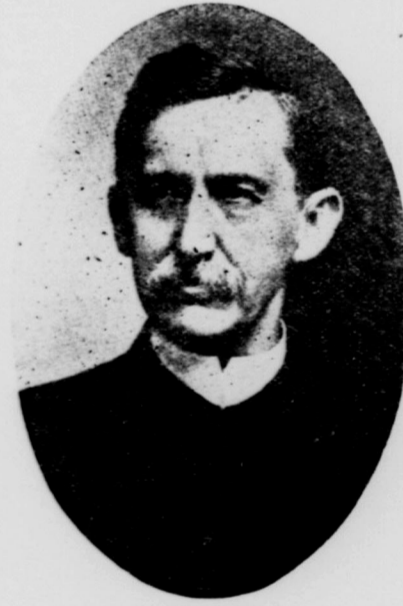
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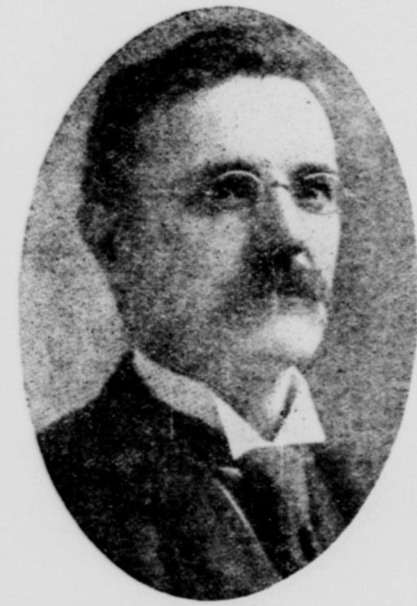
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NOTES FROM THE FIELD

HUGO, OKLA.

I have just received a card from Rev. E. R. Large, pastor of Ida Mission, announcing the death of his son at Woodville, Okla. Brother Large was called, but did not arrive until after his son was buried. He and his good wife are in deep sorrow. The son was converted in 1907 and a member of our Church. Let us remember our brother in this great sorrow. R. T. BLACKBURN, P. E.

RANGER.

On the evening of October 3, we closed a splendid eight days' meeting at Ranger, during which there were some thirty conversions and reclamations and thirteen accessions to the Methodist Church, with perhaps some who will yet come into our Church, while some will go to other Churches. Bro. E. A. Parrish, of Cleburne, Texas, did the preaching. It is but just to say that he is very superior help in a meeting. It is a pleasure to most heartily commend him.—J. M. Armstrong.

MOUNT VERNON STATION.

We are rounding out in good shape at Mount Vernon. By the time this note is read all our conference collections will be in the hands of the Conference Treasurer and the salary will be paid in full by conference. Have had over one hundred professions and one hundred and fifteen additions to the Church. A fine spirit prevails and we are happy in our work. The Advocate is having our attention and a full report is expected on this important institution of the Church.—J. Leonard Rea, Pastor.

ADA, OKLA.

Bishop Murrah will dedicate our new church building on October 31. We have here a building and furnishing costing \$26,500, erected this "hard year of the great war." Last Sunday we raised the last \$2250, which clears it for dedication. We let contract for our new pipe organ yesterday. We hope to get it installed by conference. Have received seventy-eight additions this year and have sufficient number on "the string" to make 100 by conference. Last Sunday we had 60 at Sunday School, with 112 new pupils for that day; collection of \$15. Everything is lovely and the goose honks high. All former pastors invited to attend this dedication.—L. B. Ellis.

RYAN, OKLA.

In two weeks our Annual Conference will be in session. We have had a busy year and in some respects our work has made some progress. We have paid a Church debt of several years' standing and made some improvements at the parsonage. The membership has been increased and the Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society have done splendid work. We will report a Senior and Junior League. I have never had a more loyal and faithful Official Board and they are doing their best to report finances "in full." And I will say just here no district has a truer presiding elder than Rev. Moss Weaver. He is a strong preacher, a true man and a good business man. Whoever comes to Ryan next year will find things in good running order.—M. T. Allen.

OLNEY METHODISM.

The Olney Circuit was organized since last Annual Conference from the Olney and Newcastle Charges and some additional appointments. Bro. B. C. Cochran was placed in charge. He was later licensed to preach at our District Conference. Bro. Cochran has made full proof of his ministry this year, proving to be a fine organizer. His salary was fixed at \$550 for ten months and will be paid in full; in fact, he will make full report on all lines at conference. He has had two good revivals and his report will be unique in that all his members will be reported as additions. Olney Station has had a fine year. We will report every dollar of finances in full at conference. Notwithstanding the loss of two strong country Churches and a raise in the preacher's salary and thirty per cent increase on the collections, we are coming out in full. Our Sunday School is at high water mark. Our Missionary Societies are as live as can be found. Our prayer-meeting is the best ever held in this town. The attendance has almost reached the number attending Sunday School. The best part of this is that the prayer-meeting is in charge of the Board of Stewards. They very

frequently hold not only the midweek prayer-meeting but hold special services on other nights of the week. I am preaching to more of my members now than at any time since I came here two years ago. The spiritual tide is running high. I never saw a Church as ready for a revival as mine is now. Last, but not least, we are closing a deal for the very best location in the town for a Church. Credit for this splendid achievement is due solely to our Woman's Missionary Council. They are presenting the Church with the location. In the near future we will move up in our new, more central location and place thereon a church fully adequate for our needs.—H. Lee Vincent, P. C.

BUCKHOLTS MISSION.

For a second time this year I ask for a little space in which to set forth what has been accomplished in this section of our Lord's vineyard. The Lord has blessed our labors to such an extent that we rejoice before him and give praise to him for all that has been accomplished. We held all our own meetings and had thirty added to our roll of membership, organized one new Church, and when our fourth Quarterly Conference was held on October 1, we were able to report all finances "in full." This is the first time that either the preacher's salary or the conference assessments have been paid in full since the organization of this charge, and that in spite of calamities that visited us. The August hurricane wrecked two of our churches. That was a sad 17th to our people. Not only two of our churches complete wrecks, but a third church and the parsonage damaged and the fields of our people swept with such fury that crop loss was very great. And yet, yesterday (the 17th of October) just two months from the day of our loss, we worshiped in a new temple of God erected on the ruins of one that was destroyed. Our people have been tried as by fire this year, but they have proved true in spirit and in deed. They have been as loyal to me as any people I have ever served. They have

MR. AND MRS. JAMES MADISON TAYLOR AND THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. James Madison Taylor, of Holliday, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary October 12, 1915. All the children of the family were present at an elegant six o'clock dinner, together with the grandchildren and a few friends of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were married in Rutherford County, North Carolina, at 8 o'clock p. m., October 12, 1865, Rev. Allen Hamby, Methodist preacher, officiating. Mr. Taylor was a first Lieutenant in the Confederate Army. His company was detailed to fight the bushwhackers and most of his active service was in the mountains of his native State, and those of Tennessee. He never surrendered, never took the oath of allegiance and refused to qualify to vote until the disabilities were removed. Mrs. Taylor was Miss Sallie A. McKinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McKinney, a prominent agriculturist and stock breeder of Rutherford County, North Carolina. Mr. Taylor's parents were Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis Taylor, of Rutherford County, North Carolina. His father died of an operation during the Civil War and his lands were sold shortly after by the administrator for Confederate money. Mr. James M. Taylor and his bride found themselves almost without resources when they

been courteous, thoughtful, generous and faithful to this scribe, and now that the authorities of the Church have seen fit to give me a field in the New Mexico Conference I want to say that any preacher who may be appointed to serve this charge for another year may feel assured that he will be greeted by a fine people. There is a big work here to be done—one that will require lots of consecration and good common sense—a work that will call into action all the powers of a full-grown man; but a preacher who will mix with this people and manifest consecrated zeal and energy for our Lord's cause will find that he will have intelligent and faithful co-workers. I regret to sever the pleasant ties that have bound me as a pastor to this people, but I gladly turn toward the setting sun and pursue path of duty because "marching orders" are to that effect. As a last word, I wish to express my love toward those brethren of the Texas Conference whom it has been my pleasure to meet the few months I have been honored with a work in their midst.—J. W. Campbell.

CHILDRESS.

We are closing up a very busy and for the most part a satisfactory year at Childress. Our goal is every claim in full. Our presiding elder was with us on the fourth Sunday in September at 11 a. m., and preached a very helpful and much appreciated sermon. He held our fourth Quarterly Conference the following Tuesday evening. We had a very harmonious and enthusiastic meeting. Our treasurer gave the presiding elder a check in full for the amount due him for the year. We had our revival meeting in the early spring. My brother, Dr. A. P. Lyon, the presiding elder of the Louisville District of the Louisville Conference, did the preaching. We had twenty-five or thirty conversions and reclamations and twenty additions to the Church. The membership of the Church was greatly strengthened and reinforced in their Christian experience by the meeting. We have a great Church here now and the possibilities of really a very great Church. Last Sunday was Rally Day in our Sunday School. It was, indeed, a red letter day for us. There were over three hundred present and the offering was about \$18. The children gave a well prepared and appropriate

program and the Camp Fire Girls had very artistically decorated the church in keeping with the day. We have a splendid Sunday School, but we need more equipment to bring it up to the twentieth century standard for Sunday Schools. Our Superintendent, teachers and the membership of the Church, are getting interested in a better equipment and I predict that in the near future there will be such improvements as to make our Church one of the biggest working plants in the West. Our people are in fine shape for this forward movement; we have no debts and the financial conditions along all lines were never better. I note with much interest the fine openings of our Church schools throughout the State, and feel proud of the contribution the Childress Church has made in that line of her young people have matriculated in our Church schools. We serve a good people and I believe they have their faces set to the future for a greater and better Church in every way possible.—W. E. Lyon, P. C.

CLAUDE.

The year is drawing to a close in Methodist circles and we of the Claude Church have fallen into introspective mood. Have we done what we could? Is our Church "farther on?" Have we as individuals progressed spiritually? Who knows? It has been often said that under ordinary conditions the fact that a Church is alive enough to awaken the pocketbooks of the members is a fair test of its virility. If so, Claude is doing well, for the stewards report that all the conference collections have been paid up and the minister has received his stipend. So far, good. The Sunday School has a superintendent in W. A. Wilson, who is faithful and live and who has initiative. He has a Sunday School "with a punch in it." During the years of his service he has gone each week; nor rain, nor snow, nor heat, nor wind being strong enough to keep him away. The work of the women is moving on; the Leagues, both Junior and Senior, are live; the prayer meeting has its "faithful few." Surely there is a reason for our well-being. Some of us give the credit largely to our minister, Rev. C. A. Cameron, who has been with us but one year, but who has done much of

yard in flowers and shrubbery, as the back ground of the family group, taken in front of his home will show. He does not know the taste of liquor and has not touched tobacco in over forty years.

Mrs. Taylor, in her 76th year, is a remarkably intelligent woman, and though she has suffered for years with rheumatism, is as active mentally and as interested in life and the progress of the world as when a girl. Both have been devoted and consistent Methodists from childhood.

The children are Mrs. M. E. Chiles, widow of W. T. Chiles, erstwhile cashier of the First State Bank of Holliday; no children. W. H. Taylor, prominent stockman and merchant of Holliday, Archer County, Texas; wife and infant son, C. M. Taylor, single, known throughout the South in oil refining circles, and now officially connected with one of the strongest independent oil refineries of Texas. Mrs. Virginia Huggins, wife of W. H. Huggins, assistant cashier Waggoner National Bank, Vernon, Texas; no children. Miss Bertha Taylor, Holliday, Texas. Mrs. Tula Hawley, wife of J. M. Hawley, merchant and stock farmer, Holliday, Texas; four children, one boy and three girls.

Among the friends and relatives present, were: Mrs. W. D. Yeager, sister of Mrs. Jas. M. Taylor, Bonham, Texas; Mrs. Jeannette Calvert, Archer City, Texas; Mr. D. B. Read, of Florida, and Mr. Hanis, Photographer, Wichita Falls, Texas.

good in our midst. Rev. Cameron is not a sensationalist, yet he is unafraid. He has no Church lines in his personal interests, but meets and greets and visits impartially and with cordiality towards all, yet in no way does he compromise his belief in the tenets of the Methodist Church. If there is opposition to Mr. Cameron it is no more than that which any strong man is apt to incur, though personally I know nothing of it. His success lies more than all else perhaps in his ability to pick a leader and then to let that leader have latitude to carry out his own ideas. He is always ready to aid and support, but he allows those in positions to put their individuality into their work. He learns of the least of us. Should he be sent back to this charge his welcome will be hearty and general.—A Member.

MANGUM, OKLA.

We have just closed a great union meeting here, in which all the Churches of the town united. We had with us Dr. J. Frank Norris, of Fort Worth, Texas. Norris is a great preacher, and his work is lasting. He has a way of getting hold of the people, and moving them to action. When he leaves he does not take the revival with him, but ties the work on to the pastor. I think it was the greatest meeting I was ever in. The closing service we raised more than \$25,000 to pay off church debts. We had more than \$12,000 indebtedness, and the Baptists had more than we. Our debt is secured by good notes, the last one payable January 1, 1918. We have received ninety-eight into our Church this year. There were about 250 conversions and reclamations from the union meeting. Norris is a great friend and admirer of you.—R. E. L. Morgan.

GENEVA.

Tuesday, October 12, our presiding elder preached at eleven for us and held a business session after preaching. There were not many present, but our good presiding elder exemplifies our Lord in that he can and does preach to the few as well as to a great company. Although cotton has advanced in price, a lot of our folks lost most of their crop in the flood and causes our finances to be in bad shape, but we are looking for better days. We are not exactly like Elijah when he was under the juniper tree. We do not feel that God's forces are even weakened. Never have we seen a great fire as it passed by nor felt the awful trembling of the earthquake. But we have undergone the panic, two drouths and the flood and most of our people are handicapped for means to do with. But, like Job of old, though he slay me, yet will we serve him.—Nat. A. Griffin.

VERNON CIRCUIT.

We are now nearing the close of our third year with Vernon Circuit. With the help of the good Lord and the devotion and loyalty of a good people much progress has been made. Near 300 souls have been saved, the indebtedness on our church at Harrold has been met, a beautiful new church has been built and dedicated at Elliot, one of the best parsonages in the Vernon District has just recently been finished, and now some of the good laymen of the Church are raising money with which to purchase an auto for the circuit. These are a loyal, generous people and the preacher who comes this way another year will have a happy lot. I would not close without mentioning the names of Brother Franks, of Austin, and Brother Culbertson, of Childress, who so faithfully and ably assisted in my meetings of this year. I gladly recommend these men to any pastor who wants an abiding revival.—L. B. Tooley, P. C.

CORNISH, OKLA.

Our first meeting was in April at Ringling, one mile from Cornish, and seven miles from the oil fields. Rev. R. J. Tooley, of Weatherford, Texas, did the preaching, and did it well, but owing to the new town excitement and the oil fields also, we had a hard fight and it was difficult to get the people interested so that the visible results we had hoped for were not realized; nevertheless, there were seed sown that will bring forth the harvest in due time. We organized our Church at Ringling, then with thirty-five members. Our next meeting was at Loco with Rev. E. H. Driskell doing the preaching. We had some fine preaching. We had a good meeting. Our membership was built up and our Church work revived. It was time well spent. Bro. Driskell is a fearless preacher and earnest worker. Our next meeting was at Willow Springs, an afternoon appointment, west of Loco. We did not have any preaching; I did some exhorting and



Front row, kneeling: Mildred Hawley, John Merritt Hawley, Margurite Hawley. Second row, seated: Mrs. Tula Hawley, Jas. M. Taylor, Mrs. Jas. M. Taylor, Mrs. W. D. Yeager, W. H. Taylor and infant son, "Bill." Third row, standing: J. M. Hawley and infant daughter, "Catherine," Mrs. M. E. Chiles, C. M. Taylor, Miss Bertha Taylor, Mrs. Virginia Huggins, W. H. Huggins, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. Jeannette Calvert.

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the people went to work and the Lord blessed our labors with twenty conversions and twelve additions to the Church. Salary will be paid in full and we will come up with a clean sheet this year, besides building a nice little church at Ringling, costing about \$700. This is our third year on this work, and the man who follows us here will find a true and loyal people to serve. We love this work and its people and appreciate the many kindnesses shown us while trying to serve them.—J. M. Kemp, P. C.

MARIETTA, OKLA.

We have just closed one of the greatest meetings ever held in Marietta. On the fourth Sunday in September Rev. G. A. Marvin, of Denison, Texas, came to us and for three weeks, three services a day, the war against sin was waged. Sin in every form was handled without gloves. Men and women were lifted out of themselves, and many will live a better and stronger life for the Master. Marvin is a wonder. He makes you laugh, cry and shout all in the same service. A member of the Baptist Church said: "He is the greatest preacher that ever came to Marietta." He is strong, forceful, clean and as clear as the noonday sun in his knowledge of theology and the Gospel salvation. Many will be more faithful to God and the Church because of the great work done in our midst. A number of people joined the Church and more to follow. We have received forty-eight members this year, and expect to round out the year with a good report. Rev. John D. Salter as presiding elder has been a success, and to a man is loved by his preachers. He is a great preacher and is growing.—R. A. Crosby.

BOWIE.

We are soon to close our second year on the Bowie Station. The two years have been busy ones. The difference between the old dilapidated frame church building which we found here and the elegant \$22,500 brick, stone and concrete building in which we are now worshipping tells a tale of "labors abundant." Our Church is a marvel for the money expended. You can hardly get one familiar with the cost of such buildings to guess our church under \$35,000. Upon going into our new building we at once began to desire a deep and spiritual work of grace in the hearts of our people. On September 19, we began a two weeks' meeting. Rev. F. A. Crutchfield rendered us great service in our meeting. His preaching was of a very high order and the meeting was a real uplift to all who attended. We had only fourteen conversions but the revival in the Church was far-reaching and fundamental. Brother Crutchfield is being greatly used of God, and we shall never forget the splendid service which he did for us. Fifty-three members received to date this year with more to receive. Our tremendous local expenditure will likely affect our connectional offerings for the time being, but the Bowie Church is getting in shape to stand to the forefront in the future. The Lord has been good to us and we are deeply grateful.—W. T. Tittle, P. C.

COLEMAN.

Perhaps a word more from Coleman will not be amiss. The last Annual Conference for Central Texas sent us Rev. M. K. Little, and he has been moving among us at a lively gait ever since his arrival, which occurred promptly after the adjournment of the conference. A fine revival of the city-wide variety, in which 500 or 600 people were converted, 125 additions to the Church, a new church to cost \$30,000 or more now under construction, and no interest of the Church neglected, are some of the doings of this pastor and Church. Collections are being made to cover the assessment made by the conference, and this item will be reported in full at Annual Conference as will also the pastor's salary. Last Sunday was Rally Day at our Church, and so earnestly and persistently did Brother Little prosecute the campaign for a large attendance that he visited 134 of 136 Methodist homes in Coleman on Tuesday before. Our Sunday School reached the high water mark on that day, when the register showed that 315 persons attended. The Adult Bible Class has doubled or tripled in attendance. The Philathae Class so increased as to necessitate a division. They now have Phi Class No. 1 and No. 2. The Church has awakened and a forward movement has been started here the result of which we will not prophesy at this time. The building committee is moving along in an harmonious manner and we hope that the church edifice may be raised without the sound of the hammer (of the knocker). The church will be modern and up-to-date

in every appointment and is being constructed out of first-class material, and when finished will supply the necessary equipment for the work of the Church, and it may be said will be a credit to the town and community, and an honor to those who built it. In due time we will furnish the Advocate with a cut of the new building and ask that it be published. One other matter that must not escape is the two days' Quarterly Conference with dinner on the ground, under the trees on the church lawn. This was considered a success. The business men of the town, regardless of creed, were invited to dinner, and many of them attended. The social feature of the occasion was splendid. It has been a busy year for pastor and people. The Lord has been good and we pray that his grace may lead us on.—J. W. Golson.

BOULEVARD, FORT WORTH.

Decided gains have been made in all forms of Church work in the Boulevard Church during this year. In addition to our splendid American population of this city we have many who have come to us from other nations. To these the Church is seeking to administer. Our Boulevard congregation has been most fortunate in having as members Miss Eugenia Smith and Miss Susie Mitchell, our consecrated workers at the Jerome Duncan Wesley House. No more Christly work is being done anywhere than these consecrated workers have been and are doing among the many nations of the world gathered together here in the city of Fort Worth. We have with us the Mexicans, Polish, Greeks, Bohemians, Germans, Russians, Servians, Bulgarians, Roumanians, Croats in numbers and, besides, representatives of many other nations. Our Wesley House workers have proven to all these that they are their real friends. And this Christian home, presided over by Miss Smith, is the center of the religious and social life of this people. In the beginning of this year we received into our Church Brother J. N. Santos and his wife from Mexico. They were enlisted as workers at the Wesley House. In May he was licensed to preach, having been recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Boulevard Church. We got in touch with Brother Onderdonk concerning this splendid young Mexican and as a result he has been employed to give his entire time to the Mexican work of this city. Already twenty-two Mexicans have been received into the Church on profession of faith, and we have the promise of Brother Onderdonk to come here in November and hold a meeting at the Wesley House for them, at which time we confidently expect scores to be converted and brought into the Church. The field is white unto harvest among them. Our regular work has been going forward in a most gratifying manner. The Sunday School has had a net gain in the membership of 184, not counting the gain in the Home Department and the Cradle Roll. One hundred and forty-three members have been received into the Church. During the Win-One Campaign in March and April we received seventy-eight members. We began a meeting with the fourth Sunday in September, from which we have received twenty members. Brother Sterling Richardson did splendid preaching for one week. The presiding elder gave us one helpful sermon and Brother J. A. Walkup preached the last week. We are indebted to these brethren for their helpful messages. The Church has been strengthened and God's name glorified. The net increase in membership will be at least 100. We face the future with faith undaunted. "Our prospects are as bright as the promises of God."—Thos. S. Barcus, P. C.

A LETTER FROM BROTHER J. E. VINSON.

It has now been more than a year since I last knocked at the door of our much loved Texas Christian Advocate for admission. We were then in Corinth, Miss., around which some of the hardest battles were fought in the early sixties, of the Civil War. We then returned to Texas in time to attend our conference session last December in Denison; and then spent the winter in Central and North Texas. I then took my invalid wife up to Bentonville, Ark., on the table lands of the beautiful Ozark Mountains, where its exhilarating climate and pure water proved so beneficial to her health, where we spent the spring and summer. And then, after four years' travel from place to place from the Coast country to North Arkansas, and east to North Mississippi and Tennessee, and living in trunks and suit cases, I thought the time and condition opportune for me to try to settle down for the time being with her. And just in the nick of time, and through

the kindness of Mr. J. G. Kinkead and his estimable wife, our relatives, we procured a home here in Paris, where in 1901-2, we served Lamar Avenue Church as pastor. And we now find so many of our good friends of those days. Lamar Avenue Church, as have the other two Churches of ours in this place, has made wonderful progress through the intervening years. She has had a succession of faithful and efficient pastors of whom Bro. W. T. Whitesides, the present pastor, is no exception. He is consecrated to his work, and has a good case of religion which manifests itself in his life, both in his pastorate and in his pulpit work. And he does not reckon without his host; for he has a Church that stands ready to co-operate with him in every advance movement.

And now, if a gentle and loving providence will tenderly hover over us, we are at home until the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night direct our breaking camp and passing onward, we know not where, possibly into the sweet beyond where afflictions and disappointments never come. To that end we are trying to live.

And if we could find some good refined Christian lady who would like to have a home with us, we would gladly share ours with her for congenial companionship for my shut-in wife.

Often we have caught ourselves longing for the sweet communion and fellowship of our North Texas Conference brethren (the human heart longs for fellowship—I think it was divinely so ordained), and those whom we have met since our return have given us that familiar warm hand-grip that mutely expresses more than words could do. Through this medium the rekindling fires have been transmitted to us by such godly men as Bros. W. D. Mountcastle, W. J. Bludworth, W. T. Whitesides, M. L. Hamilton and the beloved W. F. Bryan.

Due to existing conditions I may not be able to meet with my brethren at conference in Bonham this fall; but my warmest love shall go up to meet them there, even if I cannot look in on them for a few hours. May great blessings attend them in all their ways.

With profound gratitude to God, and with much interest for our beloved Methodism, I note the fine opening of the first session of the Southern Methodist University. May she be wisely steered through the coming ages, and never furl her banners to the subtle foes.

Success to the Advocate in its great work in its field of usefulness, and long live its editor and its publishing force to be felt for good to both Church and State.

J. E. VINSON.
451 Margaret Street, Paris, Tex.

The Bible definition for stinginess is "stuntedness." "The liberal soul shall be made fat."

TRINITY'S ONE CANDLESTICK.

Text: Revelation 1:20.

(Sermon preached by Rev. Chas. C. Seelman, pastor, on the first anniversary of Trinity Church, Los Angeles, California.)

Banished upon the rocky island of Patmos, with the restless waves of the Aegean Sea breaking ceaselessly against its rugged fringe, John had a vision of him who is the head of the Church, walking among the seven golden candlesticks. His head and his hair were as wool; his eyes as a flame of fire; his feet like burnished brass; his voice as the voice of many waters and his countenance was bright as the sun.

The seven candlesticks represented the seven Churches of Asia and the message which the Seer received reveals to us the Church upon the field of history, her divine origin and her human frailties, her grace and defects, her struggles against paganism and sin and her final victory over the beast and the dragon. The golden candlesticks, first of the tabernacle, then of the temple, was one of the gorgeous articles of furniture in God's house. It was wrought with its seven branches after the fashion of the almond tree and represented the Church as she burns in the secret place of the Most High.

Today we celebrate Trinity's first birthday. Yet not her first, for since 1855 this congregation has been at work in this city. Gracious has God's dealings been with this people. Noble ministers of the gospel and loyal men and women in the ranks of her membership have toiled, prayed and made glad sacrifices for the extension of the kingdom. Out from her missionaries have gone into foreign and home fields. The membership has grown gradually until now in point of numbers it is one of the twelve largest Churches in Southern Methodism. But in material equipment, Trinity stands so far in advance of any other that she is scarcely to be compared with them. A Boston paper says: "This million dollar building is probably the most comprehensive religious institution in the world." "Comprehensive" is a term that suits Trinity. At least it suits the ideals toward which we have been striving. Our aim is to minister to the whole life, the life that now is and the life which is to come.

Physical culture, music, educational methods, social activities, library, clubs, lectures, sacred concerts, social service department, junior and kindergarten Churches, nursery and culture classes added to the ordinary work of the Sunday School, Epworth League and stated worship are all planned to touch human life for good at every possible angle.

Now a candlestick is for the purpose of light; so is the Church. People are struggling and burdened. They need light. The light of the Church should manifest itself in various helpful ways.

First—Guidance.

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THE REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The General Conference Commission, charged with the erection of the Representative Church in Washington City, held a meeting on October 6 for the purpose of taking steps to proceed at the earliest possible moment with the work of erecting the building proposed. After going over carefully all the facts in the case, it was judged necessary that an agent be appointed to collect outstanding subscriptions and pledges, and prosecute further the campaign in this interest, and to represent the Commission in the work of erecting the building. Accordingly Rev. S. S. McKenney, of the Texas Conference, was chosen for this work, and Bishop McCoy has confirmed the appointment.

The attention of subscribers is called to this appointment and Brother McKenney is commended to the Church at large for sympathetic and generous co-operation in the important work to which he has been assigned.

It is earnestly desired that all subscriptions and pledges of every sort be paid at the earliest possible moment, in order that the work of building may proceed without further delay. The speedy completion of this enterprise is important to our cause at the National Capital, and to the credit and welfare of our Church throughout the connection.

WARREN A. CANDLER,
Chairman

minds of many today with reference to standards of right and wrong. Someone has said that as to what is true we know more than our fathers, but as to what is right we are not so certain. "Show us the way" is the appeal of many inquiring minds. Creeds, customs and institutions are changing. Young people are facing new problems. Strange doctrines parade under plausible forms of religion. And the Church must give forth no uncertain message. She must lift high the standards of the Decalogue and the Sermon on the Mount. She must make plain the paths for human feet that the redeemed of the Lord may come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. She must hold up the Book which is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway.

Second—Happiness.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion! How desirable are her tabernacles! How exalted are her moments of illumination! It is our effort to brighten up a little the lives of people who are struggling and burdened and weary of the monotonous drudgery of the week. We strive to give a little tempo, a little color to our religion and to preach the gospel that it is not impious to enjoy yourself. A pessimist is said to be one who is seasick on the whole voyage of life. Our effort is to turn life into a song that is set to the martial music of hopeful conquest.

We have opened our elegant parlors to the public. We have furnished sacred concerts, arranged for Sunday afternoon programs, embellished our usual order of worship, extended the privilege of applause in the Church and sought to make of Zion a place of gladness and thanksgiving. Our motto is "The joy of the Lord is my strength."

Third—Catholicity of Spirit.

We are not constantly asking people what they believe or where they are from or what are their denominational antecedents. But if you love the Lord and desire to serve him our invitation is, Come and go with us and we will do you good. John Wesley said, "I desire a league offensive and defensive with every soldier of Jesus Christ." People are weary of a narrow, overworked denominationalism. Especially in the city, individuals and families are apt to drop into the ranks of the Churches where they are most cordially welcomed and most helped in their spiritual lives. The Church of today needs a dynamic rather than a static creed.

Fourth—Progressive Up-to-Dateness.

We reverence the past at Trinity, but refuse to allow ourselves to be manacled by what has been done. We seek to make of the Church not a saint's rest, but a soldier's inspiration. Many parents and grandparents sit with folded hands and sing "the old-time religion" while the devil captures the latest machinery of warfare and their children dance the modern two-step down the road to ruin. Jesus said, "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." Once advised his followers to be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves. The famous Dr. Mathews used to say that it re-

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FOUR GENERATIONS OF METHODISTS.

The above picture represents four generations—Mrs. E. J. Porter, wife of N. F. Porter, who was a schoolmate of Dr. J. H. McLean at McKenzie College; Her daughter, Mrs. A. Parkhill and her daughter, Mrs. Oan Darnall, and her son, Chas. Milton Darnall. Mrs. Porter's mother, Mrs. King, was a subscriber to the first Methodist paper in Texas—The Wesleyan Banner. Thus has the Advocate been in their home from the beginning.

Llano, Texas.
J. F. LAWLIS, Pastor.

AN APALLING LEAKAGE.

At a recent meeting of the ministerial association in Galveston the pastor of the First Baptist Church said that he believed that there were as many Baptist people in Galveston unidentified with the Church as there were identified with their several churches here.

If a careful and accurate religious census could be taken of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, the three States which are planning to put on the simultaneous revival campaigns with the "Win-One" plan—I dare to guess that we should find not less than fifty thousand unidentified Methodists in that territory.

One" campaign we should gather in thousands of these people. If a religious census is not taken by all the Churches let there be a Methodist census taken. Find every person in your town or city or community who ever was a Methodist.

It is confidently expected that this movement shall result in the greatest religious awakening that the Southwestern Methodists have ever experienced. The goal of one hundred thousand has been suggested for our spring campaign in these three States.

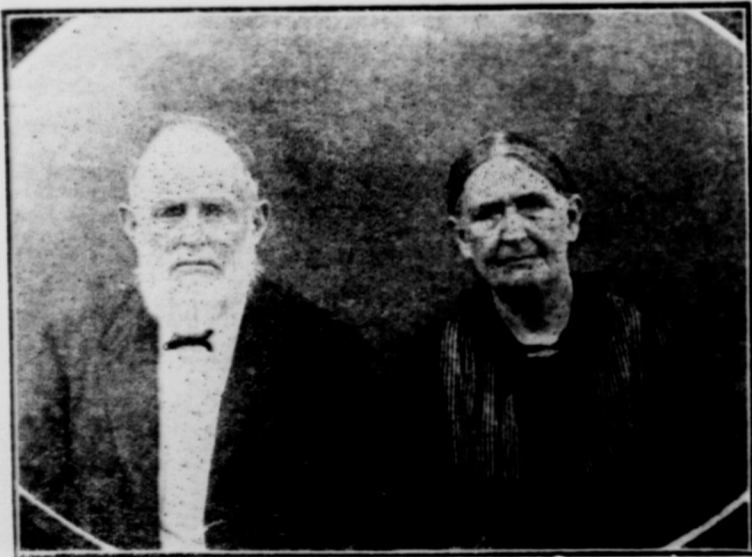
O. E. GODDARD, Galveston, Texas.

BROTHER MATTHEWS' GREAT SERMON.

I have read and reread the sermon on the modern dance, preached in the Methodist Church in Corsicana by Rev. W. H. Matthews, presiding elder of the Corsicana District. It requires no physical or moral courage to preach against worldliness in the Church.

HORACE BISHOP.

At the recent session of the Oil and Gas Producers' Association of West Virginia held at Parkersburg, there was an exhibition the first string of tools ever made for drilling for oil in 1848.



GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. O. R. DOWNS. Leesville, Texas.

The faces in the picture above will not be familiar to a great many, but the children of such old preachers as Rev. E. Y. Seale, Rev. A. F. Cox and R. M. Leaton will remember their faces, for they were often there with their parents when on the old Leesville Circuit.

Advertisement for Western Electric Rural Telephone. Includes an illustration of a telephone booth and a store. Text: 'All Within Reach', 'Get a telephone, and your farm will be in instant touch with the town.', 'Western Electric Rural Telephone', 'Some Territory Open for Agents', 'WESTERN ELECTRIC COMPANY'.

CHEROKEE JUNIOR COLLEGE.

About five years ago under the wise leadership of Rev. J. D. Scott, presiding elder of the Lampasas District, the Church bought the Cherokee Junior College. It is the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and is under the control of the Lampasas District, West Texas Conference.

Rev. C. A. Lehmborg was elected first President of the College, and for four years he has led the workings of the institution. When he took charge of the college there was no money, no student body, nothing but the buildings and a debt of ten thousand dollars.

From June till August the 5th, the college was without a head and things were not at all encouraging for the coming year. But under the management of the Board of Trustees and our presiding elder, Rev. J. W. Cowan, who was never known to give up, and with the aid of the good people of Cherokee, they secured Rev. C. L. McDonald, of the Northwest Texas Conference, as President.

They have added one more year's work to the course of study, and are meeting all the requirements of the Board of Education for a junior college as far as they go. It is recognized by the General Board of Education and the Board contributed last year \$750 with a promise of that sum this year, which is appreciated by the faculty and friends of the institution.

The enrollment up to date is one hundred and fifty-five, with four more to enroll next week. They have the largest enrollment in the history of the institution, and still coming in. There was never a student body with more vim and willingness to work.

workings of the school and perfect satisfaction in every way.

The Fine Arts Department is crowded out, and cannot meet the demands. They have now two assistant teachers and still they have students that cannot take the work for lack of teachers.

Every department of the college work is full and doing splendid work. Both student and faculty share alike a genuine optimism.

I am closing out my first year as pastor of the Church at Cherokee and it has been the best year of my ministry. All the conference collections are paid in full and we are on the Honor Roll this year.

C. W. RYLANDER, P. C.

TEXAS CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPAIGN.

(Continued from page 3.) stocked with that commodity. My Palm Beaches looked like the working yard of an engineer. At Timpson I found the East Texas Fair just closing and it looked like the whole population was at the train when I arrived at midnight.

Brother Elrod is bishop of the Timpson District. This is the first year of his episcopal supervision and like all other young and enthusiastic "beloveds" he is working mighty hard. But he is not beating the air, and we predict that when conference comes the reports will show what

he has been up to. I have not found a more general nor intelligent Sunday School interest in any district I have visited.

I had to be in Waco for the Organizational Board meeting on Thursday and so left Timpson Tuesday morning to go to Henderson and visit my only living aunt, Mrs. Slaughter, whom I had not seen for almost thirty years.

Brother Ingram found out I was there and made an appointment and rounded up a good audience for a Sunday School address that night. Brother Platt, pastor of Church Hill Circuit, came in the afternoon and took me in his buggy and showed me the town and surrounding country, and we gathered chinquapins. Henderson looks like an energetic farmer after a long sleep. I have not seen such an amount of municipal improvement going on in another town this year.

HOME WANTED.

We have a little girl nine years old for whom we want a first class Methodist home. She is a full orphan, has had good training and will be a great blessing to some home that will take her and give her the necessary love and training.

MRS. I. Z. T. MORRIS, Fort Worth, Texas.

Advertisement for 'A Great Songbook' by Billy Sunday Campaign Songs. Includes an illustration of a man playing a guitar. Text: 'A Great Songbook', 'Songs for Service', 'The Rodeheaver Co.', '1131 Monon Bldg., Chicago. 681 Lippincott Bldg., Philadelphia'.



FIRST M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, FRANCITAS, TEXAS

I am closing out my second year on the Midfield charge. This has been the best year of my ministry. I serve a six-point work with only a total membership of 123. I will fall short on salary and collections, as we were within the storm belt and suffered a great deal. Have held five meetings, had thirty-six conversions. God has richly blessed my family and me in various ways for which we are thankful. The above is the picture of our church at Francitas, a new point on the work. It is valued at \$3600 and is a splendid building. On account of the health of one of my children I will be one of the preachers to move this year for a higher climate. I pray that next year will be a much greater year in God's cause.

REV. L. A. ALKIRE, P. C.

Midfield, Texas.

THE MOTHER WHO SUCCEEDS.

The mother who succeeds is not the one who sits idly or satisfied while some one else is busy studying the needs of her children. The successful mother, just like the successful nation or business man or woman, must be up and alert, with her ears and eyes open ready to meet or cope with the demands of the day or decade. They who do not do this have the misfortune to watch or see someone else doing what she should have done, or sit idly watching someone else doing what she or any mother would not do, or have done.

The successful mother is not necessarily the woman with wealth, college education or even one with an extra amount of brains. She is just an ordinary all-round woman with good common sense and endowed with sense enough to know when and where and how it should be used.

The Irish, with all their failings and misfortunes, they say make the very best of mothers, so why cannot the American mother be classed with them?

The mother who sees no faults in her child just because it belongs to her, and readily sees the faults, less offensive, in others is not termed successful, but rather the one who does her duty, whether it be of a pleasant or unpleasant nature, just so it be that which is best for the child. Here lies the secret a successful mother always carries with her. The real mother sees good in all as well and readily as evil, and progresses with her child just as a nation carries its people along on its rapid course.

The mothers of America are allowed broader views and broader scope to express these views than any other nation, so why be idle when there is so much to be done by our mothers of today?

The mother who stays at home,

slaves, cooks, works and worries for fear her child cannot have the privileges, education, clothes or even so good a time socially as some other mothers can, is only a mother in her home. Her home is her world. She studies no outside affairs. The outside snares and pitfalls of this worldly world are easily overlooked. She would not notice them herself and really thinks her children would not, also. When her boy or girl is led astray or falls in life she is ready to condemn the other party unjustly, never once seeing where her life spelled failure. Had she been wise and onto her job she might have been able to check or defeat the coming troubles.

The wise mother never sits down on her duty and expects someone else to do it for her. If she wants the job done well, she does it herself. "One thing at a time and that done well, is a very good rule, as many can tell." The successful mother, whose time is limited, will follow a rule something like this: Do the positively necessary things first, then the things that really ought to be done. Those things you just adore and love to do, cut out, if any are to be cut out.

Better let a little dirt gather in the corners of your house than in your child's body. They (the corners) can be cleaned out long after the child is able to paddle his own canoe, but you cannot clean the dirt or disease germs that grow in your child's body with the best soap or lye on the market.

It is very easy for a mother to form the habit of staying at home to rest on Sunday, after a hard week's work. However easy this habit was to form you will find it very hard to overcome. So the successful mother sees this breakwater ahead and stays those habits. A mother owes so much to the social world. We often hear and read of hermits, but we do not realize how many "hermit mothers" there are.

The energetic mother tries to furnish pleasures for the children as well as plenty of work. Too much work

makes Jack or Jane a dull child. Do not forget that you were once young and a devout lover of pleasure and child fun. Do not expect the child to see and enjoy just the same things the mature mind sees. If you have an exceptionally dull, slow boy or girl, try the progressive plan: Haste—encouragement, persuasion, with promise of extra time to play and rest as soon as so much work is done, and you will find a greater amount and better work done in much less time. Every normal child demands a little time of his own.

Some mothers only see the needs of correcting when they are the one interested party and often spoil the child's disposition by unwise interference when a successful mother is silent. Such mothers need pity instead of the child.

Do not imagine your ideas and ways for training children are the only proper ones. As long as you see the way is right, follow the old saying, When in Rome be a Roman. Too many mothers go in strange communities where they come in contact with various mothers and really expect those mothers, probably dozens of them, to drop their ways of years' standing and follow her footsteps. Remember there are many ways to bake a loaf of bread. It matters not what process you use, so you get the proper results. Make yourself likened to a "sponge"—absorb everything you see or hear that is good, and in future years you may need all this storage and profit by their uses. Acknowledge your readiness to learn. Don't say you can't tell me a thing about that. I know more than anyone on that subject. A mother never grows too old to learn. So be ever ready to learn and not always try to teach. A mother never succeeds well until she sees her inability to cope with all child problems. Success often knocks at the doors where but a short time ago seemed to be utter failure. If you see some other mother stumble, watch that "clod"—you may stumble on the same thing, and if you are wise you



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will find it easier to step over it from seeing her stumble.

If your children love games, learn to love them too. Provide some and find a little time to enjoy the games with them. Better let them box, play ball, checkers, dominoes or croquet in shelter of your home than in your neighbor's barn playing cards or poker.

If you are too poor to furnish good books, the wise successful mother takes advantage of the school or Sunday School library books. She finds time to see what books they like best and by discussing books with them readily sees how her child's mind is traveling.

There are always exceptionally bright children and exceptionally dull children, as well as vice versa with bad and good children. What will answer in one case will not in others. The mother who succeeds sees these things as they are and studies well the child before she plans or lays down rules to have her children follow. Ironclad rules are all right in time of war, but for ordinary households often are not needed.

Try not to be hidebound, selfish and exacting as though the world were made for your special use. There were successful mothers years before we were born and will be as long as this old earth stands. So see others' rights and fill yours, with your ears and eyes always open and you may be one of the successful mothers.

To be real candid, plain and brief, my real true vision of one of the most successful mothers of this present time is the one who arises on Sunday morning and cares for her family of six or eight children and have them and their father ready and at Sunday School on time with good lessons.

MRS. F. A. WOLFE, Moore, Okla., R. F. D. No. 2.

The man who is delivered from sin is always in sympathy with religious enterprises.

We need the peace of God in our heart just as really for the doing well of the things of our secular life as for the doing of the greatest duties of Christ kingdom. Our face ought to shine, and our spirit ought to be tranquil, and our eyes ought to be clear, and our nerves ought to be steady, as we press through the tasks of our commonest day. Then we shall do them all well, slurring nothing, marring nothing. We want heart peace before we begin and day's duties, and we should wait at Christ's feet ere we go forth.—Rev. J. R. Miller, D.D.

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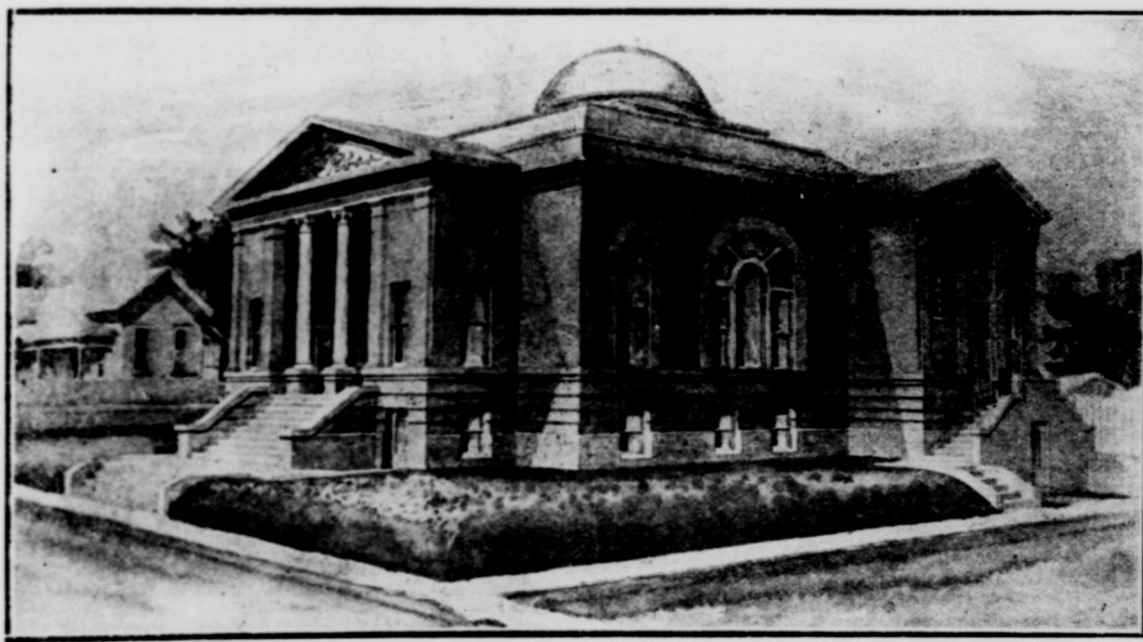
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REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION.

In this issue we publish the report of the Educational Commission to the Annual Conferences. The report is a review of the work of the Commission.

The assets of the two institutions, Emory University and Southern Methodist University, are nearly five million dollars. Both institutions are now open to students. The Emory University alone has more students in the College of Arts than Vanderbilt University ever had and the Southern Methodist University has twice as many as ever enrolled at Vanderbilt in its palmy days. These figures, if not accurate, are approximately correct.

In the theological schools of the two universities are more students than the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt ever had. This is indeed gratifying.

Within ten years Emory University and Southern Methodist University give promise of enrolling ten times more students than were ever present at Vanderbilt in any single year.

We say these things not in a spirit of boasting, but with deep gratitude to God. This unexampled record of less than two years of work shows how God may be depended upon to bless a Church which will stand for Him.

We trust our readers will carefully digest the encouraging report of the Commission to the conferences.

BISHOP W. R. LAMBUTH'S COMING ADDRESS TO EPWORTH LEAGUERS.

Bishop W. R. Lambuth is announced to address the Dallas District Epworth League at the City Hall in Dallas, Texas, Friday, October 29. His theme will be "Eight Hundred Miles on Foot in Africa." Bishop Lambuth opened the first mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Africa in the winter of 1911-12. His own feet trod each of the 800 miles of which he will speak and his own eyes beheld the facts which he will narrate. His message is a thrilling one and we congratulate the Leaguers of Dallas upon their fortunate selection of a speaker.

The Epworth Leagues from every town and hamlet within easy reach of Dallas ought to send large delegations to hear our missionary Bishop. Dallas Methodism ought to give Bishop Lambuth a great hearing. No man can ever be quite the same after hearing this wonderful address.

The West Texas Conference

In our issue of last week we published interesting historic events in the noble career of the West Texas Annual Conference. These events need not be recited now. The Advocate wishes simply to greet the brethren of this historic conference as they begin the work of their fifty-seventh session. When these lines appear the conference will be well into the work of its session at San Angelo.

A nobler conference cannot be found in our Methodism. A more unselfish pastorate cannot be presented by any other conference. If there is

The Meeting of the Bishops

Our Bishops will meet in Dallas, Thursday, October 28. The Methodism of the entire Southwest will give them a cordial welcome. Three of the Bishops are now on official duty in Texas. Bishop James H. McCoy is holding the West Texas Conference at San Angelo; Bishop H. C. Morrison is holding the German Mission Conference at Fredericksburg, and Bishop W. A. Candler is holding the Texas Mexican Mission at Corpus Christi.

We are especially pleased that the Bishops should come to Dallas at this time. The Southern Methodist University will be able to show them the largest student body in our entire Methodism. Its great Administration Building will be the best single college building their eyes ever beheld in the South. The great Woman's Building, the other dormitories and the spacious campus will reveal to them how wisely the Methodists of this region have builded.

Especially will we be pleased to have Bishop James Atkins behold the fruition of his own plans. We are sure the Bishops will not take offense if we say that no other Bishop among

an ease-loving, place-seeking pastor on the rolls of the West Texas Conference, our years of membership in the conference have not yet discovered him. These pastors are supported by stalwart laymen who have a vision of the opportunities and obligations which this momentous day in the history of the Church extends to them and imposes upon them. We congratulate the conference upon the continued presidency of Bishops James H. McCoy. Brethren, the Advocate greets you and prays the divine blessing upon the deliberations of your fifty-seventh annual session.

us ever quite did the constructive work accomplished by Bishop James Atkins during his quadrennium. To his constructive genius more than to that of any other one man, possibly, Southern Methodist University is due.

We express the hope that our noble superannuates in the College will be present at the Dallas meeting. American Methodism has yet to produce a greater preacher or a greater administrator than Bishop A. W. Wilson, and the Methodism of the whole world has never produced a man more apostolic in his faith and devoted in his life than Bishop Joseph S. Key.

Bishop E. E. Hoss, of course, cannot be present. He is now on the mission fields of the far East.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix is now senior Bishop of the College. He is no stranger in Texas or anywhere else in Methodism. Catholic in his affections, cultured in character, consecrated in life—this is our portrait of our senior Bishop.

Did space allow, we should like to give a pen portrait of each of our honored chief pastors. Brethren, the Methodism of the Southwest welcomes you to Dallas.

1915-16 CAMPAIGN OF LAYMAN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

The Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement has issued a stirring call to the Christian men of the United States. That call, in part, is as follows:

For the Church of Christ an hour of hours has struck. A day of days has dawned upon it, portentous and challenging. An epoch of crisis has befallen the human race. As never before the whole creation groans with impatience for the revealing of the sons of God. An indictment written in the blood of nations convicts Christendom of having failed to baptize humanity with any such knowledge of Christ as could quench the spark of war-hate before it kindled into flame. Must that failure prophesy continuing failure to come?

A world smitten in battle and writhing with agony from many a yet graver hurt may not be allowed to prove a charge of inefficiency against the Christian religion. But there is no denial that it does prove the inefficient and insufficient application of it. And that returns as an accusation of delinquent stewardship against the trustee to whom the dissemination of Christ's power in the world was committed nineteen hundred years ago—the Christian Church.

Impressed with these profound valuations of the meaning of the hour to which God has now brought his Church, and believing that the adversary of souls never pressed on the hosts of Christ an issue of strength so acute as now, the Laymen's Missionary Movement, in consultation and co-operation with the missionary leaders of the Church, summons the Christian men of the United States to a deliberate survey of their obligations to their Master's cause, more serious and penetrating than any self-examination to which they have hitherto subjected themselves.

And to the end of making occasion for such deep and grave inquiry and such lofty resolution as the great day in which we live requires of us all, the Movement has provided—as it trusts under inspiration of the Spirit of God—for holding great rallies for men of the Church in seventy-five distributed and accessible centers of American population from October of the present year to April of the next. To each of these there will come chosen leaders of thought and action, to lay before such as are desirous to meet and confer thereupon the great charge of God to his contemporary Church, the measureless resources with which he has enriched his people for the

doing of his will, and the means which will fairly put to test the primary questions of the ages—whether the followers of Christ are indeed able to take the world for him.

The cities selected for the seventy-five conventions make these conventions easily accessible to the leaders of our Churches in every section of the country. At the close of these seventy-five conventions it is the intent of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to assemble in Washington City, next April, a comprehensive National Missionary Congress.

Could any Church make a better investment than to send a leading layman in its membership to this great congress in Washington City next April?

If this nation shall be saved from such a catastrophe as has overtaken Europe, the laymen of the Christian Churches must help save it. Our nation cannot hope to escape if the Christian laymen of America remain indifferent to the great crisis which is now upon the world.

RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: GARY PLAN.

How to supply religious instruction in the public schools of America long has been a serious question with the religious leaders of the country. The Christian Church has contemplated the years spent in the public schools by our children without specific religious instruction with grave misgivings.

In Gary, Indiana, the superintendent of the public schools, Mr. William A. Wirt, has worked out a plan of religious instruction well worth the attention of all thoughtful men. Mr. Wirt well understood that a complete education cannot leave out of the account the religious instruction of the child. He well understood, too, the American tradition that no religion shall be taught in a school supported by public

taxes. However, he found a plan and this plan is as follows, as given by the Literary Digest, October 16:

He set aside a time during each school day to be devoted to religious instruction, and for that hour divided the pupils into groups according to the religious preferences of their parents. Then he sent each group to its own church or parish-house to be taught religion by priests, pastors, or teachers waiting there.

It is definitely made plain that at this daily religious hour the children are not dismissed from school. Though they spend the hour in the churches which their respective parents prefer, they are there under school supervision. The religious classes are an integral part of the city school system.

In New York City this plan is being tried in several of the school districts.

Two things, it seems to us, are required in order that this system of instruction may become general:

First, the Churches must create a public sentiment which will make the school boards of the country willing to give the method a fair trial. Second, the Church must develop the teaching function of the ministry as never before.

The new department of religious education in our theological schools must have increased emphasis. It is the simple truth to say that the average pastor would confess himself incompetent to teach with the scientific thoroughness of the public school teacher. He has not been trained to do it. Our theological schools, therefore, must send out ministers with a knowledge of the theory of education and practical skill in teaching the Bible and Church history.

Mr. Wirt's efforts should be heartily welcomed and the Church should prepare herself to take advantage of the rare opportunity afforded by such methods.

WHO ARE THE ARMENIANS?

The whole world stands aghast at the relentless effort of the bloody Turk to exterminate the Armenians. Three hundred and fifty thousand of these helpless people are said to have been slaughtered by the Turks in recent ravages of Armenia. The Christian world seems helpless to prevent this atrocious slaughter. Our own government confesses that it now has reached the limits of its strength to help bleeding Armenia. Only the compassion of Germany, if such a quality be left in the German nation, can now save the remnant of Armenians from ruthless extermination. Germany is said to have had conversations with the Turkish government on the subject. What the effect of these conversations will be we cannot say. But that the God of justice will not hold guiltless the bloody murderers of the people of Armenia we are sure.

In the situation which confronts the civilized world as to Armenia it may be well to ask, Who are the Armenians?

The Western Christian Advocate answers as follows:

The Armenian Church is essentially the same as the Greek orthodox one. It claims to be the oldest organized Christian Church dating from the third century, and having had a continuous accession of prelates since that time. A break with other Christians occurred in 285, due to misunderstanding more than differences of doctrine or forms of worship. There are about 4,000,000 Armenians, about half of whom lived, until these massacres killed them off, in Armenia and Eastern Asiatic Turkey, the rest being scattered over the world. The region is that immediately south of the Black Sea, and immediately north of Palestine and Syria. The head of the Armenian Church is a "Catholicos," and he lives in a monastery standing at the foot of Mount Ararat, the building said to be one of the oldest Christian edifices in the world. Armenians claim to be descended in their spiritual line from St. Thaddeus, one of the eleven apostles.

THE METHODIST REVIEW.

The October issue of the Methodist Review represents the last work which its able editor, Dr. Gross Alexander, ever did. While the issue was passing to press the startling news was flashed to the publishers that the great editor had suddenly laid down his labors and passed to his reward.

The October issue of the Review will be sought more eagerly than any previous issue because of the facts mentioned.

SPIRITUAL DECLINE OF PREACHERS.

The Central Methodist says:

In our travels over the world we have heard of many preachers who were once flames of fire for the salvation of souls. Under their preaching altars were crowded with penitents and many souls prayed through to God. The conversion of Saul of Tarsus was seen repeated as it were many times. Today they seldom if ever see a soul genuinely converted as of former years; and yet they have studied more, and are better equipped. They have no doubt thought they were not so wise back there as they are now. This is no doubt true as far as head wisdom is concerned, but as to the wisdom of the heart, the spiritual wisdom, we seriously doubt them being any wiser and having any more wisdom that cometh down from above. If preachers who are having so few genuine conversions in their ministry would turn back to their first works we are sure wonderful things would happen in a spiritual way. The power of God is just the same as of old if we let him have his way with us.

To what extent, if any, there is decline in the spiritual power of preachers we do not know. Certainly, however, there is food for reflection in the above paragraph. The question calls for no recrimination of one against another, but rather invites each to ask, "Lord, is it I?"

The great campaign upon which the Methodism of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico are now about to enter should lead each pastor in these States to a serious examination of heart. The revival will hardly go deeper than the spirituality in the hearts of our spiritual leaders.

HOME MISSIONS HAVE SAVED AMERICA.

Nearly two million dollars are being spent annually in the United States in the Home Mission work of the Churches. This is as it should be. The "home base" must be conserved. The success of our work in foreign lands depends upon the keeping of America Christian. As America goes the world will go.

The Christian Church of America must recognize that the heathen are coming to our very doors. There was a time when, to reach such, long journeys across the seas were necessary. Closed doors were to be opened. Vast sums needed to be expended in the reaching of the heathen at all. All this is now changed. Vast numbers from the ends of the earth are landing upon our shores. We must Americanize and Christianize these people. We can then send them to aid us in our missionary work in their own lands. If we cannot Christianize them while they are here, will the chances be any better when we go to them in their own lands?

We rejoice in the work of Home Missions among our Churches. That our Nation is not heathen is due to this arm of our work. We share the estimate of Dr. Charles E. Burton, of New York, at the Laymen's Missionary meeting in Chicago, when he said, "Home Missions have made America Christian. No matter where you go in America today you can not find people far removed from Christianity. Without them America would have had cohabitation, probably polygamy."

CRITICAL PERIOD IN EUROPEAN WAR.

The European war now seems to have entered upon its most critical period. The campaign of war has been so stupendous and the shifting fortunes of war so varied that no one has felt safe in predicting what a day would bring forth.

From the beginning it has been understood that the quadruple entente has a vast superiority in numbers of men, but it has been apparent also that up to recent days this superiority has not been made to count.

Now the situation is changing. The time, it seems to us, has come when the superiority of the allies in numbers will begin to count. The battle lines are extended immensely by the Balkan campaign of the Teutonic allies. Germany is now said to be outnumbered in France four to one. In less proportion, perhaps, Germany is now outnumbered on the Russian

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fronts. This means that Germany's offensive on these lines, for the present, is at an end, and it means that Germany must be content with the mere holding of her lines on these great fronts. That Germany will be outnumbered in the Balkan zone of the war, it would seem, is a foregone conclusion. Her lines will grow thinner unless she consents to contract by surrendering captured territory.

The task, however, for each side seems insuperable. Neither can crushingly win. Nor is it necessary that either should do in order to a permanent peace. The futility and folly of war as a plan to settle anything has been demonstrated. Surely the nations increasingly will make war on war.

THE DECLINE OF THE GERMAN UNIVERSITIES.

From the Michigan Christian Advocate we take the following:

German universities had 2302 foreigners as students during the summer of 1915, as against 4750 in 1914. The decrease is due principally to the absence of students from countries at war with Germany, although there still remain 62 Russian, 22 English, 1 Belgian and 5 Italian students.

The German Universities are bound to suffer permanent injury from the European war. It will be many years before students from the countries with which Germany is at war will attend in large numbers the German universities.

Moreover, the whole world will scrutinize German education more closely than ever before. The serious defects of an education which aims at mere efficiency are more potent than ever before. The European war is an educated man's war. The whole of science has been made subservient to cruel slaughter. German education has had no restraining hand for war. German culture has promoted war and apologized for it.

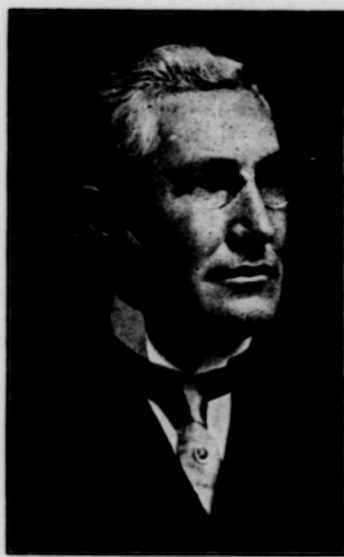
The world will turn to another ideal of education. An education will be sought in the future which enriches the sentiments and cultivates the higher feelings of mankind. The educated man is a brotherly man. And if a man is not broad in his sympathies, he will not be considered in the future as educated, though he may have gone through all the German schools.

CALHOUN COUNTY GOES DRY.

A dispatch from Port Lavaca, October 13, says Calhoun County was placed in the dry column by a vote of 177 to 176. The election was held Tuesday, October 12.

Surely the recent revelations in the State's case against the Breweries and Wholesale Liquor Dealers ought to create sentiment which will drive the saloon out of every county in Texas in which it now remains. The gathering of an immense fund of money with which to carry on its insidious work is shocking. Having violated the law which prohibits corporations from contributing to campaign funds of political parties, these concerns, through counsel, have sought to destroy the law. Local self-government will remain a farce in Texas as long as Home and Foreign Breweries expend vast sums in selecting candidates for the Legislature. Nothing could surpass the brazen effrontery of St. Louis brewers in their efforts to run the politics of Texas.

The revelations in the Corpus Christi election case are just as shocking. Ignorant Mexicans for years confessed that they had sold their votes. "Local self-government" in Corpus Christi has been fostered by ignorant aliens. A widely known saloonkeeper and political worker is now in a National penitentiary for his share in the debauchery of a State election in which Congressmen were elected. Let the remaining wet and partially wet counties of Texas, therefore, bring on elections at the earliest possible moment. Recent developments in Texas will supply the needed argument for demonstrating the infamy of the saloon.



DR. JOHN M. MOORE,
Secretary Home Missions,
Now touring Texas in interest of his work.

MAYOR THOMPSON OF CHICAGO.

The following dispatch will explain itself:

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 7.—"I'm glad I did it, and I'd do it again if it was necessary," asserted Mayor Thompson, commenting on his action in ordering Chicago's saloons closed on Sunday, after the special train, bearing the Chicagoans was parked here.

"I closed the saloons because the law says they should be shut on Sunday," Mayor Thompson continued. "I'm not one of the white ribbon boys, but when 'Bill' Thompson holds his hand above his head and swears to enforce the law, he'll do it, no matter what the cost."

The law-abiding people of the United States will commend Mayor Thompson for respecting his solemn oath; but, strange to say, for this very thing the whiskey crowd of Chicago will damn him. What of a business which demands of officials that they violate their oaths? Is it a safe business for any country? Is it best for society?

If any one supposes that the 7000 saloons of Chicago submitted tamely to the Mayor's order, he needs only to read the accounts of what they did to become disabused of such an idea. The saloons created a perfect furor and resorted to the strategy of hired counsel to restrain the Mayor, but their fumings availed nothing. Mayor Thompson, our hats are off to you.

THE BATTLE AGAINST THE SALOON IN TENNESSEE.

In every part of the globe the battle against the whiskey traffic goes on. Never has mankind seemed so determined to rid itself of its worst foe. The skies were never brighter for a glorious day for the final drive of the whiskey business from the face of the earth.

The following dispatch, dated Memphis, October 14, shows how earnest Tennesseans are in their fight on the infamous traffic:

Suit was filed here today in Chancery Court by Frank M. Thompson, Attorney General of Tennessee, to oust from office J. A. Reichman, Sheriff of Shelby County; E. H. Crump, Mayor; R. A. Utley, Vice-Mayor and Fire and Police Commissioner; W. A. Stanton, City Judge, and O. H. Perry, Inspector of Police, for alleged failure to enforce prohibition laws. A motion also was entered to suspend the defendants pending final hearing.

The suit is brought under the provisions of the ouster bill, which became effective in January, 1915. Under the law the defendants are allowed twenty days to file answer, and final hearing cannot be had until the answer has been on file at least ten days.

Certainly the day has come when our States must purge themselves of officers who owe their election to the whiskey traffic and who betray solemn trusts in their cowardly subservience to it.

VERNON.

Twenty-one years ago, last summer, we assisted Sam R. Hay, pastor, in a gracious meeting at Vernon. Last Sunday was our first visit to Vernon since that date. Twenty-one years ago our people in Vernon were worshipping in a modest frame building; today they are worshipping in a modern \$40,000 church building. The structure is of pressed brick and is one

of the completest buildings to be found in Texas. Twenty-one years ago the membership in Vernon was perhaps, 300 strong; today the membership numbers nearly seven hundred. The city itself has a population of 4000, as against half that number twenty-one years ago. Four modern school buildings, large paving and paving now in construction, a great flouring mill with a capacity of grinding 7000 bushels of wheat daily, a newly constructed water plant, and other items which might be mentioned, are among the signs of progress to be seen today in Vernon.

Bro. A. W. Hall is in the third year of his pastorate in Vernon. During these years he has raised some seventeen thousand dollars on the church debt and furnishings for the church. He has received 100 into the Church during the present year. Bro. Hall is a West Virginian by birth, stands six feet two and weighs 220 pounds. He is as large in mind and heart. He has been in Texas for quite a number of years. Texas is ready for any other pastor of such dimensions, if West Virginia has him to spare.

Bro. Hall himself is capable of an unlimited amount of work and seems to have had a like estimate of the capacity of the editor. We found that he had planned three services for us last Sunday. Morning, afternoon and evening we preached. Despite continued rains good congregations were present at the services. The atmosphere of the services was much like that in our revival services twenty-one years ago. More responsive congregations will not be found than the Vernon congregations. Many faces were recognized in the congregations of those who were present twenty-one years ago. The Advocate long has been in favor with this people. Seventy copies weekly go to Vernon.

The progress of Methodism is being shared by other Churches in Vernon. One hundred thousand dollars have gone into new church buildings within the last few years.

We should like to call by name many of the noble laymen in Bro. Hall's charge. We found a former member of 10th Street, Austin, Mr. S. A. L. Morgan, doing splendid work in the Church. He is a member of one of the strongest law firms in the city. Bro. Hawkins, connected with one of the local banks, is Sunday School Superintendent. Sunday was his "Rally Day" and despite the rain his attendance was 359.

Bro. J. A. Laney, of the Tolbert Charge, and Bro. R. J. Tooley, of the Vernon Circuit, were in the evening congregation. Both report progress in their work.

Rev. J. G. Putman, presiding elder, was out at other points in his district. We regretted to miss a friendly chat with him. As everywhere else he is proving a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. To Bro. Hall and Morgan and their families we are indebted for gracious hospitality.

THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS.

The show is on. Last Saturday the gates were thrown open for the thirtieth time and the State Fair of Texas was formally opened. The event was an epochal one—it was the greatest in the history of the greatest State Fair in the United States. Seventy five thousand people, Dallas folks and folks from all portions of Texas gathered on the grounds and thus paid homage to the greatest of all Texas factors in its upbuilding. Why not? It is a Fair of and for Texas. It represents every interest of the State and belongs as much to the Panhandle as to Central, North or South Texas. It is the Texas Fair and Texas is proud of it. The Fair is educational and that which educates is for the betterment of mankind. It has educated the farmer until there are more and better farms. It has educated the cattleman, until there is a higher grade of cattle. The hog raiser, the sheep raiser and the horse raiser have also received education along their respective lines with



REV. S. S. MCKENNEY.

Our pastor at Jacksonville, Texas, Rev. S. S. McKenney, has been elected Financial Agent of the Washington City Representative Church at Washington, D. C., by the commissioners of that Church at its recent meeting.

The result there are better hogs, better sheep and better horses. The State Fair has done more. It has given to Texas a better citizenship. The Fair is not all frolic—it is more instructive than amusing, though the amusement features are large and varied. This year the Fair is better than last year and next year it will be better than this. So it has been for thirty years and so it will continue. It is hard to conceive of a person not finding that which he or she most desires to see as there is no interest that is not represented at the Fair. Live stock, agricultural implements, agriculture, fine arts, poultry, vehicles of every description, educational exhibits, cotton gins, and in fact, there is nothing the mind of man can suggest that is lacking. If the visitor be inclined to pleasure only, the management has provided enough clean, wholesome amusement to satisfy the most exacting taste. Yes, it's a great Fair and too much praise cannot be showered upon those indefatigable workers, President W. I. Yopp and Secretary W. H. Stratton, they have wrought well. Nor should the directors, these busy Dallas business men, who together with President Yopp, have labored long and faithfully as a gratuity to the end that Texas should set a standard for State fairs be overlooked. They, too, are to be congratulated on the auspicious opening of the Fair. There is no labor so potent as that of love. With these men it is not "love's labor lost" for they now enjoy with all of Texas the "fruits of their labor"—the "biggest and best" of all State fairs. The Texas Christian Advocate is proud of the Fair and of the achievement of its managers and directors and wishes that the music of the turnstile may increase in volume as the days go by. The State Fair of Texas is not as the circus spieler would say, "two big shows in one." It is more—it is many big shows forming one colossal affair, the like of which was never attempted by a single State. Come to the Fair. The military exhibitions, the aviation flights, the music and a thousand and one other delights await you. Come—it is your Fair. It is not only your privilege, but as a patriotic Texan, it is your duty.

PERSONALS

Rev. I. C. Kiker, of Frisco, called last week. He reports everything in fine shape and he will have a good report at conference.

E. S. Butler, of Pecos City, a prominent layman of the New Mexico Conference, was a pleasant visitor to the Advocate office last week.

Rev. J. L. Dawson, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, here the past year, on account of bad health, will retire from the active ministry at the end of the present year. In the loss of Mr. Dawson, the Methodists of Texas will lose the services of one

SEVERE RHEUMATIC PAINS DISAPPEAR

Rheumatism depends on an acid in the blood, which affects the muscles and joints, producing inflammation, stiffness and pain. This acid gets into the blood through some defect in the digestive process. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the old-time blood tonic, is very successful in the treatment of rheumatism. It acts directly, with purifying effect, on the blood, and improves the digestion. Don't suffer. Get Hood's today.

Our Honor Roll Grows

Rev. C. S. Cameron, Claude Station, Clarendon District, has sent in all his conference collections. All his finances will be in full, including the Advocate.

Maysfield, Ben Arnold and Port Sullivan, Rev. John C. Cockrell, pastor, have paid everything in full. GEO. W. DAVIS, P. E.

West Texas Conference, Austin District, Rev. V. A. Godbey, presiding elder, Flatonia Station, Rev. B. W. Allen, pastor, conference collections remitted treasurer; salary paid in full; put us on Honor Roll.

Rev. D. C. Ross, Abernathy Charge; Rev. B. T. Sharp, Dimmitt Charge; W. M. Lane, Lubbock, out in full on conference collections. The following Churches are paid up in full on salaries: Carrs' Chapel, Murray, Afton, Matador, Olton, Meteor, Running Water. O. P. KILMER, P. E.

of its best advocates and purest Christians.—Marion County News, Jefferson

Rev. C. T. Talley, of Bryan, called on us. He is glad to be back in the pastorate, and as an evidence of his joy he has had eighty-six additions.

Rev. Ira M. Bryce is now in El Paso, Texas. His address is 3211 Sacramento Street. He is in feeble health and would like to hear from his friends.

Rev. J. D. Scott, the lovable and efficient manager of the San Antonio Rescue Home, called on us this week. He deserves the hearty support of all the brethren.

A big, fine girl came to brighten the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Cooper at Woodland, October 8, 1915. Her name is Olive Milburn. Mother and babe doing well.

The Advocate is indebted to John L. Greenfield, Dallas, for a copy of his little brochure, "Portraits and Biographies of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," just issued.

Hyde Park, Austin, under the pastorate of Rev. H. B. Atkins, is in a flourishing condition. Every department of the Church is in fine condition, and he will make a great report to the conference.

Rev. E. L. Wright, of Lancaster, called this week. He is busy rounding up matters for the approaching conference. The Advocate is receiving his attention along with the many other things just at this time.

Rev. C. T. Tally, of Bryan, was in Dallas attending the Sociological Commission, and called to see us. He promises us to report payments of every Advocate subscriber in his charge. He has sent in the most of them already.

Dr. Geo. S. Sexton, a picturesque and beautiful relic rescued out of the hills of Arkansas, called on us. He has had a great year in Shreveport. After placing his boy in S. M. U.—a boy who fortunately looks like his mother—he and the good wife returned to their home last week.

Our pastor of First Methodist Church, Bay City, Texas, has wound up his affairs for the third year. Everything is in fine shape for his annual report. News from other sources states that Brother Carter will be gladly received for his fourth and last year.

Rev. George H. Adams, who recently returned from a visit to Corpus Christi, has suffered a relapse from injuries received some time last summer when he was knocked down by a motorcycle in Oak Cliff. He is now

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

DIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST

REV. E. HIGHTOWER, Georgetown, Texas. | EDITORS
REV. W. J. MOORE, Weatherford, Okla.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

It is expected that the Sunday School Anniversary of the West Oklahoma Conference will be held as usual on the first evening of the conference, November 3. Rev. E. Hightower, Divisional Secretary, will be with us to deliver the principal address.

W. J. MOORE, Chairman.

The Oklahoma editor is very sorry to note that there are 163 Church organizations within the bounds of the West Oklahoma Conference that have no Sunday School. Has it not been possible for ten persons to be gotten together for Sunday School work in each of these places?

A REMARKABLE RECORD.

We have before us the picture and story of a man who perhaps is the oldest, or longest, attendant upon the Sunday School of any person in the United States. His name is Asher Peek and lives in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Rev. R. S. Satterfield, pastor at Paul's Valley, is a live wire when it comes to the interests of his Sunday School. He invents and uses all sorts of schemes to secure attendance and to promote the work.

SOME GREAT TASKS BY THE BAPTISTS.

Our Baptist friends have laid themselves out for some great tasks during the next five years. The addition of 1,000,000 members, \$2,000,000 for work-out preachers, \$6,000,000 for education, \$6,000,000 for philanthropic work.

As far as the Oklahoma editor has been informed, he is of the opinion that the Oklahoma City and the Chickasha Districts are unanimous in the observance of Children's Day this year.

THE SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

About one week before the Annual Conference convenes each pastor of the Western Oklahoma Conference will receive a blank Sunday School report to be filled out by him for the use of the Conference Sunday School

Board in planning its work the next year. It will give the Board information that will be of great value in their work next year. Without such information as it gives it will be impossible to do intelligent and efficient work.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AT OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

We have delayed saying anything definite about Sunday School work at the Annual Conferences of the Southwestern Division until our plans should be completed. Consequently, this announcement will not appear until the first two conferences to meet after the Denver—the West Texas and the German Mission—are in session.

The West Oklahoma and the Northwest Texas Conference meet at the same time. At the former the Divisional Secretary will assist in a two-days institute under the management of the Conference Sunday School Board.

Plans are matured for institutes at the East Oklahoma, Central Texas and North Texas Conferences wherein the Conference Boards will be assisted by Mrs. Hamill, Miss Kilpatrick and the Divisional Secretary.

These institutes will be as practical as the field workers know how to make them. The plans of our General Board for Sunday School extension and improvement will be explained, the most approved methods of organization will be set forth, the best books for Sunday School workers to study will be named and some time will be devoted to informal conference about Sunday School problems.

Mrs. Hamill and Miss Kilpatrick may not invade the Southeast again for years, and they certainly will spend but little time in this division next year. They are the recognized leaders of our Church in Elementary and Organized Bible Class work.

The interval between the Oklahoma and Central Texas Conference will be bridged by a city institute at Dallas which will last from November 14 through November 18, and a two-days institute in Georgetown November 20-21.

THE YEARS OF DESTINY.

During their teens children must somehow be helped to master the fact that life is just opportunity for converting temperament into character. The more they develop the more irksome becomes all restraint; and recourse must be had to every legitimate method of persuading them that to develop along lines of least resistance is to fail indeed.

sional admonition and by denying the young too comfortable and luxurious an upbringing. But nothing elders can do for children religiously is half so valuable as what they are persuaded to do for themselves.

Yet, in the ultimate, spiritual volition must be acquired by the child for and by himself. Prayer by the child and by interested adults helps more than all the admonishing, for there is so much children will hear from older people, but will learn only from life.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

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State Conference of Workers, Waco, December 31, January 1-2.

Mission Study Rally Day, October 24.

Bishop Lambuth, Missionary Rally, Dallas, October 29.

African Special Day, October 31.

Dear Leaguers: If you haven't done so, won't you please send me your conference collections at once? The treasury is getting very low and we want to carry on this great work.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, WARD MEMORIAL.

The following officers have been installed in our Senior Epworth League: President, Sam F. Page; Vice-President, Miss Maguerite Lawson; First Department, Miss Ida Vardel; Second Department, Mrs. W. D. Craig; Third Department, Mrs. Sam F. Page; Fourth Department, W. T. Johnson; Secretary, Cyril Eubank; Treasurer, Miss Minnie Works; Corresponding Secretary, Ivan Smith; Era Agent, Miss Dollie Hargraves; Pianist, Douglas Bailey; Junior Superintendent, Miss Luella Clark; Assistant Junior Superintendent, Miss Tillie Kooek.

Ivan Smith, Superintendent of Mission Study.

I am writing to call to your mind some things in which I am sure you will have a personal interest, especially in this month—October, the month with three red letter days.

First, October 24 is "Mission Study Rally Day." This day will be observed throughout the Leagues of Southern Methodism as the day to hold special service and organize your Mission Study Class. Study the program in the October Era. Make this the greatest missionary day of the year in your Chapter.

Friday October 29 is the date of the great missionary rally to be held at Dallas city hall. Bishop Lambuth is the speaker of the evening. Your Chapter cannot afford to miss the inspiration of this great meeting, so do not fail to send a delegate.

Sunday, October 31, "African Special Day." I am writing each League in the North Texas Conference asking that they observe October 31 as "African Special Day." I enclose outline of a program for that day, which I will ask you to use.

erto made a pledge for this purpose. Do not be afraid of small pledges; if your League can give \$100 give it cheerfully, if you can only give \$5 give it just as cheerfully and send it in promptly.

All pledges to missions should be paid to your local Treasurer monthly and sent by him quarterly to Miss Mary Ferguson, McKinney, Texas.

Now in closing remember:

1. Organize your Mission Study Class October 24.

2. Send your delegate to the "Missionary Rally," Dallas, Friday, October 29.

3. Hold special service and take your pledge for the African Special October 31.

Program for Sunday, October 31. Song, "The Kingdom is Coming;" Prayer; "The Ruby Kendrick Council of Missions—a Brief History;" "The African Special—What is it?" (see Era); "Why Have a Definite Missionary Policy in the Epworth League?" Short Testimonies—"Does it Pay?" Special Music, if possible; "Fifteen Conference Specials and Our Share;" Song, "Publish Glad Tidings."

Yours for greater missionary zeal, ADA WILKISON, Superintendent Missionary Dept.

THREE RED LETTER DAYS FOR NORTH TEXAS EPWORTH LEAGUERS.

The Ruby Kendrick Council of Missions will hold their first semi-annual meeting, as provided in the constitution adopted at Clarksville in June, 1915, at Dallas, Texas, October 29, 30 and 31. We are planning to make these "Red Letter Days" in the history of the North Texas Epworth League Conference.

We have secured Bishop W. R. Lambuth for our big mass meeting, which will be held in connection with the regular meeting of the Dallas District Epworth League Union at the city hall auditorium, Friday, October 29, 8 p. m. Bishop Lambuth opened the first mission of the M. E. Church, South, in Africa in 1913, taking with him three Epworth Leaguers and their wives as the first missionaries, being respectively, Dr. D. L. Mumpower, Rev. C. C. Bush and Mr. J. A. Stockwell.

Saturday, October 30, 8 p. m. The Council will hold a Missionary Institute at the First Methodist Church, at which our General Secretary, Dr. F. S. Parker, will make the principal address. The Missionary Degree System will be fully explained; the new Mission Study Textbooks will be reviewed and we will have a round-table discussion of the Ruby Kendrick Council plans, methods, etc. Every Missionary Superintendent and his committee is urged to attend this institute. It will mean inspiration, information and fellowship.

Sunday, October 31. Every local Chapter in the North Texas Conference has been asked to observe this day as "Africa Special Day." Miss Ada Wilkinson, our Missionary Superintendent, has sent a sample program to each League. We hope that you will begin careful preparation at once to carry out this program and pray that this evening's service may be the

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(MISS) MARY E. CAPERS, President Ruby Kendrick Council.

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THE 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 Rogadale, care Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society, West Oklahoma Conference, will meet at Altus at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, November 1. The work of the Woman's Missionary Society will be presented to the conference; the time to be announced later.

COCHRAN'S CHAPEL.

On September 21, 1915, the Missionary Society of Cochran's Chapel met with Mrs. I. H. Cox. On this occasion the Mission Study Class held an open meeting. A short business session was held prior to the program at which time money for the junior mite boxes was collected. The Bible lesson for October was assigned by Mrs. F. F. Taylor.

The program was quite an enjoyable one. Each of the countries, China, Japan, Korea, Africa and India, was represented by the different members of the study class. They told of the conditions of children and mothers in those countries. Selections from "The Child in the Midst" were read. Little Miss Mabel Taylor sang a "Lullaby." The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Chapman and then a social hour was enjoyed by all.

PUBLICITY SUPERINTENDENT.

PARIS DISTRICT.

Woman's Missionary Society of Paris District held its annual meeting at Blossom from September 28 to 29. It was well attended. Twenty-eight went down from Paris, fifteen from Clarksville, twelve from Bogota and a good representation from almost all of the auxiliaries.

Mrs. J. W. Wood, of Paris, gave us a splendid talk on the foreign field and schools. Mrs. Clarence Hoeker, of Clarksville, ably brought out the work of the young people. Mrs. W. W. Ashley, of Bogota, gave a splendid talk on our work and schools in the Home Field.

Mrs. Scott Fulton, Conference Superintendent of Missions and Bible Study from Van Alstyne, was with us and outlined our course of study for the coming year.

It was a treat to have Mrs. A. P. Boyd, of Paris, with us and always ready to "fill in."

Mrs. Caten, of Clarksville, read a well prepared paper on children's work, which was very instructive.

Brother Hendrix and wife, of Blossom, and the good people of that town left nothing undone to make the meeting a success.

MRS. A. S. GUNTER, District Secretary.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY MEETING BONHAM DISTRICT.

The Woman's Missionary meeting of Bonham District convened at Ravenna October 6-7, 1915. Mrs. Gus Steger, our District Secretary, presided. The meeting opened at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, and after the devotional by Rev. J. A. Wheeler, Ravenna pastor, and the address of welcome by Mrs. J. E. Kimbrough, of Ravenna, Mrs. Steger took charge of the business session. Mrs. J. W. Houston, of Ector, was elected secretary. In making her report Mrs. Steger stated there are eighteen pastoral charges and only thirteen auxiliaries with 264 adult members. She made a fine talk on the needs of the work, expressing a desire that Bonham District Auxiliaries come up to their full duty on all lines. She requested that prayer be made that the Lord would lay his hand on some young life who would give herself to the work as a missionary.

Delegates enrolled and reports from eight auxiliaries heard. There were encouraging features in each report, but on account of strenuous times and the uniting of the two departments the work seems laboring under some disadvantages. Auxiliaries trying to do their best received words of commendation, especially White Rock, which Mrs. Bennett said is one of the best country auxiliaries in North Texas Conference. An excellent paper on "Our Young People" was read by Mrs. Owens, also a leaflet, entitled "Jesus Wants You," which we believe touched every heart in the audience. "Our Children" in costume was finely rendered by five ladies and five children dressed in costumes of other nations. The song and reading by little Miss Janette Evans captured every heart. At the evening service Rev. C. C.

Young preached one of the strongest sermons on "Missions" it was ever our good fortune to hear, and at the close of the sermon a young lady, Miss Leila Hall, of Muiberry, offered herself for special work, a scene some of us never witnessed before and which thrilled our hearts with joy in the Master's cause, after which the holy Sacrament was administered.

On Thursday morning, after devotion by Mrs. Nickols, of Bailey. Mrs. Frank Bennett, Conference Treasurer, made a very earnest talk on the "Conditions Facing Us." She gave us to understand that it is a crucial time for our missionary work and that the Lord expects us of America to do and dare great things for him.

"Institute on Mission Study" was led by Mrs. J. S. Fulton, of Van Alstyne, which was very interesting and instructive.

The banner was awarded to White Rock Auxiliary as having the greatest number of subscribers to Our Voice, according to number of members. Bro. Hudgins and Mrs. Adams each led a devotional, which were highly enjoyed and appreciated.

We were so glad to have with us our two conference officers. We feel we receive great inspiration from their talks; also our beloved missionary, Miss Lelia Roberts, whose noon Bible hour was such a tower of strength to us, and as one said, "Her life is a living monument of what God can do for those who leave all and follow him."

We feel we cannot thank Brother Young, our presiding elder, enough for his strong sermon and words of commendation of the work we are trying to do for the Lord.

The devotionals, each of which showed a degree of spirituality, was a real uplift to us. Too much cannot be said of our enthusiastic, consecrated District Secretary, whose untiring zeal has been shown during the time she has been in office.

We appreciate so much the kindness and hospitality of the people of Ravenna, who spared no effort for our comfort and convenience.

Auxiliaries of Bonham District: Let each one of us determine in our hearts that when delegates are enrolled and reports called for not one shall fail to respond. Oh, women of Bonham District, with such a District Secretary and such a presiding elder, and a little effort on our part, what could we not do for our Lord!

MRS. J. W. HOUSTON, Ector, Texas.

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. L. Canter, Olustee, Okla., Superintendent Study-Publicity.

Mangum District Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Mangum District convened at Martha, October 5-6, with a goodly number of delegates and visitors present.

Mrs. M. H. Dodson, District Secretary, had put forth every effort to make the meeting a success and from the very opening of the session to the last minute there was a manifestation of the Holy Spirit. The message of the District Secretary to the conference was full of encouragement and inspiration. She spoke of the work of the district in general and plead for the very best service from each Auxiliary during this, the last quarter of the year. The splendid spirit that prevailed throughout the meeting was due, largely, to this message; at the close of which she said: "If we truly desire to do for Him, He will show us the way, and we shall indeed be witnesses unto Him both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Rev. H. A. Stroud, pastor of the Church at Martha, extended a most cordial welcome to the conference. Mrs. G. W. Winburne, of Mangum, responded in a few well chosen words.

Slogan, "Go Ye."

The theme of the meeting was "Go Ye"—Where? "To Samaria" (our coast and negro work) was presented by Mrs. Ella Mayes, of Hollis. "To Judea" (our mountain work), by Mrs. J. H. Hamilton, Mangum. "To the Uttermost Parts of the Earth" (our foreign work), by Mrs. J. O. McColister, Mangum.

In connection with the reports an interesting discussion was held on "What We Have Done and What We Should Have Done." The conference was fortunate in having present Miss Maude Welch, formerly a student at Searritt, who ably addressed the body on the work of this great school. One

of the most helpful numbers of the program was the subject of Christian Stewardship which was so well presented by Mrs. C. F. Mitchell.

Mrs. R. E. L. Morgan, Conference First Vice-President, held a very interesting Institute on the Young People's work. She also had charge of the evening service, at which time the young people of the district presented a Missionary Pageant to a large and interesting audience. The organization of three new young people's societies in the district was reported at this conference.

Mrs. G. R. Wright, Conference Second Vice-President, presented the Junior work in a most enthusiastic way. The organization of one new Junior society in the district was reported. The Altus Juniors favored the conference with a miscellaneous program, in charge of Miss Miriam Landrum.

An Institute on the work of Study and Publicity was held by Mrs. C. L. Canter. Several new Mission Study Classes have been recently organized in the district.

Social Service work was presented in a paper by Mrs. Meade of Altus and an Institute held by Mrs. Funderburk of Mangum. The work of Recording Secretary was discussed by Mrs. H. Mathewson, who has held this office in the auxiliary for the past fourteen years. A splendid paper on the Corresponding Secretary's work by Mrs. T. S. Riddle was read to the conference.

The review each day of Dr. Gordon's Quiet Talks at Council, given by Mrs. Morgan, was indeed helpful and appreciated by all present. Each devotional was very spiritual and conducted in a helpful way by those in charge. The conference very much appreciated the presence and the assistance of Rev. C. F. Mitchell, presiding elder and Rev. R. E. L. Morgan.

The people of Martha royally entertained and endeared themselves to all in attendance.

The 1916 meeting will be held at Mangum.

Clinton District.

Mr. Yeager, Superintendent of Study and Publicity of Clinton Auxiliary and an earnest and active worker of the Missionary Society, died and was buried September 30, after having undergone an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Yeager was to have held the District Meeting for Mrs. A. J. Welch, District Secretary, who has been in the hospital for several weeks. Mrs. Welch has returned home and is convalescent, but is yet unable to hold the district meeting. Let us pray for her speedy recovery and for the Lord to sustain the bereaved ones of Mrs. Yeager.

Auxiliaries of West Oklahoma Conference.

The literature for Week of Prayer, November 7-13, has been sent to the District Secretaries and they in turn will send same to the different auxiliaries. If yours should not reach you within the next ten days please write your District Secretary or myself. The committee at Nashville have arranged a most excellent program and I am sure if you will observe this season of prayer, study and self-denial you will be greatly helped and the work will advance beyond all expectation. The different district meetings will be held this month, and we are hoping that each auxiliary will send delegates, and where there are no organizations will the pastor please see that his Church is represented. These are very important meetings and you are needed to help plan and pray for the work before you.

MRS. C. S. BOBO, Conference Corresponding Secretary.

We hope that every auxiliary in our conference will comply with Mrs. Bobo's request and carry out in full, as far as possible, the program outlined for the Week of Prayer. In a personal letter from Mrs. Bobo she says: "The Week of Prayer literature is the best by far that has ever been sent out."

An Omission.

In reporting the Mangum District meeting in last week's issue we failed to mention the efficient service of Mrs. W. E. Bogan of Granite, as Secretary of the Conference.

Norman Auxiliary

Reports a full class studying the new book, The King's Highway. We trust that all the auxiliaries will endeavor to secure new members in the Mission Study classes this month, and to make the work more interesting.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

North Texas Conference is "up and doing." The Organization and Membership Campaign is on in full blast, also the Mission Study Campaign. The women are busy with their King's business. We are expecting great

things and verily we shall not be disappointed. The district meetings held and being held all over the conference are firing our women with new zeal and enthusiasm.

Mrs. J. S. Terry, of the Terrell District, held her meeting in Forney; Mrs. A. S. Guthrie, Paris District, in Blossom; Mrs. Gus Steger, Bonham District, in Ravenna; Mrs. J. W. Roark, Decatur District, in Bridgeport; Mrs. J. J. Graner, Bowie District, in Henrietta; at this writing, Mrs. W. B. Shirley, Gainesville District, is holding her meetings at Whaley Memorial, Gainesville; the 19th and 20th, Mrs. L. J. Reynolds, of Sherman District, meets with her woman in Howe. Each program is so replete with good things that detailed mention is deserved, but space is not available.

All hearts will rejoice with me when I tell you that at the Bonham meeting a dear young girl gave herself for special service. Oh, young women, the Master wants you. "Today is your day and mine, the only day we have, the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify in the great whole we may not understand, but we are here to play it and now is the time."

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THE WARS.

The events of the past week do not forecase an early cessation of hostilities in the war zone. Complications follow complications and new war declarations follow in the wake.

As to the progress of the Near Eastern campaign, it is known from both Serbian and German accounts that Field Marshal von Mackensen's army is meeting with greater resistance than was expected, and, although it is probable that the Serbians eventually must fall back on stronger strategic position in the south, the fact that the allies are bringing heavy forces against the Bulgarians and so placing them that the Bulgarians will be compelled to divide their armies, gives hope here that the Germans may be balked in their latest attempt to reach the sea and bring assistance to the Turks.

All along the line the Serbians and their Montenegrin neighbors, who also are being attacked, are offering very stubborn resistance to both Austro-Germans and Bulgarians, and while they have given up a number of towns and positions they have not yet reached the line on which they expect to make their last stand.

The Bulgarians so far as can be learned have made progress only in the Zlotokopaka Valley, near the River Rorava, north of the town of Vranja, where they blew up a bridge.

The real activities of the war for the present have shifted to the Serbian frontier, where the Serbian women and children are on the firing line to repel the invasion of the Teutonic forces.

Events of a serious nature have arisen in the British Cabinet, according to London advices, and it is predicted that the Asquith Cabinet will surely fall unless the strong pressure that is now being brought to bear to prevent wholesale resignations of Ministers is successful.

There have been no new developments in the issues between the United States and Germany, nor has this Government forced Great Britain to definite action on the questions involved between them.

The beginning of the end of the Mexican situation appears to be in sight. That is so far as having a responsible head to look to in that country. Carranza has been formally recognized by the United States as the Chief Executive of the de facto government of Mexico and it is hoped, now that he is no longer regarded as a revolutionist, that he will be able to bring about the peace and order in Mexico that he has promised.

Sir Lionel Carden, who was British Minister to Mexico from 1903 until August, 1914, when he was forced to leave Mexico City by Gen. Carranza after the overthrow of President Huerta, died in London last week.

The House of the Temple, the great structure which cost \$2,000,000 and required four years to construct, was dedicated at Washington Monday.

An excess of loans without security caused the suspension of the Sing Sing Prison Savings Bank, after an existence of five days. The plan of using "token money" in the prison was put into effect recently and each prisoner was paid \$2 for two days' work on Saturday.



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posed their savings. Frenzied finance "on the curb" within the prison wall is responsible for collapse of the bank.

Tom W. Holland, one of the big St. Louis financiers, at a dinner in El Paso, given in his honor, announced that the company of which he is President will shortly invest \$10,000,000 in Texas, Dallas and Fort Worth getting \$1,000,000 of the amount.

The will of Mrs. A. H. Pierce, who died at Washington, D. C., several days ago, leaving an estate valued at \$400,000, has been filed in Probate Court of Harris County, James A. Baker was named executor. Money bequests totaling \$100,000 were made, besides bequests of valuable jewelry and silverware.

The 4800-acre rule of the Interior Department applying to leases of oil and gas land in the Five Tribes Territory was sustained Monday by the Supreme Court for the District of Columbia in the case of Anty Reynolds, a full-blood Creek Indian, residing near Muskogee.

J. H. Avery, chairman of the Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission, has announced that his resignation had been forwarded to Gov. Ferguson and that the acceptance had been received. Although Mr. Avery asked to be relieved of his office at once, he will serve until November 1, at the request of the Governor.

The white and yellow banners of "Votes for Women" went down to defeat in the election in New Jersey Tuesday. The majority against the adoption was between 50,000 and 60,000. President Wilson voted in his predict for the amendment, but his action did not seem to convince the "Jerseyites" that the women had lost any of the "rights" belonging to them.

A gang of twenty or thirty Mexican bandits held up, wrecked and robbed a train on the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railway, near Brownsville, Monday night. As a result of the wreck Engineer Kendall was killed. The bandits then opened fire on the passengers, killing Dr. E. S. McCain, of Brownsville, Deputy State Health Officer, and Corporal McBee of the United States Cavalry. Several other passengers were wounded and all were robbed. The posses in pursuit of the bandits, it is reported, have captured and shot or hanged ten or more Mexicans.

"Major" Stone, an ex-slave, who followed his master throughout the Civil War, was given a full military funeral by the United Confederate Veterans at Batesville, Ark., Monday. He was said to have been the only negro member of the Confederate Veterans Association. It is said that his master, Capt. Stone, was killed at Chickamauga, and the negro ran through the rain of bullets, risking his life, and carried his master's body

into the Confederate lines, where it was buried. For this act he was permitted to join the camp which gave him a military burial.

The seventh annual child welfare conference of the State Congress of Mothers' and Parent-Teacher Association will convene at Dallas, October 26. The sessions will close on the evening of October 28 with a child welfare discussion banquet at the Oriental Hotel.

The State Charities Conference, which was in session in Dallas several days adjourned Tuesday. The name of the organization was changed to the Texas Conference of Social Welfare, and Rev. Geo. Fox, of Fort Worth, was elected president, to succeed Prof. Chas. S. Potts, of Austin, who insisted upon retiring on account of greater demands upon his time by the State University.

Provisions of the Cotton Future Act held unconstitutional by United States Judge Hough in New York will be enforced, pending the outcome of an appeal. It was declared in the court decision that as a revenue measure the act should have originated in the House, not the Senate. It will be contended that the tax provision of the bill did originate in the House, as an amendment to the Senate measure.

Governor Jas. E. Ferguson, in a statement given out at Dallas, declared his intention of giving every friendless person in the State's penitentiaries a chance to plead his claims for clemency before the Board of Pardons. There are numerous cases of these men, perhaps, more than 100, the Governor said, who, lost to the world and without anyone to interest themselves in their behalf, have little or nothing to hope for in life.

A specimen of the tyrannosaurus, forty-seven feet long and eighteen and a half feet high, has been placed on exhibition at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. It was unearthed on Big Dry Creek in the Montana bad lands. The tyrannosaurus is a giant reptile distantly related to lizards, but with hind legs fashioned like those of birds. Its gigantic head, dagger-like teeth and sharp claws show that it was carnivorous. It roamed through the great basins of the West 3,000,000 years ago.

AS HE FORGAVE.

"To err is human; to forgive divine," wrote Pope. The human weakness of transgression is ever before us in the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." As we forgive. But the divine ideal of forgiveness is also ever before us in Jesus Himself. As He forgave. To forgive as Jesus forgave would insure the reign of peace and good will to all the nations of the earth.—Exchange.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 1915.

The opening sermon of the annual session of the Beaumont District Conference was preached by Rev. J. W. Bridges, of Dayton Station, at Sour Lake on Wednesday evening, June 16, 1915, from the text, "As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of good courage." Joshua 1:5-6. And on the morning of June 17th at 8.30 the regular annual session of the conference was opened by Bishop J. H. McCoy, who conducted a devotional service, reading a lesson from the first chapter of Acts, followed by an instructive lesson, singing and prayer.

After the calling of the roll, Gus Garrison was elected Secretary and H. T. Perritte, Assistant Secretary.

The calling of the roll showed that every pastor in the district was either present or unavoidably detained elsewhere.

A telegram from Bro. J. F. Wallace stated that he was detained at home by the illness of his little child who was not expected to live, whereupon the Bishop called the conference to prayer for the little sufferer. Several local preachers and a good delegation of lay delegates were present.

Rev. E. W. Solomon, presiding elder, appointed such committees as were needed for the dispatch of the business of the conference. After fixing the hours for the opening and adjournment the Bishop called for the reports of the pastors and each one present reported and the presiding elder reported for those that were absent. The reports revealed the fact that the work of the district had been of a very high order. More than one thousand accessions to the Church were reported since the beginning of the conference year as many as one hundred and fifty-six in one instance in a single charge. This so far proves to be the banner year for this district. The work of the Church was in every way well advanced, the financial question being farthest behind, but the outlook is very hopeful. In a general way the work all over the district was prospering.

According to the program of the conference fixing the morning preaching hour at 10 o'clock, Bishop McCoy preached a highly instructive and inspiring sermon from Philippians, second chapter and sixth verse to a large and appreciative audience. At 11 o'clock the business of the conference was resumed. Bro. C. S. Wright, Vice-President of Southern Methodist University, and Bro. J. D. Scott, representing the Rescue Home at San Antonio, and Dr. J. E. Harrison, of San Antonio Female College, were visitors and were introduced and each addressed the conference at length and a committee was appointed to report on the matters pertaining to the Rescue Home.

Rev. E. W. Solomon, presiding elder, read a letter from Bishop E. D. Mouzon with reference to a loan fund for the benefit of young preachers who need help to secure an education in the university, and Bishop McCoy addressed the conference in the interest of this enterprise and a subscription was begun at once and it was further determined that the pastors of each charge should present the matter to their people for their support.

The following lay delegates were elected to the next session of the Annual Conference:

- Delegates: L. C. STEWART, B. D. CARNEY, W. W. WIGGINS, W. P. WALLACE. Alternates: B. A. Woods, D. W. Moore.

It was voted to hold the next annual session of this District Conference at First Church, Beaumont.

Delbert William Moore was granted a license to preach. He was also recommended for admission on trial in the Annual Conference.

A resolution was adopted requesting the General Sunday School Board to grant to Bro. W. G. Harbin, our Sunday School Field Secretary, the assistance of Mrs. H. M. Hamill, Miss Kilpatrick and Rev. E. Hightower in the Sunday School Institutes to be held in our Annual Conference territory.

A resolution was adopted after much discussion with reference to the Sunday Schools but the resolution itself never reached the Secretary's table.

All of the local preachers made their reports and their characters were passed and Bro. N. A. Carter was discontinued at his own request. The various committees reported with encouraging words. The Woman's Missionary Society reported through the Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Dies.

Bro. L. C. Stewart was elected lay leader for the district.

Jesse Gray, of Newton, was allowed

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A New Translation OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

BY JAMES MOFFATT, D. D., LL. D.

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RESOLUTIONS—REV. S. C. RIDDLE

Adopted by the fourth Quarterly Conference, Greenwood, Texas, October 9, 1915:

Whereas, Rev. S. C. Riddle has served the Decatur District for the past four years as its presiding elder and his relationship is about to be dissolved; and,

Whereas, the congregations composing this charge desire to place themselves on record attesting his worth as a man, his zeal and Christian endeavor as a presiding elder and godly life and character as a faithful and untiring minister of the gospel. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By this Quarterly Conference, that Brother Riddle has on all occasions been true to his calling and earnestly and conscientiously labored for his Master's cause, and ever been a faithful leader by precept and example, leading and guiding his people to the fold of eternal life. We pray that God's richest blessings and benedictions may attend him and his wife through life.

Signed: Rev. R. S. Watkins, P. C.; A. C. Key, Secretary; T. E. Vick, W. A. Mauldin, F. M. Wiley, W. F. Wallace, W. V. Patton, J. H. Wilhite, T. H. Batt, A. L. Mauldin, Jerry Williamson.

TRINITY'S ONE CANDLESTICK. (Continued from page 5)

quired about a pound of serpent to an ounce of dove. We adopt everything at Trinity that may be made to draw the attention of people to the good. We do not believe in turning over musical instruments, amusement parlors, moving pictures and the like wholly to the world, the flesh and the devil. We are somewhat in sympathy with Hugh Price Hughes, who saw that Sunday evenings were the most dangerous hours in the week for his young people and organized a great social reception in his Church every Sunday evening after religious services.

The New York Christian Advocate speaks of Trinity as the eight-cylinder Church. This simply means that we are trying to keep our motor up-to-date. The automobile manufacturers are already selling 1916 cars. To be behind the times in the commercial world is to be a failure. To a certain extent it is becoming more or less so in religious life, especially in the downtown city Church.

Fifth—Service. Jesus said to his disciples, "He that would be greatest among you must be the servant of all." By the same standard we may conclude that the greatest Church is not the Church with the greatest congregation, or the greatest organ, or the greatest building, or the greatest fame, but the Church which serves the most people. There is a vast amount of religion in helping the other fellow. "The only way to serve God is to help man." God who is self-existent and infinite in all his perfections has no lack that we can supply, no needs that appeal to our sympathy, but the needs of man are his needs, their sorrows are his burden. Hence, we have sought to serve the old, the sick, the unemployed, the young, the stranger and the foreigner. By visiting from house to house, by distributing garments and provisions for the needy, by adopting the best and most modern methods of scientific charity, by securing employment for the idle, by helping to naturalize the foreigner, by encouraging proper legislation, co-operation with the system of correction, we are striving to bring that better day which is the Kingdom of God.

Sixth—Educational. A broad, intellectual basis for our work is furnished by an adequate system based upon the Bible, Church history and the best literature. In this way alone we are to discover sufficient motives for the comprehensive activities of an institution like this. Here, too, are to be found the safeguards against dangerous enthusiasms and extravagant propandas and here, too, are the standards for our efforts which preserve us from a mere human program of social betterment, from allowing our work to drift into a mere effort of Christless philanthropy, which has been described as trying to elevate humanity without the elevator. We believe the highest function of the Church is not to feed and clothe people, but to give them the truth which alone can set them free.

Carlyle said, "Inspire a man and he will feed himself." Our effort is, therefore, to minister not only to external wants but to internal needs, trusting that when people are furnished with proper ideals and self-control, the new character will clothe itself in garments of cleanliness and respectability.

Seventh—Evangelistic. The perfect light of the candlestick of the Church is not complete without the proclamation of salvation from sin through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Without this saving message the program of the Church would break down of its own dead weight. The supreme need of the world is Jesus Christ as a personal Savior and he alone is adequate to all the exigencies of the political, social and moral situation. "Show us the way and it sufficeth us," cried Phillip. Back comes the answer from the lips of the Master, "I am the way, the truth and the life." The supreme mission of the Church is like John the Baptist to point away from itself to the Christ and say, "Behold of the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

ATTENTION, PASTORS AND LEAGUE PRESIDENTS OF HOLDENVILLE DISTRICT. The district officers may be had at any time, now, for any of your special meetings. If you have a League, is it dead or alive? Let us hear from it. If you do not have one, let the team help you organize.

MARRIED. DENNY-WHITEMAN.—Mr. Rutledge Denny, of Winooski, Texas, and Miss Doris Whiteman, of Caro, Texas, were happily married at the bride's home, Rev. L. H. Mathison officiating.

Teller's Notice—West Oklahoma Conference. Dear Brother Pastors.—Teller's office will be opened in the church at Altus promptly at 9 a. m. Tuesday, November 2, and remain open morning and afternoon till Thursday at 4 p. m. All see me the first day who can and help me scatter the work along. You will have

Annual Conferences

BISHOP McCOY. West Texas, San Angelo, Oct. 20 Northwest Texas, Clarendon, Nov. 3 Texas, Longview, Nov. 10 Central Texas, Corsicana, Nov. 24 North Texas, Bonham, Dec. 1

BISHOP MURRAH. West Oklahoma, Altus, Nov. 3 East Oklahoma, Muskogee, Nov. 10

BISHOP MORRISON. German Mission, Fredericksburg, Oct. 20

BISHOP CANDLER. Texas Mexican Mission, Corpus Christi, Oct. 22

NORTHWEST TEXAS Class of Fourth Year. The committee and class of fourth year will meet at the Methodist Church, Clarendon, Tuesday of conference week, at 2 p. m.

Class For Admission. Please announce that the class for admission will meet the committee at the Methodist Church, 2 p. m., Tuesday, November 2.

Rates to Northwest Texas Conference. The Fort Worth and Denver Railroad has given us rates of one and three fares for round trip, and I think that the other roads will come in on this. Ask about it a few days ahead of time so agent can find out if he has had no official order.

Third Year—Northwest Texas Conference. This class will meet at the Methodist Church, in Clarendon, Texas, Tuesday morning, November 2, at 9 o'clock. Those who took the work at Georgetown will bring their certificates and sermons.

Class of the First Year. All members of the class of the first year of the Northwest Texas Conference who are to take examination will please meet at the Methodist Church at Clarendon Tuesday, November 2, at 9:30 a. m. Let all members of the class meet at the church at 2:30 p. m. on the same date.

WEST OKLAHOMA Notice to Presiding Elders. The presiding elders of West Oklahoma Conference are called to meet at Altus, Oklahoma, November 2, 4 p. m.

Class of Fourth Year. The class of the fourth year will meet at the Methodist Church at Altus on November 2 at 3 p. m.

Bible Cause. Brethren: In apportioning collections, please do not forget the importance of the bible cause. The war has cut the appropriations 20 per cent. Hence the great need.

Admission on Trial. All applicants for admission on trial into the West Oklahoma Conference will please meet the committee at the M. E. Church, South, in Altus, November 2, at 2 p. m.

Attention. The class of the third year, West Oklahoma Annual Conference, will meet at the Methodist Church in Altus, Tuesday, November 2, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Licensing Committee. The Licensing Committee for Chickasha District, West Oklahoma Conference, is called to meet in Epworth Church, Chickasha, Oklahoma, November 28, 1915, at 2 p. m.

Announcement. Dr. W. F. McMurry will spend Thursday with us at our conference. He can only give us one day. We have arranged for him to deliver an address Thursday night. I hope every member of our Board will be present, especially the laymen.

To the Preachers of the West Oklahoma Conference. Please notice rule No. 9 in the last Conference Minutes. Please have your reports ready for the first day of Conference. You are requested to fill out the stub and leave the remainder blank, so if there are mistakes we can correct them.

Class of the Second Year. All that have finished the course of study, either through the Correspondence School, or at Sulphur, please let me know at once. All who will have to stand examination at Altus, either in part or the whole course, let me know at once. If you are going to be examined on part of the course, please let me know what book or books, as the work has been apportioned to the different members of the examining committees, and they must be notified. You may either mail me your sermon next week or take it with you to conference.

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to settle with me before you can report to the Statistical Secretaries.

Please send me all the money you can before October 25. Do not mail letters to me containing checks after the 25th, as they may have to be forwarded. When you come to the Teller's table to settle at Conference, please make out a report blank for the amount you are to pay at that time—not what you have paid during the year. I have that and will have a statement showing same. By close attention to these details you will greatly facilitate my work and yours, and will greatly oblige. Your servant and brother, W. L. ANDERSON, Teller.

EAST OKLAHOMA

Notice, East Oklahoma Conference. All preachers who are intending to bring their wives to conference, please notify me at once and greatly oblige.

TEXAS Fourth Year's Class. The class and committee of the fourth year will meet at Longview, Texas, in the Baraca Hall, adjoining the Methodist Church, on Tuesday, November 9, at 9 a. m.

Railroad Rates. The railroads traversing our territory have agreed to make a rate of one and one-third fare for those who attend our Annual Conference at Longview. Tickets will be on sale November 8 and 9, with final limit the 17th.

To Members Texas Conference. I am mailing to each member of our conference a card stating our needs for the cause of education. Last year there was considerable shortage for this cause, even more than the proportionate share of the shortage on all collections. We now have a different condition, for cotton is bringing 100 per cent more than it did last year, and there is a general condition of financial prosperity that did not then exist.

Whereas, Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. E. W. Solomon, D. D., has served with distinguished success the Beaumont District during the past quadrennium and by the law of the Church will at the coming Annual Conference be changed to another field; and,

Whereas, he has with untiring assiduity and uniform kindness and courtesy performed the exacting labors incident to the presidency of this district and has met all the vexatious problems that presented themselves in so many instances and out of them all he has extracted an abundant success along with material and spiritual lines, carefully studying the interest and needs of each preacher and official member as well as every private member of the Church, giving all needed counsel and sympathetic co-operation in the work of the Church; and,

Whereas, these labors have borne abundant fruit at all times, and more especially during the present year yielding a large measure of success both in spiritual and material things. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By this District Conference that we hereby express our sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation for him, and his personal fellowship and efficiency and we are profoundly grateful for the gracious providence which has attended him and his family through this quadrennium and we part with him and them with sincere regret and wish for them the largest measure of success in his sacred work and the continued blessings of our Heavenly Father.

W. H. CRUM, J. C. STEWART, W. J. JOHNSON, P. R. WHITE, GUS GARRISON.

FAITH. First, a lifting of the eyes of the mind on the risen Lord; fixing the thoughts in contemplation of the Lord; a mental inclination, a certain pose or attitude of the mind—"My faith looks up to thee." A "look"—not a mere glance; think, look, talk with Christ; a look, a thought, a gaze, a contemplation.

Second, an absolute reliance upon the honor of God—who also promised, he also will do." Rest on that. Put absolute reliance upon the word of God.

Third, a steady and onward obedience to the dictates of his will. A look, a reliance, a venture; fixity of look, dependence upon the Word; venture on the road.—Dr. J. H. Jowett.

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(Revised list of the appointments since the adjournment of the New Mexico Conference.)

ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT.

George H. Givan, Presiding Elder. Albuquerque—Ellis Smith. Carrizozo—E. D. Lewis. Clayton Circuit—W. L. Self, supply. Cuervo Circuit—I. D. Ferguson, supply. Gallup—G. C. Emmons. Grady Circuit—R. A. Crawford. Magdalena—A. B. Weaver. Melrose Circuit—R. E. Stevenson. McAlister Circuit—D. P. Wilburn, supply. Logan Circuit—James Hawkins, supply. San Jon Circuit—J. I. Kelly. San Marcial—M. O. Williams. Tucuman—G. H. McNally. Vaughn Circuit—J. A. Scoggins. Watson Circuit—Dorsey Mewborn. Conference Missionary Secretary—Geo. H. Givan.

EL PASO DISTRICT.

H. M. Smith, Presiding Elder. Alamo—F. E. Faust. Alpine—W. W. Nelson. Buena Vista Circuit—To be supplied. Clint—W. H. Duncan. Deming—E. C. Morgan. El Paso—Trinity—To be supplied. East El Paso—C. K. Campbell. East El Paso Mission—H. P. Bond, supply. Fort Davis—J. W. Campbell. Fort Stockton—J. E. Conder. La Mesa Circuit—J. A. Smith, supply. Las Cruces—T. L. Lallance. Lordsburg—W. S. Huggett. Marfa—J. C. Jones. Van Horn—J. E. Fuller. Tularosa—J. T. Lane. Toyah and Toyah Valley—J. J. Golden. Secretary of Education—E. C. Morgan. Student Southern Methodist University—J. A. Johnson.

ROSWELL DISTRICT.

S. E. Allison, Presiding Elder. Artesia—J. B. Cochran. Clovis—J. H. Messer. Clovis Circuit—J. F. Etchison; J. N. S. Webb, junior preacher. Carlsbad—J. T. Redmond. Elida Circuit—J. W. Hendrix. Eunice Circuit—J. P. Speed, supply. Hagerman—W. W. Turner. Hope and Lake Arthur—H. W. Carter. Lakewood Circuit—W. P. West. Livingston Circuit—W. M. Beauchamp. Odessa Circuit—E. B. Bowen. Pecos—J. H. Walker. Portales—A. C. Bell. Roswell—J. W. McClure. Rogers Circuit—L. L. Thurston, supply. Sacramento Mission—W. L. Jenkins. Texico—E. W. Morton.

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W. R. Evans, Florida; A. N. Evans, Denver; J. T. J. Fizer, Little Rock; R. B. Evans, Northwest Texas; P. B. Hartman, Montana; Fred Little, North Arkansas; W. R. Howell, North Alabama; Arthur Marston, Mexican Border; L. Jackson, Northwest Texas; C. W. Webber, Los Angeles.

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NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque District—First Round. Gallup, Oct. 23, 24. McAlister, Oct. 27. Grady Cir., Liberty Bell, Oct. 30, 31. Clayton Cir., Creeds Chapel, Nov. 6, 7. San Jon Cir., San Jon, Nov. 13, 14. Logan Cir., Pleasant Valley, Nov. 17. Cuervo Cir., Nob Schoolhouse, Nov. 18. Tucuman, Nov. 20, 21. Carrizozo, Nov. 27, 28. Vaughn Cir., Stanley, Dec. 4, 5. Watrous Cir., Cerrillos, Dec. 8, 9. Melrose, Dec. 11, 12. Magdalena, Dec. 18, 19. San Marcial, Dec. 25, 26. Albuquerque, Jan. 1, 2. GEO. H. GIVAN, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEXAS

Abilene District—Third Round. Moran, Oct. 23, 24. Putnam, at Putnam, Oct. 24, 25. Baird, Oct. 27. Hyde and Eull, at Clyde, Oct. 28. St. Luke's, Abilene, Oct. 29. C. N. N. FERGUSON, P. E.

Amarillo District—Fourth Round. Canyon, Oct. 23, 24. Amarillo, Oct. 30, 31. ERNEST E. ROBINSON, P. E.

Big Spring District—Fourth Round. Post, Oct. 23, 24. Big Spring, at Big Spring, Oct. 28. Big Spring, at Big Spring, Oct. 29. W. H. TERRY, P. E.

Clarendon District—Fourth Round. Canadian, Oct. 23, 24. Miami, Oct. 24, 25. Clarendon, Oct. 27. Clarendon, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. J. T. HICKS, P. E.

Hamiin District—Fourth Round. Knox City, at Knox City, Oct. 24, 25. Rochester, at Rochester, Oct. 25. Aspermont, at Mt. Olive, Oct. 29, 30. B. W. DODSON, P. E.

Plainview District—Fourth Round. Turkey, Oct. 23, 24. Silverton, Oct. 24, 25. Plainview, at Plainview, Oct. 26. Dimmitt, Oct. 30, 31. O. P. KIKER, P. E.

Stamford District—Fourth Round. Leaders, Oct. 23, 24. St. John's, Stamford, Oct. 24, 25. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Sweetwater District—Fourth Round. Blackwell, at Decker, Oct. 24. Colorado, Oct. 23, 24. Sweetwater, Oct. 30, 31. J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Vernon District—Fourth Round. Lizzate, Oct. 22, at 11 a. m. Paducah, Oct. 24. Vernon, Oct. 30, 31. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

WEST OKLAHOMA

Ardmore District—Fourth Round. Woodford, Oct. 23, 24. Lone Grove, Oct. 24, 25. Overbrook, Oct. 30, 31. Prover, Oct. 31. JNO. D. SALTER, P. E.

Chickasha District—Fourth Round. Maysville, Oct. 23, 24. Erin Springs, at Erin Springs, 7 p. m., Oct. 24. Lindsay, Oct. 24, 25. Terral, at Terral, Oct. 30, 31. Ryan, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Duncan, 10 a. m., Nov. 1. Elywood, Chickasha, 8 p. m., Nov. 1. MOSS WEAVER, P. E.

Clinton District—Fourth Round. Beiss, at Bertrand, Oct. 23, 24. Rice, at Bakers (Night), Oct. 25. Lyons and Goodwell, at Lyons, Oct. 27. W. J. STEWART, P. E.

Lawton District—Special. Lincoln Valley (Q. C.), 2 p. m., Saturday, Oct. 23. Lincoln Valley, 11 a. m., Sunday, Oct. 24. Walter (Q. C.), 3 p. m., Sunday, Oct. 24. Walter, 8 p. m., Sunday, Oct. 24. Lawton (Q. C.), 8 p. m., Friday, Oct. 29. Lawton, 11 a. m., Sunday, Oct. 31. Snyder (Q. C.), 3 p. m., Sunday, Oct. 31. Snyder, 8 p. m., Sunday, Oct. 31. W. H. ROPER, P. E.

Mangum District—Fourth Round. Vinton, Oct. 23, 24. Brinkman and Deer Creek, at B., Oct. 24. Blair and Heister, at Blair, Oct. 27. Headrick and Midway, at Headrick, Oct. 28. Eldorado, Oct. 29. Mangum, at North Mangum, Oct. 30, 31. Mangum, Nov. 1. Altus, Nov. 2. C. F. MITCHELL, P. E.

McAlester District—Fourth Round. Calvin and Lamar, at Calvin, Oct. 23, 24. Stuart, at Stuart, Oct. 24, 25. Muddy, Oct. 29. Pittsburg, at Pittsburg, Oct. 30, 31. Kiowa, 8 p. m., Oct. 31. Braden and Rakoch, at Braden, Nov. 5, 6. Spore, 11 a. m., Nov. 7. Ponce, 8 p. m., Nov. 7. J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

Muskogee District—Fourth Round. Muskogee, First Church, Oct. 22. Boynton and Morris, at Morris, Oct. 24. Muskogee, St. Paul, Oct. 26. Annual Conference, at St. Paul, Muskogee, Nov. 18. CHAS. L. BROOKS, P. E.

Oklahoma City District—Fourth Round. Lexington, Oct. 23, 24. Blanchard and Washington, Oct. 24. St. Luke's, Oct. 25. Guthrie, Oct. 31. Perry, Oct. 31. W. M. WILSON, P. E.

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Beaumont District—Fourth Round. Nederland, Oct. 24. Araba, Oct. 25. Port Belvoir, 8 p. m., Nov. 1. Woodville, Nov. 6, 7. E. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

Brenham District—Fourth Round. Matagorda and Lane City, at Lane City, Oct. 22.

Glen Flora, at Glen Flora, Oct. 23, 24. Wharton, Oct. 24. Richmond, Oct. 25, 2:30 p. m. Rosenberg, Oct. 25, 7:30 p. m. Lyons, at Lyons, Oct. 30, 31. Caldwell, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Somerville, Nov. 6, 7. Brenham, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p. m. S. W. THOMAS, P. E.

Jacksonville District—Fourth Round. Gallatin, at Summerfield, Oct. 23, 24. Rusk, Oct. 24, 25. Bullard and Mt. Selman, at Bullard, Oct. 31. Troup, Nov. 6, 7. Overton and Arp, at Arp, Nov. 7, 8. L. F. BETTS, P. E.

Marlin District—Fourth Round. Wheelock, at Hickory Grove, Oct. 23. Marquez, at Owensville, Oct. 23, 24. Franklin, Oct. 24, 25. Fairfield, at Fairfield, Oct. 30, 31. (League, Oct. 31, 7 p. m.) Leon, at Liberty, Nov. 6. re-walt, at Buffalo, Nov. 7. GEO. W. DAVIS, P. E.

Marshall District—Fourth Round. Laneville, at Redland, Oct. 23. Harrison, Oct. 30. Marshall, Summit Street, Oct. 31. Marshall, First Church, Nov. 3. Gilmer, Oct. 30, 31. Gilmer, Nov. 7. J. B. TURRENTINE, P. E.

Navasota District—Fourth Round. Brazos County Mission, at Benchley, Oct. 26, 27. Millican, at Millican, Oct. 24. Oualaska, at Oualaska, Oct. 30, 31. Cleveland and Cold Springs, Oct. 31. Porter Springs, at Oakland, Nov. 6, 7. Crockett, Nov. 7. E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round. Cason, at Friendship, Oct. 23, 24. Hugues Springs, at Hugues Springs, Oct. 24, 25. Pleasant (conference), Oct. 27, night. Pittsburg, at Ebenezer, Thursday, Oct. 28. Boggs, at Union Chapel, Oct. 30, 31. Naples and Omaha, at Omaha, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. First Church, Texarkana, Nov. 1, night. Early Memorial, Nov. 2, night. Pittsburg, at (conference), Nov. 3, night. Pittsburg, at (preaching), Nov. 7, 11 a. m. Pittsburg, at (preaching), Nov. 7, night. O. T. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Timpan District—Fourth Round. Kennard, at Fri., Oct. 22. Center, at Sun, Oct. 24. at Enterprise, Wed., Oct. 28. Smith, at Longbranch, Sat. and Sun., Oct. 30, 31. Timpan, Sun., Nov. 7. L. B. ELROD, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round. Wild Point, at Wild Point, Oct. 23, 24. Wild Point, at Wild Point, Oct. 24. Quisman, at Quisman, Oct. 28. Lando, at Lando, Oct. 30, 31. Cedar Street, Oct. 31. Tyler, at Tyler, Nov. 6, 7. Marvin, Nov. 8. SMITH, P. E.

EAST OKLAHOMA

Holdenville District—Fourth Round. Sasokeva, at McMahon, Oct. 23, 24. Seminole, Oct. 24, 25. McCloud and Earlsboro, at E., Oct. 30, 31. Watette, at Watette, Nov. 6, 7. Shawnee, First Church, Nov. 7, 8. Holdenville, Nov. 13, 14. N. L. LINEBAUGH, P. E.

Tulsa District—Fourth Round. Henryetta, Oct. 24, 25. Pawhuska, Oct. 31. J. H. BALL, P. E.

Vinita District—Fourth Round. Jay, Oct. 23, 24. Vinita, Oct. 31. JAMES W. ROGERS, P. E.

CENTRAL TEXAS

Brownwood District—Fourth Round. Bronte, at Bronte, Oct. 23, 24. Robert Lee, at Robert Lee, Oct. 24, 25. Norton, at Norton, Oct. 30, 31. Ballinger, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Coleman, at Coleman, Nov. 7, 8. Coleman, at Coleman, Nov. 13, 14. Brownwood, Nov. 20, 21. J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Cleburne District—Fourth Round. Venus, Oct. 24, 25, Sunday night and Monday 3 p. m. Johnson and Egan, at J., Saturday, Oct. 30. Burleson, at E., Oct. 31, Nov. 1, Sunday and Monday. Grandview, at R. V., Saturday, Nov. 6. Grandview, Nov. 7, 8, Sunday and Monday night. Main St., Cleburne, Quarterly Conference, Nov. 16. Anglin St., Cleburne, Quarterly Conference, Nov. 17, preaching Nov. 21. W. W. MOSS, P. E.

Fourth Round—Cisco District. Deadend, at Deadend, Oct. 23, 24. Carbon, at Britton, Oct. 30, 31. Gorman, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Straw, Nov. 6, 7. Cisco Mission, at Fisher, Nov. 13, 14. Cisco, Nov. 14, 15. E. P. WILLIAMS, P. E.

Corviana District—Fourth Round. Chatfield, at Chatfield, Oct. 23. Wortham, at Wortham, Oct. 24, 25. Horn Hill, at Forest Glade, Oct. 30, 31. Mexia, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Groesbeck, Nov. 2. Corviana, at Eureka, Nov. 4, 7. Emmett, at McCord, Nov. 13, 14. Frost, Nov. 14, 15. Blooming Grove, Nov. 16. Corviana, First Church, Nov. 21, 22. W. H. MATTHEWS, P. E.

Dublin District—Fifth Round. Harbin and Green's Creek, at H., 2 p. m., Nov. 2. Alexander, at White Chapel, 11 a. m., Nov. 3. Comanche, at C., 2 p. m., Nov. 4. Comanche, at Com., 3 p. m., Nov. 4. Comanche, at Com., 7:30 p. m., Nov. 4. Bunyan, at B., 2:30 p. m., Nov. 5. De Leon, at D. L., 2 p. m., Nov. 9. De Leon, at D., 7:30 p. m., Nov. 9. Dublin, at D., 1 p. m., Nov. 11. Dublin, at D., 7:30 p. m., Nov. 15. Huckabay, at H., 11 a. m., Nov. 17. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Port Worth District—Fourth Round. Handley and Brooklyn Heights, at Handley, Oct. 23, 24. Arlington, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 24. Smithfield, at Oak Grove, Oct. 30, 31. Grapevine, at Grapevine, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 31 and 11 a. m., Nov. 1. Central, 11 a. m., Nov. 7. Glenwood, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 7. Mulkey Memorial, 11 a. m., Nov. 14. Polytechnic, 11 a. m., Nov. 21. JOHN R. NELSON, P. E.

Gatesville District—Fourth Round. Evans, at Bee House, Oct. 23, 24. Gatesville, Oct. 24, 25. Coppers Cove, at Coppers Cove, Oct. 30, 31. Nolanville, at Nolanville, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Fair, at Lanham, Nov. 6, 7. Hamilton, Nov. 7, 8. Killeen, at Bucavista, Nov. 13, 14. Killeen, Nov. 15. S. I. RUCKER, P. E.

Georgetown District—Fourth Round. Florence, at Florence, Oct. 23, 24. Jarrell, at Jarrell, Oct. 24, 25. Jarrell, at Jarrell, Oct. 30, 31. West, at West, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Taylor, Nov. 7, 8. Rogers, Nov. 14, 15. Georgetown, Nov. 21. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Hillsboro District—Fourth Round. Kirk, at Kirk, Oct. 23, 24. Munger, at Munger, Oct. 25, 2 p. m. Malone, Oct. 25, 7:30 p. m. Line Street, Oct. 27, 7:30 p. m. Lovelace, at Pleasant Hill, Oct. 30, 31. Covington, at Covington, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Itasca, Nov. 7, 8. Line Street, preaching, Nov. 14. First Church, Nov. 21, 22. JNO. M. BARCUS, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round. Mansfield, at Mansfield, Oct. 23, 24. Maypearl, at Buena Vista, Oct. 28, 31. Ovilla, at Ovilla, Nov. 8, 7. Bona, at Bona, Nov. 13, 14. Waxahachie, at Waxahachie, Nov. 14, 15. MORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Weatherford District—Fourth Round. Weatherford, Courts Memorial, Oct. 24, 11 a. m. Weatherford, First Church, Oct. 24, 8 p. m. L. A. WEBB, P. E.

Waco District—Fourth Round. Mart, Oct. 24, 25. Lorena, at Lorena, Oct. 30, 31. Mount Calm, at Mount Calm, Nov. 8, 7. Fifth Street, Nov. 14, 15. Elm Street, Nov. 14, 17. Aquila, at Aquila, Nov. 20, 21. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS

Bonham District—Fourth Round. Telephone, at Telephone, Oct. 23, 24. Monksston, at Monksston, Oct. 24, 25. Petty, at Petty, Oct. 30, 31. Windom, at Windom, Nov. 6, 7. Bonham, Nov. 7. Kavenna, at Mulberry, Nov. 13, 14. C. C. YOUNG, P. E.

Bowie District—Fourth Round. Ringgold, at Morris' Chapel, Oct. 23, 24. Nocona, at Nocona (Conference Friday night), Oct. 24. Megargal, Oct. 30, 31. Archer City, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Sunset, at Saloma, Nov. 8, 7. Craton, at Craton, Nov. 7, 8. Dunder, Nov. 13, 14. Wichita Falls, Nov. 14, 15. Henrietta, Nov. 20, 21. T. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Dallas District—Fourth Round. First Church, Nov. 24. St. John's, Nov. 25. Grand Prairie, Nov. 27. Cole Avenue, Nov. 28. West Dallas, Nov. 29. Preaching dates—Oak Cliff, 11 a. m., Oct. 24. Tyler Street, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 24. O. F. SENSBAUGH, P. E.

Decatur District—Fourth Round. Justin and Ponder, at Ponder, Oct. 23, 24. Argyle, at Prairie Mound, Oct. 25. Perrin, Oct. 30, 31. Jacksonville, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Bridgeport, at Mt. Zion, Nov. 6, 7. Bryson and Jermyin, at Bryson, Nov. 13, 14. Vineyard, at Berwick, Nov. 14, 15. Decatur, at Oliver Creek, Nov. 20, 21. Decatur, Nov. 22, 23. Chico, at Chico, Nov. 23. Alford, at Alford, Nov. 24. Roanoke and Elizabeth, at R., Nov. 27, 28. S. C. RIDDLE, P. E.

Gainesville District—Fourth Round. Lewisville, Oct. 23, 24. Denton, Oct. 24, 25. Montague, at Montague, Oct. 30, 31. Marysville, at Marysville, Nov. 6, 7. Myra and Hood, at Myra, Nov. 7, 8. Era and Spring Creek, at Era, Nov. 10. Valley View, Nov. 14, 15. Ruston, at Gladys, Nov. 20, 21. Denton, Nov. 23. Wibley Memorial, Nov. 24. J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Greenville District—Fourth Round. Jones Bethel and Wesley Chapel, at Jones Bethel, Oct. 23, 24. Fairlie, at Olive Branch, Oct. 30, 31. Merit and Lane, at Lane, Nov. 6, 7. Wylie, at Wylie, Nov. 14. Celeste, at Celeste, Nov. 20. Celeste, Nov. 20, 21. Wesley, at Wesley, Nov. 28. C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

McKinney District—Fourth Round. Wylie, Sept. 26, 11 a. m.; Quarterly Conference, Nov. 22, 7 p. m.; Quarterly Conference, Nov. 27, 7 p. m. Allen and South Meck., at Allen, Oct. 31, 11 a. m.; Quarterly Conference November 17, 7 p. m. Anna and Melissa, at Anna, Oct. 3, 7 p. m.; Quarterly Conference Nov. 15, 3 p. m. Princeton, at Wilson Chapel, Oct. 9, 10. Celina, Oct. 23, 24. Frisco, Oct. 24, 25. Blue Rider, at Verona, Oct. 30, 31. Prosper, at Prosper, Nov. 6, 7. Carrollton and F. B., at Carrollton, Nov. 7, 8. Weston, at Weston, Nov. 13, 14. Josephine, at Josephine, Nov. 20, 21. Nevada, Nov. 21, 22. Richardson, at Richardson, Nov. 27, 28. C. W. DENNIS, P. E.

Paris District—Fourth Round. Centenary, Oct. 10, 8 p. m.; Quarterly Conference, Nov. 23, 8 p. m.

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Sherman District—Fourth Round. Collinsville and Tioga, at Ethel, Oct. 23, 24. Pilot Grove, at Pilot Grove, Oct. 30, 31. Pottshoro and Preston, at Preston, Nov. 8, 7. Sailer and Gordenville, at Sailer, Nov. 7, 8. Sherman, at Friendship, Nov. 13, 14. Van Alstyne, Nov. 14, 15. Howe, at Howe, Nov. 20, 21. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round. Como, at Como, Oct. 23, 24. Sulphur Springs, Oct. 24, 25. Sallito and Weaver, at Weaver, Oct. 30, 31. Mt. Vernon, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin, at B. F., Nov. 6, 7. Lake Creek, at Feloe, Nov. 7, 8. Klondike, at Good's Chapel, Nov. 13, 14. Riley Springs, at Shook's Chapel, Nov. 17. Yowell, at Pecan, Nov. 20, 21. Sulphur Bluff, Nov. 24. Wimbush, Nov. 27, 28. Brashear, at Brashear, Nov. 28, 29. R. C. HICKS, P. E.

Tarrell District—Fourth Round. Mabank, at Mabank, Oct. 23, 24. Kemp and Becker, at Becker, Oct. 30, 31. Elmo, at Elmo, Nov. 8, 7. Seury, at Warsaw, Nov. 13, 14. Kaufman, at Kaufman, Nov. 13, 14. Chisholm, at Chisholm, Nov. 20, 21. Garland, Nov. 21, 22. Hutchins and Wilmer, at Hutchins, Nov. 27, 28. Lancaster, 11 a. m., Nov. 28. I. EGGER, P. E.

DENVER

Saguache, Oct. 31. Cedar Hill, Nov. 4. Flora Vista, Nov. 5. Farmington, Nov. 7. Artec, Nov. 7 (night). Beulah, Nov. 14. Gardner, Nov. 21. Pueblo, Nov. 28. ROBERT E. DICKENSON, P. E. 1708 E. 16th Ave., Denver, Col. Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

PERSONALS

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unable to walk and is confined to his bed at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. M. M. Garrett, 315 Star Street, Oak Cliff. The attending physician is unable to determine now whether he will ever be able to walk again. The Advocate sympathizes with Bro. Adams in his application and prays for his recovery.

We have an invitation from Dr. and Mrs. C. I. Holt to attend the marriage of their daughter, Leska, to Mr. Claude Terry on the morning of Wednesday, October 27, 1915, at 7 o'clock, Methodist Church, Big Spring, Texas. We wish the young couple much happiness.

Dr. John M. Moore, Secretary of Home Missions, preached Sunday at Commerce, Texas, for Rev. R. F. Bryant. On his arrival in Dallas he went to the preachers' meeting. After that Brother Wright prepared him to deliver an S. M. U. message to the German Mission Conference. He went home with Brother Sensabaugh and after lunch went to see the new mission in Sunset. Then back to the Publishing House, where he met the Texas Social Service Commission. After that Brother Sensabaugh took him to see his other mission points. He is rushed with matters, but would have us to know that he is always interested in the Texas Christian Advocate and appreciates its great work. He left Dallas Monday night for San Antonio to spend Wednesday and Thursday at German Mission Conference and the rest of the week at Texas Mexican Mission at Corpus Christi. From there he goes on Monday to St. Louis, where he is to speak at the Forward Movement Conference of Missouri. He is on the go much. His work is growing rapidly and his duties multiply.

OUR CHURCH NEWS

Bishop Nuelson, now in the United States, but having his Episcopal residence in Germany, wisely refuses to lecture on the war in Europe.

Holston Conference pastors reported at the session of the conference more than 10,000 additions to the Church during the year just closed.

It is a fact worthy of comment that Mrs. N. J. McConnell, mother of Bishop McConnell, has been elected a lay delegate to the General Conference by the Northeast Ohio Conference.

Our three conferences in Missouri report a total increase in membership for the year of 4892, this being the largest gain in many years. The net gain last year in Missouri was less than 900.

According to figures given in the Presbyterian by Rev. Charles Ernest Scott, the latest religious census of Tokyo (Japan) University shows that of 5000 students 6000 are agnostics, 1500 atheists, 440 uncertain and sixty Christian.

The Government Bureau of the Census dealing with the statistics of religious bodies, gives an interesting account of a religious denomination in this country which is almost extinct. It is "The Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestination Baptists." They have thirty-five ministers, fifty-five churches, 781 communicants and a total Church property valued at \$21,000.

The movement to federate the Christian Churches in India has taken on fresh interest after some months of quiet. The movement looks to the ultimate union of the Churches in that country. The Presbyterians and Methodists in 1909 blocked the plan of federation because no provision in the then proposed plan was made for the transfer of members from one denomination to the other. That part of the plan has been revised and the objectionable feature has been taken out.

Rev. Charles Stelzle, widely known in this country as a Christian worker, is credited with saying in an address at Winona Lake, not long ago, this: "Speeches and sandwiches have killed the brotherhood movement in the Churches. The brotherhoods have literally dug their graves with their teeth. Instead of being inspired with Mazzini's call, 'Come and suffer,' they were fooled by the swan song of 'Come and eat.'" There may be more in what Dr. Stelzle says than some of us are at first disposed to think. The Wesleyan Advocate aptly



TEMPLO METODISTA, CORPUS CHRISTI.

Tomorrow, October 22, Bishop Warren A. Candler will call to order the Texas Mexican Mission Conference. This heroic band on the border will receive Bishop Candler with an enthusiasm he does not often meet, even in the older conferences. Our faithful friend, Frank Onderdonk, and that consecrated Dallas girl, Miss Norwood Wynn, will be an evidence of the sacrifice and heroism that made the conference Bishop Candler now meets face to face.

says: "Banqueting Christianity is not apt to be a very spiritual type of religion, and when it expends its energies in the banquets it has little for the real work that religious people should do."

In China now for the first time 1700 walled cities are open to the missionary, and fifteen of these are to be speedily occupied by graduates of Shantung University, some of them having surrendered good government positions to take up this Christian service.

OUR COUNTRY'S CALL FOR THE YOUNG.

(Published by Request.)

Many voices are calling for our young people. The voice of pleasure says, Leave learning, virtue, everything that interferes, and follow me. Wisdom calls to others, saying, Get learning and you will have all that is needful. There are home calls and foreign calls, sounding new and strange, but very insistent comes the call of the Church. The Church really wants our young people, with all their beauty, freshness and adaptability, and wants them not as ornaments, but for service.

What can the young folks do? Some of the elders will ask. Is it not best for them to sit quietly by and let us manage things? This might be all right if young people were made to sit quietly, but they are not. Their abounding life and energy must have some outlet, and if it is not given over to the Church it will surely be used somewhere else.

Besides, we are only going back to first principles when we begin to train. Did not God call Samuel, and did it not take Eli to interpret the call, even when Samuel had been dedicated to God before his birth and had lived in the temple since he was a baby?

God has always wanted the youth for his work, but the Church has failed to make the call clear and plain. We stand now at the parting of the ways. The world, with all its allurements, waits with open arms urging the youth of our own Church to enjoy life by desecrating the Sabbath by auto trips, to wear out their bodies and make a mock of modesty in the sensuous dances of the hour. Worldly amusements are more enticing, more reckless and more sinful than ever in the history of our country. Yet in tempting guise, with siren voices, they call our youth. The voice of the Church beside these is indeed the still small voice. But it is the message this voice has that we want to bring you. We offer you pleasure—the pleasure of right-living, right-thinking, right principles for all time. No man or woman can ever be truly great who leaves God out of his or her life, and the earlier we turn over to him the ordering of our beings the earlier we may get to work for him and his children.

The youth of our country communities are needed right at home. What can we do for them? What do they



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know of missions, of the polity of their Church? What are they getting from their Sunday Schools, with their poor equipment and untrained teachers? First, we can see that they are supplied with literature. We can send them good magazines and papers, and the splendid religious literature supplied by our Board. We can by tact and persistence get them to take one of our excellent study course books. Then the Sunday School. O how teachers are needed who will enthuse those whom they teach and make vital the fact that we are all to be witnesses, beginning at Jerusalem! How much brighter the lives of all could be made if the law of service was understood and lived! Our teachers should be educated and we must now educate our youth for the teachers of the future.

The need here, as at so many other points, is a teacher, wise, tactful and firm, who can impart and enthuse. How our Church could use young people so trained. What a blessing they would prove on the farms and ranches. How easy it would be for the smaller boys and girls to be workers. "We men of earth have here the stuff of Paradise. We have enough! We need no other things to build the stairs into the unfulfilled."

What of our country's call to the foreigner? They come hoping for a fortune or possibly freedom and a living wage, but I believe that they soon long for our comforts, education and religion. Are we giving it to these young folks as we should? What of our Mexicans? We talk of the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God. These bright-eyed youths of Mexican towns have minds ready to be taught, souls ready to be saved and their influence upon their elders would be incalculable if we would only do our duty. Let's organize classes for study, get them to teach us and us them. Let's get each other's viewpoints, help them to attain their ideals

and at the same time advance that ideal to something more worthy of a kindly and most unhappy people.

There is the negro. I laughed a few years ago when the young girl who washed for me told me she aspired to travel, and was tired of the washtub and was going to quit, and quit she did, but I did not laugh when a few months later I learned she had gone astray. Pleasure, youth and life called her as it calls her white sisters, but with no means of gratifying these natural desires and no training, her life was ruined. Can we not show these young negroes the beauty of a clean life, with clean bodies, honesty and truthfulness, making of them not a menace, but a working class desired by all, not because they are cheap, but because they are trustworthy? We know from history that no more loyal people ever lived.

When we realize that Christ died not for us alone, but for every nation and color, and that we are all indeed brothers, we can help him to these things which are really his. If we want our young people to hear and answer this call for service, and bring into the work their courage, optimism, clearer vision and courageous hearts, we must begin to train in the home. Gordon says: "The spirit of the parent is the spirit of the home. The way to train the child is to train yourself. What you are he will be. If your hands are morally dirty, his life will be stained by the home handling he gets. If he is to obey his mother, he must breathe in from his mother a spirit of obedience. The spirit of disobedience in your heart to God, of failure to obey, of preferring your own way to God's way, will be breathed in by your child as surely as he breathes the air into his lungs. We must be in our heart what we would have our child be in his life." O fathers and mothers, isn't this a serious thought!

We must be sincere, we must be good, if we make our children what they should and may be.

We must educate religiously. By this alone can the calls to our young be answered. We must assist the growth of the soul toward God. We must recognize that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Also recognize that right thoughts, right conduct and right feelings toward God. We must combine this religious training with general education and fit our youth not only for the world to come, but for this world.

We must be like Zechariah and Elizabeth of old—consider our children as real gifts from God. Give them good environment, and in as far as we can good heredity. We, like them, should be righteous people, living blameless lives, guiding our steps by all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. We must feel it our sacred duty to train our children, and they, like John, will grow up with a hatred of sin and a passion for righteousness and have a definite mission in the world.

"A partnership with God is motherhood;

What strength, what purity, what self-control!

What love, what wisdom shall belong to her

Who helps God fashion an immortal soul!"

So, my friends, you will see that it is up to you to make the answer to this call of our country to the young the right one. Upon you rests the training of our youth. Nothing can ever take the place of home-training. It may supplement and add to it, but it cannot lay the foundation. We must work and pray and train, then leave results with God. But we need not fear results if the training is properly done. Our youth will answer the calls by saving the world.

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