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EDITORIAL

The question of union will be a live question in both Episcopal Methodisms for the next two years. Our own papers have already given considerable space in their editorial columns to the subject and contributors to all of our papers will ask to be heard. This is as it should be. For no more important question has been before American Methodism within the past seventy years.

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For our own part, we have tried to approach the question with an open mind. We have frankly pointed out what seemed to us the constitutional difficulties in the way, but we have indulged the hope that a conciliatory spirit on the part of both Methodisms would find a way out. In our discussions, it seems to us, there are a few things which should be kept in mind. In the first place, it should be remembered that our own Church was the first to accept the plan of unification, proposed by the Joint Commission, as embodying the basic principles of union and that it was our Church which presented first the tender of union to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A second thing to be kept in mind is that neither Methodism has accepted the plan except as "tentative." Each has recognized that every feature of the plan offers debatable ground. Neither is in position, therefore, to say that one seeks an advantage over the other. Neither will be in position, if union should fail, to say that the other is responsible for the failure.

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A third thing is that each Methodism should accord perfect sincerity to the other. We were present when our own General Conference adopted a plan of union and directed that such plan should be presented to our brethren in the North. No word was spoken at our General Conference which would make us suspect in any way our sincerity in the tender of union through reorganization. Likewise we have read carefully the action of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the speech of Dr. Goucher and the resolutions for an adjourned conference, and in all these proceedings we are compelled to accord to our Northern brethren the same sincerity of motives which we have claimed for ourselves. A fourth thing to be kept in mind is that seasoned commissions will thoroughly sift every phase of the plan and the suggested changes by the General Conference of each Church. A fifth thing to be remembered is that the question will have full discussion in the General Conferences of the two Methodisms and the final decision, for our Church, will be given by our own Annual Conferences. We indulge the

hope, therefore, that no bitter word may find its way into the press of either Methodism during the discussion of the great theme of Methodist unification.

IS OUR GOD OURS?

"The great trouble with us," says a recent author, "is that our God is no longer ours. He is the Church's. We inherited him. He is no dwelling-place that we have built. We have him only by tradition. He was original before he became traditional. But our God must be original to us, as the Church's God once was to the Church. To us the Church's God is a God. But the whole history of men and of gods teaches us that the religious nature never says: 'This is a God,' but always: 'This is my God.'"

The religious beliefs of most of us undoubtedly were inherited. We received them by tradition. They were taught us by our fathers and mothers, by our Sunday School teachers and pastors. We began our life very early with mental furnishings which were moved bodily into our households from the households of others.

But our scientific beliefs were also inherited. We were taught them. So our philosophical systems. Our art, too, has been bequeathed from others. Each generation has handed over to its successor not only its religious possessions but its acquisitions in science and art and philosophy and government.

In the early days of our career, therefore, the whole list of our mental and spiritual possessions was the gift of whole generations which went before us. We began life just where they left off. We began, as it were, on top of the shoulders of the vanished generations.

Is this a gain or is it a loss? Would any one advise, for example, that we destroy the teachings of Aristotle and Bacon and Newton and the rest, and begin our philosophical and scientific systems from the ground? Would any one recommend, for example, that we go through the art galleries of the world and destroy every trace of Apelles and Michael Angelo and Munkaesy and Turner and the rest and begin our creations of art as if such men had never lived? Would it be desirable, for example, that each new generation begin its statecraft without reference to the teachings of Pericles, or Bismarck, or Gladstone, or Hamilton, or Jefferson? Our art and science and philosophy, be it remembered, are as truly traditional as our religion, but because traditional no man, who is able to keep out of an asylum for the insane, would recommend their ruthless destruction.

It is unquestionably true, however, that no one of these things is ours, in the deepest and highest sense, until we have made it ours. Unless the mental experiences and spiritual history of the world's masters are reproduced in our own mental and spiritual

history the possessions which they have bequeathed to us are not really our own. Unless we ourselves become Aristotles and Pericles and Turners and Jeffersons we are not profited to the highest reaches of possibility by what these immortals have turned over to us. Until we have tested our inherited science and made it pick our cotton and bleach our garments and run our trains and dispatch our messages the inheritance is not our very own. Until then we may hold the legal title to the paintings of the masters which hang on our walls, but we have no ethical rights in them—in a word, they are not our very own. In short, until we have utilized our vast intellectual, scientific, literary and philosophical inheritances and made them contribute to the enrichment and the development of our lives, they are "traditional" and have not yet become our own.

Is our God ours—the God of holy love presented to us by Moses and Isaiah and Paul—the God of fatherly love bequeathed to us by Jesus himself? Is the God of Wesley and Asbury and McKendree ours? Is father's God and mother's God really ours? Not until we have made him such—not until we have tested and proved him in our own experience. Not until as wayward prodigals we have turned our feet from the far country and toward the Father's house. Not until without one word of extenuation for our sins we unreservedly surrender ourselves, if need be, to take a servant's place in the household—not until then can we know for ourselves the forgiving love of God or that we are sons in the family of our Heavenly Father.

For "the Church's" God we are devoutly thankful. For the "traditional" God of holy men and women we give profound praise, but most grateful of all are we for the ability to say, "My Lord and my God."

TESTING OUR SINCERITY IN PRAYER.

The first recorded prayer in the Holy Scriptures is an intercessory prayer—the prayer of Abraham for righteous Lot in the city of Sodom. Abraham was not the first to pray, but a prayer from his lips was the first to be recorded and to be preserved for us in the sacred Scriptures.

The prayer of Abraham was certainly worth recording, for it contains for all time the loftiest qualities of intercessory prayer. It was daring in its boldness. "Abraham drew near" to God. This daring familiarity with God came after repeated seasons of fellowship with God, for not less than nine distinct manifestations of God to Abraham are recorded in the Scriptures.

The prayer was perfect in its humility. "Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes." There is no contradiction be-

THE UNION OF METHODISM

THE SARATOGA ACTION ON METHODIST UNION.

Bishop E. E. Hoss.

In the General Conference that met at Memphis in 1894 a motion was introduced by Dr. David W. Carter and Rev. J. F. Corbin, calling for the appointment of a committee to consider the subject of Methodist Federation. This motion was promptly passed, but by a curious oversight of parliamentary proprieties, neither one of the original movers was put on the committee! It so happened, however, that I was named, and it also fell to my lot to be one of a subcommittee and to draft the report which was accepted by the whole committee, and later adopted by the conference itself without the alteration of a word. In 1896 a certified copy of this report was sent to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which met that year in Cleveland, and was likewise approved by that body.

The Joint Commission on Federation followed. At the special insistence of Bishop Charles B. Galloway, and against my urgent written protest, I was made a member of that Commission, a position which I have held by successive reappointments for the past twenty-one years. Nearly all the good men with whom I began to serve are now in heaven. It is a matter of great comfort to me that nothing has ever happened to mar the perfect friendliness of my intercourse with them; and I joyously anticipate the pleasure of meeting them again in the better world.

When this Joint Commission, by its own act—the Northern brethren leading the way and asking the Southern to follow—resolved to consider the feasibility of union, I was absent in the Orient, but got back in time to be present at the first session held for that purpose, at Baltimore in 1911, and I have been present at every session held since that time. It is not presumptuous in me, therefore, to say that I am thoroughly familiar with the whole course of the negotiations that have been had on federation and union. To claim anything less would be to acknowledge myself guilty of gross stupidity, and I am not yet ready to go so far as that. While I do not think it would be quite seemly in me to enter into a full discussion of the subject at the present time, nor at all, till I have conferred with all my colleagues; yet in view of the unreserved utterances of our Senior Bishop, from some of which I most respectfully but earnestly dissent, there are a few things that I crave the privilege of saying through your columns.

1. First, then, there is no reason at all for our getting into too great a hurry to act. Our Northern brethren have certainly been very deliberate. When the "suggestions" of the Joint Commission were sent up to their General Conference of 1912, it did not dignify them with the slightest consideration, but waited four full years before taking any steps. Nor do I believe that it would have done so then but for the fact that our General Conference of 1914 showed it the way. In view of this long delay nobody can justly complain of us if we shall now take due time to weigh the brand-new "recommendations" which have been presented for our endorsement. If any one really supposed that this could be done "before the June roses were in bloom" he must be a born optimist. Nor do I think it at all likely that the Northern General Conference, which, on the suggestion of Bishop Hendrix, adjourned to meet on the call of the Bishops, to ratify the finished work of the new Joint Commission, will find any occasion for coming together as early as 1918.

The two Churches stand to each other exactly as they did five years ago. One or the other of them, before any union can be effected, will have to recede from its present position on some matters of supreme importance, and that is a thing which men of real principle always find it difficult to do. For example, the Joint Commission, whose work has been heartily accepted by our General Conference, said: "We suggest that neither the General Conference nor any of the Quadrennial Conferences be invested with final authority to determine the constitutionality of its own actions." Over against this suggestion, which surely deals with things fundamental,

our Northern brethren set the following "recommendation": "We recommend that the General Conference be made the supreme legislative, executive and judicial body of the Church, under constitutional provisions and restrictions."

Could two propositions be more contradictory in character? It is not possible to reconcile them. One or the other of them must give way. As I see it, a General Conference with "supreme legislative, executive and judicial" functions is a despotism pure and simple, just as much so as our Federal Congress would be if it possessed the functions of the Supreme Court and the President in addition to its legislative authority. What is the use of talking about "constitutional restrictions and limitations" to a body that is the final judge of the constitutionality of its own actions? For all practical purposes, it can make anything constitutional by simply declaring it so. I mean no disrespect to my brethren who are asking us to adopt such a measure when I say that they might just as well ask us to adopt outright the "Croton" speech of Bishop Hamline in the General Conference of 1844, and turn it into organic law.

If any of our brethren is in danger of being caught in this trap, let him go back and reread the great state paper, ad rem, presented by Dr. Leroy M. Lee to our General Conference of 1870, and then follow that up by studying the cogent remarks of Stephen M. Merrill, a born constitutionalist, on the same subject. No, a General Conference, sitting today to enact laws, and tomorrow to pass upon their constitutionality is an anomaly not to be thought of.

2. I do not think that any considerable number of influential Southern Methodists will be willing to admit that for the past forty years we have been "wandering in the wilderness" or "playing the fool." If any man chooses to make such a confession on his own account, I shall not seriously object, but I shall not give him a commission to make it for me, and I shall earnestly protest against his making it for the great and wise men who have been our leaders and guides since the Civil War. Our policies for the past forty years have been substantially the policies of Enoch M. Marvin, Holland N. McTyeire, George F. Pierce, John C. Keener, and Alpheus W. Wilson. The wisdom of them has been demonstrated on a magnificent scale. They have secured our solidarity, saved us from breaking up into miserable fragments and enabled us in all our dealings with other bodies to bring our full force to bear wherever it was needed. More than that, they have brought us a vast increase in numbers, in wealth and in influence, for which we ought to be infinitely grateful to God. No Church in the whole world has had a more glorious history. God has been with us of a truth. We may play the fool in the future. I sometimes gravely fear it, but in the past we have been wise men, as our fathers were before us.

The thing to do now is to meet our Northern brethren with their fresh proposals in a Christian spirit. If they should stoutly insist upon impossible conditions of union, let us tell them so, frankly and kindly. In the past we have never lost anything by taking care of our self-respect, and we shall not do so now. While these grave issues are pending, I beg all our people to give themselves heartily to prayer for divine guidance. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. He has been a pillar of cloud and of fire to us for many long, tumultuous years, and he will our desert us now unless we should turn fool, play false to him and to the men whose sons we are.

SARATOGA AND METHODIST UNION.

Rev. John M. Moore.

One of the most thrilling and inspiring scenes which I ever witnessed was that of the General Conference at Saratoga when it adopted the report of the Committee of Sixty on Unification. No one could for a moment doubt the sincerity of that great body of more than eight hundred picked Methodist leaders as they stood and unanimously shouted their endorsement of resolutions that mean the un-

ification of American Methodism through reorganization. There was not a selfish note in the whole procedure. They want union and such a union that will be as fair, just, honorable and satisfactory to us as to themselves. They endeavored to duplicate the action taken by our General Conference at Oklahoma City, May 21, 1914. They used even the identical words of our report, and made recommendations after the example set by ourselves and created a Commission on Unification which found its suggestion in our action which provided for the appointment of such a commission by our representatives in the Federal Council of Methodism. Never did a body of Christian men more completely follow a line of action which they considered would harmonize with the action already taken by their brethren.

They did not endorse the "suggestions" offered by the Joint Commission as a final plan. Neither did we. We said that we considered it "tentative but nevertheless containing the basic principles of a genuine unification" and they said the same. We recommended that the Negro membership of the Churches be formed into an independent organization holding fraternal relations with the reorganized and united Church. The Commission had recommended that the Negro membership be formed into a jurisdictional conference. They endorsed the Commission's suggestion. The Commission recommended three or four regional conferences. They recommended more in order to provide more adequately for the work abroad as well as that at home. The Commission recommended a General Conference of two houses. They recommended that there be but a single house. The Commission recommended "that neither the General Conference nor the Jurisdictional Conferences be invested with final authority to interpret the constitutionality of its own actions." They recommended "that the General Conference be made the supreme legislative, executive and judicial body of the Church under constitutional provisions and restrictions." These do not necessarily conflict. Evidently the chief thought with the Northern brethren was that the reorganized Church should have a genuine unity in and through the General Conference and that the regional conference should not be given such legislative, judicial and executive functions as to make them so autonomous as to threaten, if not destroy, the real unity of the reorganized Church. But none of these recommendations nullify or weaken the endorsement of the Commission's suggestions which contain "a tentative plan with the basic principles of a genuine unification."

For these two great Methodisms to come to such a state of negotiations as this is indeed a marvelous achievement. No man would hardly dare prophesy that all this will come to naught. Methodist union has not yet arrived but it is on the way. It will not be hurried and neither will it be deterred. It could not be expected that the sentiment for union would be unanimous on either side. Personal prejudices, natural opposition to any change, and a tenacious hold on the past affect many good people. Some persons also actually believe that the differences in polity and in the principles of Church government are so great as to be impossible of adjustment. Time must do its perfect work.

The action of the two General Conferences is just what, under the circumstances, one had a right to expect. They realized that they were face to face with the greatest question of adjustment that has ever arisen in American Methodism, or in American Church history, or even in Protestant Christianity. They were forced as thoughtful men to see in it an opportunity for far reaching constructive work. They well knew that no principles of faith were involved and very few of polity. Even the political issues that influenced the separation have been settled. The vital question before these Christian leaders was, shall these Methodist bodies in the United States, holding the same doctrines, observing practically the same rites and ceremonies, using the same orders, with regulations of polity only slightly divergent, and that not in vital matters, continue their disquieting rivalries and antagonistic divisions, causing among the people unnecessary dissensions and bitter

heartaches; or shall they seriously, conscientiously and religiously set themselves squarely to the task, however difficult or delicate, of calmly clearing away, under the guidance of love and candor, the obstacles that have caused misunderstandings, prejudices and dissensions, and of making such a readjustment of existing systems of Church polity as will invite and forever assure the union of the great bodies of American Methodism? How could two representative bodies of honest religious leaders fail to give a straightforward, unequivocal and satisfactory answer to this question, in keeping with the spirit of the age and the interests of world-wide Christianity, and especially when the carefully wrought out "Suggestions" offered by a strong and wise Joint Commission contain a tentative plan with the fundamental and elemental principles of a just, genuine and practical unification? They did exactly what might be legitimately expected that sincere Christians and conscientious Methodists would do. They both faced the proposal made by the Joint Commission squarely and fairly without the semblance of any desire of evasion or any effort to nullify its main provisions. Each accepted and endorsed unequivocally the tentative plan and provided for the appointment of a Commission on Unification to elaborate and perfect this tentative plan in accordance with the basic principles enunciated in the "Suggestions" of the Joint Commission. What more could they do?

Why did both General Conferences speak of the Commission's suggestions as a "tentative plan?" Because that is what it is and what it was meant to be. The Commissioners were seeking a basis for negotiations and presented their suggestions to the General Conferences to find out whether or not they were on the line of a possible satisfactory unification. The General Conferences have answered emphatically, unmistakably and unanimously, "Yes, this is the proper line." More than this neither would have been warranted in doing. And that does not mean that the General Conferences committed themselves specifically to every element in the suggestions but that they did commit themselves to the "basic principles" therein contained. One of those basic principles, if not the primary, is the regional or jurisdictional feature. Bishop Cranston in presenting the report of the Joint Commission on the fourth day of the session declared that while the plan is tentative, the basic principles of separate jurisdictions are essential to its acceptance. Dr. James R. Joy, editor of the New York Christian Advocate in speaking of the plan said "it provides for union by reorganization."

The fine spirit of it all is what gives hope of ultimate unification. No ultimatums have been issued. The Churches have sent their commissions to treat with each other in brotherly love, each to have chief regard for the interests of the reorganized Church. The work to be done is voluminous, intricate and hard. The regional conference is a new thing; the theory of the General Conference has been different in the two Churches; the Bishops are under different regulations. Rights, powers, prerogatives and responsibilities of all must be defined. Here will arise most difficult questions, but surely they are not impossible of solution. The Negro membership will necessarily raise most delicate issues. But if God guides why may we not hope for a satisfactory outcome? There are other very great matters connected with the polity of the Church and the constitutions of its Boards and agencies, but patience, diligence and persistence on the part of strong leaders do not fail when the will is there. The Churches need to have faith that this matter can be worked out. But it cannot be done in a day.

Some questions will be asked. "Does this mean organic union?" Could we have inorganic union? That is a matter of definition and interpretation of terms. Does it mean absorption of our Southern Church by the Northern Church? Why should our General Conference adopt it unanimously if it meant that? Does it mean we are to have three or four General Conferences such as Dr. Nathan Scarritt and Dr. McAnally proposed many years ago? Evidently not, or the Northern Church would not have endorsed it. We are to have a

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reorganized Church with one General Conference, having full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional, and several regional conferences that will be large administrative units and yet having full legislative power over distinctively local affairs. There will be no chance of absorption nor of the control of one section by another. But of the plan I cannot write in this article. However, I would recommend the injunction found on a streamer which Evangelist Abe Mulkey stretched across the Church or tent at his meetings twenty-five years ago, "Hold your verdict till the evidence is all in." I believe thoroughly in the feasibility and desirability of the unification of American Methodism by reorganization and in the tentative plan which has been endorsed by the two Churches. I am pleased with the present state of negotiations and an hopeful of the ultimate consummation of a unification entirely satisfactory to all the constituent bodies.

Nashville, Tenn.

UNION OF METHODISM.

Rev. J. E. Harrison, D.D.

I am for any kind of Methodist co-operation or organic union that Christ's Kingdom demands. But it is not for us to conclude that a new plan of organic union is now before us.

To the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, to which fraternal delegates from the M. E. Church first came, union of the two Methodisms was advocated, and to every succeeding General Conference of our Church their fraternal delegates have consistently called for organic union and have never changed in their plan for such union. It is a very simple plan, namely, let the M. E. Church, South, unite with the M. E. Church.

At Oklahoma City in 1914, Dr. (now Bishop) Hughes, their fraternal delegate, frankly intimated to our conference that his Church would not vary from her original plan for union.

The General Conference of the M. E. Church, lately adjourned, adhered strictly to her original proposition for union.

Under the plan of the Joint Commission on Federation (1912) there are both fairness and feasibility as well as newness.

The General Conference of the M. E. Church last month accepted the plan with modifications. These modifications eliminate the newness of the plan and put it back on the plan submitted by General Fisk and Dr. Fowler in the seventies of the last century.

The union of the two Methodisms may be under God's direction, but, as I see it, there is but one thing for the M. E. Church, South, to consider, and that is to answer categorically this question: Shall we go back to the M. E. Church?

It may come under some other guise, but when it does come we will say, after it comes, "Well, we went back to the M. E. Church."

San Antonio, Texas.

A FEW WORDS AS TO CHURCH UNION.

H. G. H.

Last week I sent to the Advocate a little piece suggesting to the young men of our Church to read up in its history since 1844, and a few years prior to that period—not for controversy, but information.

Mr. Editor, your editorial in issue of June 1 on "The Underlying Motives for Union" was about the best you have ever written for the Advocate. I commend it to the attention of our young men.

It is along the same lines of that grand fraternal address by E. B. Chappell. Of course, Chappell's address must take a wider scope, and in all the future of America one could see the future of the Church.

And then to add to the fullness and richness of last week's Advocate came Dr. C. M. Bishop's magnificent address, "The Comparative Values of Federation and Organic Union."

I agree with his suggestion in the fifth column that in taking preliminary steps and final action on organic union the old issue had best not be discussed—that is, unless we are called on to make reply to some misstatement.

In the same issue of the Advocate come two other articles upon which I beg to say a few words. Hill's "take off" of Bishop Hendrix (you

know what "Gulliver" means) was a little out of order considering the superlative dignity of the subject. If ever J. W. Hill gets a vote in General Conference for the Episcopacy, and by any misfortune I should be present, I shall rise up and move the vote be not counted.

But the last article in the Advocate of June 1 surprised me. It was an assumed "Interview With Bishop Hendrix at Saratoga Springs." That "interview" may or may not have taken place. From beginning to end it reads like a "doctored" or assumed interview written up by a secular newspaper correspondent. Some things in it I imagine Bishop Hendrix would not have said. The interview sets out with the seeming statement that Bishop Hendrix is the Senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. That sounds like an ignorant secular newspaper correspondent. But this correspondent puts into the lips of Bishop Hendrix the statement that the union of the two Churches has been delayed by sectional differences brought about by the war; that gradually the older men have died and younger men have grown up without these "prejudices." I don't see that Bishop Hendrix could have used any such language. The word "prejudice" means "judgment beforehand," "judgment without knowledge." These grand old men of the past—history makers—coming to conclusions without knowledge, ignorant of the ground of their conclusions—no, sir, that is the language of a secular newspaper correspondent misconstruing the meaning of Bishop Hendrix; for Bishop Hendrix knows that is not true.

And, then, this unguarded news paper correspondent puts into the mouth of Bishop Hendrix this vulgar language: "We both have played the fool for forty years, like the Israelites in the wilderness." Now, as there is no parallel between the two cases, the newspaper correspondent should have had profounder respect for Bishop Hendrix than to make him say such things. Lovick Pierce, George Pierce, Bishop Andrew, Warren Candler, John B. McFerrin, E. E. Hoss, and the whole crowd, North and South, East and West, including Bishop Hendrix's great admirer, "Gulliver," all, at one fell swoop, playing the fool!

Mr. Editor, when you read that article you should have seen from the earmarks that it was written by some one who judged men "without knowledge."

THAT LOUISVILLE MEETING.

It was a big meeting to celebrate a big achievement, engineered by a big man, in the interest of a big cause. And you know I like big things—always did. When I was a boy in the Mississippi canebrakes I preferred to hunt bears instead of coons, and deer instead of possums. I was always hunting for the biggest ear of corn, the biggest watermelon, the biggest pumpkin, the biggest of whatever was to be had. One of my boyhood castles in the air was an estate of 3000 acres, rather small I admit, but showing the Anglo-Saxon instinct for land, and a pretty good patch for a wee bit of a boy. I love big men, big ideas, big enterprises, big business, and have been pestered all my life with the plague of littleness.

Now McMurry is a big man anyway you take him, though it was rather an exaggeration when the toastmaster at the banquet told that when Mac could find but one of his shoes and got after the porter about it, he found he had blacked his suitcase for the other! He also told that if Mac would quit his big Church Extension job there was a big business job ready for him in Louisville. No wonder business wants him. He knows how to bring things to pass. I honestly believe I can beat Mac preaching along some lines; but I would not try to bend his bow! It looked like the Board had met simply to ratify what the Secretary had decided ought to be done. He had every detail at his finger's end and all the plans outlined, and the complicated threads all in his hands. He is a genius on his job, and has built up the work committed to him to vast proportions and built it up on sound and established business principles.

I confess I did not know anything about the new Church Extension office building until I was honored by the invitation to be one of the speakers on the dedication program, and I

rather flattered myself with the idea that I keep up with the procession. I don't think many of the rank and file knew about it. Silently it rose in polished stone and beautiful architectural design, and came to its completion without blare of trumpet or boom of gun. And it is a building that worthily represents, while it adequately serves, the great society that erected it to house its work. Beautifully finished and furnished with modern facilities for keeping records, and making the architectural plans for the churches and parsonages it helps to build, the important papers, trust deeds, contracts, etc., all the documents of the immense interests it handles, are safely stored and protected. If Dr. McMurry had done nothing else but secure the erection of this important building it would have signalized his administration; but this is a sort of by-product of his varied and indefatigable activities.

In his dedication exercises he pulled off a big event. Louisville knew the affair was on. Dr. McMurry had his guests entertained at the finest hotel in the city. The Chamber of Commerce gave the Board a banquet at which there were 800 guests, and speakers representing many of the denominations of the city. It was a good old time, and when the little sentimental airs provided by the program as a sort of musical delicacy had been served, and Sam Hay, forgetful of the ps and qs of such an occasion, broke loose with "Tis the old-time religion, it's good enough for me," the rafters trembled with the rapturous song. Good for Sam! They won't sing "The Butterfly in the Sunshine" at the marriage supper of the Lamb, the great banquet that is to celebrate the final triumph of our cause, but there will be enough Sams there to raise a shout for "The Old-Time Religion."

The Church Extension Society is a great success. Organized in 1882, it has helped to build about 9000 churches, over fifty per cent of all the churches we have, and a large number of parsonages. The past year has been one of the most prosperous in its history. No money given to the Church is more safely invested, nor produces larger results than the money given to this society. Dr. McMurry believes in literature as a means of making his work go, and has called into existence a large and excellent assortment of tracts and booklets, setting forth the merits of the work he has in hand, and a pastor can hardly do a better thing for his people than to supply them with these cases of moral dynamite.

I was able to make connection with my part of the program, though it was a limping, if not a lame, performance. Retiring sciatica still held me in its grip. I can't call my limp "Byronic," for he had a good deal of "cussing" mixed up with his, and I have gone this far on the journey without indulging in that "profane luxury;" and I can't call my limp "Jacobic," for Jacob got his praying. Whatever type mine is it seriously interferes with cavorting propensities. I had the same old difficulty in finding "terminal facilities" after an hour and ten minutes of introductory program, and the president called time on me. It seems to be the order of the day to bring the aeroplanes down, but I landed on my feet, and everybody could see that I was not out of soap anyhow. How is that for a mixed metaphor! Dr. McMurry says he is going to print the speech, so whoever reads it will get it all.

It was a great occasion and marks a forward epoch in this department of our work. S. A. STEEL. Columbia, S. C.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A recent survey of two hundred and five public schools, employing not less than five teachers each, in two Southern States showed that a hundred and eighty-two of them have religious exercises and twenty-three have none. That the sentiment of parents and teachers is overwhelmingly in favor of such exercises is evidenced by the following figures:

"Superintendents favorable, 180; unfavorable, 12; principals favorable, 180; unfavorable, 10; teachers favorable, 180; unfavorable, 8; parents favorable, 178; unfavorable, 12; pupils favorable, 178; unfavorable, 12."

The unanimity of sentiment for

most communities indicated by these figures shows that various groups must have exercised a decided influence upon one another. The probable explanation is that school boards represent the sentiment of the communities and select such faculties as the parents want.

As to the character of the exercises, the investigation disclosed that a hundred and sixty of the schools have Bible reading; a hundred and fifty have prayer; twenty-two prayer and benediction; a hundred and sixty talks by ministers, professional and business men and teachers; six have short stories (Bible stories?); nine have orchestra or other music, and eight use the time for debates, drills or readings.

Following are reasons assigned for holding such exercises: For religious training, 80; for moral training, 65; variety to the day's program, 2; unity of program, 3; to provide a place for general announcements, 3; for their general influence on the school, 3.

The opinions cited as to the desirability of such exercises were taken mostly from communities where they had been tried. Some conclusions logically derived from this and similar investigations are:

1. Religious exercises in public schools are valuable as a source of moral and religious training. The example of teachers in leading such exercises is wholesome, provided, of course, that said teachers lead sincere, Christian lives. It is an axiomatic truth in education that the example of the teacher is frequently more powerful as a factor in shaping character than the spoken word or the text book. Such exercises tend to fix the conviction in the minds of pupils that religion is an integral part of life and not a thing to be donned and laid aside like the Sunday clothes. Religious exercises, especially when they include singing and prayer, tend to educate the emotions in a way that is bound to contribute to sanity and symmetry of character. To quote Professor Athearn, "Religious exercises in public schools are a valuable and practical source of religious training. It is possible to organize and plan such exercises so that they will have a definite religious value and still be without offense to patrons of diversified religious convictions."

2. Religious exercises in public schools should not be made compulsory by law. Experiments in other countries justify this position. A competent authority recently stated that the trouble with Germany is not that it has had compulsory religious teaching in its schools, but that in many cases the Bible has meant nothing to the instructor and the performance has been purely perfunctory. It is hard to imagine any real benefit accruing from religious exercises that are conducted only because required by law. On the other hand, it is now clearly demonstrated that there is no sound reason why such exercises should be prohibited or interfered with by law. The right solution of the problem seems to lie in the patrons of public schools who desire their children to become accustomed to religion as a part of daily living seeing to it that public school teachers are secured who are glad of an opportunity to worship God with their pupils. E. HIGHTOWER.

PERMANENT INFLUENCE OF THE PULPIT.

There can be no question as to the great and growing power of the press in molding the thoughts and morals of the people. The pulpit, however, still has its place as an educational agency, and it is not lightly to be regarded. When the late Dr. Joseph Parker, himself a prince of preachers, to whom the pulpit was a throne, was asked, "Do you not think that the press will become supreme in the nation, and ultimately supersede the pulpit?" he replied: "Yes, when post cards supersede conversation." There is one thing that is lacking in the liveliest or most interesting newspapers, and that is the personal touch. There are noble men and true in the publication offices of the land, but they would be the last to underrate the usefulness of the pulpit as an instrument of national quickening and civic uplift. The written word may supplement, but can never be a substitute for the spoken message, any more than post cards can take the place of visits from dear friends.—Selected.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

ZYBACH.

Our meeting at Gem City accomplished much good. Rev. R. C. Armstrong, of Fort Worth, did the preaching in a plain, practical way, attended by the power of the Spirit, which brought sinners to repentance. There were eight additions to the Methodist Church or profession of faith and three gave their names for other Churches. Brother Armstrong's sermon on the Christian Sabbath should be preached in every pulpit in the State.—C. G. Shutt.

WESLEY CHURCH.

I write simply to say that we are in a great revival at Wesley Church, Greenville. Rev. Finis Crutchfield is doing the preaching and R. E. Huston is directing the singing. Both are doing the work finely. That passes without saying. You know their reputation along these lines. They are up to their very best. The people are responding finely. We had about sixteen conversions Sunday. Have had about thirty in all to date. Sixteen accessions. We are now entering the second week of the meeting. Will hold a great railroad men's meeting tonight.—T. H. Morris, June 6.

MANNSVILLE, OKLAHOMA.

Our District Conference has come and gone and our people are at high tide by reason of spiritual uplift. I believe the District Conference was equal to a revival to us. We had our Children's Day at Norris Schoolhouse last Sunday. Although it rained, we had dinner on the ground and a great day. Collection, \$3.02. We are to have our Children's Day here the fourth Sunday in June. My meetings are set for Kavia, July 6, Rev. W. H. Smith to do the preaching and Mrs. O. S. Snell as helper; at Norris Schoolhouse, July 20, Rev. and Mrs. O. S. Snell helpers. I am to give Brothers Smith and Snell a return meeting.—A. G. White, P. C.

VICTORIA.

The work of the Church still prospers in Victoria and we are hoping for a great closing for this conference year. One hundred and fifty members have been received during our twenty months in this city and we trust to have above two hundred at the end of the year. Just at this time we are making preliminary plans for a great co-operative revival to be conducted by Rev. H. H. Friar, Rev. John Adams, and their associates. Their tent has been extended so as to seat two thousand people, and we are hoping to have it full. Former pastors will not forget to pray for us. We open this campaign on June 18.—Wallace M. Crutchfield, P. C.

YOAKUM.

Some of the readers of the Advocate may be interested in seeing a few dots from Yoakum. We are having a prosperous year in the general work of the Church. Have had a good revival with fifty-one accessions to the Church. Seventy-eight for the year since conference. Our Sunday School is up to the Standard of Efficiency. The Woman's Missionary Society in the past few weeks has more than doubled its membership and a Young Woman's Auxiliary has been organized. Our finances are well up and greatly in advance of last year. Have secured sixty-two new subscribers to the Texas Christian Advocate. This is a delightful pastoral charge and the field is white unto the harvest.—J. T. Curry.

GORMAN.

On May 29 we closed a meeting here of about three weeks' duration, which was one of remarkable power, resulting in over forty conversions and reclamations and a great uplift to the Church. Rev. J. L. Bryant, of Marshall, Ark., did the preaching, and his wife led the singing. It gives me great pleasure to heartily commend this couple as very superior leaders in the harvest fields of the kingdom. The former is a strong preacher with an attractive personality, and presents the gospel in a winning way. Mrs. Bryant is extra fine in organizing and conducting a choir, making a specialty of using the children in this regard. The choir here during the meeting was constituted of 150 to 200 voices. It is believed that the work done will abide. The Church here is looking upward as perhaps it has not done for several years.—J. M. Armstrong.

PURDON REVIVAL.

Greatest revival in history of Purdon, so say the people, is now in progress. The sob of the penitents, and the shouts of the redeemed are freely heard, and forty-eight have accepted Christ up to date. Evangelist W. M. Bowden, of Waco, begun the fourth inst. He has been here only two Sundays, and the town is stirred as never before. He is the right man in the right place. His sermons are logical and forceful, being charged with gospel fires and truth driven home to the hearts of the people. His methods are unique, and his songs are full of messages of love. The tabernacle will not seat the people, and it was estimated that on last night there were two hundred who could not be seated. There were ninety-odd souls present this morning, Monday of second week. Meeting continues, and we are looking for greater things yet to come.—R. B. Young, P. C., June 12.

BARNESVILLE.

Children's Day has been observed at three of the four points on this charge, and in each case was a great success. We were unable to be present at Mountain Peak, but a large crowd, a fine program and a good collection are reported at that point. At Barnesville we had an all-day affair. The children's program was rendered in the forenoon to a great audience which showed true appreciation by a liberal offering, then there was dinner on the ground. This included a great variety of substantial and delicacies which the good women of this country know so well how to prepare. We had as our guests one of the adult classes of the Grandview Sunday School, together with the teacher, superintendent, pastor of the Church, Rev. G. J. Bryan, and Rev. D. L. Collier, agent for Superannuate Homes. These

visitors rendered an excellent program in the afternoon, discussing the organized class work, especially for the benefit of the Barnesville Sunday School. Conservative estimates place the entire crowd at between eight hundred and one thousand people. The Waits Chapel Children's Day program was rendered last Sunday night to a large audience. We heard many say that this was the most beautiful service of the kind they had ever seen. We are now busy preparing for our revival campaign and, trusting in the God of our fathers, we are going forward.—J. M. Bond.

CALDWELL STATION.

We closed a fine meeting here last night. The preaching was ably done by Rev. Walter G. Harbin. I have never had more satisfactory help in a meeting than Brother Harbin. He has a fine young man with him as singer and personal worker, in the person of T. Royal Smith, son of J. T. Smith. As a result of the meeting we have received thirty-one into the Methodist Church. Four gave their names for the Baptist Church. Every one converted joined the Church. Brother Harbin magnifies the Church, ties the membership onto the pastor, preaches a great gospel and manifests the finest spirit of almost any man I ever knew. He has a little time in August for meetings. Any pastor needing help cannot do better than to secure him. Our Church prospers in all its departments. A more delightful charge with a more loyal membership than Caldwell would be hard to find.—L. J. Power, P. C.

A GREAT REVIVAL IN ALLEN, OKLA.

On May 14 Brother Mike Cassidy preached the first of a series of six practical gospel sermons as I have ever listened to, and for two weeks kept up the firing. Part of the results are 35 conversions and reclamations; 19 have joined the Methodist Church, with 6 others yet that I know of; 3 to Baptist Church and 3 to Christian Church, with the membership of all the Churches stimulated and helped to a better life. The town was moved as never before for civic righteousness. A law and order league was organized and we intend to clear up the latter and make it a fit place to live in and raise boys and girls. At the prayer service Wednesday night 46 people gave their names to join the Epworth League. Some of the most substantial people of the town joined the Church. So we thank God and take courage and say God bless Brother Cassidy in the great work he is doing.—G. L. Crow.

MENARD.

We have just closed a very successful seventeen days' meeting at Menard. The services were conducted by the Bloodworth Evangelistic Family. Brother Bloodworth does not mince matters, or compromise with the enemy for one minute. He is earnest, thorough, forceful, logical and uncompromising, yet kind and considerate. Sister Bloodworth is the best organizer I have ever seen among the women. Kind, sympathetic and affectionate, yet firm. I would like to say much more, but space forbids. Results of the meeting: 71 conversions and reclamations, 58 have given their names for membership in the different Churches; to date 24 have united with the Methodist Church, 19 of whom were married men and women. Quite a number of others will come in yet. Seed has been sown that will bring forth fruit hereafter; Churches have been revived and sinners have been awakened. Truly it was a great meeting.—J. A. Boatman, P. C.

TUSKAHOMA CIRCUIT, OKLA.

We are moving along smoothly. Have met about all of my appointments. Have good congregations at all the appointments. We are endeavoring to build a Church at LeFlore. Have most of the money in the bank and the contract let for a building that will seat two hundred and sixty people. Our first meeting was held at Albion with Brother Morris, or Wister, to help me. While he did good preaching and was good help, it was a fruitless effort as far as visible results are concerned. Our next was at Tusahoma with Brother O. C. Fontaine of Durant to help me. He is as good help as I ever had. We labored together for two weeks. Had about forty conversions and the Church was greatly revived. This brought me up to District Conference, which was held at Antlers. I spent one week at home attending the conference. After this Brother Fontaine helped me at Meyer two weeks. We had several things to hinder us; the worst was the measles which kept many from attending Church, yet we had a good meeting. Had ten conversions, making in all fifty-five since conference. Besides my five regular appointments I have two side appointments that I reach when I can. There are so many places calling for preaching, but we can't reach them all, but with the help of the Lord we intend to do what we can the remaining time that may be allotted us. Brethren, pray for us.—W. P. Pipkin, P. C.

EL RENO, OKLAHOMA.

On April 16 the work began after two months of plans and organization and ran six weeks. So that really fourteen weeks of work has been largely given to the revival effort with all the Protestant Churches heartily united. The movement was and is of the Lord. Upward of five hundred professions of conversion and reclamation have been made. The Churches are in better condition spiritually than ever, probably, and all really sincere Christians seem more determined to magnify the work of His kingdom. Follow-up meetings are being held in several Churches this week and the good work is expected to go on and on. The team was composed of Rev. G. A. Klein, evangelist, of Nashville, Tennessee, and his superb supporters, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, of Atlanta, Georgia, who direct the vocal and instrumental music—both are experts in this field—together with the famous Wisdom Sisters, of Mason, Missouri, and Rev. Mr. Blew, of Chicago. All these added greatly by their efficiency to the success. A stronger evangelistic team could scarcely be gotten together. The Boys only will remain with Brother Klein hereafter, we learn. The meeting was a rising tide and closed on a climax. On the last day at the men's afternoon service, after a spirited presentation of the needs of El Reno, the men were given an opportunity to express themselves on this subject. Many spoke with enthusiasm denouncing the Sunday movies, pool rooms, gambling dens and bootlegging. Judge Phelps observed that if any ten men would back up their convictions they could close the

joint and run the bootleggers out of town. When he was Judge some one tried to run a Sunday theater and an injunction was served and it was closed, but that people had allowed this condition to creep in upon them until now the custom has fastened itself upon the town. Then an opportunity was extended to the men to sign a petition in support of the following resolution: "We, the undersigned citizens, believing that Sunday afternoon and evening picture shows are detrimental to the spiritual and moral well-being of our citizenship, respectfully petition the City Council of El Reno to pass an ordinance forbidding theaters and picture shows on the Sabbath Day." This petition was signed by about four hundred men and a committee unanimously elected to carry it to the Council. The evening service was sad and heart-searching. Many embraced the last opportunity to decide for Christ and a life of divine service. It is stating the fact mildly to say we were all sad the end had come. God speed the noble people who have been among us preaching, singing and praying for our uplift. They will be abundantly welcomed when they may come this way again.—W. L. Anderson, Pastor M. E. Church, South.

EAST BERNARD.

This is to report especially about a revival meeting held in our Church in the little town of East Bernard, during which Brother G. Z. Sadler, of Bellville, of the Texas Conference, assisted me. After running two weeks the meeting came to a close May 25 with a number of conversions of the old Methodist mourners' bench kind, and eleven additions to the Church, five being on profession of faith. One evening during the meeting a mother came forward with her six bright children and dedicated them to the Lord in holy baptism. That was a most impressive and beautiful rite. So far we have received fourteen into the Church since conference and baptized thirteen children and adults. Brother Sadler is equal to any man I have had in revival work. He is a man of prayer, deeply religious and easy to work with in a meeting, a man "in whose spirit there is no guile," as was said of Nathaniel. Judging from his preaching he is capable of serving a \$1500 station any day. I want to thank Brother S. W. Thomas, presiding elder of Brenham District, publicly for helping me out, and recommending such good help to me. We are serving a fine and religious people here and it is pleasant to work among them. Our Annual Conference will meet with us October 11. Brethren, come and be with us. You are welcome.—O. W. Benold, P. C., German Mission Conference.

GOOD NEWS FROM IRA.

Soon after our arrival last November we received a liberal pounding. The good people have built a nice three-room parsonage and have it nearly paid for. Last Saturday the ladies served refreshments and made more than enough to buy screens for the new parsonage. We have a nice horse and cow lot and barn—all built since Annual Conference. The good people have stocked us with chickens—not on quarterage either. We have three new Sunday Schools on the circuit. And our local preacher, Bro. Houghtling, and Bro. Crowder, our exhorter, are both doing good work. Bro. Houghtling is a good consecrated man, and a good able preacher. The preacher in charge wishes he could preach as well as his local preacher, but is frank to admit that he cannot do it. We came near forgetting to mention the fact that the new parsonage is furnished with new and handsome furniture; all paid for. The preacher in charge has a new tailor-made suit, presented by the good people of the Ira Church, to wear to summer school of theology at Georgetown. A new Panama hat presented by Crowder Church. Some other wearing apparel presented by the Shannon Church. The new suit came yesterday, and our Jersey cow brought us a heifer calf, so we are just stepping high, and hitting the ground in high places. We are not boasting, but producing facts. We have good people, a good presiding elder and a good house to live in.—C. C. Tyler, P. C.

MUSKOGEE CIRCUIT, OKLA.

The battle is fought and victory won at Oktaha; yes, at Oktaha, where men and demons have said that Methodism had no claim. We began the meeting May 14. Rev. W. L. Blackburn, of Checotah, came to us on Monday following, and preached an excellent sermon. To know Bro. Blackburn is to love him. Rev. W. M. Grose and Sister Grose were next to appear on the scene, and Bro. Grose having formerly served the Church at Oktaha he lost no time in getting his bearings, and locating the enemy, and like the prophets of old he taught the people that the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Sister Grose rendered excellent service, both in the choir and in conducting cottage prayer meetings for the ladies. Rev. E. H. Winger, of Warner, was the next to come to the help of the Lord, and with the pastor as his guide he set out to number the people. This move proved very helpful; it revealed the fact that they knew that we knew what they knew; it caused a wall to go up from the camp of the enemy, and I admit that the pastor felt a nervous chill pass over his mortal frame, but Bro. Winger said, "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Bro. Winger is a good and earnest preacher. We closed the meeting June 6. As a result there were seven conversions and five accessions to the Church, all of whom were young people, and more to follow. May the blessings of our Lord follow the ones who so faithfully labored with us.—H. T. Breece, P. C., June 7.

CARTHAGE.

We are here in what looks like a hard fight, but which we are expecting to end in a great victory for God and the Church. We are holding the meeting for our pastor, Brother Goodwin, who is a fine spirit. The other Churches are co-operating finely with us and splendid crowds, for Carthage, are attending all the services. Pastor says best week-day congregations he has seen here during revivals. Our last meeting was at Smithville, where there were 121 professions in the altar and ninety-odd made application for membership in the several Churches of the town; much the larger share coming to our Church, of course. The pastor writes that new applications are still coming as result of the meeting. The Lord was with us in power, giving us a gracious outpouring of His Spirit. We found the pastor, Brother White, to be in splendid favor with his people. They are, even at this early date, talking about his coming back another year and about doing

better things for him, but I should not be surprised to see him move up a pace, for he has done a great work there already. Things in the Church are all working smoothly. Mrs. Fisher is back with me in the work again after her absence on account of sickness. She is fully recovered and able to take care of the music and of the meetings and do special work with the young folks. This takes a great burden off my shoulders, as I have been handling the music, besides doing the preaching, since entering into the full evangelistic work. God is blessing our labors in the salvation of souls, for which we are truly grateful. Pray for us here at Carthage that we may have great revival. I never miss making a speech about the Advocate in my meetings.—Albert C. Fisher.

BISHOP.

Last Sunday night closed the greatest revival the little city of Bishop has ever had. On May 21, at the 11 o'clock hour we preached the first sermon in the meeting, and from the first service there was great interest manifested, and only one or two services passed without conversions. We built seats and put lights in the Cotton Warehouse and found it an ideal place for a meeting. On Monday of the first week there were 175 at the 10 o'clock service, which proved to be the smallest crowd during the whole two weeks, as there was an increase every day until we reached far above 300 every day the last week. And our evening crowds were equally as loyal, increasing from 500 to possibly 1000 each service. Our choirs were great. There were 125 in the junior choir and 100 in the senior choir, and some said it was hard to decide which could do the best singing. The two pianos and the other instruments were all great helps and greatly appreciated by the crowds. Rev. E. L. Bristow, the Baptist pastor here, lead the singing, and it was well done, while this scribe did all the preaching, and most all the other Churches co-operated with us and there were something over an hundred conversions and seventy-five or eighty united with the different Churches, thirty-four joining the Methodist Church. In many respects the meeting was great; there was not a dull service. People prayed, confessed, testified and praised God—even shouted—in the old-fashioned way, both in the ranks of the men and women. People, both young and old, did personal work that brought results. Many were converted at the altar, others in the audience during the sermon, others at home and on the way going and coming. We give God the praise and the glory.—S. C. Dunn, P. C., June 5.

GRANT, OKLAHOMA.

After a long delay we will report again. Our District Conference is now in the past and was one of the most spiritual sessions I ever attended. The preaching was just fine by Revs. C. L. Brooks, presiding elder Muskogee District; S. R. Babcock, pastor First Church, Shawnee; O. C. Fontaine, Conference Evangelist; D. H. Gregg, pastor Heavener, and W. R. Rosser, now District Missionary Evangelist. The program was splendid and well rendered, various speakers talking. Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. R. T. Blackburn, showed himself a master by the splendid manner by which he conducted the whole of the conference. The boys would tangle up sometimes, but the presiding elder made his way through it all to the right landing. The spirit was fine throughout the conference. The reports of the pastors showed that work had been done and progress made notwithstanding the scarcity of money throughout the country. My second Quarterly Conference is just over. Our beloved was there and held the conference and preached to the delight of all present and set the folks a talking about the great sermon, and it sure was good, and he carried off \$3.75 of the filthy lucre of the place. A young man said to me recently as I was walking to a place to preach that the preachers were just preaching for the money. I asked him how much he got a day for work. He said from \$1 to \$1.25 per day. I said, "Suppose you had to work for 43 cents a day and board yourself and a big family and furnish your means of going." He said, "Oh, I'd quit!" I said, "I have worked for that for the last five months and have not quit." The Devil is yet persuading folks that we are preaching just for the money, and yet the preachers get less average salary than any other set of men. Recently this writer walked to an appointment and returned thirty-eight miles, visited sixteen families, preached twice, lost some sole leather and sweat and got back home in good health, soul and body and just the same in my pocketbook that I left home with. Well, God be praised! Well, I'd better quit (lest the waste basket run over) and write again. You are giving us the best paper of ours or any other Church. May it yet reach all the homes in our Church.—J. M. Hively.

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE NOTES

Rev. E. R. Welch, Correspondent.

Vinita Avenue, Sulphur, has just closed one of the very greatest revivals in the history of the city. Rev. C. H. Armstrong did all the preaching and Mr. Ed Phillips led the singing. The local paper's report them to have been an unusually strong team, as the results reveal. There were sixty old-time conversions, twenty reclamations, more than fifty accessions to the Churches of the city. It was held in a large building, which was packed to its capacity at every service. The people of this Church are greatly in love with their able and consecrated pastor and are supporting him in all efforts for progress. Collections in fine shape.

Brother J. B. Parr, of Cloud Chief Circuit is in great favor with his people and bringing things to pass. At Cloud Chief they have paid off the debt on the church and it was dedicated Easter Sunday, Rev. E. M. Myers preaching the sermon. On the same day the church at Temple was dedicated, Rev. W. H. Roper, the presiding elder, preaching the sermon. Rev. B. T. McBride is the pastor at Temple and enjoys the fullest love and loyalty of his people. McBride has a way of succeeding wherever he is sent. He always stands high in any community in which he lives.

Speaking of dedications leads us to state that the Cordell Church will be dedicated before conference. Here one C. T. Davis, affectionately known by his friends as Charley, is monarch of all he surveys. This Zacchaeus is a bundle of bristling energy and Christ abides all the while at his house. There is no more thoroughly prepared man among us. His presiding elder characterized him recently as "a scholar and a gentleman." They are

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At Grandfield Rev. W. J. Richards, the young pastor, and his Church have recently...

On the 29th of May Brother Richards and Miss Elsie May Hunt were married at the residence of the parents of the bride...

Rev. L. D. Hawkins, of Hastings charge, reigns supreme in the hearts of his parishioners...

A personal letter from Rev. E. B. Bowen, of Odessa, Texas, brings the good information...

Rev. J. M. Kemp, our pastor at Ringling, has been granted an indefinite vacation...

Owing to ill health of the good wife, Rev. R. A. Crosby has been transferred to Marietta...

Rev. R. M. Templeton at Anadarko serves "our brother in red" and with the able assistance...

Rev. J. J. Methvin, of Anadarko, recently suffered the loss of his home by fire. This home represented the accumulation of a lifetime...

Another good letter from Dr. Rippey, the inimitable, the undownable dispenser of good cheer...

Rev. J. W. Cannon, the big gun of Randlett, is holding the fort and all the surrounding territory...

C. A. German, our pastor at Sentinel, recently preached the baccalaureate sermon for the school...

Sentinel." We are not surprised, for German has the reputation for such efforts frequently...

Last Sunday was Missionary Day at Epworth Sunday School, Oklahoma City, and the collection was \$54, attendance 102.

Rev. W. M. Wilson, presiding elder of the Oklahoma City District, recently attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees of S. M. U. at Dallas...

Rev. R. I. Graham, of Ardmore Mission charge, is abundant in labors. Soon after taking charge they lost by debt the parsonage...

A good brother writes that he would send me some items, but he is afraid that I, and others, would think he was "boasting."

The Klein-Boyd revival has closed at El Reno and was great from every standpoint. More than 500 conversions...

The Williams tabernacle meeting at Ardmore was a success, but in much less degree than anticipated...

EAST OKLAHOMA NOTES

Rev. Geo. M. Byers reports that he is pleasantly situated at Stilwell and that his work moves forward in a most satisfactory manner.

Rev. R. C. Taylor, of Vinita Station, delivered the baccalaureate sermon for the Grove High School on Sunday, May 14. On Sunday, May 28, there were eight additions to his Church...

At Stonewall Rev. M. B. McKinney has received twenty-eight members, the Church has been finished and the indebtedness provided for.

At the opening session of the Madill District Conference last week at Mannsville, Dr. Linebaugh made a strong address on the support of the ministry...

The following facts with reference to the number received into the Church during this conference year were gleaned from the reports of pastors at the Madill District Conference last week...

Rev. J. C. Fowler is closing a very pleasant quadrennium at Tishomingo Station. During this period he has raised the Church debt and in other ways strengthened our cause there.

This correspondence department of the baccalaureate sermon for the Murray State School of Agriculture at Tishomingo on Sunday, May 28...

The announcement is out for the Methodist Assembly at Guthrie, July 10-21. A fine array of talent has been secured both for the departments and for the Summer School of Theology.

Rev. M. L. Butler, D. D., our pastor at Norman, writes concerning the baccalaureate sermon for the State University there on June 4 by Rev. Chas. L. Brooks...

Rev. E. T. Campbell reports that he has been using the motion picture to good advantage in his Sunday evening service at First Church, Durant...

If any of our people are opposed to the union of the Methodisms, this writer has heard nothing of it. On the contrary, there seems to be general rejoicing over the prospects...

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JUNE 19-28, 1916

One of the most inspiring and interesting features planned for the session this year is the series of afternoon addresses on PASTORAL EVANGELISM.

SERIES OF ADDRESSES BY TEXAS PASTORS ON PASTORAL EVANGELISM.

- TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 4 P. M. "The Pastor as Evangelist," Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, First Church, Houston, Texas. WEDNESDAY, June 21, 4 P. M. "The Motive of the Evangelist," Rev. A. L. Andrews, Wichita Falls, Texas. THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 4 P. M. "The Method of the Evangelist," Rev. Clovis W. Chappell, Polytechnic, Ft. Worth, Tex. FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 4 P. M. "The Message of the Evangelist," Dr. O. E. Goddard, Central Church, Galveston, Texas. SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 4 P. M. "Personal Evangelism," Rev. Glenn Flinn, First Church, Beaumont, Texas. MONDAY, JUNE 26, 4 P. M. "Ways to Win Men," Rev. C. W. Webdell, Travis Park, San Antonio, Texas. TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 4 P. M. "Evangelism and Social Reform," Rev. R. P. Shuler, University Church, Austin, Texas.

DEVOTIONAL HALF HOUR First Week—Rev. J. Walter Mills, St. Paul's Church, Houston, Texas. Second Week—Rev. W. J. Johnson, Grace Church, Dallas, Texas.

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Hans Richard will continue as Director of the Conservatory and head of the Piano Department. He will be ably assisted in piano by Frank Renard, Pettis Pipes, Ralph Leopold, Wilson Fraser, Mrs. Eikel, Miss Fulton, Cara Phillips and Gertrude Porter.

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SAN MARCOS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The San Marcos District Conference met at Lockhart, Texas, March 21, 1916, Rev. Thos. Gregory, presiding elder, in the chair.

Rev. J. F. Pennybacker was elected Secretary.

The weather was fine; the preachers and delegates were in a good humor; also the local people gladly received us, all of which made the conference a joyous occasion.

Judging from the reports of the preachers in regard to their various works, also of the words of optimism spoken by our presiding elder, the San Marcos District will be able to make a splendid report when the Annual Conference meets in October. Several good revivals had been held before the District Conference met and a goodly number had been added to the Church membership. Revs. D. E. Hawk, of San Marcos, and Robt. Paine, of Luling, had received the largest number in their respective pastorates until this time.

This district has several charges where the outlook for growth is not encouraging. There are several circuits that once had large memberships and prosperous Churches, but for the past few years a large number of the older people have died and their children have sold the farms and moved away. Those who bought these farms were in many cases "big landlords," living in cities, and they would put negro or Mexican tenants on these places; also in a number of instances those who bought are Bohemian Catholics, or German Lutherans, or Catholics. There is one Church (Oak Forest) on this work, which I serve, that barely has enough to keep an appointment at this place. This Church was once a large and growing Church with over 100 in attendance at Sunday School.

There are a number of Sunday Schools in the district doing active and splendid work. Rev. A. E. Rector, Sunday School Field Secretary of the Conference, was present and spoke in regard to his work.

The Woman's Missionary Society is doing active work in a number of the charges. Mrs. Yeb Harle, of San Marcos, was present and spoke in regard to this work.

Several of the charges have active Epworth Leagues.

Rev. J. E. Harrison, of San Antonio Female College, was present and made a good report for this splendid school.

Revs. V. A. Godbey and J. W. Shoemaker, of Coronal Institute, were present and spoke in regard to the work of this school, and especially of the future plans of this worthy institution of Christian education. Bro. Godbey assured the brethren that in taking the presidency of this school he would be faithful in reaping of the good seed which has been sown by his worthy predecessors, and that the influence of the school would be kept entirely Christian and that religious education and training would be taught to those who come there to school.

A resolution was passed by the conference pledging itself to support and aid in the campaign being conducted by the management for \$30,000 which is so much needed. A resolution was passed memorializing the Annual Conference to request the Joint Board of Finance to make quarterly payments to the claimants of this Board.

A resolution was passed asking that at the next conference the afternoon hours of the conference be given to anniversary occasions, and at night there be evangelical preaching.

Most of the report of the different committees were adopted as read. Chas. A. Hogan, of Belmont, was granted license as a local preacher.

Rev. Gilbert McLean was recommended for admission on trial into the Annual Conference. He was also recommended for local deacons' orders and local elders' orders.

I have forgotten all the names of the lay delegates and alternates to the Annual Conference, so I will not give any of them.

Resolutions were passed expressing appreciation of the work and character of our presiding elder, who is rounding out a splendid quadrennium of work on this district. His brethren have confidence in him as a man who is religious, efficient, free of personal ambition and self-seeking motives.

The preaching was well done by Bros. R. P. Shuler, D. E. Hawk, J. T. King and J. F. Pennybacker.

Resolutions were passed expressing appreciation to the local pastor, Bro. A. L. Scarborough, and his good peo-

ple for their high order of entertainment and hospitality.

The next conference will go to Seguin.

On March 23 the conference adjourned sine die. R. E. PARKER, Belmont, Texas.

AMARILLO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The sixth session of the Amarillo District Conference, Northwest Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South, was held at Canyon City Texas, May 17-19, Rev. Ernest E. Robinson, presiding elder, presiding, with Rev. John E. Eldridge, of Stratford, Texas, as Secretary.

The conference was preceded by a Ministerial Institute, in which some of the great theological books of the day were discussed by the several preachers to which they were assigned by the elder.

Visitors who were present were profuse in their compliments of the masterful way in which they were handled, one of them stating to the Secretary that, even though Dr. Robinson was a "prophet" in the pulpit, he thought his greatest talent was in drawing out the finer talents of his young men. His great influence spiritually and intellectually is conducive to us all to become greater spiritually and intellectually.

One of the marked items of interest in the District Conference was that every pastor was present at the first roll call. A goodly number of the delegates and ex-officio members were in attendance. We rejoiced in the fact also that our friends outside of our own district saw fit to visit us. Rev. J. W. Story and A. L. Moore, of Plainview; A. W. Hall and A. J. Weeks, of Clarendon; Dr. C. S. Wright, of S. M. U., and Rev. George Shearer, of Tulla, were among some of our clerical visitors.

The reports from over the district were indeed encouraging. Salaries are only slightly in arrears to date, \$646 out of \$8046 being the amount unpaid to date. Conference claims are nearly all paid or subscribed; \$2300 has been spent on parsonages and nearly \$2000 on churches this year to date. The district has at this early date, with most of the charges as yet to hold their revivals, over 286 conversions.

B. L. Nance, our Sunday School man, has been making good. The Sunday School work has taken new life under his guidance and 800 new scholars were reported, and he has not as yet covered half the territory. We wish to state that Dr. Robinson put this capable man in the field for a week each month, taking upon himself the obligation of the expense incurred, having failed to receive an appropriation from the Board. The charges where Nance has gone are readily assuming their pro rata in this expense.

Our preachers on missions have been doing a great work. S. Walsh Franklin has built a new church building at Hansford, the only church building in Hansford County outside of the old box affair in which the people have worshiped for a number of years. Geo. Palmer is living in a new parsonage; Lynn has been doing excellent things at Texline; Beck at Glazier has been singing and shouting all over his vast territory. Watts took Ochiltree as a mission. He has made it a station, built a parsonage and has had a goodly number of conversions. Many others could be mentioned, but time and space will not permit; in fact, every charge has made an advance.

Dr. Robinson secured by invitation Dr. C. M. Bishop, of Georgetown, to speak to us. His excellent addresses and the great power he has upon God was felt in all of our hearts.

W. J. Flesher, of Canyon, was elected District Lay Leader.

The next conference will be held at Canadian, Texas.

Delegates to the Annual Conference are as follows:

M. B. HILL, Glazier.
W. J. FLESHER, Canyon.
W. C. DICKSON, Ochiltree.
T. F. TURNER, Amarillo.

Alternates:
Jeff D. Bartlett, Amarillo.
E. J. Pickens, Canadian.

Southwestern Scholarships were awarded to Miss Esther Rudolph, Stratford, and Mr. Sims Norman, of Ochiltree.

Ira Sanford, of Canyon, Texas, was licensed to preach.

A deep spirituality marked the

whole session. It was a round of great feasting. The people of Canyon, including their fine pastor, did all they could to make us feel the great welcome they had for us.

This was considered one of, if not the best, sessions that this district has ever enjoyed.

All business having been transacted, we all left for home Friday afternoon to do greater things in the name of the Lord in the future than in the past.

JOHN E. ELDRIDGE,
Secretary.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Concerning the thirty-ninth session of the Fort Worth District Conference we will not boast, though we might do so. Opening on the evening of May 23 with a sermon by Thomas S. Barcus and closing on the afternoon of the 25th, it was a really great District Conference.

The presence of Bishop E. D. Mouzon, Dr. H. M. DuBose, Dr. W. D. Bradfield, Rev. J. E. Crawford, Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, Rev. S. A. Barnes, and Rev. S. S. McKenney, as visitors, helped to make it so.

The conference was edified and thrilled by the address of Bishop E. D. Mouzon on "Asbury and American Methodism."

The addresses of Rev. J. P. Mussett and George Mulkey on "Pioneers and Pioneer Methodism in the Old Northwest Texas Conference" were enough in themselves to make it a really great conference.

The reports of the pastors revealed the fact that there had been 1132 conversions and reclamations and 167 additions to the Church since last Annual Conference.

Every pastor was present and answered to his name and many of the charges had a full delegation present.

The business of the conference was conducted through committees, and that every department of Church work was looked into is evidenced by the fact that there were twenty-three committees appointed by the presiding elder.

Scholarships in the Southwestern University were awarded to Miss Wesley Horn, of Fort Worth, and Willard Johnson, of Arlington.

Judge D. M. Alexander was chosen District Lay Leader.

Delegates to the Annual Conference:

GEORGE MULKEY.
JAMES DITTO.
W. ERSKINE WILLIAMS.
EARK KEARBY.

P. D. Hudson, G. Y. Yates, T. A. Lampkin, J. T. Watkins and W. C. McDaniel were granted license to preach.

James Throop Watkins was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The next session of the conference will be held in the little city of Grapevine.

The hospitality of Arlington was abundant. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Berry, and his fine membership, doing all things possible to make our stay pleasant.

THOMAS S. BARCUS, Sec.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The San Angelo District Conference convened in the Methodist Church at Miles on Thursday morning, May 25, 1916, with Rev. F. B. Buchanan, presiding elder in the chair. Rev. John C. Campbell, the Secretary of the District Conference for last year, called the roll, and he was unanimously elected Secretary of the conference. He is a ready speaker, a good reader, having a fine, clear voice, with carrying power, and does his work with a marked degree of accuracy and dispatch. He is a good Secretary. The roll call showed all the preachers present except two, and there was a splendid attendance of the laymen.

Conference was organized and proceeded to business according to the Discipline. The reports from the several pastoral charges showed the general state of the Church to be in better condition than at any former time in the history of the district.

Rev. V. A. Godbey, D.D., President of Coronal Institute, and Brother Shoemaker, the business manager of Coronal Institute, were introduced to the conference. Dr. Godbey delivered an address setting forth the plans proposed, policy and place of this important school in its relation to our educational system, that was really

great. It would do much good in our great State if it were published. Bro. Shoemaker made a brief statement concerning the business management of this school. President McDonald, of Cherokee Junior College, and also pastor of the Church at Cherokee, was introduced and made a fine speech concerning the work his school is doing and proposes to do. Rev. A. E. Rector, Conference Field Secretary of the Sunday School, was a pleasant visitor to the conference, and the importance of the man and his work was recognized by giving him right-of-way on Thursday evening, at which time he made a great address representing this important department of the Church.

Presiding Elder Buchanan also spoke in the interest of this worthy cause and secured a collection of \$160 for the Conference Sunday School Board. At another time he represented, in an able address, the theological scholarship of S. M. U. and secured \$126 for that cause.

Saturday was one of the great days of the conference. The Woman's Missionary Society rendered an all day's program, and every minute of the time was delightful and instructive. At night the laymen of the district conducted an inspirational service under the leadership of Hon. E. R. Bryan and Mr. T. S. Mackenzie, both of Midland. It was good to be there. Judge E. R. Bryan was elected district lay leader, and the following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

JUDGE E. R. BRYAN,
S. F. MOORE,
J. F. COWSERT,
G. S. GRAVES.

Alternates:

J. T. Mann,
D. C. Broyles.

The preaching of the conference was done by Morris, White, Dalton and Perry.

The following were licensed to preach: Elmer A. Staggs, William Neeley, M. E. DeShazo, Walter H. Rohlfing. Elmer A. Staggs was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

Brother W. C. Hardon, our pastor at Miles, and his people, certainly gave the conference a royal entertainment. They are a fine people, and he is a great pastor. The next session of the District Conference will be held in Midland. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted, concerning Rev. F. B. Buchanan:

Whereas, Our beloved brother, Rev. F. B. Buchanan, is finishing a quadrennium of faithful and efficient service as presiding elder of San Angelo District, and therefore by virtue of the law of the Church will be appointed to another field of labor at the close of this year; and

Whereas, During this quadrennium much development and progress have been made, such as the building of new parsonages and churches, paying parsonage and church debts; and

Whereas, There has been a substantial increase in the membership of the Church, in the conference assessments, and in the salaries of the pastors, and that he has proven himself a wise and capable leader, careful and painstaking in looking into all the interests of the Church; and

Whereas, He is a refined, cultured Christian gentleman, congenial and optimistic, and an earnest and forceful preacher of the gospel; therefore be it

Resolved, by this District Conference, That we do hereby express our hearty appreciation of Brother Buchanan as a Christian gentleman, a godly man whose life is consecrated to the service of God and humanity in preaching the unsearchable riches of the gospel of Christ, and whose life and ministry have been a blessing and an inspiration to the hundreds of homes throughout this district.

Resolved, second, That we heartily commend Brother Buchanan, and his estimable family to the people among whom their lot may be cast, and pray God's rich blessings upon them wherever they may be appointed to labor.

Done at Miles, Texas, this the 27th day of May, 1916. (Signed):

J. M. PERRY,
J. F. WEBB,
E. R. BRYAN,
S. F. MOORE,

and almost every other member of the conference.

It is by the special request of our Secretary that I have reported the doings of the District Conference.

J. M. PERRY.

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THE PROBLEM OF THE CHURCH PAPER.

The average reader does not readily understand the great cost in producing a Church paper, and how easy it is for the expense to go beyond the income when its readers fail to send in the amounts which are due. Concerning the deficit on the Church papers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. Charles Parkhurst, editor, says in Zion's Herald: "We are not surprised, although we are greatly pained, to hear that the official Advocates are reported at the General Conference to have suffered a loss of \$378,284.13 during the past quadrennium. The suicidal policy that brought about a reduction in the subscription price of these publications could end in no other way. The balance sheets were against such a course from the very first. The loss is enormous and may well cause the denomination to pause. As was pointed out by one of the delegates, the loss is five per cent on the investment of \$1,900,000."

THE BILLY SUNDAY MEETING IN KANSAS CITY.

Rev. W. T. McClure, D. D.

In January, 1915, a special committee was appointed by the Ministerial Alliance of Kansas City to go to Des Moines, Iowa, where Mr. Sunday was holding a meeting, to see if he could be induced to come to Kansas City this year.

The committee went to Des Moines, saw Mr. Sunday and talked the matter over, but no definite conclusion was reached. In October following a larger committee was sent to Omaha to try again to induce Mr. Sunday and his evangelistic party to come to Kansas City as soon as possible. This time they were successful and the time was fixed for April 30, a week after the close of the meeting to be held in Baltimore. As soon as it was definitely known that Mr. Sunday was coming to Kansas City his enemies began vigorously to oppose him. A scurrilous little sheet, entitled "The Liberty News," was distributed gratuitously throughout the city. This sheet was filled with abominable lies about Mr. Sunday, and many Church members were sorely prejudiced against him. But the paper, instead of permanently injuring Mr. Sunday's reputation, aroused great curiosity in quarters where Mr. Sunday's name had not been previously spoken and did good instead of harm.

Early in the month of January, 1916, the organization for the great campaign in Kansas City was begun. This is the most perfect organization for evangelizing a great city that has yet been developed. It provides for an executive committee, a prayer meeting committee, an usher committee, a choir committee, a personal workers' committee and so on, covering every possible contingency that may arise during the meeting.

All the participating Churches, 160 in number, set out under this organization to get 15,000 men in their Bible Classes in their Sunday Schools; 15,000 women, 15,000 young men and 15,000 young women in Bible Classes in the Sunday Schools, before the meeting began. The city was divided into eleven districts with eleven district secretaries in charge of them. Each district was divided into sections with a section leader appointed for each division, each section was divided into blocks, with three prayer meeting leaders appointed for each block. Prayer meetings were held in each block in the city every Tuesday and Friday evening from the 17th of March until the 28th of April.

Committees were appointed to visit all the large stores, all the factories, all the trades of every description so that a personal appeal could be made directly to everybody in the city. The executive committee pledged \$40,000 for the expenses of the meeting. The individual Churches gave their notes for this amount, the executive committee borrowed at the bank what money they needed on these pledges, and when the meeting began, public collections were taken in the tabernacle to meet these amounts. Our total expense budget was about \$30,000. We have passed the fourth week in the meeting and over \$32,000 have been collected, and so the collections stop. None of this money goes to Mr. Sunday. There is no contract with Mr. Sunday except to give him the freewill offering taken on the last day of the meeting.

The Sunday Party Arrives.

Mr. Sunday and his party came on Saturday morning, April 29. A large delegation of ministers and citizens met them at the Union Station, and a very enthusiastic reception was given them at the depot. The next day the meetings were to begin in the tabernacle. But when we awoke on Sunday morning it was raining, raining hard. It continued to rain hard all day long. The crowd, bedrabbled and many of them soaking wet, nearly filled the tabernacle. In the evening service, notwithstanding the heavy rain, there were 18,000 people in the tabernacle. Since then there has been at every evening service a grand rush to see who could get there in time to find a seat and who would have to stand or return home. The capacity of the tabernacle is about 17,000 seats and standing room in the corridors for five or six thousand. At every evening service the tabernacle has been full and frequently thousands have been turned away because there was no room for them in the tabernacle or in the corridors.

Mr. Sunday as a Preacher.

Mr. Sunday is a great preacher. No man could hold the crowds he holds night after night for seven weeks unless he was more than an ordinary preacher. He preaches the old-time doctrines. He believes implicitly in the Bible. He scores the higher critics, the skeptics, Mother Eddy, "old Russell" and all the faddists who take from the Word of God the power of a new life through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. He says he is the sworn enemy of the liquor traffic, and he never preaches a sermon without giving them a severe sword-thrust. He is a past master in the art of invective. He hurls all the adjectives in the English language that describe supreme wickedness to anybody, against the liquor traffic. It amazes the crowd to see how he can pile one adjective upon another, and each representing a little stronger sentiment than its predecessor against the accursed thing!

He preached his sermon on "Booze, or Get on the Water Wagon," to men only twice on last Sunday. Each time the crowd of men was estimated at 23,000. I have never seen such a demonstration of enthusiasm in any kind of a meeting. That vast crowd of men arose and shouted at the top of their lungs. They sprang up at the conclusion of one of his grand climaxes as if they had been sitting

on springs that suddenly threw them into the air. Tears were running down thousands of cheeks. Hearts deeply convicted were crying to God for mercy and many a man went home determined "to cut out all booze" for the remainder of his life. At the conclusion Mr. Sunday asked the men who would pledge themselves to vote against the whiskey traffic and against every candidate who would not stand squarely for laws that would put down the traffic in Missouri to stand, and every man in the vast throng sprang to his feet. Allowing for any exaggeration in the estimate of the crowd the Kansas City Star estimates the numbers standing at least at 40,000 in the two services. Some of the candidates for office seem to think that a preacher has no business to pledge men like this, but the truth will some day dawn on the politicians that a whiskey crowd has no business to run for office in Missouri.

The number who have gone forward and signed cards during the meeting are up to date more than ten thousand, and the meeting has two weeks and a half yet to run. We sincerely hope and pray that the number of conversions may reach more than twenty thousand before the meetings come to a close. At the close of the meeting I will send you another note giving the results in full.

A VISIT TO S. M. U.

I am ashamed to confess that I had been in Dallas two months and a half before visiting our great school. But the demands of a new pastoral charge have entirely engaged me. All this time, though, I have watched and wished for an opportunity to visit the University. So that last Tuesday afternoon, while the entire population of Dallas was on the street either parading or watching the parade in demonstration of our interest in Preparedness, in company with Rev. W. J. Johnson, I went out to see our school in operation. I have been out there frequently since the site was selected and have marked every detail of progress. I have been present at almost all the great gatherings that the school called for, such as great rallies, cornerstone layings, the opening, etc.

I am interested in this great school for the following reasons: In the crisis of the Church's educational life it founded this school to preserve and advance Methodism's intellectual character and to foster her evangelistic spirit and power in the West. I have the profoundest sympathy with the Church's intentions and hopes, which she so earnestly centers in this institution. I have invested a bit in this great work and hold over me a pledge of further investments. In the teaching force and management I have a number of dear friends who draw my interest to the institution. And the final explanation of my great interest in the school is that many of the young preachers in the student body are my best friends, some of whom came from my former pastorates. These young men will be the corps commanders of the next generation of Methodists and is not this alone reason enough for one's being greatly interested in this school?

I was present at the opening last September and often remarked that I had never witnessed such a splendid array of young students. This last visit deepened the impression. The school has passed the seven-hundred mark in the number of registered students. This is astonishing. There are many schools with many millions of dollars of equipment and endowment and with many years of experience that have few more than half this number. And no school has ever begun work with near so many.

That which most impresses me in regard to our University is quality. The location of the institution, architectural arrangement, material and style of buildings, teaching force and student body—quality is highly expressed in all these features. We are entitled to the best and we are getting it. When this institution has begun fully to pour its great power of sanctified leavening through the lives of its students into the channels of life in this great Southwest there will be registered a very perceptible rise in the quality and power of our civilization.

I had a grave fear at the opening lest our equipment for doing the character of work desired would be seen to be inadequate and result in a back-set to the interest and support by which we expected to realize our great aims. But my fears were not justified. I have not now a fear or disappointment regarding our University. It is entitled to the warmest commendation and support of all our people. Those who have hesitated or reasons or fears should no longer do so. It has passed the period of experiment and has already achieved high success and gives easy promise of the realization of great things in the future. J. A. OLD.

A GOOD LETTER.

Occasionally a letter reaches the business department which encourages us to take courage and go forward, for instance here is one of them:

We are all prone, more or less, to impose on an indulgent brother. So it has been in this case. I imposed on your goodness and sincerely ask your pardon and will try to not be so careless in future. I am 54 years old and have read the Advocate since I was a small child. Almost learned my alphabet in the Texas Christian Advocate. Never expect to be without it in my home. T. J. STOVALL. Rusk, Texas.

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Graduate Course.

Doctrine and Person of Christ—Teacher, Rev. L. B. Ellis.

John Huss—Teacher, Rev. Willmoore Kendall.

Divinity of Our Lord (Liddon)—Teacher, Rev. R. T. Blackburn.

Christianity and a Nation, by Speer—Teacher, Rev. Lawrence L. Cohen, Jr.

Undergraduate Course and Faculty.

Admission on Trial—Rev. D. A. Gregg, Chairman.

English Grammar—D. A. Gregg.

Rhetoric—H. A. Stroud.

Manual of Christian Doctrine—W. L. Blackburn.

Geography—G. W. Lewis.

Arithmetic and Wesley's Sermons—E. A. Townsend.

Outlines of World's History—J. T. McBride.

First Year—G. R. Wright, Chairman.

The Cyclopaedic Handbook of the Bible—G. R. Wright.

Personal Salvation—W. C. Hance.

Ministry to the Congregation—B. M. Nelson.

Wesley's Sermons—W. W. Armstrong.

Book of Discipline—H. B. Wilson.

The Apostolic Age—H. P. Clark.

Second Year—W. L. Broome, Chairman.

The Cyclopaedic Handbook of the Bible—W. L. Broome.

System of Christian Doctrine—T. W. Armstrong.

Wesley's Sermons—J. T. Turner.

How to Conduct a Sunday School—C. L. Canter.

The Kingdom in the Cradle—A. C. Perkins.

The Training of the Twelve—W. B. Douglass.

Third Year—C. C. Barnhardt, Chairman.

The Cyclopaedic Handbook of the Bible—C. C. Barnhardt.

System of Christian Doctrine—R. C. Alexander.

History of Methodism—J. O. Peterson.

Elements of Psychology—J. E. McCouncil.

Skilled Labor for the Master—T. J. Taylor.

The Pastor and Modern Missions—A. M. Dupree.

Fourth Year—J. A. Parks, Chairman.

History of the Christian Church—J. A. Parks.

Constitutional History of American Methodism—W. A. Govette.

Jesus' Logic—T. A. Harkins.

Davis' Elements of Ethics—S. Y. Allgood.

Grounds of Theistic and Christian Relief—W. T. Ready.

Examination of Written Sermons—J. L. Henson.

I hope the chairman of each year will write each member of the faculty of his year and ascertain if they will all be present, and should any fail to attend let the chairman select some one to do his work.

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Dear Pastor—I want you to read my appeal for our Orphanage, located at Waco. We are not able to care for only about half the children that are crying at our doors, for lack of room, and the much-needed building so well begun stands incomplete, and no further work being done for lack of funds, still the helpless, homeless, friendless little ones are crying from all over the State. "Come over and let us in; O let us in!" At the same time the children at the Home pray daily, "O Lord, have the good people to send money to finish the new building so the little orphan children can have a home with us!"

It is still worse when we think that our pastors cannot or do not send in enough money to pay current expenses. I know so many calls come, but, brethren, do not let any sidetrack the children.

I am told that in some instances some small Churches will send in fifty or seventy dollars, while some big city Churches will send five or six dollars! We cannot afford to take "hat-collections" when such crying demands are upon us. Most of our conferences appointed Orphanage Day, which would be a great thing if that day were properly emphasized and the people given a chance and

if our pastors would not use it to block the way of our Financial Agents. Let us all open our doors wide for the benefit of these wards of ours by taking as large collections as possible and by giving our Financial Agents right-of-way. Let the pastors of city Churches as well as country Churches invite these men of God who have been appointed by our Bishop, after the conference recommended it, to this noble work for our Master. Rev. W. T. Gray, who was in the field last year and did such a fine work had many fine Churches in the very beginning of this year; he also made an appeal to the Sunday Schools of the State to forward all their money to him that they might have some part in finishing the new building. Many responses have rewarded that appeal and much good has come from it, but many have overlooked this opportunity. No doubt Brother Gray has been able to do a very fine work this year and he may have every Sunday full, but if not give him a chance when he calls. Rev. Joseph Lee, 3310 Cole Avenue, Dallas, Texas, was recommended to this place by the Central Texas Conference and received his appointment at the hands of Bishop McCoy. He has been very busy, but as was a new man in the field he had to begin without a single pastorate promised to him. His Sundays have been taken up but in many instances by smaller congregations. He has planned some very fine things for our Orphanage and is capable of doing large things with large opportunities given. He will delight your people in country, town and city. The pastor will be highly pleased with his manner of labor and want him to come again. Please let your Church doors fly open to these men that are pleading for the helpless. Do not limit them to hat collections.

It may be of interest to you to know that the last report from the conferences is as follows: German Mission, \$253,077; Northwest Texas, \$847,411; North Texas, \$1,481,797; Texas, \$1,882,241; Central Texas, \$2,111,697; West Texas, \$297,811.

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TESTING OUR SINCERITY IN PRAYER.

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tween daring and humility. They may exist together. Because of God's repeated condescensions in coming to Abraham, Abraham dared to go to God, and in the presence of God he recognized his utter nothingness. And it is ever thus. The prayer was pressing in its urgency. Not once only nor twice, but there are six successive petitions for doomed Sodom. "Peradventure there be fifty righteous in the city!" "Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty!" "Peradventure there shall thirty be found there!" Then twenty, then ten! With each concession on the part of God, Abraham presses for another.

The prayer, lastly, was resorted to when every other possible thing had been done. Abraham did not think enough of Lot's former capture to put in a petition in his evening prayer for his deliverance. But he went and did the needful thing—he delivered Lot by his own power because such deliverance was within his power. Abraham now resorts to prayer for Lot in Sodom only because he did not have the power to stay the fire of God.

How much are we willing to do in behalf of the objects for which we pray? How often do we go to God in prayer with the reproach in our souls that had we done our part there would not be so much need of prayer? We pray, for example, that God will send the gospel to the heathen. And surely it is right so to pray. Indeed we are commanded thus to pray. But the sincerity of our prayer may be tested—how? By what we are willing to give or to do that the gospel may be sent to the heathen. Can we possibly believe in the sincerity of any man who prays for the heathen and who is unwilling to do anything for the heathen? Abraham prays for Lot in the doomed city with the daring and urgency with which he had formerly fought for him.

We pray for "the heathen masses," but the test of our sincerity in such a prayer is what we are willing to do for the heathen masses. We pray for "the unchurched multitudes," but the test of our sincerity is what we are willing to do for the unchurched multitudes. We pray for "the submerged tenth," but the test of our sincerity in that prayer is what we are willing to do for the submerged tenth.

Rev. E. E. Grimes, of Mangum Circuit, West Oklahoma, gets subscribers to the Advocate because he makes it part of his Church work. He says: "I make it a point to get new subscribers or renewals at every appointment on my circuit every time I go out. Sometimes I fail, but more often I get them."

Rev. D. W. Gardner, of Shiro, writes: "I, for one, do not see how a man of family can do without the Advocate in his home. The truth is, if he only knew what he is doing, it is a great mistake he is making for the child is going to read something if he can get hold of it to read." First impressions are the most lasting.

The First Commencement of Southern Methodist University

A new day has dawned for Southern Methodism in the work of Christian education. Her two new universities, Emory and Southern Methodist, have closed a remarkable year in their history. More than 1200 students have been enrolled at these institutions during 1915-16. Within two years these universities announce assets in excess of five millions of dollars. Out of the most disastrous loss which ever came to a Southern Church the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has risen with a virility which has amazed the whole of the educational world. Only the folly and wickedness of dissension among our own people can defeat our program. United, and with

perative. The Board of Trustees, relying upon the loyalty of Southern Methodists, granted both requests. The citizens of Dallas have subscribed some seventy-five thousand dollars toward the erection of a \$200,000 Woman's Building and the board directed that the work of erection should begin when \$20,000 are in hand. This building will go forward toward completion precisely in proportion to the rapidity with which money is raised for this purpose. The Board will not authorize the incurring of larger indebtedness on the university. Therefore, it is imperative that our subscriptions shall be paid and new ones secured.

The greatest care has been exer-

continued under the original charter no other name among us would have been considered for the presidency of the Board. Dr. Bishop himself, in a speech as beautiful as his own life and as unselfish as his own heart, nominated Bishop E. D. Mouzon for president of the reorganized Board. Bishop Mouzon's election was hearty and unanimous. Horace Bishop was nominated for the vice-presidency of the Board and his election was as hearty and as unanimous. The Board thanked both Bishop Mouzon and Dr. Bishop for their services in the past, the one as acting Dean of the School of Theology and the other as President of the Board of Trustees. Bishop E. D. Mouzon, Judge J. E. Cockrell,



DALLAS HALL.

God's smiles, it will fall to our Church to make a new record in educational achievements.

The first year of Southern Methodist University breaks all records in the college world. The University of Texas enrolled 221 students during the first year after its doors were opened; the University of Chicago 698; the Southern Methodist University 706.

Of these seven hundred and six students four hundred and fifty-three were in the College of Liberal Arts; ninety were enrolled as candidates or students in the School of Theology; and the rest were enrolled in the departments of fine arts and household arts and sciences.

It may be doubted whether any other college president ever faced the situation which confronted President Hyer in September of 1915. He and his faculty estimated that probably three hundred students would enroll during the year and behold this number enrolled the first day! The faculty had just assembled and, of necessity, was more or less unorganized. Students, students, students—they were everywhere, standing in the corridors, packed at the registrar's desk, overflowing the dormitories. But in a surprisingly short period order came out of chaos and for nine months the choicest young men and women of the South have been moving with almost the precision which is found in the older institutions. We lift our hat to President Hyer and declare that a greater organizing genius has not appeared in the whole Southland.

The chief embarrassment of Southern Methodist University for the first year is its unprecedented success. The president in his annual report to the Board of Trustees asked for an increase of ten thousand dollars to be applied in the employment of additional teaching force and declared that additional dormitory room is im-

cised that our young men and women should have thrown around them proper moral and religious protection. The university pastor, Rev. Frank Smith, and Professor McGinnis have boarded with the young men in their dormitories. Mrs. Hyer has had the assistance of Mrs. Sneed, matron, and Mrs. Harmon, chaperon, and Dr. Minnie Maffitt, physician, in the care of the physical and moral health of the young women in the Woman's Building. A local Church, a Y. M. C. A. and a Y. W. C. A. have been organized.

The School of Theology has been organized on the latest and most approved plans of modern seminaries. It is not hampered by the isolation and detachment of schools twenty years ago. To the usual courses of study have been added other courses which will relate students to problems of the modern world. Efficiency is the test of all modern institutions and their curricula are determined by the needs of the present day. To the splendid teaching force of last year have been added two additional professors—Dr. Hoyt M. Dobbs, Dean, and Professor of Christian Doctrine, and Rev. H. M. Whaling, Jr., Professor of Church History and Missions. Through the splendid work of Rev. Caspar S. Wright the Loan and Scholarship Fund has been increased to \$7000. This is quite an increase, as last year less than three thousand dollars were available for these purposes.

The Board of Trustees was reorganized under the amended charter which has been duly filed in the office of Secretary of State and which we present in other columns of the Advocate. Dr. Horace Bishop has rendered conspicuous service as President of the Board for the past four years. He has been faithful to every call of the university and had its work

C. C. Walsh, R. H. Shuttles and W. D. Bradfield were elected as the Executive Committee of the Board. An Advisory Committee for the School of Theology was elected composed of the following: W. D. Bradfield, from the Church at large; J. T. Pritchett, from Missouri; W. W. Drake, from Louisiana; J. K. Farris, from Arkansas; S. E. Allison, from New Mexico; W. M. Wilson, from Oklahoma; and James Kilgore, from Texas.

The Commencement program was carried out to the minutest detail. Sunday morning the university auditorium was filled to overflowing to hear the sermon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix. The sermon was an admirable discourse on "Justification By Words" from the text "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12:37). The sermon was a plea for pure speech. The propositions ably argued were (1) Speech is a badge of rank, (2) Speech is an index of character, (3) Speech determines destiny. The senior Bishop looks remarkably well and spoke at times with his old-time vigor. At the evening hour Bishop E. D. Mouzon conducted the vesper services. The Bishop's theme was "Faith." We were in the Trinity pulpit at that hour and did not hear Bishop Mouzon's sermon, but we are willing to underwrite it.

The Convocation Day exercises on Tuesday were most impressive. Governor-Elect Chas. Hillman Brough, of Arkansas, delivered the address choosing for his theme, "The Elements of Success in Life." These elements he named as faith in one's self, in one's fellowman, in the purity of women, in one's country and in one's God. Dr. Brough was formerly professor of economics and sociology of the University of Arkansas, which position he held for twelve years. He captured the great audience from the first word and held it to the end. The address was

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eloquent and possessed every quality of effective speech.

The Southern Methodist University Ode, written by Prof. Olin D. Wannamaker, was sung by a large chorus and thrilled all who heard it. The annual statement of the President was a review of the remarkable year's work of the University. The violin duet by Professor and Mrs. Walter J. Fried was exquisite.

The graduating class was as follows:

- Bachelor of Arts.**
 - Hal Chapman Brown Raymond W. Matthews
 - Julia Coe Henry Grady May
 - Anna Malyn Dickinson Julia Elizabeth Mouzon
 - Joe David Doty Jennie Byrd Rousseau
 - Mary Louise Gatlin Lena Belle Sloan
 - Zoe Glenn Hazel Straw
 - William Augustus Mavis Louis Terry
 - Hearon Mary Lena Watson
 - Merle Kingsbery Aline Whiteman
 - R. A. Langston Kate Eleanor Wilson
 - Flora Ellis Lowery Robert Bonner Wylie
 - Everett Homer Lyon Eva Green
- Master of Arts.**
 - Jas. Augustus Johnson Humphrey Lee
 - Lisle Cecil John Bess Dickinson
 - Robert W. Goodloe Thetford
 - Mrs. Leona Caroline Holt George F. Winfield
- Bachelor of Divinity.**
 - Elisha Walter Bridges

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J. Coy Williams.

President Hyer's address to the class was a paraphrase of Paul's address to Timothy and was one of the most unique addresses that we ever heard on any Commencement occasion.

The Senior Class presented a Sun Dial to the University in front of Dallas Hall at the close of the convocation exercises and formally surrendered their caps and gowns to the Juniors. Bishop Mouzon pronounced the benediction and thus closed, in many respects, the most beautiful and impressive Commencement which it has been our lot to witness.

The election of Dr. Hoyt M. Dobbs as Dean of the School of Theology of Southern Methodist University will give great satisfaction to the entire Church. Dr. Dobbs has surrendered his pastorate at First Church, Fort Worth, with the deepest regret and only after repeated and urgent invitations from the authorities of the university that he should accept the deanship of the School of Theology.

Dr. Dobbs was born near Gadsden, Alabama, November 16, 1878, and is the son of Rev. Samuel L. and Laura Clayton Dobbs. For nearly thirty years his father has been an honored member of the North Alabama Conference. Dr. Dobbs received his master's degree from Southern University and in 1904 was graduated from the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

Dr. Dobbs has held the following pastorates: Mt. Vernon and High-



DR. HOYT M. DOBBS ELECTED DEAN OF OUR SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

land, Birmingham, Alabama; Central Church, Kansas City; Troost, Kansas City, and First Church, Fort Worth. He was four years at Central Church in Kansas City and had so impressed our Methodism there that he was retained in another Church of the city after the expiration of his first pastorate. His pastorate in Fort Worth, Texas, has excited the admiration of the whole State and gave promise of being one of the most successful ever held in that city.

In 1906 Dr. Dobbs was married to Miss Lessie R. Jackson, of Arcadia, Louisiana, and to them have been given two bright and interesting children.

Dr. Dobbs is not only a student having wide acquaintance with the books of today, but he is a profound and an effective preacher. He is just the man needed for dean of our School of Theology. He brings to his new task an inquisitive and a well-stored mind; he comes having put to the test in busy pastorates the truths which he has learned from books; he comes knowing the pastor's needs and able to direct our young men to the pastor's problems. He comes, above all, with a transparent and engaging personality and is the type of man to fashion the lives of our young preachers. He comes with profound religious convictions and a scriptural experience of salvation and will enable his students both to ask and to answer questions.

We unqualifiedly commend our School of Theology to our people. With Dobbs, Seay, Holt, Kern, Kilgore and Whaling, we believe the School of Theology at Southern Methodist University will be of unspeakable blessing to the Church.

We cannot close these paragraphs without expressing our profound appreciation of the large and generous spirit with which First Church, Fort Worth, has received the call of the Church to their beloved pastor. We pray that the presiding Bishop may be wisely directed in the selection of Dr. Dobbs' successor for this noble Church.

THE OKLAHOMA METHODIST ASSEMBLY.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish the program of the Oklahoma Methodist Assembly. The Assembly is to be held in Guthrie, July 11-21. Its features are identical with the features of our Summer School of Theology at Georgetown. Indeed, the Assembly is called a "Summer School of Theology" of the East and West Oklahoma Conferences.

Among the lecturers at the Assembly the names of Bishop E. E. Hoss, Bishop E. D. Mouzon, Dr. T. N. Ivey, Dr. H. M. DuBose, Dr. Frank Barrett, Rev. W. W. Armstrong, Rev. W. B. Douglass and Rev. M. A. Casady are announced.

The great books in the graduate course will be discussed by qualified teachers. MacIntosh's "Doctrine and Person of Christ," and the other great books of this really great course ought to whet the mental appetites of all of our Oklahoma brethren.

The undergraduate courses of the first, second, third and fourth years will be taught by the best men of the Oklahoma Conferences.

In addition, we learn that periods during the Assembly will be devoted to the study of the work of the Epworth League, the Sunday School and of the women.

We congratulate our brethren of Oklahoma upon their great Assembly. The Summer School of Theology at Georgetown has been of inestimable value to the Church in Texas. The leaders in our conferences in Texas almost without excep-

tion are the men who have availed themselves of the work at our Summer School of Theology. There is no ministerial "dead line" for the man who really studies. Physical disability may bring it, but it cannot come to the man who studies on any other ground.

The saddest spectacle in our conferences are men physically able to travel, but who, because of neglect of study, are no longer sought by our Churches. They are counted as dead men while yet living. We do not mean to be severe in saying this. Nor do we mean to say that many of our men could have had it otherwise, but we do mean to say that the man who will not study in this day of Assemblies and Summer Schools is without excuse. And we do mean to say that such men are not likely to grow in grace. For growth in grace has as one of its underlying conditions growth in knowledge. The Apostle did not separate these in his exhortation to the Church.

We urge, therefore, that our preachers in Oklahoma and Texas will avail themselves of the advantages offered at Guthrie and Georgetown.

FIGHT FOR SUBMISSION ON.

Submission is on the ballot for the July primaries. Such was the decision of the State Democratic Executive Committee at its Dallas meeting, June 12. A submission petition bearing some fifty thousand names was presented to the committee by Drs. Barton and Herwig, of the Anti-Saloon League.

The question in the July primaries will be: Shall the Legislature be instructed to submit an amendment to the Constitution, to be voted on in 1917, proposing to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in Texas? Those favoring will vote "for" the amendment and those opposed "against" the amendment.

In a word, it is proposed to put the liquor question up to the sovereign people and let the people themselves say whether they have had enough of the infamies of the whisky traffic in Texas. Shall this be done? Unqualifiedly, yes!

The supreme duty of Prohibition Democrats in this hour is simply to get the facts before the people. The Hon. B. F. Looney, Attorney General of Texas, has made the facts available. They are in the record of the trial of the brewery cases. And they are facts which bore successfully the scrutiny of our State courts. Nobody denies them—not even the brewers themselves. The court accepted them and the people, once they know them, will accept them.

These facts, consisting of the brewers' own letters, have been published in a special edition of Home and State. No Prohibitionist can do a better thing than to invest in copies of this startling issue and distribute them to his neighbors.

That the people of Texas are ready to turn over their government to the insidious, invisible and infamous manipulations of brewers and whisky sellers we do not believe. That the people of Texas are willing to give leave to the brewers to debauch the electorate of Texas we do not believe. That the people of Texas are willing that ignorant Mexicans and uninformed negroes shall be bought by the thousands and their votes hurled against decent government we do not believe. That the people of Texas are willing for the whisky traffic to select our Legislature and superintend State legislation we do not believe.



REV. C. A. GERMAN, Pastor Sentinel and Post, Mangum District, West Oklahoma.

"I have made a canvass for the Advocate because I esteem it to be the greatest living benefactor that I can put into the homes of my people, next to the Bible. I first thought that surely if I should try very hard that ten subscriptions might be secured. They came with so little effort that I then tried to make it fifteen, then twenty, then twenty-five, until scarcely before I knew it the thirty-five mark was reached."

Thus wrote Rev. C. A. German when he sent check and order for thirty-five subscriptions to the Advocate from his charge. We have asked him for his photo that we may present him to the Advocate family. Brother German believes the Advocate is an influence for good, hence it is a simple matter for him to convince his people of this fact. A pastor who puts the Advocate in the homes of his people places an assistant pastor there that will help him greatly in the work of Zion.

That the people of Texas are willing for St. Louis brewers, by contributions of bloody money, to control in local elections we do not believe. That the people of Texas are willing for foreign brewers to make a mockery of our local self-government we do not believe.

And yet all this, and more, the brewers of Texas and St. Louis have done. The tested evidence in the brewery cases proves each of these allegations. Get the evidence to the people! Let them read it with their own eyes! Sow down the State with the evidence! And the people will do the rest.

One word more: We desire to conduct this contest without reference to any man's aspiration for office. We desire a non-political and a non-partisan contest. We do not desire to exalt or humble any man. We desire our Governor to hands off. We desire him to preserve the dignity which becomes his high office and let the people settle the issue now before us. We are not trying to humble him nor to exalt him. However, if he shall choose to use his office to continue the infamous dominion of the whisky traffic in the politics of Texas, then he must take the consequences. The time has come for the political annihilation of any official in Texas who allies himself with the bitterest foe of the home, the Church and the State—the infamous liquor traffic.

A DAY WITH THE HILLSBORO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

We reached Covington, the seat of the Hillsboro District Conference, Wednesday morning, June 7, in the midst of a downpour of rain. Rev. John M. Barcus, presiding elder, had things well in hand and, despite the rain, there was a good attendance. Rev. P. E. Riley was at the Secretary's table. The following pastors answered roll call: J. W. Head, of Cooledge; T. H. Burton, of Big Hill and Ben Hur; J. F. Adams, of Cov-

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

REV. E. HIGHTOWER, Editor
Georgetown, Texas.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Mr. J. M. Way, Secretary of the Atlantic Division, says: "I am convinced that the presiding elder is the keyman in our work. If he move, the work moves; if he move not, the work moves not. Therefore, the man who reaches and enlists the presiding elders will get there, as the tarheels put it." Mr. Way has had more experience in field work than any other man in our Church, and he probably knows whereof he speaks.

The Dallas District Wesley Bible Class Federation recently held a very large and enthusiastic meeting at First Church. An attendance banner offered by the presiding elder was won by Trinity Church with an attendance of two hundred. We congratulate all concerned.

Only the illness of the editor, which kept him away from the Central Texas Wesley Bible Class Federation at Fort Worth, is responsible for his silence hitherto concerning the handsome thing done at the Federation by the Wesley Bible Classes of Trinity Church, Dallas. Though not in the territory of the Federation thirteen autos, containing sixty-nine persons, went from Trinity to the Federation and spent an entire day. Miss Kilpatrick that was, Mrs. Burgin that now is, has not forgotten how to put things across the line. And there are many other enthusiastic workers in Trinity.

During the ten Sundays included between March 26 and May 28 the average attendance at First Church Sunday School of Temple, Texas, was eight hundred and seventeen. The smallest attendance (on a very wet Sunday) was two hundred and ninety-one. The largest attendance, on Mothers' Day, was twenty-three hundred and seventy-one. Superintendent R. O. Culp is happy, and no wonder!

The Sunday School work at Port O'Connor will be done this year by ye editor and Miss Nelle Peterman, elementary specialist—especially by Miss Peterman. To a charming manner Miss Peterman has added a thorough training in kindergarten work and great success as an elementary worker in some of our leading Sunday Schools. As the elementary work has received no attention in the Epworth Assembly for several years we have deemed it wise to lay special stress on that work this year. But other departments of Sunday School work will not be neglected.

Mr. L. M. Poter, of Belle Plains Church, Georgetown District, Central Texas Conference, writes: "Mothers' Day was, I suppose, the greatest day in the history of this little Church. There were two hundred and twenty-one in Sunday School. It was great. Every one enjoyed it." Brother Poter ascribes much of the credit for this fine showing and for the excellent general condition of the Sunday School to recent visit of Mr. W. E. Hawkins, Field Secretary of the Central Texas Conference.

The Timpson District Sunday School Conference recently met at Diboll. It was the first conference of the kind for that district, though a district institute was conducted last fall at which the Conference Field Secretary, the Divisional Secretary, Mrs. Hamill and Miss Kilpatrick all had something to say. More than sixty workers were present at Diboll. Bishop Elrod guided the meetings wisely, and Field Secretary Harbin and the district officers and others rendered good service. The district organization follows the plans of the General Board. The Divisional Secretary acknowledges an invitation to be present, which conflicting dates already made compelled him to decline.

The Cisco District Sunday School and Epworth League Conference met at Cisco, Texas, May 31 and June 1. About a hundred out-of-town visitors were entertained in the homes of the people, and they were all persons who were drawn thither by an earnest desire to better equip themselves for service. This editor and Miss Nelle Peterman, elementary specialist, were given a cordial hearing and much courteous attention. Discussions by district workers were interesting, earnest and very much to the point. Rising Star and Cisco were nominated for the similar meeting next year, and Cisco was selected—it being the only point of easy access to the entire district.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

Rev. A. E. Rector, Field Secretary. The San Angelo District Conference, at Miles, was a notable landmark in the pilgrimage of this Field Secretary. A four years' pastorate in San Angelo in the good old "wild and woolly" days, when he organized the first Methodist Sunday School in all those western parts, made it easy for the Secretary to take interest in the proceedings. Rev. F. B. Buchanan, presiding elder, was cordial and thoroughly co-operative. The attendance was fine and both preachers and laymen showed a lively interest in all that the Secretary had to say. Sunday School work has been going forward in this district and several of the schools have been able to report a standard organization. The financial plan of the Conference Sunday School Board was well backed by the presiding elder and pastors. In regular session of the District Conference the presiding elder made thorough canvass with reference to the observance of Children's Day, and the result was gratifying. Our Conference Sunday School slogan for this year, "Children's Day in Every Sunday School in the Conference," will be taken very seriously in the San Angelo District. The amount collected is already in advance of last year's offering. The policy of our Church in making the Children's Day offering a vital part of our Sunday School financial system makes it necessary to stress the importance of liberal collections. However, I feel impelled to drop a word of warning. It would be sad for the cause if the idea should get abroad that the main feature of Children's Day is the collection. The benefits of its proper observance are so manifold and evident that to argue the case would seem superfluous. To be sure, just a collection is far better than nothing at all done. But more than this can be done everywhere at some time during the year. The Discipline makes the pastor responsible for an observance of the day in every school. When the school is small and the leaders unable, or unwilling, to undertake

the excellent program furnished by our Sunday School Board, it will still be easy for the pastor to keep the law and reap the blessing in every single school. Let him announce Children's Day at some regular preaching hour, with time enough for preparation and prayer. Let him call to his aid a few persons who by speech or song or prayer will set forth the need of child nurture in Christ and the strategic place of the home in the Christian conquest of the world. Let the school, with all its membership assist by simple mass movements of song and responsive Bible reading, everybody having been urged to bring his own Bible. Then, after previous announcement of the nature and need of the offering, let the same be reverently taken. All this can be done anywhere, and everywhere such an observance would make it a day of blessing.

A round of local institutes was planned to follow the San Angelo District Conference and some of these have already been held. At Chadbourne Street, San Angelo, it was a joy to face a standard school, and to see a band of competent and consecrated workers. The equal of Sister Sperry as a superintendent would be hard to find, even among us "lords of creation." Like all front rank Sunday School workers who are likely to stay in the front rank, she ordered a new book. Brother Keever, pastor, who is also District Sunday School Secretary, as well as a member of the Conference Sunday School Board, may well be congratulated on his Sunday School.

A rally with Rev. Milton F. Hill's bunch at Grape Creek filled up a Sunday afternoon engagement that will be remembered for the cordiality of the progressive young pastor and the lively response of a very promising lot of young people.

El Dorado and Christoval were points on the work of Brother Dalton, a recent transfer from the Central Texas Conference. Though the standard of organization in neither school was high, Brother Dalton is going to lay hold with enthusiasm and with his two sturdy superintendents, Doty and Dover, behind him, those pledges of progress will soon be redeemed. In attendance, interest and financial offering these two schools made an excellent record.

An item of special interest is the Mexican Sunday School which is being conducted by several consecrated women of the Christoval congregation. Rev. J. A. Phillips held a meeting here two years ago and organized a small Church. Although without a pastor, the little band holds bravely on; but they would be very happy to see Brother Phillips again, Brother Onderdonk, or any one who would be able to lend them a friendly hand. The example of these ladies of Christoval, Mrs. Douthitt, Miss Runkel, and others, may well encourage a host of our Methodist men and women in Texas to go and do likewise.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE, CISCO DISTRICT, CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Sunday School and Epworth League Conference of the Cisco District convened at Cisco May 31 and continued two days. There were about one hundred delegates in attendance, representing fifty-six Sunday Schools and fourteen Leagues in the Cisco District. Rev. E. P. Williams, presiding elder, had prepared a very fine program and every speaker had made special preparation, so there was not a dull hour from the beginning to the end. Rev. E. Hightower, our Divisional Field Secretary, was on hand and assisted in the work of the conference. Most of us had heard Brother Hightower before, but he always has something new and we all enjoyed his addresses. Miss Peterman, representing the Publishing House and Sunday School workers, was also with us and her work was very much appreciated by the conference.

Special attention was given to the Elementary Department, Teacher Training, Organized Bible Classes and Home Department. Also to the Standard of Efficiency adopted by the General Sunday School Board. Brother Williams is a Sunday School and Epworth League man, and these departments of our Church have developed under his leadership. We are glad to report a Sunday School enrollment greater than the membership of the Church.

Cisco always knows how to entertain a conference. Brother Wynne and his people opened their homes and hearts to us while we were at the conference.

The following are the District Sunday School officers: Chas. E. Wilkins, Eastland, Secretary Executive Committee; Steve Nance, Rising Star, Superintendent Wesley Adult Bible Classes; Mrs. E. P. Williams, Cisco, Superintendent Teacher Training; Mrs. J. G. Pollard, Strawn, Superintendent Elementary Department; Mrs. Allen, Ranger, Superintendent Home Department.

The following are the District League officers: M. H. Smith, Ranger, District President; Miss Ruby Wilson, Cisco, Vice-President; Miss Emma Collie, Gorman, Secretary-Treasurer; Mack Gibson, Rising Star, Superintendent Department Spiritual Work; T. J. Ward, Breckridge, Superintendent Department Social Service; Miss Thelma Allgood, Sipe Springs, Superintendent Department of Recreation and Culture; Mark Robinson, May, Superintendent of Missions; Mrs. J. M. Armstrong, Gorman, Superintendent of the Junior League. CHAS. E. WILKINS, Secretary

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(All matter for this department must be in the hands of the editor on Thursday—one week before the date on which it is to appear.)

CONFERENCE DATES.

Oklahoma, East and West, Sulphur, June 19-24.
Texas State Epworth-By-the-Sea, Port O'Connor, July 28-August 6.

Topic for June 18: The Usefulness of Good Cheer.—John 16:24-33.

Your department editor left home for the summer last week on the day on which to prepare the material for the Advocate. For this reason she was unable to get the material in to the office in time to appear in print.

CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

For the months of June and July your material will be more quickly handled if sent to your editor at the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Texas. The editor is spending a delightful vacation doing some long-wished-for studying under most pleasant circumstances.

ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO?

"Port O'Connor is a dream. A more beautiful beach or a prettier body of water my eyes have never seen."—Dr. Bradford.

Port O'Connor July 28-August 6.

By the time this is in print the North Texas Conference will have closed another epoch-making meeting. We hope to give you a full report next week. Dallas is planning to run a special train out to Gainesville on Saturday. We pray that the conference may press forward to greater things and that no backward steps may be taken.

Please let us have the reports from all the District Conferences and State meetings this summer.

THE PROGRAM FOR EPWORTH.

I am sorry that I am not able to furnish you a complete copy of the program of our coming Encampment, but it seems as if the usual thing has happened again this year and that I am having a hard time getting answers from the people I am trying to secure. A second letter in some instances has failed so far to bring a reply.

You may announce, however, that Bishop Hendrix, of Kansas City, will preach the opening sermon at the Encampment on Saturday morning, July 29, and the sermons morning and evening, Sunday, July 30.

You may announce, also, that Dr. H. M. Dobbs, of Fort Worth, will be with us again and Dr. W. C. Webdel, pastor of the Travis Park Church, of San Antonio; Rev. O. T. Cooper, of San Antonio, and C. G. Chappell of Fort Worth.

The Sunday School end of the Encampment will be under the supervision of Brother Hightower and Miss Peterman, while the women's work will be conducted by Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb.

I am working very hard to get a few other celebrities. I am planning to have at least one night of the Encampment given over to some form of entertainment, but as the time is short I feel that one or two nights devoted to pure recreation will be sufficient.

GLENN FLINN.

LOTS SOLD AT PORT O'CONNOR.

We have fifty-five lot sales made so far this month and have reason to believe that we will sell twice that many the month of June. In fact, the sales made so far have come to us practically unsolicited, as we have not been able yet, by reason of so many other important things to stress the sales end of the program, which we expect to do more and more from now on, as opportunity affords. We are very anxious indeed to have every League in the State interested in the sale of lots, which will enable them to pursue the law of mutual benefit, as every sale made will benefit the State Epworth League, will give benefit to the investor and will benefit the one making the sale. A great many of the members of the League are supplementing their income by selling lots for State Epworth League, and some of the Leagues, as a whole are selling lots and using the commissions to help their financial program as a League.

Wherever one takes the time to capitalize experience by thinking of what Epworth did for Corpus Christi and what it will do for Port O'Connor, they immediately realize that an investment of a \$100 or more in Port O'Connor lots is a mighty fine investment.

Great interest has been manifested everywhere I have been. Dallas is planning to run a special train to Port O'Connor for the Encampment. At Greenville I find a very live, enthusiastic membership in their Union League who will furnish us a splendid representation at Encampment time. After addressing the Union League at Fort Worth Monday night a week ago, I was informed by a number of the members of the League that they could and would do just as much as Dallas with reference to running a special train to Port O'Connor this summer.

We have two folders on the press at this moment, which we expect to be able to place in the hands of the people of the State in a few days.

Dr. John R. Morris, pastor Fifth Avenue

Church, Waco; C. C. Lewis, Secretary of the Merchants' Retail Association, Waco, and S. R. Hankins, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Waco, and Mrs. Hamlin, were visitors to Port O'Connor last week and were very enthusiastic over Port O'Connor and the splendid proposition of the Epworth State League here. They gave their highest indorsement and commendation to the action of the Locating Committee in selecting Port O'Connor as the future home of "Epworth-by-the-Sea." Tomorrow, Tuesday, the 10th, S. H. C. Burgin, Sam R. Hay, of Dallas, and Drs. H. M. Dobbs, J. R. Nelson and H. A. Boaz, of Fort Worth, will visit Port O'Connor to investigate the new Epworth home-site and its wonderful possibilities.

The Port O'Connor Townsite Company is actively engaged in putting in new shell streets and putting the city in a first-class shape and in all ways preparing for the coming of the distinguished visitors this summer, so also are the merchants preparing for the coming great occasion.

W. M. CARTER.
Port O'Connor, Texas, May 29.

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW.

Dear Miss Turner: Please urge through your columns of the Advocate the urgent need of making reservations for Epworth for summer vacation at Port O'Connor early, as we are receiving daily many requests from all over the State of Texas for hotel, boarding house and tent reservations and the only way that we will be able to determine the number of people who will be here this summer will be through the requests received for reservations.

I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. S. R. Hankins, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Waco, Texas, who was a recent visitor to Port O'Connor, who states that he will have his senior boys, about fifty of them, here at Port O'Connor for a ten days' outing in August.

Rev. Ino M. Neal, our pastor at McGregor, is already here with his family for a two weeks' outing, fishing, having driven through in an automobile from McGregor in one and a half days.

Everything is moving along swimmingly. Business is good, great interest is being manifested from all over the State of Texas in the new home of "Epworth-by-the-Sea."

W. M. CARTER.
Port O'Connor, Texas, June 1.

However error may write in pain, it always dies among its worshippers.

DID IT SAVE A LIFE?

"While playing around the house," writes Wm. Buchli, of Nashville, "I stuck a rusty nail in my heel. The doctor lanced it three times. One said my leg was so drawn up that it never would be straight. For four months I could not get about only on crutches. A friend brought me some Gray's Ointment, which I began to use at once, and in four weeks I was sound and well, out playing ball." Gray's Ointment can always be depended upon to prevent serious blood poison, and to relieve malignant skin diseases such as Ulcers, Boils, Carbuncles, Old Sores, Festered Wounds, Poison Oak, etc. For a Free Sample, write Dr. W. F. Gray & Co., 850 Gray Bldg., Nashville, Tenn. 25c a box at drug stores.

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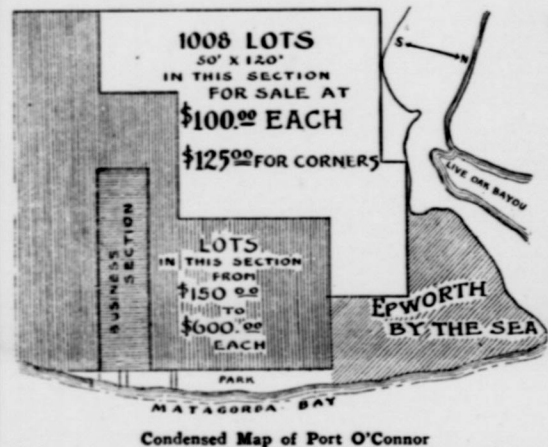
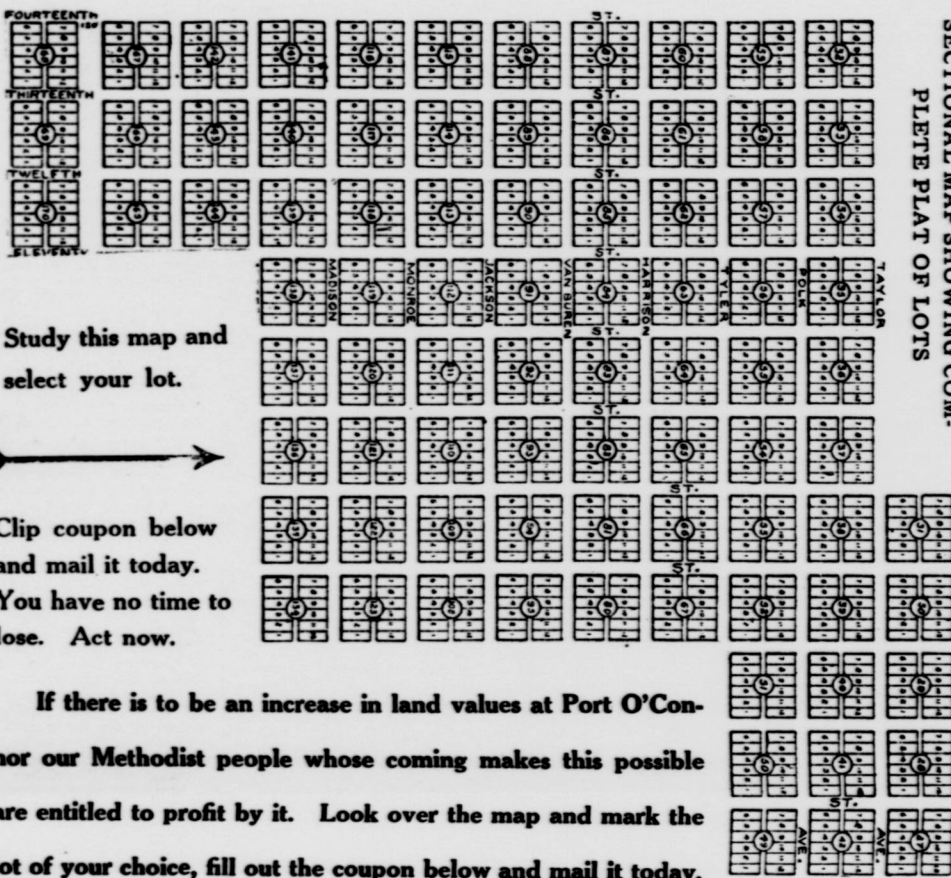
A STATEMENT ABOUT PORT O'CONNOR FROM AN INVESTMENT POINT OF VIEW

By GUS W. THOMASSON

When Epworth-by-the-Sea was located, in 1905, near Corpus Christi, the site was purchased by the local committee at \$25.00 per acre and donated to the League. It was then far beyond the city limits. With the development which followed, the resident section rapidly extended its limits toward this property and it became valuable. The eighteen acres comprising the tract were sold on March 7, 1916, for \$35,000 cash, a price slightly less than two thousand dollars per acre. The increase in price in just ten years has been eightyfold, or, in other words, for every dollar invested in 1905 eighty dollars were realized in 1916.

With knowledge of this tremendous increase in land values in mind, the committee in locating the present Epworth-by-the-Sea at Port O'Connor negotiated for and secured the selling agency on a large number of lots.

It is not considered probable that the increase in prices will parallel those at the former location, but the conditions are such at Port O'Connor that with the establishment of the Epworth League at this place there will come a very marked and rapid development. This means that the present low land values will increase. It means that those who buy now will be able to realize a handsome profit on their investment. If history should repeat itself in land values at this place an investment of \$100 now would mean a snug little fortune in just a few years from now. This advertisement tells much about the opportunity which is now offered. Read every line and every word carefully, then act without a moment's delay.



BUY A LOT AND BUILD A SUMMER HOME.

Surely there is no more pleasing prospect than a comfortable cottage adjacent to the bay, in which to spend a goodly portion of the summer each year. With the many thousands of dollars which will be spent jointly by the Port O'Connor Townsite Company and the Epworth League in the further improvement of Port O'Connor and the congenial surroundings which will be afforded for Methodists, a summer home at Port O'Connor will be most ideal. A home in either moderate or elaborate style may be built at reasonable cost, since there is a plentiful supply of lumber at hand, which by reason of the low water rates enjoyed by Port O'Connor has reduced the cost of bringing it in and the prices are always low and attractive. At such times as your cottage is not occupied by yourself it may be rented at a good figure to visitors during the Encampment periods.

PORT O'CONNOR AS A SUMMER RESORT.

Nearly half a million dollars have already been spent by the Port O'Connor Townsite Company in developing this city and section as a coast point. A \$42,000 brick hotel, a \$20,000 bath house and pavilion, a \$15,000 pier, a \$15,000 waterworks plant equipped with purest artesian water and a number of splendidly furnished cottages for summer tourists are among the permanent improvements. The finest of fishing right off the pier at Port O'Connor, tarpon fishing within a few miles, the finest surf bathing, the finest boating, the finest duck shooting in season and oysters in any quantity for just the gathering make this a veritable paradise for those seeking comfort and pleasure. Port O'Connor is now being listed by all communicating railroads as a regular summer point, with the usual summer rates. Ask your railroad agent for full information about Port O'Connor or write to us direct.

PRICES ARE LOW, TERMS ARE EASY.

Uniform prices of \$100 for inside and \$125 for corner are fixed on all lots irrespective of location in this section. These prices represent what the lots are actually worth at this time. If the League never went to Port O'Connor they ought to bring this much. The terms are \$5.00 down and \$5.00 per month, with no interest and no taxes. The League receives 3 1/2 per cent of all sales, and while benefited to this extent does not urge anyone to buy a lot in order to help it, for its future is assured whether a single lot is sold or not. There are two incentives for buying lots at Port O'Connor. First, the certainty of this place becoming a center of Methodist activity; and, second, the enhancement which is certain to come in the value of these lots when the city and country become more populated.

These lots are selling rapidly. Below is given a partial list of sales which have been made since the League located at Port O'Connor. Some of these purchasers have been to Port O'Connor and personally inspected the site. Others have acted on the representations which have been made to them. The numerals indicate the number of lots purchased by each. Write to any of these people if further evidence of the desirability of Port O'Connor is wanted: Rev. T. F. Sessions, Beeville, 2; Rev. W. J. Johnson, Dallas, 6; L. Blaylock, Dallas, 2; Rev. Sam R. Hay, Dallas, 6; A. T. Wilson, Dallas, 1; T. G. Oldham, Dallas, 2; Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, Dallas, 2; Rev. J. E. Crawford, Waco, 1; J. A. Rogers, Dallas, 1; Rev. T. S. Barcus, Fort Worth, 3; M. L. Pritchett, Huntsville, 2; L. E. Dubiin, Brownwood, 1; J. W. Thomasson, Huntsville, 2; Gus W. Thomasson, Dallas, 1.

There are now only about 200 people living in Port O'Connor, and yet its location is such that when once the town and surrounding section begins to settle up that it will develop into a well populated and thriving little city. The lands adjacent to Port O'Connor are of a high agricultural type and immense farms are already being opened up. The coming of the Methodists will give this section a stability which will insure its rapid growth and development. Literature with full and complete information about this section will be cheerfully mailed upon request.

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Address
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AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY.

Whereas, a majority of the following named annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to-wit: The North Texas Conference, the Northwest Texas Conference, the Central Texas Conference, the Texas Conference, the West Texas Conference, the German Mission Conference, the East Oklahoma Conference, the West Oklahoma Conference, the New Mexico Conference, the Missouri Conference, the Southwest Missouri Conference, the St. Louis Conference, the Little Rock Conference, the North Arkansas Conference, and the Louisiana Conference, did in their regular annual meetings, held in the year 1915, adopt the following resolutions:

Whereas, The Southern Methodist University is now controlled by the following named participating Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South: The North Texas Conference, the Northwest Texas Conference, the Central Texas Conference, the Texas Conference, the West Texas Conference, the German Mission Conference, the East Oklahoma Conference, the West Oklahoma Conference, the New Mexico Conference, and the Missouri Conference; and

Whereas, All the said conferences have heretofore by appropriate action granted the power to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to confirm trustees of Southern Methodist University elected by the several participating Annual Conferences of said Church; and

Whereas, It is deemed necessary and expedient for the purpose of making said institution Connectional and in order to comply with the requirements prescribed by the General Conference and with the terms of the resolution adopted at its session held in 1914 creating the Educational Commission and providing for the establishment of a university west of the Mississippi River, expressly to embody in the charter of Southern Methodist University the right and power on the part of the General Conference to either elect or confirm all trustees before they may exercise any of the offices of a trustee; and

Whereas, It is deemed expedient and desirable that a trustee or trustees should be elected from the territory embraced within the bounds of the Southwest Missouri Conference, the St. Louis Conference, the Little Rock Conference, the North Arkansas Conference, and the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and

Whereas, The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, acting by and through its Educational Commission, duly authorized and empowered to take over educational institutions already in existence, did in a regularly convened meeting of said Educational Commission, held in Dallas, Texas, August 26, A. D. 1915, approve and ratify said plan and recommend the proposed amendment of the charter of Southern Methodist University to the favorable consideration of all the Annual Conferences of said Church herein named, subject to the approval thereafter by said Commission of the list of trustees to be named before the aforesaid amended charter was filed with the Secretary of State of Texas; and

Whereas, Said proposed amendment to the charter of Southern Methodist University has been only considered by this Annual Conference and its terms and provisions have been found acceptable, a form of said amended charter being submitted herewith and expressly made a part thereof; and

Whereas, It is the sense of this conference that said proposed amendment to the charter of Southern Methodist University be authorized for the purpose of forever securing the ownership and control of said institution in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the trustees of Southern Methodist University be and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, upon adoption of similar resolutions by a majority of the Annual Conferences herein named, to procure an amendment to the charter of Southern Methodist University reciting in base verbs the provisions contained in the proposed form of amendment to said charter submitted with this resolution and adopted with this resolution by this conference; and

Whereas, At a meeting of the Educational Commission, held at _____, on the _____ day of _____, A. D. 191____, the names of the first Board of Trustees, as hereinafter set out in paragraph 13 of the proposed amended charter, were elected or confirmed by said Commission; and

Whereas, At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University held at Dallas, Texas, on the _____ day of _____, A. D. 191____, at which a lawful quorum was present, said Board of Trustees, by resolution duly adopted, authorized the amendment of the present charter of Southern Methodist University so as to embody the actions taken by the several Annual Conferences hereinbefore named.

Now, therefore, the undersigned, being a majority of the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University, in compliance with the action of the Annual Conferences hereinbefore described and in compliance with said resolution of the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University, have on this _____ day of _____, A. D. 191____, amended the charter of Southern Methodist University to read as follows:

The State of Texas, County of Dallas. Know All Men By These Presents:

That the undersigned, being all resident citizens of the State of Texas, under and by virtue of the laws of this State, do hereby voluntarily associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a private corporation under the terms and conditions hereinafter set out, as follows:

I. The name of this corporation shall be SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY.

II. The purpose for which this corporation is formed is the support of an educational undertaking, to-wit: The establishment, maintenance and support of an institution for higher learning, including education and instruction in literary, scientific, theological, vocational and professional branches, with authority to confer all college and university degrees, said educational institution to be forever owned, maintained and controlled by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

III. The place where the business of the corporation is to be transacted is at Dallas,

Dallas County, Texas, and its corporate domicile shall be located at such place.

IV. The term for which this corporation is to exist is fifty (50) years.

V. This corporation has no capital stock and is not organized for the purpose of pecuniary gain or profit.

VI. 1. The Board of Trustees shall consist of twenty-five (25) members, of whom not less than eleven shall be residents of the State of Texas, not less than four shall be residents of the State of Oklahoma, not less than three shall be residents of the State of Missouri, not less than two shall be residents of the State of Arkansas, one shall be a resident of the State of Louisiana, and one shall be a resident within the territory occupied by the New Mexico Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The representatives upon said Board of Trustees elected by the General Conference and by the Annual Conferences hereinafter named of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall be as follows: Three trustees by the General Conference and two trustees from the territory embraced within the bounds of each of the following named Annual Conferences: The North Texas Conference, the Northwest Texas Conference, the Central Texas Conference, the Texas Conference, the West Texas Conference, the East Oklahoma Conference, and the West Oklahoma Conference; and one trustee from territory embraced within the bounds of each of the following named Annual Conferences: The German Mission Conference, the New Mexico Conference, the Missouri Conference, the Southwest Missouri Conference, the St. Louis Conference, the Little Rock Conference, the North Arkansas Conference, and the Louisiana Conference.

3. All the Annual Conferences entitled to elect two trustees shall elect one clerical and one lay trustee.

4. Trustees selected from the territory embraced within the bounds of the above named Annual Conferences shall be elected by the several Annual Conferences in such manner as such Annual Conferences shall direct; provided, that no trustee so elected by any Annual Conference shall become a member of the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University or shall be qualified to sit, serve, or act as such until he shall have first been confirmed by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or by some agency appointed and authorized by said General Conference to confirm or reject said trustees; and, provided, further, that the Educational Commission shall act as such agency until the next meeting of the General Conference of said Church.

5. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall elect three trustees, said three trustees to be elected upon the nomination of a committee composed of nine members, said nominating committee to be appointed by the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or by such other method as the General Conference may adopt; provided, that the Educational Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall elect the aforesaid three trustees who shall serve as such until the adjournment of the next General Conference.

6. If for any cause any one or more of the Annual Conferences entitled to elect trustees shall fail to elect such trustee or trustees, then the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall elect said trustee or trustees, but any trustee or trustees so elected by the General Conference shall reside within the territorial bounds of the Annual Conference so failing to elect. Trustees elected by the General Conference from territory embraced within the bounds of Annual Conferences failing to elect shall only hold office until such Annual Conference shall exercise the right to elect such trustee or trustees and until such trustee or trustees shall have been confirmed, whereupon he or they shall take the place of the trustee or trustees so elected by the General Conference.

7. Each trustee shall serve for a term of four years and until his successor shall be duly elected and confirmed, unless otherwise expressly provided herein; provided, that the six trustees elected from the territory embraced within the bounds of the Missouri, Southeast Missouri, St. Louis, Little Rock, North Arkansas, and Louisiana Conferences shall be elected in the year 1915, and that the eight trustees elected from the territory embraced within the bounds of the North Texas Conference, Central Texas Conference, the East Oklahoma Conference, and the West Oklahoma Conference shall be elected in the year 1917, and the three trustees from the Church at large shall be elected by the General Conference at its session in 1918, and the eight trustees elected from the territory embraced within the bounds of the West Texas Conference, the Texas Conference, the Northwest Texas Conference, the German Mission Conference, and the New Mexico Conference, shall be elected in the year 1920; and, provided, that any trustee elected by the General Conference from territory embraced within the bounds of Annual Conferences failing to elect shall be superseded when such Annual Conferences shall elect trustees and upon confirmation thereof.

8. Any trustee may be removed for cause by the General Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, acting directly or by some agency appointed and authorized by it so to do.

9. All vacancies in the Board of Trustees prior to the meeting of the next General Conference occurring either by death, resignation, removal, failure of any conference to elect, failure of confirmation of any trustee, or otherwise, shall be filled by the Educational Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the trustee appointed to fill such vacancy shall serve until his successor is duly elected and confirmed. After the meeting of the next General Conference vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees shall be filled as the General Conference may provide.

X. The Board of Trustees shall have authority to appoint an Executive Committee and other committees necessary and convenient for the conduct of the University's business and affairs.

XI. The qualifications of trustees shall be those fixed by the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for trustees of its educational institutions.

XII. The Board of Trustees may adopt by-laws not in conflict with law or the provisions of

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this charter or any law of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

X. When a trustee presented to the General Conference fails of confirmation, then the General Conference or its representative shall elect a trustee to fill the vacancy, who shall serve until his successor is duly elected and confirmed.

XI.

All authority herein conferred upon the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall, until the next meeting of said General Conference, be exercised by the Educational Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

XII.

No amendment to this charter shall ever be made unless the same shall have been first affirmatively authorized and approved by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or by some authorized agency of said General Conference.

XIII.

Until the election of the trustees as hereinbefore provided in paragraph VI, the following named persons shall constitute the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University:

From territory embraced within the bounds of Central Texas Conference: Rev. Horace Bishop, George T. Jester.

From territory embraced within the bounds of West Texas Conference: Rev. Thomas Gregory, C. C. Walsh.

From territory embraced within the bounds of Northwest Texas Conference: Rev. J. G. Putman, R. W. Hall.

From territory embraced within the bounds of Texas Conference: Rev. James Kilgore, John C. Box.

From territory embraced within the bounds of North Texas Conference: Rev. O. S. Thomas, R. H. Shuttles.

From territory embraced within the bounds of East Oklahoma Conference: Rev. S. H. Babcock, D. H. Linebaugh.

From territory embraced within the bounds of West Oklahoma Conference: Rev. W. M. Wilson, T. S. DeArman.

From territory embraced within the bounds of German Mission Conference: Rev. C. A. Lohmberg.

From territory embraced within the bounds of New Mexico Conference: Rev. S. E. Allison.

From territory embraced within the bounds of Missouri Conference: Rev. C. C. Grimes.

From territory embraced within the bounds of Southwest Missouri Conference: Rev. J. T. Pritchett.

From territory embraced within the bounds of St. Louis Conference: Rev. L. E. Todd.

From territory embraced within the bounds of Little Rock Conference: Rev. J. L. Cannon.

From territory embraced within the bounds of North Arkansas Conference: Rev. J. K. Farris.

From territory embraced within the bounds of Louisiana Conference: Rev. W. W. Drake.

From the Church at Large: Bishop E. D. Monzon, Rev. W. D. Bradfield, Joseph E. Conkrell.

Extracts from By-Laws of Southern Methodist University Relating to the Ownership and Control of Southern Methodist University.

We, the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University, in session assembled, do hereby make, ordain and establish the following by-laws as the by-laws of Southern Methodist University, declaratory as well of its plan of organization and its scheme of administration, as for the government of its affairs, and for this purpose do declare our allegiance to its principles, recognizing the same as binding upon us and our successors forever.

Article I.

The amended charter of Southern Metho-

dist University filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, June 9, A. D. 1916, together with such other amendments as may hereafter be adopted, together with the laws of the State of Texas relative to corporations organized for the support of educational institutions, are and shall forever be the supreme law of the Southern Methodist University.

Article II

The ownership and control of the Southern Methodist University by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, being a basic and fundamental principle of the organization and maintenance of the Southern Methodist University, it is expressly provided that this institution shall be and forever remain under the ownership and control of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Article X.

The Board of Trustees may at any meeting thereof amend or rescind these by-laws, or any article or section thereof, by a majority vote of the entire Board, provided that this article shall not apply to Articles I and II.

I hereby certify that the above are exact quotations from the By-Laws of Southern Methodist University, adopted by the Board of Trustees in session June 9, 1916; being all of those parts which deal with the ownership and control of Southern Methodist University.

FRANK REEDY, Secretary-Bursar.

STAMFORD COLLEGE FACING A BRIGHTER DAY.

It is with much pleasure that we are able to give to our Church press, through the columns of the Advocate, encouraging announcements with reference to our school. The past year has been a successful one, all things considered. The financial problem, which has been the greatest one, has been greatly relieved and everything indicates a brighter day for Stamford College. Our people believe in our newly elected President, Rev. J. Winford Hunt, who has shown his ability to do whatever he undertakes. We consider him the best man we have for the place. The undertaking upon his part is one of purely unselfish devotion to the Church. He is one of our most successful pastors and leaves one of our best appointments, where he is held in the highest esteem, both as an eloquent preacher and popular pastor. But he has heard the call of the Church and to him it is the call of God. Coupled with him in this work he brings to the school one of the best school men in this part of the State as dean of the school—R. A. Smith, M. A., graduate of Polytechnic College, Texas State University and three years in Chicago University. He comes with superior equipment. Added to his experience of six years as head of the high school of Abilene, where he has proved his ability as a successful school man, President Hunt and Dean Smith are gathering around them a competent faculty which will insure a strong force for a great year in Stamford College. The people of Central West Texas need not look elsewhere for a school for their children. You have what you need at your door.

J. E. STEPHENS, Commissioner Stamford College.

An eminent surgeon says: "Encourage your child to be merry and to laugh aloud; a good, hearty laugh expands the chest and makes the blood pound merrily along. Commend me to a good laugh, but to one that will sound right through the house; it will not only do your child good, but will be a benefit to all who hear, and be an important means of driving the blues away from a dwelling. Merriment is very catching, and spreads in remarkable manner, few being able to resist the contagion. A hearty laugh is delightful harmony; indeed, it is the best of music."

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Dear Brethren.—My stewards are kind enough to give me some time in July and August to do evangelistic work. It doesn't matter where you are, if you need me drop me a card. Don't wait a week or two and then expect me to come, my time will then be taken.

NOT "KNICKERBOCKER'S SPECIAL" BUT "KINICKERBOCKER'S SLOW TRAIN THROUGH ARKANSAS."

Central Texas Preachers, Attention! Once upon a time I conducted a famous train called the "Knickerböcker Special" in the interest of the S. M. University. It "got there" on gold wheels. I thought I was some conductor. Last conference the Central Texas brethren promised to observe the fourth Sunday in May as "San Antonio Rescue Home" Day and take a collection for that most pitiful and worthy cause. I was made chairman of a committee to see that they did so. Pursuant thereto I wrote every one of them a letter. I inclosed "plans and specifications" of the collection. I inclosed Hood's exquisite poem on a "Lost Girl's Suicide." I besought them with tears to respond. I spent fifteen dollars out of my own pocket and two days' time getting out the letters. I wrote personal messages with my own hand in many of the letters. I sent out over two hundred of them. Did the brethren respond? O, yes; some of them did; about one out of ninety and nine, as it were, so to speak, in a measure. I find I'm running a "slow train through Arkansas," but I'm going to try to carry it into the grand Central Station of the good of at least \$1000. (Ain't that a come down from a \$100,000 de luxe train to a "get out and push" outfit of \$1500 value)? With the kind permission of the Advocate, I'm going to use this little department till we get that \$1500 or "die a trying." The following brethren have kept their promise, taken the collection and sent in the amounts opposite their names: Geo. F. Campbell, Dublin, \$13.10; J. F. Adams, Covington, \$8.70; Henry Francis, Granbury, \$8.50; I. E. Hightower, Dawson, \$4.85; C. N. Morton, Mansfield, \$10; E. A. Smith, Italy, \$10.31; T. S. Barcus, Fort Worth, \$9; M. A. Turner, Granger, \$8.15. These and one other are all who have kept their promise. That one other sent the biggest amount of all and with it the following letter:

"Dear Brother Knickerbocker, I have done as you said. I received seventy-five cents. Of this I gave one nickel. But I will make it one dollar. Since April 10 I have received \$1.50 on the support of the ministry. My presiding elder will receive seventeen per cent of this. Last three days I have walked and rode seventy-five miles, preached three times and attended Sunday School and prayer meetings. I have sold some books, gave some away. Why are some preachers always with a tale of woe? Because that is all they have. Deep in my lonely heart I am conscious of the love of God. My love for you is undimmed, and I am glad of your success and may your light never grow dim. Any time I can let you have my little candle, I am willing to stay in the dark to help you.

"Your Brother "P. S.—We are well and happy." There were tears in my eyes when I finished that letter. If it isn't an unconscious expression of heroism and self-sacrifice I don't know what those qualities are. Could there be anything finer than that phrase—"Any time I can let you have my little candle, I am willing to stay in the dark?"

I heartily thank all these nine brethren and beg and beseech and pray and entreat the other 191 to go and do likewise. I nominate A. D. Porter, Hoyt M. Dobbs, Dr. Frank Culver, Jim Henry Stewart, C. R. Wright and W. J. Bergin to send in a minimum of \$100 each from their Churches next week so as to bring the "batting average" up. More nominations next week.

Brethren, let's tell the truth in one conference resolution and prove the rule that we most always generally don't.

Yours for the pitifulest lost ones on earth. HUBERT D. KNICKERBOCKER.

P. S.—I'll give a Stetson hat "out of my own pocket" to the brother who sends in the biggest collection. The way to get a big collection is for the "pasture" to lead and take it wive voice, which, being interpreted, means, "I'll give \$25. Who else will give \$25? Hold up your hand. Thank you! Put F. F. Downs down for \$25. Who else? Thank you! Put Bro. P. L. Downs for \$25, and so on and so forth. This illustration is a picture of Bro. Bergin taking the collection at First Church, Temple. Next week we'll have several more pictures. A-a-a-men! H. D. K.



REV. S. C. DUNN.

Dear Brethren.—My stewards are kind enough to give me some time in July and August to do evangelistic work. It doesn't matter where you are, if you need me drop me a card. Don't wait a week or two and then expect me to come, my time will then be taken.

REV. S. C. DUNN, P. C. BISHOP, TEXAS, Beeville District, West Texas Conference.

MERIDIAN COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Meridian College closed its seventh year's work on Tuesday, May 22. This was decidedly the most successful year in the history of the institution, the attendance being an increase of sixty-four per cent over that of the year immediately preceding.

The commencement exercises were up to the usual high standard. On the evening of May 5 a recital was given by Misses Luzzell Adams, Wenona Robertson and Lillian Smith, all of Meridian, who received diplomas in voice. They were assisted by Miss Edna Menefee, instructor in violin, and a violin quartet composed of Miss Menefee's pupils.

On the evening of May 13 the young ladies' reading contest was held. The judges awarded the prize to Miss Ruth Hall, of Meridian.

On the evening of May 18 a piano recital was given by Miss Ethel Shaw, of Meridian, and Miss Lynette Clements, of Copperas Cove, pupils of Miss Dillow.

On May 19 the annual Fine Arts recital was given by the expression pupils of Mrs. Armstrong, the piano and voice pupils of Miss Dunn and the Choral and Glee Club.

The art exhibit of Miss Boyd and her pupils was held on the afternoon of May 20.

On the evening of May 20 was held the annual oratorical contest for the Neal W. Turner medal. The contestants were Messrs. Carlos Berry, of Bardwell; Roy W. Chapman, of Hewitt, and Hadan H. Farmer, of Caldwell. The judges awarded the medal to Mr. Farmer.

On Sunday morning, May 21, the commencement sermon was preached by Rev. A. D. Porter, of Cleburne. At the evening hour the sermon to the undergraduates was preached by Rev. H. D. Huddleston, of Valley Mills. Both of these sermons were eminently appropriate, spiritual and inspiring.

The graduating exercises of the academy department were held on the morning of May 22. A literary address of high order was delivered by Dr. W. T. Mather, of the University of Texas. Diplomas were awarded to the following young people: Miss Ruth Hanks, of Blum; Miss Pauline Curry, of Morgan; Miss May Calrow Miles, of Lorena; Miss Alberta Kincannon, of Bruceville; Mr. Wilson Latimer, of Meridian, and Mr. Colonel Collier. The highest honors were won by Miss Hanks and second honors by Mr. Latimer.

On the evening of the 22nd occurred the annual opera given by the Choral and Glee Clubs, the title of the opera rendered this year being "A Nautical Knot."

On the morning of the 23rd were held the graduation exercises of the Junior College. The literary address delivered by Hon. Sidney Samuels, of Fort Worth did credit to the occasion in every way. Diplomas were awarded to Miss Nora Mayhew, of Lorena, Mr. Nelson Dunn, of Matador, and Miss Mozella Arnold, of Killeen. First honors were won by Miss Mayhew and second by Mr. Dunn.

On the evening of the 23rd occurred the annual debate between representatives of the Seth Ward and the San Jacinto Literary Societies. The question discussed this year was, "Resolved, That the proposed Gibson bill should be enacted." The affirmative was presented by Mr. Reube Hoover and Mr. Van P. Morrison for the Seth Ward Society. The negative was presented by Mr. B. F. Harris and Mr. Grady Walker for the San Jacinto Society. All of the speeches were highly creditable to the young men and to the institution. The decision of the judges was two to one in favor of the affirmative.

The exercises were all of a high order and made a fitting close to what has been the most successful year in the history of the institution. The student body is enthusiastic in college spirit and the present indications are that there will be a large attendance next year.

ERNEST L. LLOYD.

THE ORPHANAGE

"Do the Methodists of Texas really want an Orphanage?" For years Brother Vaughn fought to establish and keep up the Methodist Orphanage at Waco. In fact it has always been a fight to keep it from going out of existence. Brother Burroughs has been manager for several years, and during that time has done much good. The children are well fed, well clothed and happy. All are welcome to go there and see for themselves, and hear what the children say about the Home. Brother Burroughs' whole heart and life are wrapped up in this work. To save expenses last year he worked for eight months without an assistant and consequently ruined his health. After several months of rest he is back at the Home, but he is facing the same question, "How am I to pay the bills?" If people would give the money to put the Home entirely out of debt and equipped so that the children could have some work that would bring the Home money, it would be partly self-supporting. As it is money has to be borrowed to pay the expenses and the new building is unfinished. Does it look like the Methodists of Texas wanted an Orphanage? Many children have to be turned away every month because there is no room for them. Brother Burroughs is just the manager needed, and if the good people will just give him the necessary funds he will give them a Home that will be a source of pride and joy.

FROM ONE WHO KNOWS.

THE TIME, THE PLACE AND ELSE. The time, the place of the Tyler District Conference is August 28, beginning at 5 p. m., for organization. Opening sermon at 8:15 by Rev. Edward R. Barcus, in Grand Saline. The conference will continue from day to day until all the business is attended to. Everybody having business with us is cordially invited to attend.

Else—Rev. R. C. Greer has been removed from Mineola Mission, and placed in charge of Chandler and Brownsboro charge. Rev. Reagan Turner takes his place as supply on the Mineola Mission. J. T. SMITH.

EAST AND WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCES, NOTICE

I hereby call for all the members of the First Year of the East and West Oklahoma Conferences to be present the first day of the Encampment at Guthrie, July 10, 1916. Brethren, please don't be late. Let's have seven or eight days of real good study, then take the examination. Hope to see lay members of these two committees present.

G. R. WRIGHT, Chairman, West Oklahoma Conference. Lindsay, Oklahoma.

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EVANGELISTIC.

D. V. YORK, Evangelist, Eldorado, Okla.

REV. S. N. ALLEN, of the Texas Conference, who has been connected with our Orphanage at Waco, has asked the Bishop to relieve him of the charge. He will return to the ranks this fall, but in the meantime is anxious to help brethren in meetings. He is an effective revivalist and will prove excellent help for any brother who may engage him. His address is R. F. D. No. 9, Box 17, Waco, Texas.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Western (Ger. Mis.), at Plehweville, June 15 Oklahoma City, at Oklahoma City, June 21 Waxahachie, at Palmer, June 20 Navasota, at Willis, July 5 Timpsont, at New Prospect, July 5 Creek, at Harkey's Chapel, July 19 Choctaw, at Old Cedar, July 27 Tyler, at Grand Saline, Aug. 28

CHURCH DEDICATION.

The Barwise Church will be dedicated Sunday, June 18, and all former pastors and presiding elders are cordially invited. The dedicatory sermon will be preached by Rev. J. Sam Barcus. GILBERT IRWIN, P. C.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

To the Methodists of Texas: Dear Brethren—Owing to the urgent need of money at our Methodist Orphanage at Waco, Dr. Burroughs has asked me to drop for the present the work on our artesian well and make a strong effort for money to meet current expenses and also to complete our new building. This I have consented to do. Now, will you help me? Shall we continue to turn from our doors orphan children, when a few hundreds of dollars would complete our new building? I am appealing to the great heart of Texas Methodism; we need your assistance, we need it now. Cannot we find twenty great hearted men and women who will send their check for one hundred dollars each? Surely we can, and there should be hundreds of others to send smaller amounts.

Whatever amount you may send to me I will receipt you and record your name on the honor roll to be kept in the archives of the Home. Let every pastor read this to his Church, and every superintendent to his Sunday School. Let us make a jubilee report in the next few weeks.

JOSEPHUS LEE, Commissioner. 3310 Cole Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

ROBERT LEE CHARGE SUPPLIED. The following notice will be an answer to all letters about this vacancy. Rev. J. C. Mayhew, of the Robert Lee charge, Brown-wood District, has been released from this charge on account of ill health and Rev. H. A. Nichols has been appointed to supply the charge for the remainder of the year. SAM G. THOMPSON. Brownwood, Texas, June 10.

MARRIED

BIFFLE-WOOTON—Mr. W. J. Biffle, of Delhi, Okla., and Miss Dovie Wooton, of Willow, Okla., were married at the Methodist parsonage at Center Point, Beckham County, Okla., on Saturday, June 3, 1916, Rev. Wm. Harp officiating.

BRADLEY-NEWTON.—May 6, 1916, at the home of the bride's mother, Hondo, Texas, Mr. Othello Bradley and Miss Pearl Newton, Rev. J. E. Harrison, President of San Antonio Female College, officiating.

Dallas District—Third Round. Cedar Hill, at Bethel, July 15, 16. Duncanville, at Wheatland, July 22, 23. Grand Prairie, July 23, 24. St. John, July 26. Forest Avenue, July 27. Cochran, July 29, 30. Tyler Street, July 31. Ervay Street, Aug. 2. Cole Avenue, Aug. 3. Brooklyn Avenue, Aug. 4. Irving, Aug. 5. Grace, Aug. 6-8. Munger Lane, Aug. 6, 7. Oak Lawn, Aug. 9.

EVANGELISTIC SINGER.

CHORUS LEADER and Gospel Soloist. Horace Hay has open dates after the third Sunday in June. Address HEMPHILL CONSERVATORY, 818 Lamar St., Fort Worth, Texas.

First half of July, also an August date, now open. Formerly with Judge Thompson, lawyer-evangelist, who died last spring. Address Geo. P. Bledsoe, Austin or Gilmer, Texas.

A YOUNG MAN who can play and sing. Must have salvation. Work all summer and winter. Write me at Wornright, Oklahoma. REV. W. T. CURRIE.

I HAVE a few open dates between now and September 1. Pastors needing my services should write me at once. Terms \$25 per week and expenses. MARVIN W. BOWDEN, 808 Rogan St., Brownwood, Texas.

AM not engaged for the first two weeks in July. Prefer West Texas engagements. Address G. H. GRIFFIN, Milford, Texas.

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OPEN DATES.

I HAVE open dates for July, August and September. If you need help in your meeting, write me. J. C. WILSON, Conference Evangelist, Alpine, Texas.

REAL ESTATE.

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Trinity, Aug. 13-16. First Church, Aug. 13, 14. Oak Cliff, Aug. 15. University, Aug. 18. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

Corsicana District—Third Round.

Corsicana, Eleventh Avenue, June 4. Rice, Sunday, June 11. Barry and Emhouse, at Cryer's Creek, June 17. Mexia, June 18. Corsicana, First Church, June 25. Chatfield, at Rhone, July 2-6. Kerens at Bayzet, July 8. Blooming Grove, July 9, 10. Emmett, at Jones' Chapel, July 15, 16. Horn Hill, at Cedar Island, Friday, July 21. Thornton, at Steels Creek, July 22, 23. Groesbeck, July 23, 24. Harmony, at Pursley, July 29, 30. Dawson, July 30, 31. Purdon, at Dresden, Aug. 5, 6. Frost, Aug. 6, 7. Wortham, at Wortham, Aug. 12, 13. Corsicana Cir., at Grape Creek, Aug. 19, 20. Kirwin and Streetman, at Streetman, Aug. 26, 27. W. H. MATTHEWS, P. E.

Beaumont District—Third Round.

Mt. Bellview and Crosby, June 17, 18. Beaumont, First Church, June 25. Silsbee, July 1. Batson and Saratoga, July 2, 3. Orange, July 6. Nederland, July 9, a. m. Roberts Avenue, July 9, p. m. Newton, July 12. Prookland, July 15, 16. Port Arthur, July 23, a. m. North End, July 23, p. m. Jasper Cir., Aug. 4. Call, Aug. —. Kirbyville, Aug. 5, 6. Jasper, Aug. 6, 7. Liberty, Aug. 12, 13. Dayton, Aug. 13, 14. Anahuac, Aug. 27. Woodville, Aug. —. Kountze, Aug. —. Sour Lake, Aug. —. China and Nome, Aug. —. CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

Albuquerque District—Fourth Round.

Gallup, July 8, 9. McAlister Cir., Browning, July 15, 16. Cuervo Cir., Mt. Zion, July 22, 23. San Jon Cir., Glen Rio, July 29, 30. Corrumpa Cir., Mountain View, Aug. 4. Clayton Cir., Creed's Chapel, Aug. 5, 6. Melrose Cir., Prairie Flower, Aug. 12, 13. Cuervo Cir., True, Aug. 16. Vaughn Cir., East Vaughn, Aug. 19, 20. Magdalena, Aug. 26, 27. Murdock Cir., Deep Lake, Aug. 31. Grady Cir., Liberty Bell, Sept. 2, 3. Carrizozo, Sept. 9, 10. Tucumcari, Sept. 16, 17. San Marcial, Sept. 23, 24. Albuquerque, Oct. 1, 2. GEO. H. GIVAN, P. E.

THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

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

NOTICE, SUPERINTENDENTS OF SUPPLIES, CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Please send your second quarter reports to Mrs. M. H. Smith, Gorman, Texas. After July the address will be Ranger. Don't fail to report. If you need blanks write me.

PECOS VALLEY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Pecos Valley District Conference Missionary Society, which met at Roswell, New Mexico, May 20, was a success in every way. Good reports coming in from a majority of the Societies of the district, showing an increase in membership and interest. Helpful discussions and suggestions were given that will be a help in carrying on the work during the coming year.

Resolutions were drawn up expressing appreciation of the delegates for the hospitality and kindness shown them during their stay in Roswell, and of the untiring efforts of Mrs. Tomlinson Fort, which made possible the helpful session which all enjoyed.

The session adjourned much encouraged in regard to the success of the work during the coming year. MRS. W. J. SMITH, Sec.

WACO DISTRICT MEETING.

The Waco District meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held at Hewitt May 24, 1916, with Mrs. R. L. Abbott, District Secretary, presiding. Miss Ashburn, of Bruceville, conducted the opening devotional service, using part of the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, bringing us an inspirational message which put the conference in a fine religious frame of mind. Esta Marie French, for the Juniors, and Mrs. V. A. Barnes, for the Adults, gave us a cordial welcome.

The roll call found seventeen Auxiliaries represented, with the exception of Hewitt. Fifth Street, Waco, had the largest attendance, with fifteen present. Our District Secretary, Mrs. Abbott, gave her sixth annual report, the first since we were united as one society. It is through her persistent and earnest work that our district has done so much.

We have in the district 973 members. Last year we contributed for all purposes \$3222.89. Every Auxiliary contributed to the pledge, except one. Two new Auxiliaries were organized during the year and we now have the distinction of having an Auxiliary in every charge in the district. During the year the district paid on specials \$330. We set as our goal for the coming year to raise \$3500 and to obtain our part of the 50,000 new members in Southern Methodism for the year, as set by the Council. Our part will be 300. We have added up to this time 78 to our roll. The month of June is the time set for our whirlwind campaign for members. Every Society will canvass for recruits. We want every woman on the Church rolls a member of the Missionary Society. The reports were encouraging and showed an increase in mission study and pledge. We raise our pledge by systematic giving.

Mrs. Wigley reported for the City Mission Board, of Waco, and told of some of the splendid things accomplished under the leadership of Miss Jackson. We have \$400 in the bank saved from the house fund.

A round table conference on Auxiliary plans was conducted by Mrs. Nettles, at which many helpful suggestions were brought out as to how to get members, how to keep them and how to finance the work. Mrs. Abbott stated that the Annual Conference had asked us to observe Pledge and Prayer Day in early part of January, and Harvest Day at the business meeting in December. Day at the Annual Conference decided that our officers, Auxiliary, District and Conference, will not serve more than four years and that our Annual Conference meeting will be held earlier in the year. A resolution was adopted that each President appoint a Superintendent of Temperance, whose duty it will be to promote the study of temperance. The noon hour was spent in an old-fashioned country style with a big dinner, provided picnic-fashion, followed by a most pleasant social hour.

The afternoon devotional was conducted by Mrs. Holvey, of Lorena, who brought us a most helpful message. We had a strong sermon by our presiding elder, Brother Whitehurst, on Missions, which increased our faith in the work we have undertaken and we felt more determined than ever to do more for missions.

The following visitors were introduced to the conference: Brother Whitehurst, Dr. F. P. Culver, Mr. Lindsey and Miss Freeman, of New York. The next meeting will be held at Bosqueville.

Resolutions of thanks were extended to the good people of Hewitt for their cordial entertainment. MRS. GEO. BARCUS, Sec.

MARLIN DISTRICT WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Annual meeting of the Marlin District Woman's Missionary Society met May 29-31, 1916, in the M. E. Church, South, Rosebud, Texas, with fifty delegates present, representing fifteen Auxiliaries.

The conference opened by the singing of a solo by Mrs. Tucker. Devotional—Mrs. S. J. Ward. Address of Welcome—Mrs. Sam Sewell. Address of Welcome—Mr. E. M. Dodson. Address of Welcome—Mr. A. C. Dunn. Short Talk in Behalf of Civic League—Mrs. E. E. Green.

Mrs. Lay responded to welcome address. Miss Jones, of Houston, delivered an excellent address on the work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Tuesday, May 30, 9 A. M. Mrs. Frank Birkhead presided. Prayer—Mrs. Spivey.

Mrs. Lay gave Bible reading and talk on the Ethiopian.

Prayer—Mrs. Will Triggs. Mrs. E. L. Green was elected Secretary. Mrs. Heffley, of Cameron, gave a splendid talk on Standard of Excellence.

Mesdames Taylor, Ward and Beal were appointed to go to Travis and Burlington to organize Auxiliaries.

Talk on the work of Japan by Mrs. Threadgill of Marlin. The report from District Secretary was given, after which the reports were heard from several Auxiliaries present.

Mrs. Spivey—Quiz. Miss Jones explained the budget system and offered many good suggestions about the Junior work.

Adjourned for lunch. Tuesday Afternoon.

Devotional, led by Mrs. A. H. Taylor. Prayer—Rev. H. H. McCain.

The remaining Auxiliaries were heard from, which were not reported in morning session.

Social Service Session—Mrs. Spivey. Vocal Solo—Miss Ocker.

Mission Study Session, conducted by Miss Jones.

Quiz—Mrs. Spivey. Cameron Auxiliary asks for Marlin District meeting next year. A motion was made to that effect and it was unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned to meet that night at 7 o'clock. Tuesday Evening.

Duet—Mrs. Sewell and Hyman. Prayer—Rev. H. H. McCain.

Devotional—Mrs. W. O. Triggs. Violin Solo—Miss Vera Warrack.

Address—Rev. G. W. Davis. Subject, "Investment of a Life." Prayer—Rev. Gates.

Wednesday Morning. Scripture reading by Mrs. Spivey.

Prayer—Rev. Gates. Mrs. Birkhead gave an interesting talk on Finances and Christian Stewardship.

Quiz—Mrs. Spivey. Mrs. Roberson gave report of committee on resolutions.

Address—Mr. A. C. Dunn. Mrs. E. L. Green read minutes of previous meetings. This closed the work of meeting. Dismissed with prayer by Mr. A. C. Dunn.

The conference brought a great uplift to woman's work in Rosebud and left an abiding influence on the Woman's Missionary Society and the entire Church. REPORTER.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the San Angelo District met at Miles, Texas, May 27, 1916. The meeting was well attended, considering the great extent of this district and the inconvenience to railroads.

A splendid spirit prevailed throughout the day. The Miles ladies entertained with a typical "West Texas" hospitality. They are due a large share of the success of the day, sparing no effort for our comfort and convenience, endearing themselves to each visitor present.

Our Ex-District Secretary, Mrs. F. M. Buchanan, read a most encouraging and inspiring report of the work done in the district during the year 1915. This report showed a great growth over previous year's work, due to Mrs. Buchanan's untiring effort in pushing the missionary enterprise in this district.

Mrs. C. A. Broome, First Vice-President of the San Angelo Auxiliary, held a very interesting Institute on "Young People's Work." She gave a practical illustration how to conduct a "Young People's" meeting by having her organization of young ladies, "The Martians," to meet in a body and tell how they make their work count for good. They rendered a most excellent program, giving out many hints and suggestions how they do their

work. This was one of the most inspiring features of the day's session.

Mrs. H. E. Jackson, our Conference Second Vice-President, presented, in her own inimitable way, the Baby and Junior work, showing the importance of organizing the Baby and Junior Divisions, thus teaching from early childhood on up through the Young People's Division the importance of training the young life in the Church for actual service, instilling into these young minds the great lesson of "Christian tithing." By this means we will have a great force of efficient workers coming on, who will be prepared to take the place of old workers retiring from active Church work.

"Our Home Work," by Mrs. M. L. Ruffener, was ably handled, very interesting and instructive.

Miss Minnie Rawlins gave a talk on the foreign work, which showed deep thought and broad intelligence on the work.

A well prepared paper on "Christian Stewardship," written by Mrs. W. Payne, of Ozona, Texas, was read by E. Bryan, of Midland, Mrs. Payne being unable to be present. This paper was appreciated by all.

Mrs. John Haley, of Midland, read a very interesting paper on, "Where Our Money Goes."

There were other subjects well handled, which showed study and thought.

I feel that I must mention a song sung by two little girls of Miles, which captivated the hearts of the entire audience. Am sorry I haven't their names so they may be printed.

Brother M. T. Hill, of Water Valley, held our "Quiet Hour" service. He gave us a very helpful and uplifting talk on Preparedness for Work. MRS. ROBERT MASSIE, District Secretary.

San Angelo, Texas.

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

The annual district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Oklahoma City District convened at St. John's Church in Oklahoma City Wednesday morning, May 24, and adjourned the afternoon of May 25, Mrs. Jerome Stone, District Secretary, presiding.

The address of welcome was pleasingly given by Mrs. W. Y. Schabel, President of St. John's Auxiliary, and response given by Mrs. Wiley Jones, of Norman.

Mrs. Stone, our newly elected District Secretary, brought a message of appreciation and thanks for the Societies that had been faithful in reporting and organizing departments and encouragement for the small and weak Societies. She endeared herself to the women of the entire district by the able and instructive manner in which she planned the program and carried it out.

The reports from over the District were good. All Societies sent delegates with the exception of one.

Rev. W. M. Wilson, presiding elder, was present every session and assisted in many ways. Also a number of pastors were present. Rev. R. L. Ownbey, pastor of St. John's Church, delivered a missionary address Wednesday night. Mrs. C. S. Bobo, of Norman, Conference Corresponding Secretary, gave an interesting account of the Council meeting which she attended at Atlanta, Georgia. All lines of our work were ably presented. The main theme of the meeting was "Faithfulness" and "Usefulness." The next meeting will be held in El Reno.

MRS. C. W. MCKEEHEN, Supt. of Publicity of Epworth Auxiliary.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT.

Brownwood District meeting was held in Winters June 1 and 2.

The conference convened at 4:30 Thursday afternoon, Miss Cora Posey, District Secretary, presiding.

Devotional service was led by Rev. L. A. Clark, pastor at Zephyr. After Scripture reading he commented on our favorite passage, "She hath done what she could," and very fittingly set forth the importance of the woman's work, which is an arm of strength to the Church. The names of twenty delegates, seven pastors and twenty visitors were enrolled. Miss Eugenia Smith, deaconess, North Fort Worth, and Mrs. E. A. Milam, of Glen Rose, Conference Second Vice-President; Miss Frances Mann, deaconess from Arkansas, were introduced to the conference.

The pages were: Misses Gladys Smith and Ollie Bell Spear.

The message given by our District Secretary was very inspiring and full of encouragement and beautiful thoughts. It was then announced that all visitors would be taken out for an auto ride.

At the night session Mrs. Ira Bird, of Sanco conducted the devotional.

Addresses of welcome were made by Mr. Hawkins, of the city, and Mrs. E. P. Eason, of Winters Auxiliary, and Miss Posey gracefully responded in behalf of the delegates. Miss Eugenia Smith, our deaconess of Fort Worth, gave a most intensely interesting address on her work among the foreigners. She caused us to feel that we are largely responsible for what the foreigner becomes.

Friday morning devotional conducted by Mrs. Newby, of Brownwood Auxiliary.

Letter of greetings from Sister Stewart of Hillsboro, was read and greatly appreciated. The following Auxiliaries, Brownwood, Winters, Indian Creek, Ballinger, Coleman, Talpa,

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Norton, Bronte, Zephyr, Drasco, Sanco and Robert Lee, gave splendid reports, and the outlook for the present year's work is encouraging.

Mrs. Milam of Glen Rose, Conference Second Vice-President, presented a pageant which was prepared by the Juniors. It was very impressive.

The noonday devotional, conducted by Rev. T. E. Bowman, pastor at Winters, concluded with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which was a very spiritual service.

Rev. Sam G. Thompson, presiding elder of Brownwood District, delivered the annual sermon. The text, Matt. 15:28: "O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt." This was an able sermon, very helpful and uplifting.

The ladies of Winters truly know how to dispense hospitality at depot, home and Church. The bountiful spread at the tabernacle deserves special mention and was greatly appreciated by the guests and delegates.

Afternoon devotional services were conducted by Rev. A. C. Smith, of Bronte.

The Junior Auxiliaries of Winters, Ballinger, Bronte, Drasco, Robert Lee, also Young People of Indian Creek, made excellent reports. Great work is being accomplished with the Juniors of this district.

Pledges from all Auxiliaries were responded to readily.

Next meeting will be held at Bronte.

In the closing service Mrs. Milam gave "An Appeal for the Consecration and Training of Young Life," which was full of inspiration and love.

Miss Eugenia Smith again addressed the conference and in a beautiful way made us see the needs of the foreigners here in our home land. More helpers are needed and the appeal was very impressive.

ANNIE HELEN HICKS, Secretary.

Zephyr, Texas.

Their "bonny blue" flag, battle-scarred, time-worn, glorious in associations of the Lost Cause has been returned to the Daughters of the Confederacy at San Antonio. The flag waved in the "forty-three days' campaign" in the Sabine Cross roads and Pleasant Hill fights in the Red River Expedition in Arkansas. The flag was returned to the Daughters by E. B. Willett, of Kanopolis, Arkansas, to whom it was given by his brother, who fought under its folds in the sixties.

According to Dr. Charles Woodward, of the Illinois State Eclectic Medical Society every modern human being is pickled in brine until his health is ruined and he is brought to an untimely grave through his salt-eating habit. "The idea that we must fill every article of food with salt is a most dangerous fallacy," Dr. Woodward said. "Every man needs about twenty grains of salt a day—he gets about six hundred. This means that his tissues are invaded by a surplus of salt which can not be eliminated. The result is a hundred ailments. The South Sea Islanders never eat a white man and the explanation given by them is that the white men are too salty."

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REV. STEPHEN W. TURNER.

Rev. Stephen W. Turner was born in Warren County, North Carolina, March 21, 1842. When but a child he moved with his parents to Mecklenburg County, Virginia, where he spent his boyhood days and had the advantage of the old-fashioned country schoolhouse where he received the early part of his education. When he was fifteen years of age he entered Emory and Henry College of Virginia and remained in this College until the outbreak of the Civil War when his chivalry and true patriotism responded to the call of his country and he joined Company B, Fifty-sixth Virginia Infantry in the spring of 1861. He was elected Lieutenant and served his company in this capacity. For three and one-half years he served in the Confederate Army. Seven months of the time he was a Federal prisoner. At the close of the struggle he found himself at Velasco, Texas. The war had completely ruined his father's fortune and he had to rely on himself and so he began life anew as a teacher. He obtained a position in Tyler, Texas, and taught there for four years. He was converted at Sardis Church in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Bincoe, and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the same time and place. He was fifteen years of age when he joined the Church. Through all of his young life and even through the trying experiences of war he was faithful to his profession of religion. He was licensed to preach at the fourth Quarterly Conference of Tyler Station in November, 1873, and was recommended by the same Quarterly Conference to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. He was admitted on trial into the East Texas Conference, which met in Palestine in the same month, and was appointed to Palestine Station, the place where the conference was held. This was a remarkable record. When his name was called as an applicant for the itinerancy he was very highly recommended by his pastor and presiding elder (Samuel Morris) and the saintly Bishop, H. H. Kavanaugh, said, "He is the finest preacher I have ever seen or heard of never to have preached a sermon." But to the surprise of many, and more to himself, he was read out to Palestine Station. He entered upon his new life as pastor with the same cool judgment and firm purpose that ever characterized him and succeeded abundantly from the beginning of his itinerant life. At the close of this year he was ordained deacon by Bishop Keener, at Marshall, Texas. This conference was held in December, 1874. At this conference he was appointed to Starville Circuit. He served this charge one year and in 1875 he was appointed to Tyler Station. In 1877 he was appointed to Henderson Station and served this charge until 1880, when he was appointed presiding elder of Marshall District. Serving this district two years, his health failed and in December of 1882, he took a superannuation relation, holding this relation two years, and in 1884 he located. For some years he held official position in Smith County, I think County Treasurer. Of the exactness of this I am not absolutely sure, as the brief I have of his autobiography does not mention this fact. This is doubtless due to his extreme modesty, as it was his custom never to portray any prominence or display any official position that may have fallen to him. He moved to Wilbarger County in 1889, and soon gained his health. In 1891 he acted as Financial Agent of the Southwestern University and in 1892 he supplied Chillicothe Circuit. He was pastor of this circuit two years and built two churches, the first church built in Wilbarger County outside of Vernon and the first in Hardeman County. In 1895 he founded the Commercial Department of Polytechnic College and was in charge of that department for two years. In 1897 he supplied Weatherford Mission and in November of that year he was readmitted into the Northwest Texas Annual Conference (now Central Texas) and assigned to Cisco Station and served this charge in 1898-99. In November, 1899, he was appointed to Quanah Station, serving this charge but one year, and in November, 1900, he was appointed to Hewitt charge and served there two years organizing the work and building a parsonage and two churches. From November, 1902, to November, 1906, he served the Gatesville District as presiding elder. His next appointment was Midlothian Station. He was appointed to this charge in 1906 and served it four years. In 1910 he was appointed editor of the Texas Tract Society. In November, 1911, he was appointed to Eastland Station and served this charge only a year. This was his last pastorate and his last active work as a traveling preacher, for in November of this year, 1912, he was superannuated at his own request and patiently waited in declining health and ministered to an invalid wife for nearly four years, when on March 22 of this year, 1916, his companion left him to go to her Father's home on high. Just two months from the day

Sister Turner died, Brother Turner heard the call and answered the summons and went home. This is a brief epitome of the biography of one of the best men I have ever known. From my youth I had known him slightly and had heard many commendations of him from those who knew him more intimately, but the peculiar and tender relations that existed between us began during the time of his pastorate at Midlothian. I was in my first year's work as presiding elder and felt keenly my need of wholesome counsel and fatherly advice. I found this in his home and went often to spend whole days with him for this sole purpose and we talked at length of the great interests of the Church that were so near and dear to each of our hearts. His home life was beautiful, so tenderly and gently did he deal with the interests of the household, and yet he commanded his household well. Brother Turner was married to Mrs. Dora A. Long in 1874. There were born to them eight children, six boys and two girls. One son, Rev. Neal W. Turner, died in August, 1914. His many friends remember this tragedy. He was drowned in Corsicana attempting to rescue his young son and a boy companion from a watery grave. All the rest of his children survive him. Brother Turner's ability as a preacher was recognized by all who knew him. Any interest of the Church was taken in his hands. His judgment was deliberate, his counsel was safe and wise. His heart was warm and he dealt tenderly with his fellow-man. His friendship was strong and steady. He loved with a passionate love, yet he was not very demonstrative. His ministry had a tendency to reach sinners and also to establish the great principles of righteousness in the hearts of men and build character for God. His ministry was fruitful of great results. Many were brought into the kingdom under the power of his preaching. Many will rise up in the day of final judgment and call him blessed. Many stars will glitter in his crown and doubtless many have already been placed by those whom he has led into the way of life. But he was weary, let him rest. "Servant of God, well done; rest from thy loved employ; the battle fought, the victory won, enter thy Master's joy." We shall meet him after the storms are over and the battles are ended and the mists have cleared away. T. S. ARMSTRONG.

ROBERTS—Brother Frank M. Roberts died at his home in Bridgeport, Texas, March 11, 1916. He had been in failing health for several months and his death was not a surprise to his family and close friends. Brother Roberts was born January 25, 1850, in Randolph County, Alabama. At the age of twenty he came to Texas with his father and settled near Alvarado. He came to Wise County in 1882 and made his home in Decatur, where he lived for many years an honored citizen. He later came to Bridgeport and remained here the rest of his life. He organized the first Sunday School in New Bridgeport. Brother Roberts was a steward in the Church at the time of his death and had been for the past thirty-four years and no man ever made a more faithful one than he. This good man had the love and respect of all who knew him and his going away has caused many hearts to be made sad, but they all know where to find him after the end of the journey has been reached. As his pastor I feel such a great loss in his death and shall miss him more as time goes along. The funeral was conducted by the writer and Rev. R. B. Moreland, a former pastor of Decatur. We laid his body away in the West Side Cemetery on March 12 surrounded by his weeping loved ones and a host of friends to await the resurrection of the just at the last day. Beside a host of friends, Brother Roberts leaves a wife, two daughters and a son to mourn his going. May the blessings of a kind Heavenly Father rest upon them, is the prayer of one who will always be glad that he knew Frank M. Roberts. H. B. JOHNSON.

THOMPSON—George Shelby Thompson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Thompson, was born in Grayson County, Texas, December 27, 1877, and died at his home, near Munday, Texas, May 13, 1916, where he had been living for the past thirteen years. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church at the age of fifteen and was a faithful member of same until his death. At the age of twenty-one he was married to Miss Ethel Rawlings. To this happy union there was born only one child, a daughter, who is a faithful Christian girl. George Thompson loved his home, his friends and his Church and he was loved by them. He gladly supported every cause which made for the betterment of his Church or his community. Indeed his death is not only a loss to his family and loved ones, but it is a great loss to the community and the Church to which he belonged. Though he is gone, yet it is a sweet consolation to his friends and loved ones to know that his dying testimony was: "I am ready, willing and prepared to go." This writer can only commend the broken-hearted to our blessed Lord and Savior, who is acquainted with all of our sorrows and pains, and who is a great friend in time of need. Commit yourselves into his care and keeping and he will take care of all your troubles. W. B. WOODRUFF, P. C.

LOBDELL—Sister Eliza J. Lobdell (nee Minnerly) was born December 11, 1841, and passed to her reward from the family home in Bowie, Texas, Sunday, May 28, 1916. Her devoted husband, S. A. Lobdell, and her four sons, Will, Bert, Francis and Joe, were with her at her hour of departure. Sister Lobdell knew several days previous to her going that the end was near. She was calm in her young days and she knew she could pillow her head upon his promises in the hour of death. She was one of the most consecrated and devoted members of the Bowie Methodist Church. Many relatives and friends came from Denton County to the funeral, which was held in the Methodist Church by the writer. She was a true mother and gave her strength unselfishly to the rearing of her family. All of her children have families of their own. May they be true to their mother's Christ and thus form an unbroken circle in the home prepared for the faithful. W. L. TITTLE, Pastor.

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HILL—Sister Nancy Hill was born in South Carolina in 1830; died at Bedias, Texas, March 11, 1916. Her maiden name was Randle. Came to Texas in 1871. She lost her husband in 1867. She raised six children—two sons and four daughters. Sister Hill was a charter member of the M. E. Church, South, at Bedias, Texas. She fell and hurt herself two years before her death. Was helpless the balance of her life. She was a patient sufferer. Resigned to the will of God, her end was peaceful. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. D. W. PERKINS.

WILLIAMS—March 12, 1916, the spirit of little Lela Grace Williams took its flight to the glory world. She was the three-year-old daughter of Brother Walter Williams and wife, who hold their membership at Union Hill. She had been a patient sufferer for a long time. Father and mother regretted to see her go, but they are comforted by the thought that she is gone to that home where there can be no suffering and no death. God is gracious in permitting these little ones to come into our homes even for a brief stay. Her going away brings us closer to heaven. The parents and other loved ones have stronger ties in heaven now. May God's sustaining grace be yours. Be faithful through the remaining days, and in God's own good time we shall see the dear little one gone on before. W. L. TITTLE.

GRICE—J. T. Grice was born in Mississippi, July 19, 1869. His parents moved to Texas in his infancy. When about 19 years old he was converted and joined the Freewill Baptist Church. When about 21 years old he was married to Miss Florence Talbert, who only lived about three years. After this he was married to Miss Mary E. Laney, a sister to Rev. J. A. Laney, who is a member of the Northwest Texas Conference. To this union were born three children, two boys and one girl, who remain to join their mother in the great loss of a father and husband. Brother Grice became dissatisfied with the Freewill Baptist Church in his young manhood and joined the M. E. Church, South, where he lived a consistent member until he was called to his reward, March 23, 1916. His pastor, J. WATT FULTON.

HORD—Mrs. Bettie Hord was born in Texas, January 21, 1861. She was soundly converted in early life and remained to the end one of the most beautiful and faithful Christians to be found anywhere. Sister Hord was happily married to Sidney Hord November 12, 1882, and to this union seven children were born, all of whom were with her in the last hours. Her love and devotion to this large family was beautiful beyond description. She loved her Church with devotion that was beautiful indeed, and as long as she was able she never missed attending Church. She and the family moved to Alpine about a year before her death, which occurred February 19, 1916. After a useful and well spent life she has entered into her reward. We all miss her so much, but we know where to find her. Heaven seems so real, so dear when those we part with like her are "passing over." We all miss her, but we shall meet her again. May the God of all consolation give his comfort to all those who mourn for her. W. W. NELSON, Alpine, Texas.

JENNINGS—Charles W. Jennings was born March 18, 1856; died April 15, 1916. Brother Jennings was three times married. His first wife left no children; to his second marriage there are three children surviving him. His third wife, with four children and two stepchildren, live to mourn their loss. To know Brother Jennings was to love him. He served the Church as steward for thirty years. God never gave the Church a better one. Always cheerful and never complaining, hopeful for greater things for his Church. He delighted in his doctrine and discipline. His place will be hard to fill. His going was so unexpected. He was in his usual health, but was stricken with heart failure. Truly it might be said of him, "As he and God walked together one day they came nearer to God's house than to his house and God said, 'Come in and stay with me.'" May the God that he loved and served be strength to his wife in this dark hour of trouble and may his mantle fall on his children and may they, with willing hands and glad hearts, carry forward the work he so much delighted in doing. His pastor, W. A. CRAVEN.

MORRIS—Mrs. Amanda Winifred Morris was born July 27, 1841, and died March 19, 1916. For the previous years she walked with the Lord and aided by her noble husband, who has preceded her to the bright world, she taught her large family of children to walk in paths of righteousness. In my early ministry she was my true friend and her hospitable home was always a delightful haven. Mrs. Morris was very modest and unassuming, but possessed a wealth of personality that overcame difficulties. Slight in person, refined in thought, pure in heart and so in purpose and act it was good to know her. For display she cared not, but in that beautiful old home near Burton, Texas, where she lived, surrounded by a family of splendid boys and beautiful girls she was a mother royal—so true to their interests, so gentle in her ministrations of love, so devoted to their hopes, so helpful, so self-effacing that her loved ones might prosper. O she was a jewel of wondrous setting! She loved her Church. She loved to worship, not only on the Lord's Day in his house, but in her home, as well as among her children teaching them to fear God and work righteousness. A home woman she was. To her it was the holiest spot on earth save the altar of her Church and the itinerant or other guest who was privileged to sit by her fireside was blessed indeed. She imparted love because she had the spirit of love. My friend has ascended, but her works do follow her. JNO. R. MORRIS.

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 ington; Warner Moore, of Brandon; J. H. Stewart, of Hillsboro; J. W. W. Shuler, of Hubbard; P. E. Riley, of Itasca; T. L. Sorrels, of Irene; Ben Crow, of Lovelace; J. M. Hays, of Mungler; N. J. Peeples, of Peoria, and J. H. Walker, of Whitney.

The following lay delegates were present: A. J. Hancock and G. L. Vinson, of Coledge; J. M. Rogers and P. C. Bradshaw, of Covington; R. S. Jordan and S. F. Dellis, of Hubbard; J. P. Wilson and J. A. Christie, of Irene; E. S. Sanders and L. C. Hankins, of Malone, and R. L. Wallace, of Mungler.

Three fine young men were licensed to preach: E. A. Reed and Wm. L. Vaughan, recommended by the Irene Quarterly Conference, and Benton L. Brockette, recommended by the Covington Quarterly Conference. Upon a question from the editor, each confessed that he had come from a Christian home. God has little chance with children from any other kind of home.

The pastors present reported 299 accessions to the Church during the year, 287 Texas Christian Advocates in their charges, and a Sunday School enrollment of 2534. A few revivals have been held, but the larger number of pastors look forward to revival campaigns in the near future. The conference was in session when we left Covington and the names of the Jubilee Committee had not been announced. It will be just fifty years next fall since the old Northwest Texas (of which the Central is a part) was organized, and 50,000 additions to the Church during the year have been named as the goal of the Central Texas Conference. That the Hillsboro District will direct a vigorous evangelistic campaign we have no doubt.

Among the visiting brethren present were S. S. McKenney, representative of the Washington City Church; J. O. Leath, representative of the North Texas College; J. G. Shipley, returned missionary from China; C. C. Cody, representing southwestern University, and the editor of the Advocate. The conference cordially received the editor's sermon at the 11 o'clock hour and patiently heard him in an Advocate speech in the afternoon.

Rev. John M. Barcus is a skilled hand in directing the work of a district. He profoundly loves the Church, and among her servants no name among us stands higher than his.

PERSONALS

We regret to have missed the visit of Rev. Wm. L. Joyner, of Jefferson.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Weatherby, of Waller, a fine baby girl, June 5. Congratulations.

Rev. J. G. Forrester, of Goldthwaite, attended the Commencement exercises of S. M. U. and delighted us with a visit.

Rev. I. C. Kiker, of Frisco, called to see us en route to his mother, who is ill in Ft. Worth. We trust the dear one is improved.

Mrs. W. Z. Erwin, of Barstow, Texas, died recently. She was an exemplary and earnest Christian and a member of our Church.

Rev. Glenn Flinn, of First Church, Beaumont, has received 225 additions to the Church since conference. Have we a better record?

Rev. C. M. Buttrill, of Snyder, Oklahoma, was a pleasant caller this week. He says Methodism is going forward in his section.

Rev. L. A. Webb, presiding elder of the Weatherford District, delighted the Advocate force with his presence last week. The editor regrets that he was out of his office.

Bishop R. G. Waterhouse writes us a kind letter from Los Angeles, and says that his health continues to improve. This news will rejoice the Church. God bless Bishop Waterhouse.

Rev. E. D. Watson, of Center, is a painstaking, conscientious pastor. If he looks after all his Church interests as he does the Advocate, and we are sure he does, no detail is neglected.

Mr. A. R. Rickard, of Eastland, Texas, while in Dallas attending the Federal Court, took time to call at the Advocate office. We enjoyed his visit. Brother Rickard has been living at Eastland some thirty years and is

familiar with all the surrounding country. He said he had not been to Dallas for some twenty-two years and so the city was a new place to him.

Bishop Walter R. Lambuth passed through Dallas last Monday en route to El Paso. He looks remarkably well and, as ever, is busy with his Master's work.

The editor greatly enjoyed the privilege of speaking to his former parishioners at Trinity Church, Dallas, last Sunday evening. Dr. Burgin, the pastor, is a gracious host and is doing a great work.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix, who sent the editor a type-written copy of the interview published in last week's Advocate, will enjoy H. G. H.'s humor at the editor's expense in his communication in this week's issue.

Rev. Hubert D. Knickerbocker has received 150 accessions to the Church during the first ten weeks of his pastorate at First Church, Houston. Isn't this fine? And Hubert is worth every cent of the \$6000 salary.

Hon. John W. Robbins, candidate for Railroad Commissioner to succeed Commissioner Allison Mayfield, is very popular in Smith County. Recent resolutions adopted there referred to him as "The Farmer Boy, John W. Robbins."

Mrs. Milton Ragsdale, a niece of Rev. J. W. P. McKenzie, "Old Master," has presented her uncle's Bible to the Southern Methodist University. The lesson was read from this sacred old book by Bishop Mouzon last Sunday morning.

The McIntosh County Democrat, of Checotah, Oklahoma, publishes the fine memorial sermon of our pastor in Checotah, Rev. W. L. Blackburn, in a recent issue. "The Call of the Dead to the Living" is the theme of this excellent sermon.

Rev. H. M. Whaling, Jr., writes us from New York City that he is supplying a Presbyterian and a Baptist Church in New York City and that in each he has administered the Lord's Supper. What do our Baptist brethren in Texas think of that?

The death of Mrs. J. R. Cole, wife of Col. J. R. Cole, of Dallas, last Friday, June 9, was a distinctive loss to Methodism. Sister Cole for some twenty-five years had been a member of our First Church. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved family.

Rev. Jerome Haralson will hold several meetings in Arkansas this summer. He began at Stephens last Sunday. He will teach theology in the A. C. L., beginning with the fall term. Brother Haralson's present address is Grays, Woodruff County, Arkansas. Blessings upon this dear, good man!

The Rev. J. W. Hunt and R. A. Smith, newly elected president and dean, respectively, of Stamford College, spent Tuesday at Stamford looking after the details of the catalog for the coming term and attending to other business matters.—Abilene Reporter.

We wish for Brothers Hunt and Smith the largest success in their noble work. Stamford College is among our great institutions in the West.

We greatly appreciate the following invitation and wish the greatest happiness for the contracting young people: Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Wright Stanford request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Myra Frances, to Mr. Clifford Marvin Montgomery, on Tuesday evening the twelfth



of June, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, at half after eight o'clock, Austin Avenue Methodist Church, Waco, Texas.

Brother Charles A. Gill, of First Church, Dallas, was struck by an automobile on June 3 and last Saturday died from the effects of the accident. Drs. Sam R. Hay and G. M. Gibson conducted the funeral services Sunday afternoon from First Church. The Advocate extends condolence to the surviving family.

OUR CHURCH NEWS

The Board of Conference Claimants of our sister Methodism reported in Permanent Fund the sum of \$1,200,000. Dividends paid to the Annual Conferences amounted to \$192,000.

Bishop Berry is to give an address before the twelfth annual convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, in Philadelphia, on June 25. His subject is "The Church and Advertising."

The new secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, elected to succeed Bishop Thomas Nicholson, is Dr. A. W. Harris, a layman, who has for ten years been president of the great Northwestern University. He is the first layman to fill this position.

Bishop Thirkield, whose episcopal area takes in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, will hold the Southern German Conference, San Antonio, November 23; Texas, at Pittsburg, November 24. Bishop E. H. Hughes will hold the West Texas at San Antonio, December 18; Bishop Shepard, the New Mexico, at El Paso, September 28.

Among the relics of "Circuit-Riding Days," exhibited at the late General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Saratoga Springs, was a pair of saddlebags used fifty years ago by a frontier preacher in the Northwest Texas Conference, and put in the exhibit by Rev. C. M. Adams, Palmyra, N. Y. We wonder if Southern Methodism had anything to do with that pioneer on the Plains!

A SUBSCRIBER COMPLAINS
 that she never sees anything in the Advocate from her part of the country. She says she knows a number of deaths not recorded and other items worth writing about. Some pastor seems not to be doing his duty to his charge by failing to let others know of the good works and triumphant deaths.

CLASS "A"

THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION appointed by the five Texas Conferences founded Texas Woman's College, and by resolution established it as a Woman's College of grade "A." The General Board of Education of the M. E. Church, South, the State Department of Public Instruction and the University of Texas have granted full **CLASS "A"** rating. Credits earned in the Liberal Arts Department are accepted by The University of Texas at their full value.

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