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The Church In The Mission Field

In other columns of this issue we cheerfully reproduce a recent editorial of Zion's Herald in which the editor makes a strong plea for a world-wide organization of American Methodism. Churches on the mission field are to be "a vital, organic part of the Methodist Episcopal Church and responsible in every sense to the central body." And we desire to say at the outset that the editor's plea is a masterly appeal to the imagination and is beyond criticism as to its brotherly spirit. We are more than glad, therefore, to introduce Dr. Charles Parkhurst, editor of Zion's Herald, to our readers and to commend to them a careful study of what he says.

The question of nationalism is the acute question of our day. Neither statesman nor ecclesiastic can evade it and the title of either to greatness will be measured, in the future, by how he has dealt with this question. The place of national sentiments and racial aspirations in the building of both Church and State is the supreme question of this hour. And it is our deliberate conviction that the permanency of what we build today will depend upon the recognition which we shall give to these sentiments and aspirations.

No one man, let us freely confess, is competent to say just what place national sentiments and racial aspirations should have in the structure of the future Church. Let us, then, ask this question: How is the Church, as a whole, thinking of the principle of nationalism in its work?

An answer to this question must be found, if it can be found anywhere, in the pronouncements of the great missionary conferences and of the great missionary leaders of our day. Only a life study, in immediate contact with all the problems involved, can qualify one to speak with anything approaching authority upon this question.

Fortunately, the very issues which we are now discussing were given scientific study by a great commission which made its report to the World Missionary Conference, Edinburgh, June, 1910. The commission was composed of leading thinkers from many Churches. Our own Walter R. Lambuth, Secretary of the Board of Missions, participated as one of the vice-chairmen of the commission. The report was formulated from the answers of some two hundred missionaries on the various fields of the Church. Among other subjects, the answers were to inquiries on the "constitution and organization" of the Church in the mission field. Specific answers were given to this specific question: "What indications are there of a

gradual or rapid transference of authority from the foreign mission to the local Church, and how do the foreign missionaries generally view such indications?"

Summing up its report on the Church in the mission field the commission said: "The broad result shows that the Church on which we report may justly claim continuous recognition from us of its organized existence, of its corporate life and action, of its needs and problems, and of its stable and effective influence upon its own members and upon the non-Christian peoples among whom it has taken root."

The commission further says: "It is the accepted principle of missions that everything possible must be done to lead the Christians of every congregation to self-government, so far as the congregation as such carries authority; to self-support, in a sense that precludes any idea of permanent or normal dependence on any other people than themselves; to self-extension, not only to the bounds of their own habitation, but also out into the unevangelized world, wheresoever it may be practically within their reach."

The report, as a whole, undoubtedly supports the idea that there should be a gradual transference of authority and independent self-government to the Church in the mission field. The discussion which followed the report leads us to believe that the consensus of opinion among our great missionary workers is fairly expressed by these words of Robert E. Speer: "The principle which we must keep clear and which must be served by whatever we do is the principle of a truly independent Church resting on the life of the people and leading their steps. What we do in the way of method and relationship is right or wrong as it advances or retards the triumph of that principle."

We shall not multiply quotations. As we see it, independent national Churches are inevitable. Our Methodisms in America, in our judgment, should openly announce that our business in the mission fields is to prepare Churches which shall root themselves in the soil of nationalism and that at the earliest moment an acknowledgment shall be made of their independence. Let us not wait for revolution or rupture, but let us direct the nationalizing of the Church upon the mission field.

Undoubtedly, our Methodism in America may stay for a time the movement toward independence upon the part of the Churches in the foreign field by means of the proposed jurisdictional conferences. These proposed

conferences may be of real service in the way of extending, for a time, our ecclesiastical "protectorate" over the foreign Churches. And they indeed will perform a real service if they shall prevent rupture before the native Churches on the foreign field are fully grounded in Christian doctrine and established in Christian life.

Even such service, however, will not justify us in seeking a plan of union which runs counter to "the innate strength of nationalism." Even such service will not justify us in any effort to permanently arrest the growth of nationalism in the foreign Churches. Even such service would not justify us in asking either our Japanese or our colored brethren to surrender the ecclesiastical independence which they have already set up. And certainly the service which we expect the jurisdictional conferences to render on the foreign field would not justify us in any movement which might disturb the social and political fabric of either section of our own country.

We reciprocate with all our heart the desire of the distinguished editor of Zion's Herald for the unification of American Methodism and we indulge the hope that such unification shall not be embarrassed either by the demand of the Southern Commission that the Methodist Episcopal Church shall dismiss its small contingent of colored conferences or by the demand of the Northern Commission that the entire Colored Methodist membership in America shall be organized into one of the jurisdictional conferences of the proposed Church.

Education without religion is a dismal failure. The most conspicuous failure of this century is the failure of purely secular education. Events have been humorously careless of the reputation of the philosophers of the eighteenth century who prophesied that education in itself would prove a panacea for all social ills. Intellectual training cannot cure the evils in the heart. Intellectual training may be but the veneer of savagery. Intellectual training, indeed, too often has proved to be but sharpened tools in the hands of criminals. The primary aim of education should be moral character. Sound morality is the essential basis of the successful life. And morality has no support except in religion. Morality cannot be effectually taught apart from religion. Upon this educators are agreed. Hence, the imperative need of our religious schools.

Robert E. Speer, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, has given the Church the most statesmanlike discussion of missions which has appeared in a generation. His "Christianity and the Nations" is almost the last word on the Church in the foreign field.

The Proposed Union Of Methodisms

"COME, LET US REASON TOGETHER."

(Editorial, Zion's Herald, Sept. 6.)

In a highly appreciative editorial, the Texas Christian Advocate, official organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in that great Southwest empire, draws attention to our utterance of recent date on the relation of the Negro to the unification of American Methodism, and takes issue with our main conclusion. We desire to say at the very outset that the Texas Christian Advocate has discussed the unification question from the first with the utmost sympathy for all the problems involved and with able and clear discrimination in its appreciation of the constitutional and other questions at issue. This it has done without the slightest evidence of bitterness keeping its discussions upon the very highest plane even when it has sharply disagreed with others. This is as it should be.

We would draw attention to the position taken by the Texas on the place of the Negro in the negotiations now pending between the two branches of Episcopal Methodism, and to the question raised by our editorial, in order to place before our readers something of the attitude taken by some of our brethren of the South on this very important phase of the whole matter. It will be recalled by our readers that we took the position that the Negro should be constituted a part of the reorganized Church, first because he is already a part of the Church and so cannot be set off unless he asks it; second, because the Church believes it best for the Negro that he should continue in this vital relation with his white brethren; third, because the white man himself should keep in touch with him for the sake of the white man and his civilization; and, fourth, because the reorganized Church should be in every sense a world Church.

The Texas takes issue with our fourth statement—saying that our whole argument stands or falls with the soundness of the contention—and argues that after the world war has come to an end the sentiment of nationality will be so dominant that even an ecclesiastical world scheme will invite disaster. This is the way in which the Texas states its position:

The entire world is certain to be reconstructed upon the principle of nationality at the expiration of the great European conflict. Reconstruction upon any other lines is certain to invite future conflicts. No State can any longer dream of a world empire. And Methodism, if she plans wisely, will not undertake a scheme of world organization which has invited disaster to the ambitious nations of the present and the past.

We fear the Texas has entirely missed the point which we have been trying to make in this very important connection. It is true that the sentiment of nationality will be dominant after the European war has come to a close, and just because it will be so strong a factor in the process of rehabilitation, we believe the system of Jurisdictional Conferences proposed by the Federal Council of Methodism and endorsed by both the General Conferences—with the modification that the Methodist Episcopal Church would greatly enlarge the number over that proposed by the Southern Conference—would fit into that period and give to Methodism a position among the nations of paramount influence and significance. The very fact of reconstruction upon the principle of nationality makes the proposed plan not only feasible, but imperative.

Whether we will it or not, the Methodist Episcopal Church is a world Church at the present time. True, it is not at work among all the nations of earth, but it is working among enough of them to give it well-nigh an ecumenical significance. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, likewise has work in foreign fields which is a very important part of its economy. The two fused into one will form a world Church of no mean proportions. But what shall be the type of this world Church? Are we to attempt to govern every part of the world in all minute particulars from one central body, the General Conference? That is the question at issue, and the Jurisdictional Conference is an attempt to answer the question in such a manner that the sentiment of nationality so pronounced today, and certain to be even more so after the

war ends, will be taken into adequate consideration.

It is no secret that the Methodist Episcopal Church has been facing this very problem for some time. Particularly in Europe some very delicate situations have resulted. In those countries where State Churches exist, it has not been an easy task to conserve the strong nationalistic feeling that is dominant there and at the same time maintain all of the economy of Methodism intact. We need not go into this matter more than to say that some interesting pages of recent history have to do with this very problem. As a matter of fact, the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has faced this question for some years now, finally appointed a Commission at its recent General Conference to study the whole question and report on the adjustment that may be needed to meet the condition now, of course, all the more acute because of the war.

Methodism, whether it continue to be divided—which may God forbid—or whether it be united, must face this question of nationality. Shall we divide the Church into a number of smaller Churches scattered throughout the world, each having but fraternal relations to the other, as we did in the case of Japan? Or shall we devise some method whereby the Church in each country shall have a large measure of self-government—in fact, all authority within constitutional restrictions over local matters—and all be united into one great central body in the matter of doctrine, ministerial standing, and general polity? This is the question. And it is our contention that the jurisdictional system already approved by the Federal Council and the two General Conferences, if it be sufficiently enlarged in its scope can solve the problem.

We will get out of the application of this principle, what? A Methodist Episcopal Church in Germany that will have the German flavor in its local management, will select its own Bishops, under proper constitutional provisions in relation to the rest of the Church, will have absolute control of its own institutions, will be in a word, German. Yet it will be a vital, organic part of the Methodist Episcopal Church and be responsible in every sense to the central body. So will it be with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Sweden, and with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Italy, and in all the other countries of earth. True, it is a scheme of world empire, after a sense. But that is exactly what Christianity is, and so long as the Methodist Episcopal Church keeps itself unspotted from the world in the religious sense of that term, it need fear no evil at this point. Let it be among the nations to minister, and the stronger its world ties the better.

And the Negro problem will be solved in the same way. We cannot have a world Church and exclude any race. The Chinese will be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church then as he is now, and he also will have his Jurisdictional Conferences. So will the Korean, and so will the Filipino and the Indian. By what argument is it possible to exclude the Negro from the reorganized Church, using practical force to eliminate him—for he will not leave the Church of his own free will, we are very sure—and at the same time keep the Chinaman, the Korean, the Indian? We do not think such a position can be maintained successfully.

It cannot be unless we take another position entirely from that of the principle of nationality as the reason. It is true that the fathers of 1844 parted regretfully. And they did so on the basis of expediency. We are not now ignoring the constitutional questions at issue at all. That which brought the constitutional question to an issue was American slavery. The North maintained that a Bishop who was a slaveholder, even though it were because of circumstances over which he had no control, would be hindered in his work in that part of the country. The South held that the Church having taken that position by a majority vote, virtually deposing Bishop Andrews, Methodism itself would be hindered in its work throughout that part of the country. Hence, regretfully, the leaders of the South withdrew under the plan of separation adopted by the conference,

and a new Church was organized. It was a matter of expediency. This is the question that now arises: Is it still a matter of expediency that the Church should remain divided rather than to be reunited with the Negro a part of the reorganized Church?

We might as well face that question fairly and squarely. We are of the opinion that that is at this point the vital question at issue. If the Church were reorganized and the Negro were an organic part of it, would Methodism be handicapped in its work in the Southland? Of course we cannot undertake to answer that question from our position in the North as can our brethren of the South. Nevertheless, we have traveled rather extensively in the South, we have come into touch with many of the leaders of Southern Methodism, we have kept in close touch with the literature of the South and its public sentiment, and while we are in no position, we say, to be dogmatic on the question, we are prepared to assert it as our firm conviction, that those who hold that the South as a whole would resent such an organization fall in some important particulars in their estimate of the Southland. It is possible that one may be so close to an object that the perspective is somewhat distorted.

We doubt not that some would object, some would be disturbed, some would perhaps resent. But we are convinced it would be a very small minority indeed, just as there is probably a small Northern minority that will object to what adjustments may be made with the South. But South and North we have moved from the days that divided, and, as a nation, we have become one once more in a very real sense. In commerce, in politics, in social life, we are one. Can we not strike hands also in things religious? And the Jurisdictional Conference gives our Church the opportunity to do this very thing in a way attempted by no other. One Church we shall be, and yet so distinct will be the work of the Jurisdictional Conference that autonomy will be assured for every part of the Church and for the great racial divisions. And racial divisions will give the Negro that opportunity which he must have for his own sake and for that of the nation as a whole.

A world Church is a possibility; in fact a world Church clearly defined in its national jurisdictions, we believe, is the only way in which modern Methodism, whether united or still divided, can face the very crucial questions, nationalistic and otherwise, of the new day. And from that world Church we do not see how it would be possible or wise to eliminate the Negro.

CONCERNING METHODIST FEDERATION.

Rev. L. B. Ellis.

Too much is being written upon Methodist union, which is not germane to the real subject in hand. The only thing our General Conference ever contemplated or offered to discuss with our Northern brethren is federation. What we desire and all that we desire and all that should be discussed is Federation of Methodism. It is misleading and confusing to use the term organic union, or union.

Federation is by no means union and it is a very unfortunate use of terms upon the part of our Northern brethren. It had as well be understood, once for all, that we do not desire organic union and that union is not the question under discussion, but Federation of Methodism and that only. If we desire a workable and satisfactory Federation of Methodism let us say so plainly, and quit discussing union. We have a federation of American States, forming the Federal Government, but it is a "league for common interest and defense as regards external relations, the internal rights of each State remaining unimpaired, each State governing its internal affairs, which do not impair the general affairs of the Federal Government." No one would think of obliterating the dividing lines of the several States, with their local interests and internal affairs, and having only one big State in our government. So it is useless to discuss organic union of Methodism, which would annul the

autonomy of any smaller individual Church.

Ask the Cumberland Presbyterians and the Presbyterians U. S. A. what they think of organic union of Churches. The answer involves the years of court proceedings and law suits which followed the union of the said Churches, with the attending strife and bickerings which resulted in a wider division in many places, with two Churches in many towns, each with wounds which do not heal.

Federation, as we understand the term used in this connection, involves a plan which will remove irritation and friction growing out of the sin and folly of Methodism being in competition with Methodism, of building altar against altar, the arrogance of one Methodism assuming superiority over another Methodism of the same origin, same order of worship, same hymns, same doctrines and presenting the sin and shame, unfounded and inexcusable, of two Methodist Churches in the same town or city, especially where one Methodism is strong and the other building a little church with mission money and supporting its pastor with mission money, and for what?

Think of two Methodisms in Nashville, Tenn.—the Jerusalem of Southern Methodism, with its Publishing House, University, scores of Churches supplying the community with Methodism, with no reason or need or occasion for another Methodism, yet it was there for years until it died for lack of support and membership. Think of two Methodisms in Atlanta, Ga.—two Methodist Bishops living there, two Methodist Conferences covering the same territory. Think of two Methodisms all over the South—and for why and for what?

Think of the sin and folly of raising Church Extension and Mission money in the North, and sending it down South to maintain Churches and pastors and Bishops in the very heart of Southern Methodism which supplies well all the people with Methodist services.

This is what federation will stop, and if our Church is committing a like sin it will stop that also.

II.

A merely mechanical re-organization of Methodism will not bring in the Methodist millennium and indeed is not desirable.

Only a federation culminating after a plain, frank, open discussion of our differences, our difficulties, our problems, a fair giving and taking, concessions by both sides, where no principle is involved, is desirable. Withal that federation must leave each with its history, its traditions, its sentiments unimpaired, and the right to govern in internal and local affairs unimpaired.

The oft insistence of many that nothing should be said or written, except what would further union, is zeal without knowledge. Let us face the facts and the truth as they are. A mere patched up federation for the purpose of a rousation, where we can sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and shout and shake hands, and cry a little when there is no tie that binds, would be a tragedy, the ghost of which has been with us since Cape May. Some are insisting that we forget our history, loose from the moorings of our sentiments and reconstruct our traditions, and reconvene the judgments of our fathers in order to secure union. If federation, as much as it is desired, is to be had at such cost, it is too dear. It is possible for the Commission to recommend federation upon such basis, and possible for the General Conference to adopt such—such is barely possible, not probable—but no people would accept it at such cost, no self-respecting people.

We have had a sad experience from a mechanical federation when the Commission met at Cape May. Had Methodism faithfully kept said compact, there would have been no occasion for the discussions of this hour; there would have been federation such as we need all these years. Turn on the light of fact and truth, deal with conditions as they exist, no place here for by-play to force conditions to accomplish the "big thing." Enthusiasm should give place to calm judgment, the issues are too grave for else. The success and usefulness and peace and harmony of our beloved Church in the Southland and her min-

istry to future generations is in the balance.

III.

That which divided the Church and which has kept them separate is a constitutional difference. Before we can unite in our work, there must be a constitution acceptable to the people of each Church.

The crux of the whole matter now seems to be in the constitution of the General Conference of Federated Methodism. The demand of the Saratoga Conference seems to be for a General Conference which shall be the supreme legislative, executive and judicial body of the Federated Church. We had sad experience with a General Conference which assumes this anomaly, to-wit: A General Conference which shall be the sole and only judge of the constitutionality of its own acts. The intolerance of a majority of such a conference overriding the constitutional rights guaranteed to the Bishops and preachers of said Church, and attempting to regulate the local affairs and legislate for the local conditions of the Southland, divided the Church in 1844, and such a conference would divide it again.

There should be two houses, conforming to the House of Representatives and Senate, the Divisional General Conference being the House, and the General Conference being the Senate of the Church.

Representation in the Divisional General Conference should be based upon the membership of each conference, this conference to have control of the internal affairs of its division, with the Bishops of said division having veto power over the acts of said conference.

The General Conference of the Federated Church should be composed of an equal number from each Divisional Conference. This would forever prevent the larger and more populous divisions from infringing upon the rights of a lesser division, each having equal representation. The Supreme Court with veto power over said conference should be composed of an equal number of Bishops from each Divisional General Conference, which again would give it always proper balance, the General Conference of Federated Methodism to have jurisdiction only over the common and general interests of the Federated Church, working under a well defined constitution with the restrictions clearly stated. This seems to the writer to be a workable plan by which we could all work in peace and harmony. Lastly, there must be no "negro in the woodpile." Social equality is an impossible thing in the South, and we had as well be frank and open about this question. The negro must be set off in a Church to himself, with the right to control his own affairs, with only fraternal relations with the white Church. I am sure that is what they desire and all they desire. It is entirely gratuitous for any one to accuse us of race prejudice; however, it is needless to discuss this matter with our ultra Northern brother. We must simply stand for this, or it is wholly needless to come to the Southern people with any plan of federation. If our Northern brother is not willing to deal squarely with conditions as they exist and will not yield in this demand which the Southern Church could not possibly grant, simply because the Southern people would not accept it, then he does not want federation so much as he wants to force others to accept his way of thinking. May God guide us in this great plan, and may Federation of Methodism be accomplished to the good of all the people and the glory of God. She would be the mightiest force for good in the world and our Master's prayer, in part, would be answered. So mote it be.

Holdenville, Okla.

WHAT METHODISM EXPECTS OF THE COMMISSION.

Most correspondence on the unification of Methodism is pointing out the seemingly insuperable difficulties in the way. That there are difficulties no one will deny; but who will say that they are incapable of being overcome, except the wish be father to the thought? It is easy enough to see the obstacles. We have been airing them for seventy years. Why not delineate the hope which fills the breasts of thousands of Methodists? For my own part, inquiries have led me into the positive conviction that there is almost a unanimity of opinion

among our people for a "get together." Many of the people are intelligently hopeful, even though they understand the difficulties, that the Commission will find a way. We are going to forget the obstacles, and let's be much slower to forget the encouraging signs.

Who can ever forget the wild joy which swept over National Methodism when the Associated Press flashed the first news of the Saratoga action? Does that not unerringly index the hope of the masses? Our people saw the sun rise from the mountain top at Saratoga. Will our trusted leaders call us back into the valley of mist? We have more confidence in them than to expect anything else than that they keep a clear sky for the sun of Oklahoma City and Saratoga Springs. The Commissions do not simply represent their respective General Conferences, nor do they represent the ministry alone. They are the servants of the masses. And if that conclusion be correct, the presumption of this young preacher in making suggestions to his seniors in age, office and ability, will not appear so brazen.

1. We do not expect the Commission to be the champions of 1844. They are the leaders of 1916 and the heralds of the coming generations. I do not discount our history. It has been worthy, but all wisdom did not die with Soule and Pierce or with Hamline and Bangs.

2. Am I not right in saying that the Commissions have been appointed to determine on a feasible and acceptable plan of unification? Then we have a right to expect that they shall spend more time in a positive construction than in wrangling over the barriers which the past has raised up.

3. "Altar against altar" on the borders expect a calm, brotherly, constructive consideration of the unnecessary wastes and antagonisms. Have we not had enough of this spirit which sets brother against brother? What does it matter who was the aggressor? The important thing is to stop it.

4. We have a right to expect that each Commission shall make every possible concession. One thing is very clear, if there is no yielding there will be no union. The representatives of both Churches must give and take. The greatest constitution in the world is the child of compromise. If men with as much animosity toward each other, and of each toward the section of country from which the other came, as Hamilton and Madison could produce a document which has been so wonderfully elastic and yet which has been so beneficially restrictive as the Constitution of the United States, why cannot we, too, hope for the most to be accomplished from the contact of such keenly perceptive minds, although so widely differing as Hoss and Cranston? Although each may adhere as tenaciously to his convictions as did any of the constitutional statesmen, yet their names may be indelibly written in the history of American Methodism as the fathers of a great constitution for a united Church.

5. The Church expects that the Commission shall not proceed to either reject or accept with undue haste. Haste is the progenitor of rashness! The June roses may bloom again and again before the work is accomplished, but God forbid that our hopes should shatter as the rose petals. We want our Octobers to be as sanguine as our Junes.

This is an emergency. Emergency has conceived some of the greatest laws on the statute books. Methodism's greatest crisis since 1844 will find men, in fact has already found them, equal to the task, just as Capers, Smith, Pierce, Bascom and Winans were equal to theirs. We pray earnestly for a Commission which has the welfare of unborn millions in its hands.

H. BASCOM WATTS.

A FEW MORE POINTS.

H. G. H.

The Junaluska unification resolutions say don't dig up old issues and then straightway they dig up the biggest issue of 1844 that divided the Church. Good! Rhetoric runs into logic.

No Church Conference, no Quarterly Conference, no District Conference, no Annual Conference, no General Conference has authority to change

Church membership without consent of the member.

I. M. Hawley says he "entertains no shadow of doubt that division in 1844 was in the order of providence." But what of the act of deposing a Bishop without formal charges or trial being in the order of providence?

If a condition of things is in the order of providence what responsibility rests on providence for the means used in bringing about that condition of things? Better be careful about declaring too freely the will of God. We must not overlook the fact that bad men and devils have a free hand sometimes in matters of Church and State. We must have a great deal of common sense as well as some piety.

As to coming again under that same unrestricted majority rule that brought division in 1844—why, deliver us from it—while the freedom of human action is the law of nature.

Another writer—a shouting Methodist no doubt—says we cannot come together as one soul by modifying constitutions. But the right kind of a constitution and the right kind of a General Conference administration are mighty good features of a law that restrains zeal without knowledge.

Another brother—a regular stand-patter—don't want happy, contented Church relations disturbed. It is well enough to shake up some happy, contented Church relations—yes, for a whale to come along and swallow them and then spue them out on the shores of a foreign country—to begin to find out how big a world we've got.

I believe it was E. E. Hoss who said the recommendations of the Saratoga General Conference tend directly to prevent unification. That was the first impression they made upon me.

Those recommendations contain the same unrestricted majority rule and the same spirit existed in the General Conference of 1844. A little theocracy injected into some forms of democracy—at least the "Golden Rule"—would not be out of order. But handle the will of God with care.

Frank M. Thomas, of Louisville, Ky., member of the Commission (who has the book "Organization of the M. E. Church, South"), may use some strong points presented to the General Conference of New York in 1844 in the brilliant address of Stephen Olin before that body. Stephen Olin was a Northern man, but licensed to preach down South and lived, preached and taught many years in Georgia. He was one of the greatest thinkers of Methodism. Geo. G. Smith says the profoundest thinker of his age.

He foresaw all the dire consequences of the action in the Bishop Andrew case, and, in his masterly argument for a constitution guaranteeing moral rights (higher than civil) he showed a statesmanship the forces and powers of which are wonderfully applicable at this time and in dealing with the issues now confronting the same enlarged Churches.

No form of human rights, moral, civil or social, can be maintained without law. Majorities need checks in Church and State, and without them anarchy rules.

But to close. H. S. Shangle, of Milton, Oregon, closes an article on Methodist unification with this bald statement: "To longer perpetuate the folly of a divided Methodism in this country would be to commit a crime against the civilization of the twentieth century."

My Church committing crime against civilization! That blatant Oregon man, talking through his hat, is the very one with whom M. E. Church should not unite. To assert that the two Churches, as they now exist, are "committing a crime against civilization" shows his folly and the same spirit that in 1844 said to a Bishop, Violate the law of your State or we will suspend you from the functions of the Episcopacy.

THE PROBLEM BEFORE US.

The matter now claiming the attention of the two largest Methodist bodies of the United States, is so far reaching as to concern other great denominations; but especially does it concern every member of those bodies whose union is being considered. The people, who for Methodism have labored and prayed and sacrificed, cannot be indifferent to a thing so far reaching as that proposed. Moreover, the adjustment of matters in which millions of people are deeply interested is a task, so tremendous, as not to be accomplished speedily. Matters pertaining to the unification of Methodism have been discussed from

various viewpoints. There may be those who favor union under any conditions, there are those who stoutly oppose union under every condition, there are others who want union provided such union may be had upon suitable terms. Undoubtedly, the very large majority of Southern Methodists belong to the latter class.

Much has been written that has not helped to a better understanding. The communications of our Southern Methodist brethren who were at Saratoga Springs, seemed to have been written under the influence of the action of the conference. Naturally, the emotions of men were stirred. To applaud sentiment is one thing, to put those sentiments into practical effect, where grave questions are involved, is quite another. It is not surprising that the secular press should understand that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church had accepted the plan of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as adopted at Oklahoma City. Many people were led to believe that the commissioners of the two Churches would soon work out the details and that the General Conferences would endorse the Commission's work. The belief in the certainty of this speedy consummation led the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to arrange for a session of that body to be held in 1918.

As a matter of fact, the "plan of unification" is not the product of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, but of the "Joint Commission" of the Protestant Methodist Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

This "plan" was approved by the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church and with possibly one amendment, by our General Conference at Oklahoma City in 1914. Let it be borne in mind, that although the plan of the Joint Commission was in existence when the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in 1912, that conference did not consider it. In a recent communication that deserves the most careful reading, Bishop Candler says:

"In truth, when our General Conference of 1914 adjourned, the report of the Joint Commission had reached all the General Conferences of the three Churches whose representatives had participated in framing it; two of them—our own and the Methodist Protestant General Conference had approved it in the main, and one of them—the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of 1912—had ignored it. But the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Saratoga in 1916, could no longer ignore it, after the other two General Conferences had adopted it, and that body virtually presented a substitute for it. This means that much work must be done over again, if anything substantial and valuable is to be achieved."

When the Joint Commission framed the plan of unification concessions by all were evidently made. Our General Conference, at Oklahoma City, accepted it with small amendments. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, passed over the plan at Minneapolis in 1912, but not until 1916, and after both the other directly interested Churches, in their General Conferences, had passed upon the Commission's work, did our brethren in the North act in this important matter. The failure of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to consider the work of its Commissioners in 1912 has hindered, rather than helped, the situation.

The Pittsburg Christian Advocate, of August 17, says, editorially:

"The action of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Oklahoma City, did not awaken any marked degree of enthusiasm in our own Church. Many of those who greatly desire the reunion of the Churches doubted. They knew from the beginning that the tentative plan would have to be greatly modified if the Methodist Episcopal Church should seriously consider the adoption of it. In fact, the most enthusiastic advocates of unification did not urge action on the suggestions in the General Conference of 1912." The editor further states: "The recommendations made in the report of the committee of sixty were the minimum rather than the maximum of modifications necessary to secure the hearty and unanimous adoption of the report

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD

OUR REVIVAL AT FRISCO.

We have just passed through a very successful revival meeting in Frisco. We began our meeting Sunday, August 13, and Brother Ira C. Kiker, the former pastor, came to us on Monday and did all the preaching until the close of the meeting, August 27. Brother Kiker did some effective preaching and was able to reach the people as perhaps no other man could have done. He was pastor here for almost three years, hence he knew just what it took to reach the Church and the sinners. He is much loved by the people here and too much praise can not be given him for his faithful services in Frisco. The Church has had an awakening and we are now on fine working basis. We had seventeen additions to the Church as a result of the meeting—fourteen by profession of faith and three by certificate. There are yet others to come in. Much and lasting good has been accomplished. We are still praying for the broken families where fathers and children are not saved.—C. R. Kidd, P. C.

MAY.

We have just closed a very successful meeting at this place. Rev. J. L. Bryant, of Siloam Springs, Ark., and Fort Worth, Texas, did the preaching. He is certainly one of the best preachers in Texas. He is wise and prudent, scholarly and eloquent. His preaching was in demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit. No rash acts or expressions from him; this explains why he can hold two successful revivals at one point in six months. The singing was under the direction of his wife, who is a splendid singer as well as a leader. The Church was greatly revived, the entire community benefited. Fifty-six conversions and reclamations, nineteen additions to the Church with others to receive. In many respects it was a greater meeting than we had in February. While we didn't have as many conversions, we have had a deeper work of grace in the hearts of the Christians. This is our third year in this place. We feel greatly indebted to the faithful ones here who have made success possible.—C. V. Williams.

DAINGERFIELD.

We are coming to the close of the fourth year on this delightful charge. They have been years of labor. I think we have made some advancement. I believe the general condition of our charge is a great deal better. Some preacher will find a very pleasant charge to serve. We hate to go, but the law must be obeyed. Brother O. T. Hotchkiss was our presiding elder for four years and he was a good one, too. The time limit moved him, and the Bishop gave us our old friend and brother, John W. Bergin. We were delighted with him, but after the first quarter they picked him up and sent him to First Church, Temple, Texas, and gave us Brother Winston H. Vance, and he "hit" the ground a running. He has certainly made this old district hum. Now, listen! Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held at old Hervis Chapel last Monday. Brother Vance preached Sunday night on the subject of "Prayer," and then again on Monday morning he preached on the subject of "Prayer," and he called for Christians who intended to live the prayer life to come, and they all came. Then he called for the backslider and sinner, and the Christians began to work and some came, and he continued to call until there was something like a dozen saved and reclaimed. Tell me that the day of shouting is past! You would not have thought so. Mothers, wives and loved ones praising God at the same time. One young lady received into the Church by baptism and one baby baptized and fine reports. To God be all the praise.—C. H. Adams.

MULKEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, FORT WORTH.

We are very delightfully domiciled in a new, commodious, modern parsonage. The building is two-story, with four bed rooms above; reception hall, livingroom, large, modern dining-room and kitchen on first floor; sleeping porch and bath also on second floor. House is modern in architect-



M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, VALLEY MILLS, TEXAS

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ture, with electric and gas fixtures. Have garage with concrete floor and an automobile to go in it. All former pastors especially will rejoice with us in the splendid progress made in this congregation in this respect. The Woman's Missionary Society, Sunday School classes and friends have assisted in providing furnishings. Mr. C. H. Bencino presented a beautiful and handsome fumed oak china cabinet to correspond with the lovely furniture already placed by the W. H. M. Society and the "Mulkey Marys and Marthas" Sunday School Class. We have enjoyed great spiritual blessings also, as one hundred and thirty-six have been received into the Church, and we are now in great meeting. Though there was a shortage in the membership of 172 from the statistics reported to conference, caused by my predecessor losing his pocket roll, still we hope to report a membership of over one thousand at conference. This is indeed a great young congregation, and does not know its possibilities. It is well organized, and our Sunday School is A 1. We are pulling to make a perfect report on the Advocate at conference. Mother Duff is the pastor's "helper" in this work, and she never fails. This is my first year and Giraffes need not figure on the new parsonage for three more years.—M. S. Hotchkiss.

MARTHA, OKLAHOMA.

Thus far we have had a most prosperous year at Martha, one of the best in the history of the Church and in the life of this pastor. At the Annual Conference in November we will report all finances out in full with a nice "special" for missions. We will report a net gain of some fifty members this year with some very much needed improvement on Church property. Our summer revival campaign closed August 13. Rev. Walter Douglas, of Frederick, Okla., assisted the pastor with the preaching and Prof. M. E. Grimes, of Concho, Texas, led the singing. The work of these brethren was entirely satisfactory and was greatly appreciated. More than fifty have united with the Church as a result of the revival with several to come in later. The Church has been greatly revived and all departments of the Church are doing good work. Our Sunday School is one of the best in the Mangum District. It is under the superintendency of Mr. S. L. Doughty, who has served in this capacity here for eight years and has just been re-elected for another year. We are organized according to the Standard of Efficiency with a most splendid, faithful corps of officers and teachers. We have a Sunday School membership of over two hundred with an average attendance this quarter of 157. Our Senior Epworth League has a membership of forty young people with an average attendance of forty at the Sunday devotional meetings. The Adult and Junior Missionary Societies are well organized and doing good work. The "Membership Campaign" will be put on this month to increase the membership. We have this year built a new barn, lots; put down a new well and put in a new pump, put out a small orchard at a cost of \$100. We have remodeled the parsonage, built

on a new room, repapered and repainted both inside and out at a cost of \$150. We now have one of the most convenient six-room parsonages in the West Oklahoma Conference. These accounts are all paid. Rev. Moss Weaver, presiding elder, held our fourth Quarterly Conference September 3, after preaching a truly great sermon on the subject, "Stir Up the Gift That is Within Thee." We had a full house at this service and most of the people remained for the conference. Our people appreciate their presiding elder and all this year we have looked forward with pleasure to his quarterly visits. Ever this conference year has come to a close the officials of the Church with their wives will be invited to meet at the parsonage for a social evening together. This presiding elder and his good wife will be invited as honor guests of the occasion. We are serving a loyal, faithful people who love the Church and their pastors and we are trying to be just as deserving as possible. Our people believe in reading good literature. Some thirty families are reading their Church paper. We are trying to put the Bible, the Texas Christian Advocate, the Missionary Voice and a Methodist Discipline in every Methodist home, and we are meeting with good success. I may be too busy to write again, but if you don't hear from me any more we hope to meet at Wynnewood, November 1.—C. L. Canter, P. C.

ASHER CIRCUIT.

The spiritual state of Asher Circuit is good, better than it has been in a number of years. There have been a Woman's Missionary Society and Junior Society organized this year. There has been an addition to the church building for pastor's study and classroom of this place. The W. C. T. U. has an organized club at this place and is doing useful and influential work. There has been an improvement on the church building at Oak Grove. A metal ceiling has been put in which adds largely to the comfort of the building. We closed our third and last meeting of this charge August 24. Rev. S. S. Holcomb, of Ada, Okla., did some strong preaching. Being such an able man his sermons are sure to grow into powers of great influence here at Asher. Rev. Thomas L. Porter came to us July 30 and did the preaching for us at Oak Grove, where one of those old-time Methodist revivals was held, where they shout and sing praises to the Lord in reality. There were sixteen additions to our Church and the spiritual life of the Church greatly revived. Rev. W. L. Broome, of Bristow, who is one of the most able men our conference affords, came to us August 14 and did the preaching for us at Adelle, where we had another great revival meeting. The victory at the two other places had indeed been great, but through the ability of Rev. Broome the success at Adelle towered above the other two. I have never been better satisfied with a meeting. We have had in all fifty-five additions to the Churches of this charge this year. We shall report at conference everything in full.—N. T. Peak, P. C.

MINERAL WELLS.

We have not been saying anything through the Advocate about our work at Mineral Wells this year. We have been busy and the Lord has been so wonderfully blessing us that we were almost afraid to speak of it lest our Great Master might think that we were boasting. We came to our new field of labor very willingly, feeling that we would have a pleasant place to labor, and truly we have found it so. The brethren who have preceded us here have all wrought well. Everywhere we can see the influence of their godly lives. We have never received a finer reception than we have received here. Our people had the parsonage home well and beautifully furnished. Every kindness they can bestow; every act that can add to our comfort and convenience is given us without solicitation. The people are thoughtful for our needs, enthusiastic, loyal to their Church and pastor. Deeply religious and exceedingly generous in their support. It would be difficult to find a better people and a better place to labor than is found at Mineral Wells. Our Master has truly led us into "green pastures" and we are profoundly grateful. We preach to thousands of people, to people from everywhere. Our house is always filled, oftentimes overflowing. Its capacity is inadequate to our needs, so much so that now the constant cry is, "More room." Our Sunday School has outgrown its accommodations and is compelled to rent outside rooms and now we are needing more. Our school is organized after the modern idea. This quarter every class is studying "Missions." Our school is A 1 in every element of work and classification. Our Leagues are doing a splendid work and are marshaling our young people in the work of the Church very effectively. Our Woman's Missionary Society is the best I have ever seen. We challenge comparison. Their attendance runs from fifty to seventy-five and sometimes more. They are the most enthusiastic, religious, loyal, progressive body of women I have ever seen. Their prayers and labors for the extension of the kingdom; their Church and their pastor give a stimulus of action unbounded in its scope and influence. The men are no less active than the women. We have a "Brotherhood" of about 100 members and as fine a Board of Stewards as can be found in the Central Texas Conference. They are truly a lifting hand to their pastor—enthusiastic and happy, ready to assist with their might, their prayers and their means. Twenty-four in number, and every man will pray in public and put himself four-square at all times for his Lord and Church. Our prayer meetings are the best it has ever been our privilege to attend. The attendance averages about 125. We often have 150 and more present. Have had several professions of Christianity at these services. We organized and carried out the "One-to-Win-One" Evangelist's Campaign early in the year and closed the active prosecution of it on Easter Sunday. Three weeks previous to the closing, Dr. A. C. Holder, of Shreveport, La., and his singer, Mr. Swagerty, came to us and assisted in the campaign. Dr. Hold-



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er preaches well, fights sin, builds up the Church in the faith, and extends the kingdom. He has an able assistant in the person of Mr. Swagerty. As a result of their stay with us we had 173 professions and reclamations and about ninety additions to the Church. Our Church has been in a continuous state of revival all the year. We have had more than 225 professions and reclamations and have added to the membership of the Church 247 thus far this year. This has been a year for old people and men with us. We have received more of these into the Church than ever in our experience. The brethren have placed the pastor's salary at \$2400 and our benevolences are nearly \$1100. At conference we will be able to say, "Everything in full, Bishop." Truly this is a wonderful field. Thousands of people visit here throughout the year. Many of them are religious, some of them are not. Pray for us, brethren, that the Lord may use us and that the glory may be all His and for Him. We want to be used, we want to be effective. Too much of our life has been wasted in worldliness and sin. We must count largely for our Lord. We are weak. Help us.—Henry F. Brooks, Pastor.

MILES.

Bishop Mouzon preached a great sermon for us Sunday evening, September 3, and at the close of the sermon dedicated Ellison Hall, our beautiful Sunday School and Young People's Building. Brother Joe F. Webb, pastor of First Church, San Angelo, and F. F. Buchanan, presiding elder, were with us and had part on the program. The people were greatly helped and encouraged to a better life by the Bishop's sermon on "The Pure in Heart." Brother Buchanan is closing his fourth year on this district. They have been years of large increase in Sunday School enrollment and Church membership. Many parsonages and churches have been enlarged and new ones built. It's a district requiring much cross country travel over long roads, and a continuous program of constructive work. The outgoing presiding elder has been fully equal to the requirements and we let him go with reluctance. We are closing another good year for Miles Methodism. Summer attendance on Sunday School has been the best in the history of the school. Present enrollment of 450, and we are just getting ready to rally our forces for the fall and winter months. Preparing for a great Rally Day next Sunday. We have received one hundred and seventeen members into the Church and yet nearly six weeks before the year ends.—C. W. Hardon.

LORAINÉ CHARGE.

As it has been some time since I have reported from my charge I feel that I owe it to my people to let you know that we are making some progress. We have at Lorainé almost a new church built and paid for this year at a cost of about \$2000. It is furnished with new assembly chairs and a new pulpit and a nice pulpit chair with two auxiliary chairs. It also has a neat pastor's study. The church is lighted with beautiful electric chandeliers. It is a thing of beauty and our beloved elder, Dr. Griswold, preached the dedicatory sermon the second Sunday in June. At Champion we have built and almost paid for one of the best tabernacles I have ever seen, which can very conveniently be used for all services the year round. Champion is calling for half time next year. And, boys, we don't want any appropriation from the Mission Board, either. By the help of the Lord in the three years we have been here we have reduced our needs from \$200 appropriation to nothing for next year. Our revivals have been fairly good, but not what we had hoped for. At Lorainé we had a union meeting and a Cumberland Presbyterian did the preaching, which was well done. At Champion Rev. C. C. Tyler, of Ira, assisted me and we had a great little meeting. Brethren, keep your eye on Tyler, he is already a good preacher and is rapidly growing. He is a product of Emory and Henry College and has sense and religion. My people love him and would be glad to have him for their preacher (when they get rid of me). The Champion folks presented him with a nice suit of clothes and some money as a small token of their love. Brother Linder, my local preacher, has already told you of our meeting at Zellner. We have a great people, always busy for the Master. They have helped me buy an automobile, and have not forgotten any of us, but by various ways have often expressed their love for us. Last Thursday the good women showered my wife with linen and dress goods. There were actually twenty-one towels, a beautiful table linen and doilies galore and I got a pair of socks and some handkerchiefs. And yesterday some irreligious men who are considered "tough" presented me with a purse of \$22.50 and said it was because they loved me. Well, it is mutual. They are "Diamonds in the Rough." I forgot to say that Sister Edmonson, who was away from home while the other women were doing nice things for us returned and gave me a check for \$5. Sister Edmonson is the President of our Missionary Society and is a very enthusiastic worker. To the Missionary Society is due the thanks for the furniture in the new church. Our Sunday Schools are moving forward and we are gaining ground on all lines. We are yet in

our infancy at Wastella, but those people can give a reason for being Methodists. Now, boys, the Bible says, "Thou shalt not covet," so please look somewhere else for another year. In one more year I will have run my race and come to the limit. Let me stay with these good people that long and I will then be willing to let you have it. To God be all the praise if we have done anything worth while, for I know that without him I am nothing.—C. E. Jameson, P. E.

TERRAL, OKLAHOMA.

We began our meeting here on September 10. The crowd overflowed the house at the second service. We are arranging a shed 50x75 for the services. Brother McKnight is with us in the fight. Pray for us. We are expecting victory.—C. C. Williamson.

GRANBURY CIRCUIT.

We are still on our job. Meetings all over for this year. Had about eighty professions and reclamations in all. We had the best of help. We had with us last winter and spring, as has been reported once before in your paper, Rev. R. J. Tooney and Rev. J. Frank Luker. There, this year we had Rev. A. E. Watford, Rev. Gordon Stamps and Rev. J. N. Vincent. These men did real good preaching and worked hard at their job. We had better results in the early meetings. We hope to close out our second year in better shape than our first year on this charge.—Henry Francis, P. C.

ESTELLINE CHARGE.

Last Saturday and Sunday was the occasion of the fourth Quarterly Conference of the Estelline charge, and was one of the greatest conferences it was ever my privilege to attend. Our presiding elder, Rev. M. Phelan was on hand and preached with great power and to the delight of every one present. The sacrament was administered Sunday morning and the greatest per cent of communicants I ever saw participated. The elder declared it to be one of the greatest conferences he ever attended. This marked the close of Brother Bryant's second year as pastor. He has a fine hold on his people and grows in favor with them every day. The finances of the charge are in fine shape and we will have everything in full by the close of the year. We hope he will be returned to us for another year.—J. E. Hinman, L. E., Sept. 14

BLANKET.

We are indeed thankful unto God and the Bishop for having sent us to serve such a noble people as these. We believe that there couldn't have been found anywhere a more royal folk. On reaching the parsonage we found it swept and garnished and in perfect order. Very soon after our arrival the pounding began and has continued until this good hour. The Board of Stewards very willingly raised the pastor's salary and adopted the monthly pay, which is working nicely. The Missionary Society is as fine a working set of women as we have ever known anywhere. They look after the church and parsonage in grand style. The Sunday School has steadily grown in numbers and interest. We have organized an Epworth League which has thirty members and which is doing a great work. We have also organized a Junior League with twenty-four members. We have had great revivals both at Blanket and at our afternoon appointment, Green's Chapel. We have received thirty into the Church since conference. We have the claims almost provided for in cash and good subscriptions. We have had a great year thus far at this place. We hope to have everything in full at conference. Our motto is "Every Claim Met." And with as loyal membership as we have, and with the continual blessing of God, we believe that the Blanket preacher will be able to say, "Everything in full." Pray for us.—L. L. Felder, P. C.

ANNA AND MELISSA CHARGE.

We have recently closed our round of meetings on the Anna and Melissa charge. We began at Anna the latter part of July, and although we had no visible results, except one addition to the Church, yet we feel certain that the seed sown will spring up into a harvest in days yet to come. We were delighted to have our presiding elder, Brother Dennis, with us the latter part of the meeting. His presence and preaching meant much help and inspiration to both preacher and people. At Chambersville we had a gracious revival. The preaching in this meeting was done by our brother, Earl. His preaching is the old gospel type that makes men feel their sense of sin and their need of a Savior—the kind that men like to hear and respond to. We had over thirty conversions and twenty-six additions to the Church during the meeting, and thirteen more have united with the Church since making a total of thirty-nine additions in all. The Sunday School at Chambersville is the best country Sunday School we know of anywhere. At Melissa we held a co-operative meeting with the Presbyterian Church. The choir was chosen to do the preaching. This meeting resulted in eight or ten conversions and eleven additions to the Methodist Church and one to the Presbyterian Church. We feel that the Lord has again blessed our labors, and we are looking to the closing of the year's work with everything in full and a heart ready to attempt greater things in His name.—Guy F. Jones, P. C.

ROBERT LEE.

As I have not written anything about this charge I shall do so now. I landed here the 16th of June to succeed Rev. J. C. Mayhew, who, on account of sickness, had to give up his work. At first I was a "stranger in a strange land," but I soon began to feel like I had always lived with these good people. I began my first meeting on the fifth Sunday in July and closed out my last meeting here on the first Sunday in this month. Rev. J. G. Thomas, of Brownwood, helped in all three of the meetings, and I can truly say I have never had a better helper than he. He is the most consecrated and untiring worker that I have known in my life. We had forty conversions in the three meetings and I received twenty-five into the Church and there are more to join. Everything on the charge looks hopeful. Our Sunday Schools are doing good work. The Junior and Senior Leagues are doing splendid work. We have begun the Teacher-Training Class. We are especially proud of this class because of its excellent

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work, and, too, of the excellent teacher of the class—Prof. Popplewell. Our prayer meeting is well attended. We are now planning for and raising our conference collections. We are doing everything in our power to have a good report on all lines when Annual Conference meets at Waxahachie in November. This batchelor scribe was "canned" last night (Wednesday). After prayer meeting men, women and children began to crowd into the parsonage. After awhile some one took me to the dining room. The table was laden with everything that can be canned. They called the occasion a "can" party. Our joy was so great that we could hardly express ourself. Everything is moving along well and we are happy in the work. Pray for us.—H. A. Nichols, P. C.

MAZELAND-WINGATE CHARGE.

We have just closed our revival season for the year with splendid results, but giving God the praise. The last one on the work was held at Mazeland. Again was the old-time power manifested. Our Church was greatly uplifted, the young people inspired and everybody determined to live on a higher plane. We were fortunate in securing Brother E. R. Stantord, of Ballinger, to help us. He is a scholar, a devout Christian, an excellent preacher, young and full of vigor. He won the hearts of my people with ease and never preached a sermon that the people were not fired with desire and enthusiasm to "study to show thyself approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." The visible results were between twenty and twenty-five conversions, eleven additions to the Church, one infant baptized and two weddings, all in ten days. We expect to take full reports to conference.—P. H. Gates, P. C.

CARLTON CIRCUIT.

Carlton Circuit is moving along very nicely under the leadership of J. D. Smoot. Brother Smoot is a good preacher, a stirring fellow and he has got a good case of religion and is a revivalist. He held two of his meetings in the spring and the others later. We had two meetings at Carlton. All the meetings on the circuit were good, successful meetings, resulting in 110 conversions in all, and some ninety additions to the Church during the year. About seventy of these received by ritual and eleven children baptized. Brother Smoot did a good deal of preaching himself in his meetings and was assisted in several of his meetings by W. C. Hilburn, of Hico; J. Frank Luker, of Venus, and S. B. Knowles, of Stephenville. All these brethren did good service and endeared themselves to our people. Brother Sherrel, a young preacher and student in Meridian College, led the singing in three of the meetings, and did it well. Carlton Circuit is in a fine condition and is moving upward. A storm injured our church house at Carlton, and we are preparing to build a better one. Have torn the old one down and have the rock foundation completed and will soon have the building under way.—J. C. Carter.

AMARILLO-HOUSTON STREET.

Many say that our meeting which lasted ten days, closing August 6, was without question the greatest in the history of the Church. One hundred and one surrendered their lives to God, twenty-five of whom were received into the Methodist Church. Non-members as well as the members of this Church join me in thanking God for honoring us with such a great revival and that he sent Rev. J. Eugene Matlock to preach the gospel to us. Rev. Matlock is a live wire and without pets. He made the statement that "God had drawn the line, and by the help of God he was going to point it out, and if the people happened to have their toes on it he would just roll the gospel wagon on over." I am sorry to say that some, in fact quite a number, happened to have their toes over the line and after the gospel wagon was over naturally people toed the line. Prof. D. T. McMahon, who directed the choir, proved himself to be quite an efficient choir director as well as personal worker. Prof. McMahon's work here is appreciated by the people as well as by the pastor. We raised about three hundred dollars during the meeting for all purposes. And since the meeting we have bought a nice five-room parsonage and, to make a long story short, we are doing things up in style.—L. R. Matlock, Pastor.

THORNTON CHARGE.

On arriving in Thornton, after conference last year, we were met at the station by Rev. J. O. Jorden and others. Brother Jorden is one of our old retired preachers. But as his health permits he still takes a lively interest in the Church generally. He is always in sympathy with his pastor in all his work. We held our first meeting in the early spring, which was a great victory for Thornton, resulting in forty-three additions to the Church. Our people were not yet satisfied. We secured Brother J. E. Matlock, of Frost. He came to us the third Sunday in August. My! my! Matlock is, as we all say down here, one of the greatest pastor-evangelists in this conference! I have had Brother Matlock with me in two meetings. I regard him not only as the best pastor-evangelist but he is as fearless as a lion, yet he demonstrates to the people that he has a heart full of love and sympathy for the poor ungodly man or woman. He has full confidence in God, taking care of him. One very hard man during the meeting had to be held off by Matlock. He had his knife, declaring he would cut the preacher to pieces, but Matlock was perfectly calm and seemed to feel that God would attend and take care of him and went on denouncing the devil as hard as ever. I say God bless the preacher who has the sense, and it all consecrated to God's service. I think it will be a long time before the devil gets over the jar that Matlock gave

him in Thornton. It was estimated that there were 1000 people present the last service. We had sixty-five reclamations and conversions during the meeting. The good people paid Brother Matlock and his singer, Frank Mims, \$201 for their faithful service. There was raised during this meeting, for all purposes, \$450. Our meetings at Odds and Steels Creek resulted in thirty conversions and reclamations and twelve additions to the Church. We have a very fine lot of stewards on this work. Thornton Church adopted the plan of paying the preacher's salary monthly, and they are delighted with this plan and say they will get out easily with the assessment. We have all our conference collections provided for. And when we board the train for Annual Conference we expect to be able to say, "All in full!" We have worked hard, but we have reaped a bountiful harvest. We have organized recently a Senior League, with fifty members, and bid fair to be one of the best Leagues in the district. We hope since the return of the leader of the Junior League that it will take on new life. We have two very fine charter classes, Ah, well, we are going some—watch us go, that's all. Well, I do not want to take too much space, but I must tell this: You have heard of pounding the preacher. But we have had four good poundings this year, and it did not make us sore, either. I think we have as fine a Ladies' Home Mission Society as can be found anywhere. They have been a great blessing to us this year in many ways. May God bless every one of them in the prayer of the pastor.—O. B. Turner, P. C.

CARBON CHARGE.

We have been too busy to take the time to write to the Advocate for some time; however, our work is moving on nicely. This is our fourth year here, and has been the best of the four, have had some of the best meetings that this charge ever had in her history. Rev. C. V. Williams, of May, Texas, helped me at one point on this charge. He is a very fine preacher and fine help. We had a delightful time together in the meeting. A more congenial helper cannot be found among our pastors. Rev. S. P. Gilmore, our pastor at Sipe Springs, Texas, helped me in another meeting on a revival meeting. In both of these meetings mentioned many strong men and women were converted and came in the Church. Rev. E. N. Parrish, evangelist, a well known revivalist in this and other States, helped me at Carbon. This was the best meeting that this country has ever had. We had conversions at every service during the entire meeting. More than 100 reclamations and conversions during the meeting. We have received forty-five in the Church out of this meeting—seventy-four on the charge during this entire campaign. We are now busy rounding out. We are determined to bring a full report up this fall on salaries and on collections. These have been four good years here. Some things have been very pleasant. And all we praise God for everything that we have accomplished. We are calling attention to the old reliable Advocate. Most of our people take the paper.—W. T. Singley.

BENTONVILLE, ARK.

On August 16, in company with my sister, Mrs. C. G. Barton, of Hillsboro, I left that place and went to Fort Worth, where that night we attended the Ham-Ramsay meeting—a good service and a large congregation. The next night we spent in Oak Cliff, Dallas, with her daughter and family. Leaving my sister there, the next morning I went on and spent three hours with my afflicted wife in the hospital, turning away from her with a sorely burdened heart I then went on to Paris. I spent a night with Brother W. D. Mountcastle, wife and daughter. Though the years may multiply on him, yet he stays young in spirit and every inmate of that home still retains the spirit of the itinerant ministry, and makes the preachers feel at home with them. Brother Mountcastle is still in high favor with the brethren who keep him busy preaching the sweet old story which he so much loves. On the following Tuesday morning, August 22, at 10 o'clock, I detrained here in Bentonville, Arkansas, the little cloud-land city, which I found in the midst of a fine revival, the successful evangelist, Brother William McIntosh, and his faithful wife, of Iuka, Mississippi, the country town of my childhood, with Sister Ella Bass Smith, of Gainesville, Texas, leading the choir. As I was not with Brother McIntosh in the beginning I do not know what his first text was, but his whole work was a veritable exposition of Paul's utterance, put in the present tense, 1 Cor. 2:1-2. He did not build of wood, hay and stubble, but in fervor of spirit, "Thus saith the Lord," and in his sermons and exhortation God verified his utterance. My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. From little children of tender years to the gray haired of seventy-five winters, bending under the weight of years, the blind with tears streaming from sightless eyes, were of those who professed a saving faith in Christ Jesus the Lord. About 150 in all. Shouts of triumph were heard above the songs. Brother McIntosh seemed inexhaustible in his resources. No claptrap methods. He called sinners to the altar and they came weeping, to return rejoicing. The pastors of the different Churches with many of their faithful members worked in the meeting, and as a result all shared in the harvest. Brother J. M. Sherman, our pastor here, wears a broad smile. Against the corrupt politician, the whisky drinkers, the dancers, the gamblers, including women's clubs and card parties, gambling for prizes, some of whom were teachers of Sunday School classes, he would hurl himself like a thunderstorm, and when they would relent he would meet them as tenderly as a father. Often in hurling the

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THE PROBLEM BEFORE US.

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without discussion. We should not have been willing that negotiations proceed without frankly declaring our convictions on the points named."

The Saratoga General Conference knew what the General Conference which met at Oklahoma City desired; knew, also, what the Methodist Episcopal Church wanted, and expressed itself accordingly. That General Conference did not accept what our General Conference had adopted. Its recommendation that "the General Conference be made the supreme legislative, executive and judicial body of the Church, under constitutional provisions and restrictions," is a suggestion that most Southern Methodists will not be willing to accept, although there be attached the significant provision "under constitutional provisions and restrictions." The years since 1844 have not been sufficient to make them willing "to accept as embodied in the organic law, a principle that, as enunciated by a majority of a General Conference of 1844, made necessary a division of the Church." The men of God who were brought face to face with the situation of that day did the very best thing that could be done. Negotiations at this point will open the question of 1844. Fair-minded men may discuss this question and reach a helpful conclusion. But to accept what is proposed by our Northern brethren would be to yield a position, for which the Pierces—father and son—John B. McFerrin, William Winans and others, would have died, and which for seventy-two years Southern Methodists have held most sacred.

In the next place, the Saratoga plan presents to the Southern Methodists a very objectionable feature in the proposed adjustment of the Negro Methodists. Dr. Parkhurst, in Zion's Herald, in support of his Church's plan, says: "The Methodist Episcopal Church believes that it is best for the Negro." * * * "The Methodist Episcopal Church believes the Negro should be kept in the reorganized Church because of the white man himself."

The opposite view to both these propositions is our steadfast belief. Dr. Parkhurst argues that the Negroes "should be continued a part of the Church in touch with his white brethren, influenced by them." To this we answer: Because we have been, and are "in touch with" them, our belief as to what is best for them and us is not merely belief, but a conviction. Sentiments formed at long distance must not override knowledge gained by contact. Here our brethren of the North have presented what surely "constitutes an insuperable barrier to union."

I believe in a united Methodism. The South generally desires it, but if brethren of the North do not realize the conditions in the South sufficiently to recede from their proposed plan, at this point, then, the South must reach the conclusion that union is not desired on such terms as would be at all satisfactory. As much as union may be desired, it must not be brought about mechanically. The best and wisest friends of both Methodisms are not those who are trying to force union. Intemperate zeal is sure to do harm. Union should not be hurried by the desire for union at any price, upon the one hand, nor hindered by prejudiced men upon the other. It has been said if we want union, "Love will find a way." Love found a way to divide in 1844. The men of that memorable conference were moved by the desire to do the will of God.

The Joint Commission is confronted with a tremendous task. It may fail to work out a satisfactory plan of union. If so, let us hope that in the future we may at least have a federation which will be practical and which will be respected. A practical and respected federation would change those conditions that have annoyed and perplexed and humiliated the Church even in the very recent past.

CHAS. F. SMITH.

Beaumont, Texas.

There is no experience in any life which if rightly regarded, rightly turned and thereby wisely used, cannot be made of value; many times things thus turned and used can be made sources of inestimable gain; oftentimes they become veritable blessings in disguise.—Waldo Trine.

SALOONS VERSUS FORT WORTH AND TARRANT COUNTY.

At a men's mass meeting, held in the Ham-Ramsay Tabernacle at Fort Worth, Sunday afternoon, September 3 presided over by B. W. Owens, 3500 men stood on their feet and unanimously adopted the following preamble and resolutions:

To the Citizens of Tarrant County in Mass Meeting Assembled:

Whereas, the saloon is an unmitigated evil without one redeeming virtue. It stands condemned without advocate or friend. There is nothing mean that you can say about it that is not true; and there is nothing good you can say about it that is true. It diverts capital from legitimate channels of business and makes no material contribution except the drunkard. It is the breeder of vice and a never-failing source of crime. It debauches manhood, strikes down womanhood and makes orphans of innocent little children. In its scope and ultimate affects it is more diabolical and deadly than all the wars of all times. The generations unborn will not understand how this generation tolerated for one single moment the legalized saloon.

Whereas, the saloons and brewers, not content to do a legitimate business as other interest, have laid slimy hands on the government of Texas and for a quarter of a century have run the politics of this State. With a reckless expenditure of money Governors have been bought, Legislators bribed, the press subsidized, commercial and business clubs used as cats' paws, unscrupulous heads of Farmers' Unions and labor unions have been on the payroll in order to deceive and vote upright citizens belonging to these organizations; chairman of Democratic Executive Committees controlled, poll tax receipts purchased and whole counties stolen and the colored vote delivered by negro preachers paid out of the slush fund. Startling and awful as is the above indictment, every charge can be substantiated by facts known to the public by evidence introduced by Attorney-General Looney in the celebrated brewery trial at Sulphur Springs when the brewery companies pled guilty, forfeited their charters and paid a fine of \$281,000 and cost. In the State of Texas the saloons and brewers have ruled and ruined so long the question may well be asked: "Are Texans freemen?" We are chagrined and humiliated beyond measure to find that some of the distinguished citizens of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, men prominent in politics and affairs of this county and State have received money from these breweries and for years have been in their employment.

Whereas, The saloons in Fort Worth are the worst enemies of this great city and have done more to hurt her fair name than all other agencies combined. Fort Worth is situated in the heart of a vast prohibition territory that would naturally do business in this metropolis. Business men and citizens generally in this dry territory, through the daily papers and other sources of information, keep posted as to what is going on in Fort Worth, especially as to crime and vice that are daily being made prominent. Farmers, cattlemen, merchants, and men of various avocations have come to Fort Worth to transact business and to enjoy the change of city, have been made drunk, robbed of their money, sent home in disgrace and in some instances killed. This is the kind of advertising that does a city no good and makes it difficult for our merchants and business firms to hold their trade in the fierce competition with other cities. The saloons of Fort Worth have a bloody record and are directly responsible, with their ally, gambling, for the killing of a County Attorney, Captain of the Police Force, and a number of other peace officers. Their record of "rule or ruin" has done no little to counteract the influence of our splendid citizenship, our fine institutions of learning and superior business advantages of this, one of the greatest cities in the Southwest. It is confidently believed if the saloons are voted out of Fort Worth, as they have been out of other parts of Tarrant County, Fort Worth would enter upon a new era of prosperity—to say nothing of peace and happiness that would reign within her borders. It is a fact that cannot be called in question that such cities as Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Charleston, South Carolina; Richmond, Vir-

ginia; Wheeling, West Virginia; Atlanta, Georgia; Birmingham, Alabama; Denver and Colorado Springs, Colorado, and many other large cities who have voted out the saloons, in less than twelve months have had a concrete demonstration of what prohibition means to a community. Business has revived, vacant houses and residences have filled up, real estate advanced and a good class of citizens, sober and industrious, have moved in to take the place of baser elements that have moved out. Vote the saloons out of Fort Worth and in less than one year many who are now antis would not vote them back—and that, too, from business considerations.

Whereas, Fort Worth has been made the dumping ground of contiguous counties and other territory that has gone dry throughout the State of Texas. Saloon men and hangers on of saloons when told by the ballot at the polls that they were no longer wanted have picked up their traps and moved to cities like Fort Worth and Dallas. Here they have gone back into the same business and are more undesirable and are doing more harm with the congested and allied evils than they did in the country towns from which they came. There is such a thing as a ship not only being loaded to the guard, but sinking with this kind of a citizenship. Has not the time come for Fort Worth to say to this class of citizens, "We no longer need you nor your business in running the affairs of this city—you are doing us untold hurt?"

Whereas, the city of Fort Worth has been divided and been in a state of turmoil and strife for the past six months over moving picture shows opening on Sunday. The allies of the picture show people in carrying the election and the power behind the throne at the time in backing them up to run their place of business on Sunday, defying the State law and the moral sentiment of the city is none other than these same saloons who make it their business to meddle with the affairs of other people and corrupt the body politic. The saloon has always been the enemy of the home, the Christian Sabbath and the Church of God. An agency that would undermine and tear down these holy institutions can depend upon the active support and hearty co-operation of the saloon element. Vote the saloons out of Fort Worth and picture shows will not run wide open on Sunday as they are now doing. A county local option fight is but a continuation, and on a larger scale, of a fight that has been waged for preventing the moving picture shows from desecrating and destroying the Christian Sabbath in Fort Worth.

Whereas, The saloons voted out of Fort Worth would remove temptations from young men and of men addicted to strong drink; it would mean happiness and plenty to the drunkards' home; society would be rid of an ever-present menace; business would take on new and enlarged life; learning and religion hand in hand would go forward by leaps and bounds and the city that has been cursed by the blighting, withering effects of the liquor traffic would be blessed and be a blessing to the whole county and State of Texas. Therefore,

Resolved, That we the citizens from every part of Tarrant County and from various walks of life in mass meeting assembled,

First. That we petition the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Tarrant County, to order a local option election to be held at an early date to determine whether the open saloon will longer be licensed in this county to continue its diabolical rule of ruin, murder, vice and crime.

Second. That we pledge ourselves individually and collectively to work and vote to carry this election

Third. That a committee of twelve or more laymen be selected to be known as the executive committee which will have power to select a general committee of five hundred laymen. Also an advisory committee composed of all the ministers and pastors of evangelical Christians of the county, and that this mass meeting name twelve ministers to assist the laymen's executive committee.

The two committees called for by the above resolutions are composed of the following:

Laymen's Executive Committee—B. W. Owens, Chairman; J. W. Stitt, Secretary; F. W. Axtell, M. D. Evans, P. T. Pemberton, F. N. Graves, L. B.

Rogan, E. B. Randle, Geo. S. Steere, Geo. E. Cowdan, S. J. Millican.

Advisory Committee—John R. Nelson, Chairman; C. V. Edwards, H. M. Dobbs, A. F. Carr, J. Frank Norris.

CORRECTIONS.

In the Advocate of August 31 is a contributed article, "The Situation in Arkansas Stated and Clarified," containing misconceptions and errors.

Dr. Stonewall Anderson and Dr. J. A. Anderson are so competent to reply that I need not make any argument for them.

I pass by the innuendo which concerns myself, and simply correct errors. As the writer seeks truth, he will appreciate the corrections.

He says: "My paper was promptly refused publication (in the Arkansas Methodist) as well as every other statement I ever sought to make on the subject." His first article was returned, because at that time there had been no discussion, and I understood that discussion was not desired. Then his articles questioned motives and contained personalities. He has several times been informed that his articles would be published if offensive expressions were eliminated. His articles and correspondence will be submitted to friends of the University, and published if they desire. One of his articles, calling on Little Rock Conference Board of Education for information, was published. The Board replied and left it to him to publish their reply. I have requested this reply for publication, and have offered him opportunity to discuss it, but it has not been received. I am anxious to publish it.

He says: "The editor of the Methodist fears that the charter of S. M. U. does not conform to the Texas law." Proper interpretation of my language does not justify that statement.

He says: "The Methodist complains that Arkansas is given but two trustees, while it commends the charter of Emory, which gives it none."

I preferred that trustees be appointed as for Emory without regard to Annual Conferences, but, if the plan of appointing trustees from Annual Conferences is to be used I argued that in proportion to membership Arkansas should have more than two—Oklahoma with some 40,000 fewer members having four.

He says: "The Methodist commends as ideal the management of Emory, which has its College of Liberal Arts forty miles away, while it bewails the fact that S. M. U. has a Department of Liberal Arts."

My argument, in sum, was that in organizing a Twentieth Century University we had a splendid opportunity to realize the highest ideal by having only graduate and professional departments. If there must be a Department of Liberal Arts, I would favor the Emory University plan by utilizing Southwestern University as that department instead of setting up a rival to Southwestern.

My reference to making a \$25,000,000 university out of Hendrix (if I did say it) was purely illustrative. I have consistently argued that we need a university in the Mississippi Valley, and for that reason we should not unnecessarily create bonds which might later desire to break.

I did suggest Drs. S. and J. A. Anderson as trustees from Arkansas, and for the highest reasons. They were recognized leaders and very familiar with the work of trustees, and if they were on the Board it would be easier for all parties to reach an understanding. I sincerely believe that with these two men in close conference with other trustees all differences would long ago have been settled satisfactorily.

He says: "Then the editor of the Arkansas Methodist reads lectures about an attempt on the part of the Educational Commission to coerce conferences, prevent free speech and says that the College of Bishops have rendered their opinion to this end. Then when the editor is called on the point, he dodges behind the age and supposed infirmities of Bishop Morrison."

No words of mine in their proper connection are capable of such construction. All I ask is that my language on any of these points be quoted in full. It will refute the charges.

A. C. MILLAR,
Editor Arkansas Methodist.

Geo. S. Steere, Millican. —John R. Nel-Edwards, H. M. Frank Norris.

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THE MONTANA CONFERENCE AND ELSE.

A bad freight wreck on ahead of our train in Kansas caused me to be a day late at the conference, but when I arrived on Friday morning I found the conference well under way with Bishop Lambuth at the helm. This is a small body of heroic men scattered over a very large State. Our membership in Montana is not large, but is steadfast and worthy and against great odds the work of the Church goes steadily along.

The only Connectional officer present was Dr. John M. Moore, representing the Home Mission Department of the Board of Missions.

Rev. E. J. Stanley, a superannuate member of the conference, was present as he always is when the conference is in session. It was with Brother Stanley that the idea of a Church Extension Board originated and it was the Montana Conference that set plans in motion, resulting in this splendid connectional interest as we have it today that has made for this sturdy little band a place in history that is permanent and of some moment.

Nothing out of the ordinary transpired. The usual routine of reports, committee work, some discussion and the reading of the appointments on Sunday night was followed. I haven't the statistics as I write and the appointments will doubtless be published before this appears in print. Rev. A. L. Thoroughman, who has been the lone presiding elder for three years, goes back to the East Columbia Conference and Brother A. L. McCausland, who has been at Corbin Park Church, Spokane, in the East Columbia Conference, takes his place. Nearly every appointment in the conference was changed, which will give an idea of the restless disposition in all this Western country.

Stevensville, where the conference was held, is an interesting little city in the Bitter Root Valley. It is an hour or so ride from Missoula, on the main line of the Northern Pacific. The valley, some twelve or fourteen miles wide and a hundred or so miles long, hemmed in by mountains that are covered with snow the year round and drained by the beautiful, clear Bitter Root River, makes a pleasing a picture as I have seen in a long time. The summers are delightful, but entirely too short for a Texan—only three and a half to four months from frost to frost. Apples, and other fruits, do well, while farming in a general way seems profitable. The winters, however, are very cold. Brother Thoroughman, the presiding elder, told me he had frequently seen the thermometer show more than sixty degrees below zero. He is more than six feet and large in proportion and said the short hotel beds and their cover and lack of heat frequently made his round-trip anything but pleasure trips. My home while there was with Mr. J. C. Enhoff and family and I was made thoroughly comfortable and to feel very much at home. My recollections of Stevensville are all pleasant and will abide.

From Stevensville to Spokane is an interesting ride of some eight hours through the mountains and the day spent in Spokane was utilized in seeing the sights of this hustling Western city. It is about the size of Dallas and compares favorably with it. There is, however, a lavish display of wealth in building homes that one does not usually see in the South. The mining and railroad and lumber industries deal in big figures and large returns. Making immense fortunes are of frequent occurrence. All this is in evidence in the residence districts of the city. The megaphone man on a sight-seeing automobile confided in me his ambition to some day own a million-dollar home on a beautiful building site we were passing at the time. I hope his dream will come true.

W. C. EVERETT.

Walla Walla, Wash.

THE EAST COLUMBIA CONFERENCE AND ELSE.

From Spokane to Walla Walla the distance is about two hundred miles and my route lay through the finest wheat raising section of Washington. It was an inspiration to see the immense areas covered with the golden ripe grain. Harvest in that particular section was about over, but in some sections of Washington and Oregon it lasts until about September 15. I happened to make the acquaintance of a man that has been "firing" on a big "combine," and from him learned many interesting facts about wheat threshing and harvesting. A "combine" is a sixty-horsepower machine that cuts or heads the wheat and threshes it and sacks it as it goes through the field. The one my new acquaintance had just been "firing" cut and threshed and sacked in one day about 1100 sacks of wheat—near 3000 bushels. The engine, at widest point, was 16 1/2 feet wide and the wheels were eight feet high and cut a swath twenty-two feet wide. To run it required a separator man at \$10 per day, an engineer at \$7, a fireman at \$4, a night watchman at \$3 per day and several others, such as water hands, sack sewers, etc., at smaller wages. Wheat is the staple, and long teams of wagons loaded with wheat, with from six and eight horses each, were passing the church constantly on the way from the ranch to the warehouse or freight cars.

But back to the conference. On my arrival at the church on Wednesday morning I found a Preachers' Institute, conducted by Dr. John M. Moore, going under a full head of steam. The day was a most interesting, and I am sure, a profitable one. After sitting through two of these institutions on this trip I am convinced of their value and believe every conference could profitably devote a day or more to the practical problems of the pastorate. Dr. Moore conducted these with the skill of a master.

On Thursday morning the regular work of the conference began. Bishop Lambuth is patient, painstaking and considerate and goes into details as thoroughly as any presiding Bishop I have seen. He seems never to get in a hurry, or confused, or restless, but keeps moving steadily and cautiously along to a satisfactory conclusion. The reports of the preachers indicate the difficulties in the way of the attainment of satisfactory results. There seems to be a freedom and a democracy in the very atmosphere out here that makes it difficult to make a showing in the pastorate. The people are progressive, active

LOVING CUP PRESENTED TO LOUIS BLAYLOCK



The eup bears the following inscription: "A token of love and affection from the Advocate family to LOUIS BLAYLOCK commemorating the Golden Anniversary of his connection with the Texas Christian Advocate."

and intense in all that they do, but to flag them down long enough to interest them in the work of the Church is a problem. The old guard, however, is as true to the standards here as elsewhere, but they are passing away and the difficulty of filling their places is a serious one. In this busy, pleasure-loving age the call of the gospel does not get the frequent and easy response as in times past. At least it seems so to me. What are we going to do about it? I don't know.

The regular work of the conference followed the usual lines. At this writing I haven't the statistics or appointments. Whether there was an advance of any moment I do not know. In the matter of statistics the conference probably about held its own, and all will go to their fields of labor, old or new, with a desire and an effort to make the next year a better one.

Walla Walla is a beautiful city of some twenty-odd thousand people. It is said to have a very large number of retired farmers as residents who made a competency raising wheat and have moved to town to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Our Columbia Junior College, located at Milton, Oregon, is only twelve miles away, connected by electric line. It was my pleasure to make a short visit to Milton and see the school. The main building would do credit to any school anywhere and there are some other smaller buildings used as dormitories and the like. Rev. H. S. Shangle, the President, ably assisted by his gifted wife, is doing a splendid work there for the youth of this great State. Rev. F. A. Downs, a Texas boy, is pastor of the Church at Milton and his good wife is in charge of the dormitory. All denominational schools in this section have strong competition in the State or public schools, which, I assume, are as good as there are anywhere. The system of high schools, housed in the very best buildings, scattered over the country, is worthy of the admiration of any one.

Our Church in Walla Walla is housed in a beautiful new building that compares favorably with some of the best Churches in the city. The congregation is composed of splendid people and all the work of a local Church seems to be carried on as completely and systematically as can be found anywhere. I am indebted to Brother Howard, the pastor, for many thoughtful courtesies. The local pastors and the district superintendent of the M. E. Church were much in evidence and manifested a most brotherly spirit. There was scarcely a session of the conference that at least one of them was not there. They

were indeed a brotherly set of preachers. Union is in the air out here and one hears it everywhere and on all occasions.

One more item of interest about this section: The prune industry is one of its largest and most interesting. The road to Milton lies through large prune orchards and the trees were loaded with ripe fruit. Picking and packing are in full blast. The car that I went over in was packed with neatly dressed and splendid looking girls. On inquiring as to whether a picnic had stirred up all this crowd I was told that they were going to a prune packing house to "get their pay." In other words, they had been going out from the city to pack prunes and this was pay day. I was told, further, that these girls make from \$2.50 to \$4 per day during the prune season of four to six weeks, and that girls from good families made it something of an outing and took advantage of the opportunity to make some spending money. They caught my same car back, after having been off and were sure a jolly lot. Packing prunes for the market, after the farmers have picked them and brought them to the packing houses, is light, clean work and the nimble fingers of young girls are peculiarly adapted to it. This is altogether a most interesting country.

W. C. EVERETT.

Portland, Ore.

THE GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

Since the writup of a district is neither required by law nor forbidden in the Scriptures, I hereby dare to enter the realm of works of supererogation for the purpose of making a few "feeble" remarks about the accomplishments of the Georgetown District. The elder, himself, would doubtless have done this long ago, but for his extreme modesty. So, without even a commission from him, I proceed. Perhaps, in the first place, attention ought to be called to the fact that as Jerusalem was the capital of the Jewish religion, so is Georgetown, with the Southwestern University and the surrounding district, the logical center of Texas Methodism. Being the center it is naturally the hub of the whole affair. That you may know that there is some ground for this claim and that it is not merely an incident of geography, the following facts are cited from the record.

During the four years of Rev. T. S. Armstrong's administration, some eighty young men have been licensed to preach, a large per cent of whom are making special prepara-

tion for their work in the university. The Church at Bartlett, than which it would be difficult to find a more delightful plant, has been practically built and the great church at Temple has been finished. New churches have also been built at Thrall, at Lawrence Chapel, at Leona on the Midway Circuit and at Mills Chapel on the Holland Circuit. A new parsonage has been built at Midway and improvements have been made on both church and parsonage in almost every charge, while the district parsonage has been so renovated as to make it a most handsome home.

The aggregate of the preacher's salaries, after giving off some territory, has been raised from \$17,531 to \$21,167, while for all purposes there has been a gain of about \$8000. This does not include receipts on the new Science Hall at the University. Everything is lovely at this great school.

This is a remarkable array of the evidences of material prosperity, but it only serves as a convenient background for the exhibition of the more important accomplishments of the district in the spiritual realm. Many great revivals have swept the Churches in various parts of the district during this administration. A vast number of conversions have occurred from time to time and more than 5000 have been added to the Church as a result. This is quite enough to not only gladden the hearts of all the constituents of the district, but to excite the admiration of the entire Church as well.

Lack of space forbids the mention of each preacher who has helped and who is now helping to make this glorious record which puts the Georgetown District next to first in the conference, but suffice it to say that each one of them is entirely worthy to be made presiding elder or to have conferred upon himself the sublime degree of R. F. D. And the elder, what shall I say of him? Well, if there is anything better than the Georgetown District (alas! I fear there is not!) he is still in the line of promotion.

There is every evidence that this district will make a fine report at Waxahachie and the presiding elder upon his leave-taking can say, with emphasis, "A great quadrennium. Bishop." We'll be there twenty strong for the great Jubilee!

J. J. CREED.

Taylor, Texas.

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MEETING JOINT BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Joint Board of Publication of the Texas Christian Advocate met at the Publishing House Tuesday, September 19, 3:30 p. m. The following members of the Board were present: J. H. Groseclose, San Antonio, President; M. L. Hamilton, Paris, Secretary; F. B. Buchanan, San Angelo; J. T. Miller, Brady; T. S. Armstrong, Georgetown; J. A. Whitehurst, Waco; S. J. Vaughan, Dublin; J. B. Turrentine, Marshall; D. H. Hotchkiss, Palestine; H. C. Willis, Cameron; C. A. Spragins, Greenville; T. H. Morris, Greenville; J. T. Griswold, Sweetwater; J. G. Miller, Stamford; S. H. Babcock, Shawnee, Okla.; A. P. Johnson, Caddo, Okla.; C. C. Barnhardt, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Moss Weaver, Mangum, Okla.

The editor and publishers presented their reports. The Board carefully inquired into the details of the past year's work. The editor was unanimously re-elected.

A more enthusiastic meeting of this important Board, perhaps, was never held. The Board by formal resolutions expressed its great appreciation of the fifty years' service of the senior publisher. It was resolved to inaugurate a Jubilee Campaign for the increased circulation of the Advocate and a committee was appointed to prepare an address to the Methodists of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico and to formulate a plan of campaign.

The readers of the Advocate are to be congratulated that the fortunes of their great organ are in the hands of managers so intelligent and so enthusiastic. As we see it, it is entirely within the range of the practicable that the circulation of the Texas Christian Advocate should be increased to fifty thousand copies per week. Advocates of our sister Church have reached this goal. The Central, published at Kansas City, increased its circulation to forty or fifty thousand during the past quadrennium. The territory of the Texas is even larger than that of the Central and, pardon us for saying it, is immeasurably more homogeneous. Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, with their nearly 500,000 Methodists, is the greatest single Advocate field in American Methodism.

The Board manifestly was concerned over the springing up of local papers in certain sections of our territory. Such papers, in the judgment of the Board, are in violation of the contract which the conferences and the publishers solemnly entered into years ago. Such papers, in the judgment of the Board, seriously interfere with the circulation of our official organ.

Both publishers and editor recognize the present limitations of the Advocate. The Advocate has not yet reached their ideal, but with a circulation of forty or fifty thousand the Advocate can enlarge its facilities and can meet even more acceptably than it has ever done in the past the minutest interests of every locality in our vast territory.

The editor wishes to express his

appreciation of his re-election and again pledges his brethren a whole-hearted devotion to the sacred and responsible interests which have been entrusted to his hands. Don't forget it: A Jubilee Campaign for the Texas Christian Advocate; goal—fifty thousand subscribers!

THE FIGHT TO THWART THE PEOPLE'S WILL NOW ON.

The Prohibition Democrats of Texas had as well understand now that the most determined effort will be made to thwart the will of the people in the matter of Submission. In the July primaries a majority of the voters on Submission directed that the coming Legislature should submit an amendment to the voters of Texas proposing the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the State.

The Austin Statesman, in its issue of September 6, delivers itself, in part, as follows:

In the Senate there are twenty Senatorial Districts instructed for submission and eleven instructed against. Two of the districts instructed for submission have anti-prohibition Senators. It is necessary to have twenty-one votes in the Senate in order to submit a constitutional amendment and the eleven Senators whose districts instructed against submission will hardly violate the instructions of their own people.

A member of the Legislature is, according to the contention of the prohibition forces, a representative of the entire State. According to the contention of the anti-prohibitionists, he represents the district and the people that elected him. We are inclined to the view that as a district representative, coming to the Legislature, he should receive his instructions from his own people. If the people of Bexar County entertain one view and the people of Collin County entertain another, we do not believe that we should expect the representatives from Bexar County to receive instructions from Collin County, nor do we believe that the Collin County members should receive their instructions from Bexar. That is the view we believe the lawmakers will take of the situation.

It is very difficult to be patient with editors who indulge in such rot. We can scarcely restrain ourselves from reminding the Austin Statesman that for years it has been the beneficiary of the whisky funds of this State in the way of paid advertisements. It has sold its columns to the whisky power of Texas. In return for money it has served long and well the infamous liquor traffic of Texas, and now it feels it a duty to encourage the lawmakers to defy the expressed will of the people.

The Austin Statesman has stood by with closed mouth in the presence of the corruption of Texas politics by the unspeakable traffic. It has had no word of protest against the villany of purchased poll tax receipts; no word of protest against huge corruption funds raised by this traffic; no word of rebuke for otherwise good citizens who have sold their services to a traffic which is bent upon the debauching of the electorate of Texas. And now the Statesman adds insult to injury by counseling our representatives to disobey the will of the people of the State as expressed in the primaries of July last.

The Statesman's argument is the purest pretext and pretense. It is an invention of those who desire to find a way to defeat the will of the voters of Texas. The State is the unit of government. The State makes laws, not districts. The State assesses taxes, not districts. Whatever power any subdivision of the State exercises is power which the Sovereign State has granted. It would be as logical to say that a subdivision of the State can nullify the laws of the State as to say that the vote of a subdivision of the State can nullify the majority vote of the State.

The Austin Statesman throws several kinds of fits when it is proposed that the Prohibition Democrats in the

Legislature shall demand that the Legislature submit the proposed amendment. It calls such proposed action "high handed." Well, isn't it a pretty "high handed" piece of business when a Legislature refuses to do what the people, by majority vote, have demanded that it shall do? Is such a Legislature fit to represent the people? Indeed, is not such a Legislature an embezzler of power? Let Prohibition Democrats, we say, be on their guard. The fight is now on to thwart the people's will.

THE CRUSADE IN TARRANT COUNTY.

A local option election will be held in Tarrant County next Monday, September 25. The contest has been on for several weeks and has now reached the proportions of a veritable crusade. Messrs. Ham and Ramsay for weeks have been conducting meetings in a great tabernacle located in the heart of Fort Worth and these meetings have been the storm-center of the contest which is now raging.

The evangelist was recently assaulted on the streets of Fort Worth and carries healing wounds in the back of his head. The day following the assault he waved before an excited multitude the shirt which was saturated with his own blood. Bitter criminations and recriminations have resulted from the assault. The Fort Worth Record carried an editorial in a recent issue, in effect, deploring the passing of the dueling code and declaring that the deadly pistol ought to be allowed as long as the Church fosters slanderers in her pulpits. The assailant of the evangelist was fined in the Police Court the pitiable sum of five dollars. The reader can easily imagine the tense situation without further recital upon our part.

Sunday afternoon we had our first opportunity to visit the Ham-Ramsay meeting. We found an immense tabernacle situated in the heart of our sister city. If the tabernacle seats ten thousand, as its builders claim, fully eight thousand people were present at the afternoon service. For three long hours the great majority of this vast crowd sat and cheered. The program was long and varied. A delegation of business men from Bell County was present and its speaker brought greetings from Bell County to the great meeting. He told of the beneficial results of prohibition in Temple and Bell County. Dr. Brooks, our pastor from Mineral Wells, read a cheering message to the meeting from the citizens of his city. The remarkable progress of Mineral Wells under prohibition was recited amid cheers from the vast audience. Dr. John R. Nelson, our presiding elder of the Fort Worth District, read a communication signed by all the pastors of Fort Worth, and declaring that the pastors stand as one man for the elimination of the saloons from Fort Worth and Tarrant County. Tremendous cheering greeted the announcement.

Hon. John G. Willacy, of San Antonio, delivered a powerful address exposing and demolishing the fallacy that the saloon is necessary to the commercial success of any community. He said the State of Texas derives \$862,000 from the whisky traffic but, in doing so, passes more than \$30,000,000 over saloon counters. He said Fort Worth derives \$28,000 from her 184 saloons but, in doing so, passes \$1,200,000 annually over saloon counters. His picture of the wasted industrial energies of the people, of the burdens of poverty and crime entailed by the traffic, and of the blighted lives and homes of citizens stirred the vast multitude to repeated ap-

plause and to renewed determination to drive the saloons from Tarrant County.

The appearance of Rev. J. Frank Norris upon the platform set the crowd wild. A former employe of the Fort Worth Record was introduced who told, in language audible to the whole audience, of acts of the Record which were very damaging in their effects. The record of the brewery suits was read showing up the editor of the Record in a very unenviable light. The remarks of Bro. Norris were roundly applauded. And at the conclusion of the meeting speakers were named and automobiles requisitioned for evening meetings in every part of Tarrant County.

We unreservedly condemn the appeal to brute force in this contest. We unreservedly condemn the utterances of the Fort Worth Record in behalf of the savage custom of duelling. We thank God that ruffianism and murder are no longer tolerated in decent society and we denounce the saloon as an anachronism in modern society. It is an institution as effete as is duelling. It no more belongs to civilized society than the bullyism and murder which it inspires. The saloon must go! Success to the heroic crusaders of Tarrant County!

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Our esteemed confrere, the editor of the Arkansas Methodist, closes one of his many destructive editorials with the following language:

Indeed in the whole controversy the Texas editor seems bent on destroying the influence of Dr. Stonewall Anderson and the Arkansas Methodist, and has contributed nothing toward healing the breach which he has created. The Arkansas Conferences, the Andersons, and the Arkansas Methodist have all emphatically declared their loyalty to Southern Methodist University. The Texas editor tries to prove that we are disloyal. He will not accept as sincere our statements. He denies us the right to express an opinion concerning the Commission and the University unless we accept his interpretation of General Conference action and the Commission's action. He is a good man with an obsession and full of suspicion. He thinks that he is pursuing a constructive policy, but he is simply seeking (not intentionally nor maliciously, but under the spell of his obsession) to bring under suspicion men who are honestly ready to help a great university in his own city. It is "too bad."

How many times will it be necessary for us to remind our esteemed confrere that the Corresponding Secretary of Education began the present controversy with his untimely criticisms of the Educational Commission, in his Bulletin of July, 1915? He criticized the actions of the Commission both as to Vanderbilt and Southern Methodist University. He told the Church that the Commission had been instructed to do a certain thing with reference to the first institution and had done a "different" thing. He told the Church, with reference to the second, that "there is not one word in the charter to intimate that the University is ever in any way to have a connectional relationship." He told the Church, moreover, that the charter of the University had "passed from the hands of the Commission."

On August 19, a full month after the appearance of the Bulletin, we made our first mention of Dr. Anderson's criticisms and we allowed him column upon column in which to reply to our criticisms of his actions.

Sometime after the controversy with Dr. Stonewall Anderson was closed the Arkansas Methodist expressed dissatisfaction with plans for Southern Methodist University, saying, "It is our purpose a little later to discuss the University's relation to Arkansas, because at present it is not satisfactory."

Seeing this announced purpose of the Methodist we said in our issue of September 16: "We trust that the Western will not suffer itself to re-

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peat the mistake which Dr. Anderson has made. We have shown clearly, we think, the injustice which Dr. Anderson has done the Commission itself and the entire Church as well by undertaking to discuss the unfinished action of the Commission as though it were its finished work. Let the Western apply to the President of the Commission, Bishop W. A. Candler, for a copy of the resolutions and charter as sent to the Missouri Conference and yet to be sent to other Annual Conferences west of the Mississippi. This is the course which the Texas Advocate will pursue and such course, in our judgment, each of our journals should pursue." We closed the editorial by counselling against "discussion which may irritate the Church and divide our forces."

These words, so innocent of any intended offense, brought forth from the Methodist an editorial which amazed us. The editor talked about "self-appointed censors" to "close our mouths," etc. We made no reply. Not one word did we utter in reply until some weeks later the editor spoke of Arkansas having been "almost wilfully misjudged." The connection in which these words were used clearly implied that our esteemed brother had the Texas editor in mind. No, dear Doctor Millar, the responsibility for the present controversy does not lie at our door. The "breach," if it has come to that, was not "created" by the Texas editor.

We enter a denial not only as to the origin of this controversy, but we emphatically deny any purpose to destroy the influence either of Dr. Anderson or of the Arkansas Methodist. Dr. Millar's intimation that such has been our purpose is an appeal for sympathy. It is the baby act. It is the plea of a man who has been bested in controversy. It is not worthy of a stalwart Arkansan. It is not good sportsmanship. Having lost, the only thing left our brother editor is to be a good loser. For all the world loves both the lover and the good loser.

No, we have not wished to destroy the influence of these brethren. Our single aim has been to repel unfounded criticism which is calculated both to impair the influence of a responsible Commission and to retard the growth of a great institution. And the statement that we "created" the present discussion or have desired to destroy the influence of anybody has no foundation other than the suspicious mind of an otherwise good man.

A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT FOR SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The following words from Dr. C. M. Bishop, President of the Southwestern University, will thrill the whole Church:

I notice a brief reference in this week's Advocate to the completion of our special endowment campaign and the promise of editorial comment upon the same. In view of this promise I beg to give you a more exact statement of certain facts of interest concerning the college.

When we sent our final report to the Board of Education a few days ago we were able to report more than \$111,000 of income-producing endowment as against about \$30,000 last year. Much the larger portion of this increase is in the shape of new funds though a considerable part of it represents endowment notes, which had been given at some previous date, but which have now been paid in cash or made interest-bearing and in every respect worthy of the description of "productive endowment." This does not, of course, include the amounts which were some years ago invested in dormitories. So that in the matter of endowment Southwestern is more completely on its feet than ever before in its history. This does not mean that we have all that we need, but it does mean that we have made a start in the direction of real endowment.

Other notable items of progress are the erection of the Science Building and the vanishing of the "Old Prep." Work has been going forward on the Science Building all summer and it is expected that it will be completed in time for use not later than the beginning of the second term. It will be one of the handsomest college buildings in Texas and will give visible realization to our general plan of a crescent-shaped group of buildings. Visitors to the college in recent months have frequently spoken of the beauty of this present connected scheme as contrasted with the old arrangement of buildings

on three separate plots of ground in as many parts of the town.

The sale of the Fitting School Building to the city of Georgetown for a High School marks an important epoch in the development of Southwestern as well as in public education in Texas. The time was when most of the work done here was what would now be called preparatory. Then there were few high schools or other satisfactory preparatory schools in the State. Now there is a good high school in nearly every town of as many as three or four thousand inhabitants, and where these cannot do the work our own Church secondary schools offer the needed facilities. It has given us very genuine pleasure during this summer, in answer to letters from prospective students who were manifestly not ready for college work, to advise them to correspond with the academy of junior college of the conference in whose bounds they lived. All competition of this kind has now been eliminated.

Our sale of this ground does not appreciably reduce our holdings in real estate, as we have in the last few years purchased the ground on which Snyder Hall is located and the blocks connecting the rear of the college campus with that of the Woman's Building thus securing a continuous tract for our semi-circular scheme of buildings.

I think there is no possible doubt that Southwestern is in better shape now than at any previous time in its history.

Nothing in recent years has rejoiced our heart more than this clear statement concerning the stable condition of Southwestern University. The crisis which many feared is now passed. Southwestern emerges from a period of readjustment of educational affairs in Texas stronger than ever. Great has been Southwestern for nearly fifty years, but never so great as today. Hats off to the unwearyed toil and patience of its great president!

OPENING TEXAS WOMAN'S COLLEGE.

The formal opening of the Texas Woman's College was held in the College Auditorium Tuesday morning, September 19. We regret that neither time nor space will admit of the extended notice which this occasion deserves. The editor had the rare privilege of being present at this great opening. The auditorium was filled with as fine young women as can be found in the South.

President Boaz and Vice-President Young never seemed so happy. They report an increased attendance over the previous year by scores.

Prominent citizens of Fort Worth honored the college with their presence. Among those who brought greetings to the college were Mayor E. T. Tyra, Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, Judge J. H. Burney, Judge George W. Armstrong and Mr. Capps, proprietor of the Fort Worth Record. The rabbi of the Jewish Synagogue is a staunch friend of the institution and brought greetings. Judge Ocie Speer, President of the Board, was happy in his address. The Fort Worth citizens may be and are divided on prohibition but they are a unit in their love and loyalty to the T. W. C.

Dean Venth, of the Music Department; Mr. Davies, Mr. Hemphill, Miss Dillow, and Miss Millsaps, delighted the audience with their renditions.

The platform was filled with our own pastors and other distinguished citizens. Rarely has the president of any college been able to secure the co-operation of a city as President Boaz has been able to command Fort Worth for the Texas Woman's College. Our prayers for the continued success of this noble institution.

ALL EYES ON DALLAS.

The city of Dallas is filled this week with Methodist hosts from every part of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Mass Meeting in Interest of Superannuate Preachers.

In the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, September 19, stirring mass meetings in the interest of our Methodist veterans were held in the auditorium of First Church. Judge Marvin H. Brown, of Fort Worth, discussed as his theme "Superannuate Preachers' Claim Upon the Church to Which He Has Given His Life." Hon. R. C. Dial, of Greenville, discussed as his theme, "Adequate Provision for the Superannuate Preacher and the Country Church Problem." Major E. C. Clemans, D. D., Second Minnesota Infantry, Field Secretary Board of Conference Claimants of the Methodist Episcopal Church, took as his theme "Adequate Provision for Superannuate Preachers and the Future Supply of Ministers." Bishop J. H. McCoy contributed a thrilling address. "Texas Methodism's Big Job and How to Tackle It," was the theme of Judge William E. Hawkins, of the Supreme Court of Texas; "The Task Golden" was the theme of an inspiring address by Hon. W. P. Allen, of Austin; "Methodism to the Old Preacher and His Wife, Debtor," was the theme of a second inspiring address by Major Clemans. Bishop E. D. Mouzon brought a clear and strong message at the evening hour.

These addresses moved the large audiences at both hours and a clear-cut campaign was inaugurated for a round million of dollars for the superannuates of Methodism in this section of the country. The plan of campaign will appear in the issue of next week.

Southwestern Presiding Elders' Association.

The seventy-two presiding elders of the Southwestern Presiding Elders' Association in Dallas this week. Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico are in Dallas in the personnel of as fine elders as can be found in the Church. Both of the presiding Bishops are on the ground. Wednesday morning at 8:30 the association met at First Church. "The Problem of the Rural Church" consumed the discussion for the entire morning. The sessions are to last through Thursday. Bishop E. E. Hoss will discuss "The Unification of Methodism" at the session of Thursday morning. A full account of these discussions will appear in our next issue.

The Methodist Pageant.

Wednesday night the great Methodist Pageant, participated in by more than 800 actors, was held. Descriptions of this commanding event will appear in the issue of next week.

Opening Southern Methodist University.

Not least among the important events in Dallas this week is the formal opening of our great connectional University for the region west of the Mississippi.

As we go to press Wednesday morning the finest reports of the opening reach us. Every room in both the Men's and Women's Dormitories is taken. The indications are for an opening which will surpass anything in the entire history of the Southwest.

The Texas Christian Advocate extends greetings to the distinguished workers now in the metropolis of the Southwest. It counts itself happy to be numbered among the forces whose mission is to spread the redemption of the Cross throughout this region.

CONTEST FOR EPWORTH UNIVERSITY.

As we go to press the arguments in the case of Epworth University, in Oklahoma City, are still going on. The suit is being pressed with great strength by counsel for the Church. Friends from Oklahoma City bring optimistic reports of the Church's chances for success. The issues involved and the result of the suit we hope to present to our readers in the issue of next week. The Methodism of the entire Southwest is vitally interested. Oklahoma must have her great schools. No band of brethren were ever more loyal to our Southern Methodist University than the Oklahoma brethren have been. But even Southern Methodist University cannot supply all that is needed in the great and growing empire of Oklahoma. We wish the brethren in Oklahoma success in their contest, and success there will mean success for the entire Southwest.

MRS. LUCY A. KIDD-KEY.

The death of Mrs. Lucy A. Kidd-Key has brought sorrow to the entire Southwest. Thousands of homes in every section of the country went into mourning when it was announced that Mrs. Key had passed away in her apartments at the North Texas Female College, Wednesday evening, Sept. 13, 1916. Everything was in readiness for the opening of the twenty-ninth year of her presidency of the college, one of the largest student bodies in the history of the school had gathered, but the noble president was to see her beloved girls no more. She died at 11:30 Wednesday evening, September 13, 1916. A fitting biographical sketch appears in this issue.



We asked two of Mrs. Key's helpers, who had labored with her since

her coming to Texas in 1888, what was the secret of Mrs. Key's remarkable work. Neither of these helpers knew what the other had answered. Independently of each other both answered, "Her personality." Indeed it was the wonderful personality of this great woman which so impressed all with whom she came in contact. A more remarkable personality has not appeared among us. The gentleness and intuition of the finest type of womanhood characterized Mrs. Key. It was the gentleness of Mrs. Key which has made thousands of her girls great. By her very gentleness Mrs. Key mastered not only her girls, but every one else who associated with her. Whether she sat in the quiet of personal conversation or whether she stood in the vast assembly, Mrs. Key had the mastery. She mastered others because she so completely mastered herself.

Mrs. Key was a woman of vision and courage. She had the courage to attempt what she saw. Others could not always see what she saw and others, at times, drew back, but never Mrs. Key. Who but Mrs. Key saw the North Texas Female College with its nineteen splendid brick buildings? What eye but Mrs. Key's eye saw thousands upon thousands of girls flocking to sit at her feet? She did not doubt; she planned, she spent her own private fortune, she hazarded financial obligations, and her dream of a great woman's college came true.

Above all, Mrs. Lucy A. Kidd-Key was a devout believer. She came to the end the same confident, intrepid spirit that she had been throughout her long life. She was still master. The way was clear; not a cloud was in her sky and peacefully and sweetly she fell on sleep.

Mrs. Key erected her own monument and that monument is the North Texas Female College. The North Texas Female College lives today in the hearts of the ten thousand girls who have been students within its halls. The North Texas Female College is the organized personality of the South's greatest woman educator. It will continue to stand for that type of education which fits our daughters for the sacred work of woman. So perfect was its organization that not an hour in the daily routine has been lost because of Mrs. Key's going away.

Following the death of Mrs. Key it was announced by the Board of Trustees of the institution that Edwin Kidd and Mrs. Holt Versel will continue in charge of its business management and that Mrs. Maggie W. Barry, who has been with the school since its foundation by Mrs. Key, and Dr. James O. Leath, who has been working under Mrs. Key for several years, will act jointly as associate principals. Prof. E. F. Powell will continue as chairman of the faculty and Miss Bilger as presiding teacher. Hans Richard as director of the Conservatory will be assisted by Ralph Leopold, Pettis, Pipes, Frank Renard and others. Mrs. Holt Versel and Louis Versel will continue as directors of the Department of Voice. In a word, the entire faculty which for so long has been associated with Mrs. Key will continue in charge of their various departments, so that there will be no disturbance whatsoever in the conduct and operation of the school. The work for the year as arranged by Mrs. Key will be carried forward without change or interruption.

To the beloved Bishop the Advocate extends sincerest sympathy. In his age and loneliness may there be light. To the son and daughter we offer the consolation which is derived from a mother's noble life.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. KEY.

Rev. R. G. Mood.

Mrs. Lucy A. Kidd-Key was born in Salvisa, Kentucky, on December 27, 1839. In her very early girlhood she gave her heart and life unreservedly to God and the Church and for a period of about sixty-five years she has given her life wholly to the service of God and the Church and humanity.

Before her marriage Mrs. Key was Miss Lucy Thornton, of the aristocratic Thornton family of Versailles, Kentucky. Her mother was a most excellent and devoutly pious woman and from her Mrs. Key inherited much of her womanly winsomeness.

Her first marriage was to Dr. Henry Kidd, of Yazoo, Mississippi. While living in Yazoo she was very active in her Church, being Sunday School Superintendent and easily being the leader in all the work of the Church, as one has put it, "she was the Church in Yazoo." When the lamented Bishop Gallo-way was quite a young man he was sent as

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EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPT.

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

(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.)

Several news items of the fall work have been received. Let us keep up the good work.

What are you doing for the advancement of the Epworth League work in your community?

Trinity League of Dallas conducted the fall service last Sunday afternoon. These services are conducted every Sunday afternoon and the Young People's Societies of four denominations in the city care for them Sunday about.

We are very sorry to hear that our beloved ex-President, Sessions, of the State League, has been ill with dengue fever. We pray that he may have a speedy and complete recovery.

Mr. Emmett Thurmon, President of First Church League, Dallas, has been spending his vacation in Louisiana visiting relatives. He is back on the job now with his usual vigor.

The new folders gotten out in interest of Epworth-By-the-Sea, Port O'Connor, Texas, are real works of art. If you haven't seen them, write to Mr. W. M. Carter, State Field Secretary, Port O'Connor, Texas. They have the most recent pictures to be had, including snapshots of many of those in attendance on the Encampment this year.

If you are anywhere near Dallas you should arrange by all means to see the great "Pageant of Methodism" to be given in the mammoth Coliseum at the State Fair Grounds on the evening of September 20. This is the biggest thing of the year and perhaps of a number of years. The Epworth League is to be represented in the latter movement, showing the workings of the Church today. It is well worth going a long distance to see.

Attention, North Texas Leaguers: The following change in office has been made necessary since the conference in Gainesville: Mr. B. J. Roemer, elected Secretary-Treasurer, has found it impossible to serve, and in his place Mr. F. A. Zumwalt, 2142½ Harwood Street, Dallas, Texas, has been appointed. Please take notice of this change and address all communications accordingly.

EVERY WEEK.

Your League Librarian—if he or she is faithful—will clip the League page—this page—and take them to the monthly business meeting where every member may have the opportunity of reading the League news, after which the copies will be filed by your Secretary among the records.

The above, taken from one of our exchanges, impresses us strongly as a means of improving the efficiency both of the local Leagues and of the Epworth League Department of the Advocate. We are very anxious to reach the members of the Leagues, but if they do not read the Advocate, how can we reach them? We frequently have letters asking for information which appears week after week in this department, and yet the people for whom it has been published have not seen it.

GONZALES, TEXAS.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the week was a "College" party given Friday night at the residence of Mrs. Stuart Johnson by the Epworth League in honor of members who will soon depart for school and college.

The interior was gay with college pennants and the several college colors of the schools which students will attend, created a true college atmosphere for the unique event.

Progressive games was the leading entertainment feature of the evening. Each table was named for a college represented and the score cards bore corresponding names and were decorated

in the colors peculiar to that school, the couples being designated as "Freshman, Sophomore," etc.

A college contest was another feature of the evening, from which much amusement was derived, the object being to spell as many names of colleges as possible from a given group of jumbled letters.

Tempting refreshments were served, consisting of lemon ice cream, angel food and devil's food.

About thirty-five guests enjoyed the occasion, including several out-of-town visitors. It was one of the most successful entertainments in the history of the League and will send the honorees away to their respective schools with the pleasantest of memories of the last days at home.

WINNSBORO, TEXAS, ORGANIZED.

During a recent meeting at Winnsboro by Brother Conkin and in which he was assisted by Miss Eula McGuire, Superintendent of Junior Work, North Texas Conference Epworth League, an Epworth League was organized, thus tying up the young people to the Church and giving the newly enlisted converts something definite to do for the Master.

Miss McGuire, acting Chairman, and Mr. Vance Gist, acting Secretary, perfected the organization. Job 22:21-22, as a Scripture lesson, was read: "Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace, thereby good shall come unto thee. Receive, I pray thee, the law from His mouth and lay up His words in thine heart." After a talk by Miss McGuire the following officers were elected:

- President, Mr. Edgar Eskridge.
- First Superintendent, Miss Leola Campbell.
- Second Superintendent, Miss Jessie Green.
- Third Superintendent, Mr. R. J. Turner.
- Fourth Superintendent, Mr. Pnewell Denney.

- Era Agent, Mr. Joe Ashberry.
- Organist, Miss Bessie Martin.
- Superintendent of Music, Mr. Arlon Wylie.

Secretary, Miss Lucile Cowser. Treasurer, Mr. Carl Coats. Miss Lucile Cowser writes: "We feel that the Lord was with us in selecting this bright band for our Cabinet, and with a hearty hand-clasp we pledged our co-operation in prayer and services and we look forward to great things done for our Master.

"The faithfulness that Miss McGuire has shown here while among us, the loving spirit and the willingness to do anything for the cause of Christ, her re consecration and the 200 souls saved up to this time through her influence, surely it is enough to make us rise and take a new stand for Christ and to praise Jehovah for a kind, loving Father and a Christ that died that we might have life. We thank Him for sending Miss McGuire to us. For her we wish a life of service of faithfulness, with that the Lord always blesses his children.

"The prayers of the Winnsboro League will go on out with her to strengthen and help her in this great work.

"May God's blessings rest on her, is the prayer of the League.

"The meeting adjourned by singing 'More Like the Master,' to meet July 16.

"We have been improving all the time. We have had an additional membership of about thirteen. We lost one of our most earnest workers last Saturday evening. We feel that he is with Christ. He was on the program Sunday before he died on Saturday. He told us when he had finished that he would do better next time. We know he has a chance to do better now, as he is with Jesus."

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THE FAMILY ALTAR LEAGUE.

The great need of the Church today is a revival of home religion. This is fundamental. As is the home, so the community and the Church. This is conceded by all those who are in the forefront as leaders in Christian Endeavor. Prominent ministers and laymen all over our country are ready to co-operate in some plan that will bring about a change of conditions in the home life of the Church. The conviction of this need became so pronounced a few years ago in the hearts of a few men keenly interested in the welfare of the Church that the Family Altar League was organized. The growth of the movement since has been nothing less than wonderful. God has set his seal of approval upon the League. During the past seven years 300,000 Covenant Cards have been distributed, over 60,000 homes have affiliated with the movement, and it is estimated that more than 250,000 lives have been influenced for good. A monthly magazine has been published containing daily readings with comments and helpful suggestions for the home life. Cards and literature may be obtained without cost. Dr. Biederwolf, the founder, is raising an endowment fund of \$100,000, of which \$40,000 has been subscribed.

The League has grown so rapidly that the directors decided recently to open larger headquarters and engage

a general secretary. Since he took charge of the work plans have been adopted for a country-wide campaign. The most important work of the secretary is addressing Churches and conventions and conducting conferences. He will be glad to assist pastors in introducing the movement in their Churches. The following well-known men are among the directors: Dr. John Timothy Stone, Dr. Francis E. Clark, Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, Rev. W. E. Biederwolf, Bishop Chas. B. Mitchell, Marion Lawrence, J. Campbell White, Henry P. Crowell, Dr. James M. Grey, Judge McKenzie Cleland and E. O. Excell.

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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.

BONHAM DISTRICT.

The Bonham District meeting will be held at Windom, Texas, September 28 and 29. Let every Society send a delegate. We hope the pastors can be with us. Mrs. L. P. Smith, President North Texas Conference of W. M. S., also Mrs. F. B. Floyd, of Dallas, will be with us.

MRS. B. L. ADAMS,
District Secretary.

ATTENTION, WORKERS OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN TEXAS.

As Superintendent of Supplies in Central Texas Conference I am doing all in my power to find where supplies are needed and what is needed. Will not you aid me in this work by sending me information when you learn where such work can be done? Co-operate with me so that we can make this a successful and helpful department.

MRS. M. H. SMITH.

STAMFORD DISTRICT MISSIONARY AUXILIARIES.

The Woman's Missionary Auxiliaries of Stamford District, Northwest Texas Conference, will have their district meeting at Goree, Texas, on Tuesday, September 26.

We will have an all day session filled with information and inspiration. Our Conference President and at least two, probably four, other conference officers will be there. I urge each Auxiliary in the district to be well represented—we want you, we need you to make this meeting a success.

MRS. R. C. MONTGOMERY,
District Secretary.

AMARILLO DISTRICT.

A district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Amarillo District, Northwest Texas Conference, was held at Polk Street Church, Amarillo, August 1, 2 and 3. There are as many adult auxiliaries as charges in the district, sixteen in number, besides there are four Young People's and three Junior Societies. These were represented by twenty-eight delegates and thirty-two visitors. Good reports were read from each Auxiliary represented. Six Adults were pledged, also two of the Young People's. Several excellent papers on the different phases of the work were read. Mrs. N. G. Rollins, of Aspermont, Texas, our Conference Secretary, was with us and added much interest to the meeting in many ways. She gave us a message from the Council meeting and told us of her trip to the Panama Congress. Both were very interesting. The Missionaries of the Church served delicious lunches each day in the spacious church dining hall, which was very much enjoyed. All in all we had a very enjoyable and profitable meeting. The meeting next year will be held at Dalhart, Texas.

MRS. L. SPARKMAN,
District Secretary.

WEST OLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. L. Carter, Martha, Supt. Study Pub. From Mangum District.

We have sought by direct, personal appeal to each Auxiliary in the Mangum District to secure a full co-operation in the effort to enlist, through our Whirlwind Campaign every woman, young person and child who do not belong to the Missionary Society. In more than half our Auxiliaries we find the young people and children unorganized. Let us not longer neglect them, for our workers of tomorrow must be trained today. Therefore we are anxious to have a forward movement along all lines of missionary endeavor in every charge in the Mangum District. We shall expect an early quarterly report from each Auxiliary and trust that we may be of service to you.

MRS. G. S. WICKER,
Ollustee, District Secretary.

The Whirlwind Campaign.

The women of this conference are pushing the Whirlwind Campaign. The District Secretaries are zealous in their efforts for more members in their districts. Auxiliary officers, let us assist these faithful Secretaries and by so doing enlarge the membership of the Missionary Society and teach women and children that it is a God-given privilege to become a member of so great an organization.

Mrs. A. J. Welch, Clinton, District Secretary, has had a pleasant vacation in the mountains of Colorado. Mrs. Welch plans to have district meeting in the west part of her district in the near future. She reports a fine meeting at Sayre in the early part of the summer.

Mrs. W. H. Roper, of Lawton District, reports the organization of two new Auxiliaries, with the hope of organizing three others soon.

With the last day of September ends the third quarter of the year. Let us not fail to have our executive meeting, make out reports and mail in plenty of time.

A Good Suggestion.

The Publicity Superintendent of Duncan Auxiliary has an assistant whose duty it is to report all meetings and other interesting missionary news to the secular press and to preserve these clippings for their publicity scrapbook. We hope other Auxiliaries will do and do likewise. We want all of these scrapbooks brought to the annual meeting at Cordell in January.

CORSICANA DISTRICT WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Corsicana District meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society convened at Groesbeck, Texas, September 7 and 8, 1916. Our efficient Secretary, Mrs. Callicutt, had the meeting well planned and had prepared an excellent program.

Brother Hawk, pastor, and ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society met us at the train and gave us a real royal reception, and we felt at once at home among these Christian people.

Thursday afternoon, September 7, was given to organization and to the hearing of reports from delegates—a fair representation

from the Auxiliaries of the district were present and all gave report of progress and hopeful outlook for the year's work.

The report of the District Secretary, Mrs. Callicutt, was read and the address was very helpful and was very much appreciated by all.

At 8 o'clock Thursday evening we had the privilege of hearing a welcome address by Brother Hawk in behalf of the Church and city, also by Mrs. Kelly in behalf of the Missionary Society, and these addresses of welcome found an answering chord in all of our hearts and were very much enjoyed by the delegates and a response to these kind words was made by Mrs. Callicutt which was characteristic of her, and was "both witty and wise."

This pleasing part of the program was followed by a helpful address from Miss Eugenia Smith, our Deaconess of Fort Worth. She told us of her work among the foreigners in the packing house district, of her daily experiences, the daily happenings in her life, and as we listened "our hearts burned by the way," and our hearts thanked God for this little woman who is telling of the love of Christ for poor sinful man, by just living the Christ-life among those poor foreign people and loving them as Christ loves them. We were proud of her work and our Wesley Home and glad in heart that we had a part in this great work.

Friday morning, September 8, we had with us Miss Mattie Ivey, our missionary from Korea, and her talk on Christian stewardship in Korea was very interesting and a rebuke to us for not being willing to give God more of our lives. We also had with us for the day our Conference President, Mrs. J. W. Downs, and our Conference Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Matthews, both of them bringing us helpful messages about the work of the Society, especially about the Whirlwind Campaign which this district is going to inaugurate.

The Workers' Conference, conducted by our conference officers, was of a very high order, and we only could wish that we had had all our members of the district present.

The district meeting had the pleasure and profit of the presence of our presiding elder, Rev. W. H. Matthews, through the entire meeting and at the 11 o'clock hour Friday he gave us a very fine sermon indeed, and all through the meeting he was ever ready to give us an encouraging word and the women of the district feel grateful to him for so much of his time and interest.

We were also glad to have with us Brother Hooper of the Horn Hill Mission.

Our meeting adjourned Friday afternoon with prayer by Brother Matthews and Miss Trullie Richmond, our Corsicana District Missionary in Brazil, was especially remembered, and with many thanks to Brother Hawk and his wife and the good people of Groesbeck we said good-bye and we shall carry always pleasant remembrances of our district meeting in Groesbeck.

MRS. W. J. HEARON,
Secretary.

Blooming Grove, Texas.

A GREAT MISSIONARY CHURCH.

Memorial Methodist Church, Lynchburg, Va., Rev. Frank L. Wells, pastor, has pledged the salary of Rev. A. W. Wasson, of Songdo, Korea, thirteen hundred dollars per year. In addition, the Sunday School provides the support of two native preachers in Korea, two hundred dollars; a surgical bed in Huchow (China) Hospital, fifty dollars; and a Scholarship in Nanking University, fifty dollars. This shows what a Church can do with wide-awake, courageous leadership and what a multitude of Churches are only waiting for an invitation to do.

WEST TEXAS NOTES.

Yoakum Auxiliary, with its team of fine officers, had an all-day meeting June 2, inviting neighboring towns. Educational talks, good music, devotional exercise and lunch was the day's program. The membership was doubled and the spiritual life renewed was the report of the Publicity Superintendent.

A new auxiliary has been organized at Melvin, San Angelo District, sixteen members being enrolled. Menard also reports a new auxiliary, Staples, in the San Marcos District, has the distinction of having twenty-five members. Every member a subscriber to Missionary. Voice and every member in the study class.

Last quarter the Junior Auxiliary of Seguin rendered a very fine program. Mrs. Sep Baxter was hostess and was assisted with the children by Miss Gladys Holloman. Two new members were enrolled.

Lockhart Auxiliary gave a shower to our foreign missionary, Miss Lelia Putnam, who goes to Brazil. The Lockhart Post says: "She is a missionary, not only to the benighted people of an isolated region, but is a missionary to the people of Lockhart in opening their minds and hearts to living interest in a great work and kindling a desire for the spread of the gospel among races far removed."

Other Churches of the town, as well as other towns, sent articles to the shower, among them Uvalde, Blanco, Seguin, San Saba, Austin District, El Paso, Kenedy, Staples, Goldthwait, Gonzales and San Antonio.

Miss Putnam is a daughter of Lockhart, and an offering of which West Texas is justly proud. Let the prayers of every auxiliary follow her, "our missionary," as she goes to her

field of labor in the Master's vineyard.

Another quarter is drawing to a close. Will you have a new Mission Study Class to report this quarter?

Where are our Young People's Auxiliaries? We have so many bright young Methodist girls who should find joy in this field of service, but who, for lack of organization, are directing their splendid young lives into other channels of less usefulness to the Church and to themselves.

There are twenty Young People's Societies. May I not have as many reports at the close of this quarter?

The call is for leaders for our young women. Who will respond?

MRS. J. MYDDLETON WOODS.

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER.

(Published by Request)

My Dear Friend:

I long for you here to enjoy beautiful San Marcos. I had heard that it is the most beautiful city in Texas, and I now believe it. I am at this moment sitting where I can see for miles over the hills and valleys, for I am a guest in our own school, Coronel Institute. I wonder how many Methodists know that we have a school where little children as young as eight can be cared for. I've always thought the Catholics were wiser than we, but our people are waking up. There's a dear little boy here, only twelve years old. At the same table with him there are two mothers and a dear gentle grandmother, who give him a pat and a smile. Who wouldn't love to be in such a school? I had seen the pictures of Coronel Institute and had read all that cold type can tell, but it does not do this place justice, nor can I, and I shall not try.

I have met the faculty and the student body and at dinner heard the President make an after-dinner speech, urging co-operation on all lines. Students are on their honor.

I am ashamed that I have not known more of its situation. I can never forget the dignity of its situation on a splendid hill in the very center of the city. The students can't help but catch the spirit of the trees and distant hills, blue skies and floating clouds, and the spirit of reverence of the early morning prayers with which to begin their busy days—this makes study a joy.

In the maddening rush of our times it seems to me this is an ideal place for children to really find themselves, and when they graduate from here they will be ready and strong for life in a University.

I must tell you of a unique shower. The house is full of pot plants, sent in by friends of the school. It looks like commencement times to me and shows one that the school has a warm place in the hearts of the people here.

Among all our Methodist Schools Coronel Institute has no rival. It stands as the oldest among them all, though making a new departure this year in caring for such young children. I feel sure it will be a great success. Yours for the cause,
MRS. SIMEON SHAW,
Houston, Texas.

ORPHANAGE CONDITIONS AS A LAYMAN SEES THEM.

Having long had a desire to visit one of our noblest institutions, the Orphanage, I took occasion on August 24 to visit it and see conditions that exist.

After being received with a pleasant conversation by Brother Burroughs I was shown by him through the Institution from reception room to dining room and kitchen and last, but not least, to the barn and pasture, where the twenty Jerseys had sought shade from the summer sun.

It was an inspiration to pass from one apartment to another, taking the hand and looking into the bright faces of dozens of children who for the most part were engaged in their daily routine of work, many of the boys being in the fields at work almost every-one rosy-cheeked and apparently care-free and happy.

I want to state a fact with which I was deeply impressed. Notwithstanding the 150 or more children being housed in one institution (by no means sufficiently large to accommodate them) the absolute cleanliness on every side was quite noticeable—dining room, bed rooms, everywhere, perfectly spotless.

And what about our beloved Brother Burroughs and wife? Cheerful, patient and hopeful, they are planning and praying for great things for the Home, working not alone their minds by any means, but their bodies as well.

Brother Burroughs pointed out to me one addition after another which had been put to the home, much of it the work of his own hands and which one can see has made irroads on his old-time vigor and strength.

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Now, brethren, suppose the first opportunity you have you give your congregations a chance to contribute to the Orphanage, stating the aim and object of the Home, fully and see if they don't respond, and until you do this they are justified rather than you.
C. C. JAMES,
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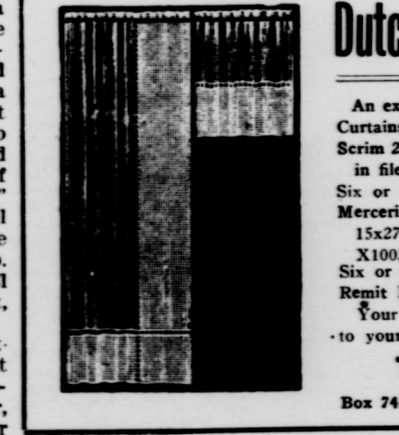
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Artesia is a beautiful little city flowing with artesian wells. Rev. J. B. Cochran is our pastor. He has paid off an old church debt and had about seventy additions on profession of faith. He is very much loved by his people, is wise and safe in his counsel. He is pure gold.

Carlsbad is one of the old towns of the Pecos Valley and is a beautiful place. Rev. J. T. Redmon is the pastor in charge. He will report all finances in full and about one hundred additions to the Church. He is energetic and wide-awake. His people believe in him and he is doing things.

Clovis is one of the live towns of this section. It is surrounded by one of the best sections of farming land that I have ever seen and the farmers are making good. I predict a bright future for Clovis. Our Annual Conference meets there October 4. Rev. J. H. Messer is at the helm at this point. Messer is formerly from Oklahoma. He is winding out his second year and has wrought well. He is a good preacher and allows no grass to grow under his feet. He will report all financial claims in full.

Clovis Circuit—Rev. J. F. Etchison is the leader of Israel's host on this charge. He came to us two years ago from Arkansas. Etchison is true and tried. He does not do things by fits and starts, but he does things. The work has grown under his leadership these two years. This is one of our most promising circuits. They have built a splendid new church on this charge this year.

Hagerman and Dexter are two small towns on the Pecos Valley Railroad in the very heart of the alfalfa section. Rev. W. W. Turner is the leader of our forces at these points. He is closing out his third year. He has made full proof of his ministry. He plans to bring a balance sheet of financial obligations to the Annual Conference. Turner is a prince, a good pastor, has a strong grip on his people and is white through and through.

Hope and Lake Arthur—Lake Arthur is a small town on the A. T. & S. F. R. R. and Hope is a beautiful wide-awake inland town. Brother H. W. Carter is in charge. He has a strong grip on things. He holds a tight rein and drives hard. Our church at Hope was dedicated September 10. We had a great service. Carter will clear the deck and make a fine report.

Lakewood and Dayton—Brother W. P. West is the Gideon at these points. We have just one Will West in the New Mexico Conference, but we hope his tribe will increase. He is doing a fine work. Everybody loves him. He knows just how to slap a fellow on the back and say, "Hello Bill!" He is a unique character and brings things to pass.

Elda—Rev. J. W. Hendrix is our sky pilot in that domain. He is now in the midst of a great revival. Rev. F. M. Neal and singer is with him. Hendrix is a product of old Tennessee. He has hardly been in New Mexico long enough to get his feet tough, but he is making good. He is studious and, by the way, he is writing a book and his friends are expecting a sensation when it comes from the press. He is an all-around good fellow and has a fine record of work this year.

Ennice Circuit—This is a new country and a mission field that we are developing and have a right to expect good returns from our investment. Brother J. P. Speed, a local preacher, is supplying this work. He is putting in some real hard licks and hitting in the right place and they are counting for something. He has bought the material and will commence soon the erection of a church at Ennice. He has organized several new classes. Speed is faithful and zealous and the work prospers in his hand.

Lovington Circuit—This embraces as fine a section of country as ever a bird flew over. It is a section of great promise. W. M. Beauchamp has charge of this circuit. He has some eight or ten preaching points. Beauchamp is one of our young men. He is closing his second year on this work. He is a good mixer, and a good pastor, and some of his people think that he can beat the elder preaching; enough said as to his preaching ability. The work has gone forward by leaps and bounds under his leadership. He is a safe case.

Pecos—Pecos is a wide-awake, enterprising, little city on the T. & P. Railroad. Rev. J. H. Walker is the pastor of that faithful flock. They have paid off an octopus of a church debt. Benevolences all paid in the early part of the year. Had a great revival with sixty-five additions by profession of faith, and will have a total of about one hundred for the year. He will give a good account of his stewardship when he answers to roll call. Walker is prudent, a good pastor, and does things.

Odessa—Rev. E. B. Bowen has done a fine year's work. This is his first year with us. He hails from Oklahoma and if they have some more as good as he that they would like to dispose of New Mexico can use a few more of the same sort. He has built a new church at Barstow, held some good meetings and done a fine work.

Sacramento Mission—This work embraces the Sacramento Mountains, in which the famous Clouderoft is situated, and it is indeed a city among the clouds. Rev. W. L. Jenkins is winding out his third year on this charge. He is a circuit rider indeed. I venture to say that he lives in the saddles as many hours of the week as did the sainted Bishop Asbury, and perhaps makes more forced rides than he. "Little Jenks" has the spirit and faith of the apostles. In real strenuous hard work I doubt if we have a man in the Roswell District that approaches him. He is in labors abundant.

Portales—Portales is a prosperous city on the Plains. Rev. A. C. Bell is leading the militant host at that place. He is closing his third year. During his pastorate the membership of the Church has more than doubled and Methodism advanced under his evangelistic leadership. Bell is evangelistic in his preaching and method. He has done a great work and will make a fine report at roll call.

Rogers Circuit—Rev. L. L. Thurston is

our pastor. He is closing his second year. There is not a charge in the district that has made such phenomenal growth as this, in the past two years. At one point (Inez) they have built and furnished and paid for a handsome country chapel. Thurston has done a very great work and he will make a fine report at the "round up" at Clovis. I know of no man who is more earnest and consecrated than Luther Thurston.

And what shall I more say? Time would fail me to tell of Rev. J. T. McClure and of Roswell, the Venice of the Pecos Valley. Mc. is a live wire, he is not marking time, he is on his job, working hard and getting somewhere. He is a Texas contribution to New Mexico and a good one, too.

The Roswell District will report almost a thousand additions and we think ninety per cent of all financial obligations will be paid. The preachers have been faithful and worked hard.

"The far West" is all right. "Everything is lovely and the goose honks high."

S. E. ALLISON, P. E.
Roswell, N. M.

WEST OKLAHOMA NOTES.

Rev. E. R. Welch, Correspondent.

The St. Luke's Messenger reports that Bishop Morrison is to spend Sunday, the 24th inst., in Oklahoma City. The Culpepper meeting starts off encouragingly.

We are glad to report that Rev. H. E. Snodgrass is rapidly recovering from his recent illness and will soon be back hard at work.

Rev. J. C. Scivally has just closed a great revival at Vinson. There were more than 100 conversions and a large number of additions to the Church.

Elmer Church has already paid its assessment for salary in full though it is yet seven weeks until Conference. This speaks eloquently for the popularity of the pastor, Rev. B. F. Taylor. We would presume that they wish his return. We are willing.

Rev. H. B. Ellis has recently assisted Rev. H. A. Stroud in a very successful meeting at Olustee.

Rev. W. U. Witt and family have returned from a very pleasant vacation in Colorado and are hard at work closing up a good year at Altus; in fact in many respects one of the best years in its history. When Altus gets that elegant new Church building, which she will have, she will easily take her rightful place as one of the first appointments of the conference.

We are glad to report that Rev. Jesse Crumpton, of Blair, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis. He was confined for some time in the hospital in Oklahoma City.

Rev. Chas. L. Cole, of the Bethel Charge, is rounding out one of the best years of his ministry. Revival fires have burned brightly.



It is the unexpected that most always happens. Last year, the first for SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, it was thought at best the enrollment would not exceed 300. For the session it reached 706. And now the S. M. U. has entered upon its second year with an enrollment of about 1000. UNIVERSITY PARK also had its surprises. It was not dreamed that the close of the first year of the University would find the Park "dotted" with homes, but such was the case and now with the opening of the second year there are more "dots." UNIVERSITY PARK has, in a little over two years, grown until today it has the appearance of a thriving little burg. Substantial, high-class homes have sprung up and are occupied by the owners. Lots are being sold and more homes are going up. There is in the whole of Texas no such other place as UNIVERSITY PARK, the addition of culture. Either as an investment or for a home it presents unusual attractions.

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Conference collections are all in sight and the salary will be in full. An especially good meeting was held at Bethel Church. Rev. T. Y. Hearn did most of the preaching and did it in his accustomed style, which means fearless denunciation of sin and tenderness for the sinner. After his departure Rev. W. S. Deering, a most acceptable and useful local preacher, finished up the meeting in fine shape.

Rev. Jno. H. Bridges, our capable young pastor at Butler, assisted Brother Cole in a former meeting. His singing was a great delight to the people and an honor to the cause.

Rev. T. E. Graham, of Hobart, recently assisted C. A. German in a successful meeting at Port. There were twenty-four professions, many backsliders reclaimed, the Church built up. Brother Graham succeeded Brother Ellis in the middle of the year at Hobart and from all reports is a real live wire for Methodism and the Church.

C. H. Armstrong of Vinita Avenue, Sulphur, has been taking his vacation in helping the brethren in revivals. His latest was at Hickory with Rev. Parish. A good team and a helpful meeting.

Rev. L. L. Cohen, of Chickasha, in writing for a certificate, remarks: "We are serving a

great people and a community in which we are delighted to labor. This is a great town, made up of splendid people, with big hearts, a large outlook, and yet affording a great opportunity for the ministry." All this we steadfastly believe. We have learned that Brother Cohen is measuring up in every way. He is preaching to congregations that tax the capacity of the large auditorium.

On the Woodford charge Chas. Mann is his own evangelist and fine meetings attest his success. Peace and harmony prevail and everything looks hopeful.

One hundred and twenty-five conversions and sixty-four accessions is the numerical result of three meetings on the Thackerville charge where Rev. L. H. Fullingim holds forth. In the first, at Ark, Rev. W. C. Rhea, of Berwyn charge, assisted. There were fifteen conversions and eight accessions. At Bomar and Thackerville Rev. G. A. Marvin led the forces. There were in these two meetings 110 converts and 56 accessions. Brother Fullingim will come up to conference with the best report by far in the history of the charge. No one expected less.

All the brethren and friends of Rev. J. W. Summs and family will regret to learn of the death of his grandchild, ten months old, which



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, SAN ANEGLO, TEXAS.

This church was enterprised and built during the pastorate of Rev. Simeon Shaw. He was assisted by the following Building Committee: W. S. Kelly, C. C. Kirkpatrick, John D. Robertson, Jr., Dr. T. W. Conerly and J. L. Malone. Brother A. W. Armstrong acted as treasurer. He was faithful in looking after every detail of the enterprise. A good Christian man. A true friend to his pastor. He passed to his reward above in November, 1909. He was my personal friend when I was a circuit walker out here twenty-six years ago. Dirt was broken for the new church by Mrs. J. W. Hill, President of the Woman's Missionary Society, then, and is now President. She and her society secured the lots upon which the church was built and assisted in many other ways.

The corner stone was laid in 1903 by the Masonic Lodge of this city, Bishop E. E. Hoss delivering the address.

Under the pastorate of I. W. Howell the entire floor plan of the building was changed, and it was seated with substantial oak pews. Through the generosity of Hon. Edgar Hamilton the pipe organ was purchased.

The last indebtedness was paid September

2, 1916, when the two unpaid notes were canceled.

On Sunday, September third, our own Bishop Edwin D. Moutzon, after preaching a great sermon, said by many to have been the best they had ever heard, dedicated the church. Brother C. C. Kirkpatrick, Chairman of the Board of Stewards and Sunday School Superintendent, presented the church for dedication. F. B. Buchanan, presiding elder, read the lesson from the Old Testament. Geo. L. Keever, pastor Chadborne Street Church, reading the Epistle, Bishop Moutzon pronounced the words of dedication and closed the service with prayer and the benediction. The choir furnished good music and Mrs. A. J. Miller played an inspiring violin solo.

We have a membership of more than a thousand, a Missionary Society with a membership of 100, 915 in all departments of the Sunday School. A Senior, Intermediate and Junior League, a mission Sunday School with 65 members directed by Brother S. J. Estess. Our Sunday School supports a pupil in China and one in Japan. The Junior Department gives \$25 to China. Also the Sunday School will support a young lady from our congregation in a training school for a home missionary. Two young men have been licensed

REV. JOE F. WEBB, Pastor

to preach this year. One will be at conference for admission. The Epworth League has promised \$25 to Africa.

This article would not be complete without the name of Mrs. Boyd Cornick, who with Mrs. J. W. Hill and other members of the Missionary Society, did not only help to build the church, but built for their pastor a home, comfortable and well located. And they boast as our women do, "It's out of debt," "The women built it." All honor to them.

Well, here is a new one, the last born child of First Church. They call it the Marthas. Madames Claude Broome and Henry Jackson are to blame for it. It is the liveliest, healthiest institution I ever saw. It is made up of young ladies, some married, some single. They feed the hungry, clothe the needy, visit the sick, scatter sunshine and cut flowers, decorate the church, buy books for the poor mother some orphan children. They just do good all the time and in all ways.

The rest of this report will be in the report of the pastor to the Annual Conference. This pastor claims no credit for this report. It is the work of a faithful body of Christian men, women and children.

JOE F. WEBB, Pastor.

OUR CONFERENCES, (Revised)

- New Mexico, Clovis, New Mexico, Bishop W. R. Lambuth, October 4. Texas Mexican Mission, San Antonio, Bishop H. C. Morrison, October 11. German Mission, East Bernard, Bishop H. C. Morrison, October 18. West Texas Conference, Uvalde, Bishop E. D. Mouzon, October 18. West Oklahoma Conference, Wynnewood, Bishop H. C. Morrison, November 1. North Texas Conference, Greenville, Bishop J. H. McCoy, November 1. Northwest Texas, Stamford, Bishop E. D. Mouzon, November 8. Texas Conference, Lufkin, Bishop J. H. McCoy, November 8. Central Texas Conference, Waxahachie, Bishop J. H. McCoy, November 15. East Oklahoma Conference, Muskogee, Bishop E. D. Mouzon, November 22.

occurred recently in the parsonage at Lawton where the parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Battenfield, of Pryor, Oklahoma, had brought the little one in hope that a change of climate might be beneficial. It was buried at Lawton, Rev. McBride conducting the services. May our Heavenly Father comfort and sustain the grieving ones.

Brother Simms has his charge in good condition despite the severe drought that extended over that section. Early in the year he collected 59 per cent of the collections and the rest with the salaries will be paid. He has received ninety-two members, organized two Wesley classes, painted and improved the parsonage, put the Texas Advocate in his every official home, and otherwise made good at this difficult yet strategic appointment. Six of the local pastors have erected a large tabernacle and are now in a revival.

Rev. C. K. Proctor, our bustling young pastor at Marietta, has begun the publication of a weekly Bulletin called the Methodist. It has proved a most healthy move and has added dignity and enthusiasm to the pastor's work and influence. The writer recently visited Marietta and found the wise plans of Brother Proctor in evidence on every hand and himself in great favor with all the people. A good meeting which toned up the whole membership was recently held by Brother Proctor.

Rev. W. J. Moore has just closed at Murray, Kentucky, one of the most unique yet one of the wisest campaigns in our knowledge. It is called a Sunday School revival. Its object, of course, is conversion of the unsaved, but definitely its object is the perfect organization and standardization of the School. It has proved a great success and another similar work will immediately be started at Paducah, Kentucky, and at other points. We are not surprised at Brother Moore's originality. There is just no telling where he will break out next, but you may know that it will be some wise plan for Sunday School extension.

Only six more Sundays and then the roll call at Wynnewood. Much remains to be done. May the great Head of the Church help us all to make full use of the remaining few days. May he open the hearts of our membership that the Lord's treasury may not go unfiled. May we all be able to report "A good year, Bishop."

Brother writes to know if Rev. Salter has gotten well. Now it is evident that that inquisitive brother has not been over in the Ardmore District for a spell, else he would have known. Why, he has worn out two autos already and has another brand new one to wear out the same way. His district will come up in great shape. Good revivals have been the order of the day.

Rev. R. I. Graham, of Ardmore Mission, will have a report that might gladden the heart of any of us. He has worked hard, preached continually, held his own revivals, and will have everything in full for conference. He will have more than a hundred accessions and nearly all on profession. Graham will do to count on.

A BANKER'S IDEA OF HIS DUTY TO SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY.

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sirs: Without authority or suggestion I have been doing a little missionary work for the S. M. U., and as a result I am asking you to send a few catalogues and other literature concerning our University to Professor Blank, Superintendent of Schools at Blank.

While on my vacation last month, in my old home at Blank, I delivered an address in the Methodist Church at a big union service covering all that I know of the great work we Methodists have been doing in the matter of our great University. I have been deeply interested in it and have kept in touch with its progress and the work that has been done and is being done. In other words, I have always been enthusiastic, and you know when a man is enthusiastic and believes in a thing he can generally say something about it, therefore I never lose an opportunity to preach the S. M. U.

I had a splendid congregation and my effort was seemingly appreciated and enjoyed. Very few of the people there have been in touch with our work here and were glad to learn something of the University.

I will say now that we have some prospective students for the University from the graduating class of the Blank High School as a result of my work, and I will appreciate it if you will get the necessary literature in the hands of Professor Blank as per above request as he has asked me to do and I have promised him that I would make the request of you.

Trusting that my little effort may eventually result in some additions to the student body of the S. M. U., I remain, Yours to serve.

"Men may be poor and obscure, but every one of them may leave behind them the richest and grandest thing on earth—character."

STAMFORD COLLEGE OPENING.

Stamford College opened for work September 12 with the best attendance it has had for several years. At the close of the day there were twenty-three young ladies in the boarding department, and this is only a beginning. It was a great day for the school. President Hunt made it a home-coming. Old pupils and old friends of the school were present from all parts of the territory. At 11 o'clock a large crowd was addressed by Hon. Wallace Hawkins, a graduate of Stamford and now a member of the Legislature. It was a splendid address and was enjoyed by all. The citizens of Stamford served luncheon to the visitors present. It was well done and highly appreciated by those who partook of the fat things the good women had prepared. At two-thirty the crowd paired to the college chapel and heard the address of welcome delivered by the Hon. Mayor of Stamford, J. Van Steenwyck. Rev. B. W. Dodson responded. Short addresses were delivered by the pastor of the Christian Church, Rev. Hodges, Judge Coomes, Prof. Howell and others. The audience was entertained and instructed by Miss Mills, Miss Rollins and Mrs. Prichett, members of the faculty. President Hunt and Dean Smith are optimistic. Stamford and the Church in this section are behind this institution and we will have a great year.

C. N. N. FERGUSON.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD CALL.

Rev. Samuel Morris, a member of our Brotherhood, has been called to his home on high. He was 61 years an itinerant preacher, 41 years in our conference. A noble pioneer preacher of the old school. Please send your Brotherhood dues at once. The Northwest Texas division will send to C. B. Meador, Munday, Texas. The Central Texas will send me. The call will expire October 25. Your Brotherhood was never in better condition. Prompt payments will keep it so.

J. N. O. BARCUS, Secretary-Treasurer.

Hillsboro, Texas.

CONCERNING THE ENTERTAINMENT AT WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE, UVALDE.

It is the desire of the Methodist Church of Uvalde and the town generally to do all in their power to make the members of the West Texas Conference comfortable during their stay here, and to arrange things as conveniently as possible so that business may be dispatched with the least labor.

Will the supernumeraries, supernumeraries, members of Boards, licensed preachers, local deacons and elders, delegates from the different districts, any one who has any connection with the conference and whose name does not appear in the conference journal or if it does and you have not been regular in your attendance upon the conference but expect to attend this year, kindly send in names and addresses? To make certain that your "name is in the pot" you had better send it in.

Will anybody or everybody please write any desire as to location, conveniences, roommate former friend-host, or whatever may be necessary to you in the dispatch of your duties, or in the making of you comfortable? A congenial companion or association with former acquaintances will make your stay more pleasant. It is our intention and will be our pleasure to comply with these requests as far as possible.

Will those who are coming in cars please write us? Write at once, for time is short and assignments to homes will begin next week. GEO. M. BOYD, Pastor.

RESOLUTIONS—REV. J. F. LAWLIS.

Whereas, Our beloved pastor, Rev. J. F. Lawlis, having served our Church faithfully and well, for four years, and whereas he now comes to the time when by the rules of our Church he cannot be with us longer. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Quarterly Conference of the M. E. Church, South, at Llano, that we commend Brother Lawlis to the body of the Annual Conference, where he is comparatively a stranger, and to Methodism everywhere, as a preacher of great ability and force, and as a minister without a blemish upon his character or reputation. (Signed): P. H. Callahan, M. C. Wicks, Geo. W. Watkins, Eli Parkhill, J. H. McLean, Wilburn Oatman, C. H. Appleton, Stewards.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

Next Sunday, the 24th inst., we will dedicate our church at Tuxedo, Tuxedo charge. Rev. J. E. Stephens will preach the dedicatory sermon. There will be dinner on the ground and an afternoon service. Former pastors are invited to be present. G. W. SMITH.

A CORRECTION.

In our issue of September 7, page 7, appears an article by D. M. Geddie, Grove, Oklahoma. In paragraph four of this article the word "predicted" should read "predicated."

MARRIED.

PAYTON-REED.—At the Methodist parsonage at Robert Lee, Texas, September 9, 1916, Mr. A. W. Payton and Miss Thelma Reed, Rev. H. A. Nichols officiating.

BOATRIGHT-ASHLEY.—In the Wright Hotel, at Gause, Texas, August 26, 1916, at 1 o'clock a. m., Mr. A. B. Boatright and Miss Allie Ashley, Rev. John W. Wardlow officiating.

THREE ESSENTIAL AGENCIES.

Some one has made this statement of fact: "The Church has three institutional educational agencies—the college, the theological seminary, and the Church paper—and they are equally indispensable." There is a far wider realization of this truth as to the college and the theological seminary than there is as to the Church paper. An awakening to the value of the latter is needed.—Pacific.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

In this department may be advertised anything you want to buy, sell or exchange. The rate is TWO CENTS A WORD. No advertisement is taken for less than 50 cents. Cash must accompany all orders. In figuring cost of advertisement each initial, sign or number is counted as one word. We cannot have answers addressed to us, so your address must appear with the advertisement. All advertisements in this department will be set uniformly. No display or black-faced type will be used. Copy for advertisements must reach this office by Saturday to insure their insertion. We have not investigated the merits of any proposition offered in these columns but it is intended that nothing of a questionable nature shall appear. You must make your own trades.

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THE SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

Rev. J. F. Clark.

I want to say just a few things about the Summer School through the Advocate. Though the last session was held during the last half of June I have seen but little reference to it to date. So, then, as but one of the preachers in attendance has mentioned it I want to testify to the most splendid work done there at the recent session. In the first place Georgetown is a most lovely place to spend a vacation. At the Southwestern University is an excellent place to make a vacation profitable as well as pleasurable. The different summer school courses are the most profitable for our undergraduates and post-graduate students. The post-graduate courses are very fine indeed for our older and more mature-minded preachers. Then to meet with and associate with the large number of lecturers both from Texas and other States and Churches is most enjoyable to all who attend the Summer School. The past session was a great one from every standpoint. The bill of fare was all that heart could wish. Everybody had an abundance of good things to eat and drink. Those in charge of the Summer School did all that was possible to make the visiting preachers have a good time. The managers of the different Boarding Halls seemed to vie with each other in giving to their respective boarders the very best bill of fare. Brother Booth, as dean and as pastor of the First Methodist Church, was most active in his efforts to make everybody enjoy their stay during the entire session. All those in charge did their best to give us a delightful stay among them and succeeded superlatively. This scribe wants to testify that the recent session was the most delightful and profitable of any he has attended to this time.

Now while we have spoken of the Summer School as a delightful place to spend a vacation, don't let anybody think for a moment that it is a place to idle away one's time for ten days or more. I hope everyone will understand that the Summer School is a place where some very hard work is done. The faculty of the Summer School is very exacting of those who pursue the different courses, especially in the Undergraduate Department. The young preacher who has not read and studied his course carefully had as well stay at home. He cannot read his conference course and pass on it in the ten days given to the Summer School. But that young preacher who prepares his conference course well beforehand and then goes to the Summer School to hear the lectures on the same will do himself great credit in the examinations, and will really

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OPEN DATES.

Because of having lost two dates for meetings we are open for a meeting after the prohibition election in Tarrant County is over on the 25th of this month. We are giving our time to campaign. If, after the 25th you wish my services or the services of two of us or all four, do not hesitate to call for us. Do not let financial reasons prevent your calling me. If you need a revival of the Bible sort, write me at Polytechnic, Texas.—J. T. BLOODWORTH.

TEACHERS.

A good Primary Teacher is open for a position in public schools. A good opportunity for some good school to secure good teaching and training for the little folks. Write at once.—Frank Reedy, Bursar, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

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TELEGRAPHY.

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know something of the course when he has passed.

The Summer School faculty at the close of the recent session adopted the course of study for the post-graduate selected by the Bishops, of which we are very proud. This scribe has already ordered the course and has three of the books in hand, and wants to testify to the great merits of them. They are very fine indeed. I am expecting the other from the Publishing House right soon. I think the Summer School faculty was wise in adopting the Bishops' Course instead of the independent courses which have been studied at the Southwestern. This will give all our post-graduates a uniform course of study throughout the entire Church.

The only difficulty in the way of purchasing this course is the cost. The course for the present year costs \$12. The cost alone for this year will doubtless keep many of our preachers from purchasing and reading it, and therefore keep them from attending the Summer School next June. But if we could get it in our minds that these books are well worth the cost price we would not hesitate to buy them and read them. It is better to buy one great book and read it than to buy half a dozen cheaper books. Send to Smith & Lammar and have them send you a list of the books in the Bishops' course for post-graduates. They are only too glad to furnish you the list. Then get the books and read them and go to Georgetown next June prepared to enjoy ten days of most delightful study and recreation.

It is very important to all that they get their course of study now and read it through the winter. The long nights will give ample time to read a number of good books. The winter is the time to do the reading. But get the books now.

A life whose resources are inexhaustible, whose power is resistless, ought to be a peaceful life. The strong soul is always a quiet soul. There is no surer proof of power than calm. The feeble physique fidgets flutters and is never at rest; it takes a strong man to hold still. A weak wrist can pound the piano; it is only the iron muscles of a Paderewski or a Hoffmann that can touch the keys so softly that they only murmur as in the music of a dream. "The mountains," says the psalmist, "bring peace to the people;" that is because "the strength of the hills is his also." To be filled with the strength of God is to know "the peace of God, which passeth understanding." — Washington Gladden.

Notes From The Field

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denunciations of the Almighty against sin he would stop and cry out, "O, brethren, are you praying for me?" He would send up a short, fervent prayer, and proceed again. Sister McIntosh held services for the children and separate services for the young ladies and the mothers and numbers of them were converted. And in the great congregations she would lead many to the Savior. She was as gentle as a sunbeam, as tender as a flower and as refreshing in her presence as the morning dew. Sister Smith, his choir leader, proved herself a fine leader in the song service. It was said when they first came that she was not set a choir, but the platform was soon filled and after a few services their voices accorded with her own and at no time was a song called for that it was not at once sung, all seeming to feel that the success of the hour in part rested upon them. This people say it was the best meeting held here in many years. No preacher and people would make a mistake in procuring the services of Brother and Sister McIntosh and Sister Ella Bass Smith, for their choir leader, for a meeting. They left this morning for Stamford, Texas, to begin another meeting.—J. E. Vinson.

GRAFORD.

We have not made any report in the Advocate of our work since we have been at Graford, but that has not been because we have not been busy. To begin with, no pastor in the Central Texas Conference ever received a more cordial welcome than this pastor and his family received last year by the good people of Graford and the entire charge. Yes, we have been pounded at different times and many tokens of appreciation find their way to the parsonage continually. We have held five revivals during the year. Some of these were not what we had hoped for, while others were real good. Total results: 52 conversions and 40 additions to the Church. In these meetings the pastor was very ably assisted by Brothers E. A. Watford, of Joshua; A. C. Chappell, of Graham; F. L. Chasin, of Mineral Wells, and Brothers Vic Dow, of our own charge. Grandma Pratt, of Ovon, known to all former pastor, has given a house and lot in this little town for a superannuate home. Twenty-five dollars has already been given by one of our large-hearted laymen towards furnishing the same. We hope to make some needed repairs and add some improvements to this home and have it ready to be occupied by the beginning of the next conference year. Our presiding elder, Rev. L. A. Webb, is working with the pastor's assistance to place Weatherford District in its rightful place in its reports to the Annual Conference, and we believe Graford charge will make the best financial report of its history on pastor's salary and conference collections. So mote it be.—O. A. Morton, Pastor.

PERRY, OKLAHOMA.

Perry is a town of four or five thousand. Our Church is few in number. We have passed almost through the year and added one to the Church. Held a two weeks' meeting. It did the Church good and the people of the town felt its influence. I thank the good Lord for his presence. Those of you who have been on the border work know what it means. I believe I have done the preaching of my life. It might seem strange to you that I believe the Lord was with us in all the services. I believe I can say that I have done the best I could. My presiding elder has done his best. They say he is a fine preacher. There is one thing in the Oklahoma City District that I do not understand. I have been in the district six years. I think we have had about six presiding elders. We have had the best Texas could send us, but they could not stay but a little while. What is the matter with us. We cannot all be satisfied. Somebody is meddling. What are we going to do this time? Of course he must hike. Some people do not know a good thing when they see it. I hope the Bishop will sit up and take notice. We have some people that think they could fill the President's chair, but at the same time very short. My people have been kind and did what they could. All in all I have had a pleasant year and am now nearing the end in more ways than one. I have asked the presiding elder to present my name for the conference relation—something that I have thought I never would do, but affliction will change things. Brethren, I need your prayers. Can I surrender? I look back on my work. I have done but little, but I love the Church. Everything will be in full.—J. D. Massey.

SIPE SPRINGS.

I have not been bothering you much this year with good reports, hot air, nor any such like. But it was not that we were dead. No, no. We are very much alive over at Sipe Springs. And we have been trying to stir things, though sometimes we think we have made a most miserable failure. We are still pressing the battle, waging a hard fight against old sin. We have just closed our meeting at Sipe Springs. But little visible results are seen in the way of reclamations and conversions, but the old town and the entire community were stirred. Work was done that we believe will bring forth fruit in the years to come. We had with us, to do our preaching, Rev. W. T. Singley, of the Carbon charge. This means (as you all know) that the work was done well. No man has ever had better help than Singley. He certainly goes down, digs up and exposes sin in every form. Men make no mistake in

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securing his help. This is the second meeting held at this place this year by us. We had Rev. J. L. Bryant with us in the early spring. We have held meetings at Macedonia, Beatie and Ninevah, with good results. Rev. E. M. Wisdom, of Rising Star, assisted us at Macedonia, and he stirs things, too. We certainly had a great meeting there. The Lord blessed us bountifully. Wisdom is a great power in any work our Lord calls him to. We certainly appreciate him, and we believe that no greater compliment can be paid him than that he is truly God's servant. Meek, humble and a great power for good. He is first class help for any one. Our meeting at Beatie was a union meeting. Rev. Lynn, of the Nazarene Church, and Rev. Anglin, of the Congregational Methodist Church, worked with us. We had a good meeting, each taking his turn in preaching as the committee saw best. We had a splendid meeting at Ninevah, a country schoolhouse, about four miles out from Sipe Springs. We had with us there two of my local preachers—Rev. J. W. Culwell and Rev. A. B. Lee, from near Rising Star. They are both splendid help. All in all we have had a good year on the Sipe Springs charge so far, and we expect to do our best to close out the year's report in full. We want to bring up a good report for the Advocate, too, and we will know why if we don't. Don't forget us when you pray.—S. P. Gilmore.

CISCO MISSION.

A few days ago we closed our last revival. On Sunday, July 2, we began our first meeting at Eureka. Brother J. C. Watkins, of Rising Star, did the preaching, and he preached the gospel in the old-time power. The meeting resulted in twelve conversions. From Eureka we went to Fisher and here God's saving power was manifested. Brother J. C. Watkins again assisted us. The meeting resulted in thirteen conversions. Friday night, July 28, we began at Central and Bedford, the two places holding the meeting together. Brother C. E. Wilkins, of Eastland City, did the preaching for the first week. Brother Wilkins is a good revivalist. The good part of the work that he does stays with the people. Here we had twelve conversions. The pastor preached the last week of the meeting at Bluff Branch. Brother P. W. Layne, of Eolian, came to us on Monday morning. He came and brought us a soul-stirring message the first service and the presence of God was manifested. We had thirteen conversions at Bluff Branch. Our last meeting was at Dothan. Brother P. H. Gates, of Wingate, helped us there. Brother Gates is also a good revivalist and a deep preacher. The meeting was greatly hindered on account of the rain. God wonderfully blessed us with five conversions. No telling what kind of a meeting we would have had if the rain had not hindered. Brother Gates took a \$10 collection to help pay the pastor's house rent, for which we are thankful. Brother P. W. Layne had the pastor to leave the arbor at the close of the service on Saturday during the Bluff Branch meeting and told the people something. I do not know just the words he said to them, but the next night we received a pounding in the old-fashioned way, for which we give Brother Layne credit. We have had this year on the Cisco Mission 55 conversions and 35 additions. A deeper work of grace I have never seen than was done by our helpers whose names are mentioned above. To God we give the glory.—M. L. Boon, P. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUES—HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

The first meeting of Hillsboro District Sunday School Institute and Epworth League Conference was held in First Methodist Church, Hillsboro, convening at 10 a. m., with Rev. J. M. Barcus in the chair and W. R. Lang as temporary chairman.

Fifteen charges in the district were represented by their respective pastors and sixty lay members, including the two Hillsboro Churches who registered 24 present and 36 outside Hillsboro; 29 Sunday Schools, with a total enrollment of 3400; 3 Young People's Societies; 6 Senior and 2 Junior Leagues, with enrollment of 229 in Senior and 35 in Junior League, were reported all doing good work.

Dr. and Mrs. Burgin, of Dallas, each made us a splendid address.

Dr. Burgin's address at 11 a. m. on "Our Problems and the Epworth League and Its Relation and Worth to Methodism" was forceful and to the point and made us glad to be present.

After prayer by Brother J. F. Adams, of Covington, Texas, the ladies of the First Methodist Church served a delightful lunch in the dining room of First Church.

At 3:30 p. m. Rev. J. M. Barcus introduced Mrs. Burgin (nee Miss Kilpatrick) who made a charming talk on the subject of "Men Looking for Better Methods, but God is Looking for Better Men." Needless to say we could not have been better entertained nor instructed and one and all were sorry when the time for closing arrived. Her thought that the morning of a day or of our lives possibly could be given over to the questions of the hour, but that in the eventide of the day or life we must needs have God and our thoughts involuntarily turned to Christ and to things heavenly struck deep into our hearts.

A committee of three was appointed to suggest and formulate a district organization, which committee reported the following, and the same, by motion, was adopted, to wit:

District Secretary—J. J. Moore, Osceola, Texas.

District Superintendent Elementary Department—Mrs. J. M. Fyburn, Coolidge, Texas.

District Superintendent Teachers' Training Department—Mrs. L. E. Fuller, Covington, Texas.

District Superintendent Home Department—Mrs. S. M. Wooten, Hillsboro, Texas.

District Superintendent Wesley Bible Class Department—W. E. Berry, Hubbard, Texas.

District Secretary Epworth League—Fred V. Lowrey, Hillsboro, Texas.

After devotional services, and preaching at night, each departed feeling glad to have been at this our first Institute and League Conference.

J. M. BARCUS, P. C., Chairman.

W. R. Long, Temporary Secretary.

"Worldliness is not so much love of the world as it is slavishness to its fashions and sentiments."

CHURCH EXTENSION, CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Having already crossed the watershed of the year and turned our faces toward the setting sun of the conference year, it may not be unwise to stir up the minds of the brethren by way of remembrance on the subject of Church Extension.

Would you be startled if I were to tell you that in our beloved Central Texas Conference, which is about the center of all that is best, there are still twenty preachers without parsonage homes and one hundred and fifty-seven congregations without houses of worship? I am sure you would be if I were to go still further and tell you that there are thirty more unhouseed congregations reported last year than the year previous. This can only mean that we are organizing congregations faster than we are building churches for them. Why not build faster? The answer will be forthcoming when you consult your conference journal and discover that we only paid about sixty-eight per cent on the Church Extension assessment last year. Only sixty-eight charges paid in full. Moral: Get your Church Extension money in full and get it now while the price of cotton is high and thus help to promote an era of church building such as we have never known.

If you expect to apply for aid at the coming session of the conference, procure the blanks from Rev. K. P. Barton or myself, and when properly filled out send to him at Brownwood, Texas. J. J. CREED, President Board.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

A. E. Rector, Field Secretary.

Since my last report three Institutes have been held—at Smiley, Hallettsville and Shiner. The meeting at Smiley was a "group" meeting, planned according to the recommendation of the General Board, by which it is sought to combine a number of contiguous pastoral charges in special institute exercises.

Notwithstanding the busy cotton picking season, the attendance was encouraging. Four communities outside of Smiley were represented. The local attendance was remarkably good and the interest shown would be hard to equal.

The Sunday School Secretary of the Cuero District had a prominent part on the program, and he made excellent proof of his Sunday School ministry. His name is W. M. Crutchfield, a pastor who understands the details of the modern Sunday School movement, and magnifies this institution in his pastoral work. We regretted the absence of the district superintendent, Rev. J. W. Albritten, who was on his vacation in another State.

The success of this Institute was due largely to the enthusiastic and unremitting preparation that had been made by the pastor, Rev. H. B. Owens. His faithful coworkers caught the spirit of the occasion, bought some Sunday School books and pledged a forward movement in their Sunday School organization.

Where there is a live pastor and a faithful superintendent behind a Sunday School Institute, it is bound to succeed, and that is what we had at Hallettsville in the person of Rev. D. A. Williams and Brother Peterson. The school lacked considerable of being standard, but the workers were there in force and they authorized the superintendent and pastor to make pledges of advancement that will put the Hallettsville school far up toward the front.

A special, charming feature of the Institute was a lawn supper tendered to the congregation by the "Willing Workers." This is a class of young ladies taught by Miss Emma Searcy. They are well organized and do things. Their gracious, elegant hospitality was an inspiration to the entire series of meetings.

At Shiner, also in Brother Williams' pastoral charge, I found a Sunday School comparatively new and not well organized according to the "Standard," but strong in numbers and full of future possibilities. It was interesting to find among the workers Mr. Birkmann, a student of Southwestern University, and Dr. Wilson, a dental graduate of Vanderbilt. It is a hopeful sign of our times that the S. S. movement is receiving a growing emphasis in our higher institutions of learning.

Just a word about Rally Day. Let

it be observed in all of our schools. It is good to break the dead level of monotony now and then. Travelers have asserted that a horse driven on a dead level will break down sooner than when driven over an undulating road of hills and valleys. I don't know about that, but I do know that the Sunday School which has no energy and enterprise for the special days has but little life for any day. The General Board has recommended the first Sunday in October. Smith and Lamar will furnish free sample of program and supplies. All in favor of Rally Day say "aye."

The first point in a special round of Institutes in the Austin District was at Fred Allen Memorial, South Austin. Rev. B. W. Allen is the pastor; Scott Cabaniss is the superintendent. The school isn't large and still lacks several important points in Standard of Efficiency, but the pastor and superintendent are enthusiastic Sunday School men and they pledged the school to immediate effort in advancing the standard of organization.

This school is supplied with a good library of general reading, including a number of the best modern books for Sunday School workers. Brother Cabaniss proposes to keep abreast with the times and ordered "The Successful Sunday School Superintendent." There is nothing like a good book to put a Sunday School worker into a new groove, or pull one out of the old ruts. The reading superintendent will be the resourceful one, and there is good timber in Scott Cabaniss. A special feature in this school is a live Teacher-Training Class, taught by Sister Allen. What a bleeding pity that such a point should be called "special." It ought to be the rule rather than the exception, but alas! it is not! This is the mired wheel in the average Sunday School, but let us thank God that more and more this wheel is being prized up and set to turning. Brother Allen is a member of our Conference Sunday School Board and takes a lively interest in all Sunday School matters. He is now leading the movement in Austin by which religious instruction in the Sunday Schools is to be more thoroughly correlated with the course of study in the city schools.

Moving over to Ward Memorial, on First Street, Austin, I found another Allen, and a big one at that, as pastor. Unfortunately for me, Rev. M. J. Allen was out of the city, conducting a revival meeting. But his family showed me all kindness and hospitality and Bro. Lyman J. Bailey, the superintendent, gave me hearty and intelligent co-operation. This school lacks only one point of the standard organization—a class in Teacher-Training. That they will have one right soon I steadfastly believe.

This school is unusually well equipped in blackboards, maps, charts and mottoes which mark an up-to-date Sunday School. Also they have a large and well assorted Sunday School library. A big and thoroughly sympathetic audience at night completed the mutual pleasure and I hope the profit of my visit to Ward Memorial.

THE LURE OF OUT OF DOORS.

Out of doors the birds are singing, the sun shines bright, and the smell of new-mown hay is in the air. The temptation is strong to leave everything to wander through the meadows and the woods. And indeed such a wandering would be most enjoyable and beneficial. Let us, however, set a definite time of the day apart for recreation so that the lure of nature will not cause us to neglect our accustomed study of the lesson for the day. Perhaps the best time for this study is the early morning hour, while all out of doors is wet with dew and we feel the vigor of the new-born day. The summer may be made doubly joyous and all of its recreational opportunities embraced if a little forethought is given to an apportionment of time for all the added things that come, that the customs, habits and opportunities may not be pushed aside. Moreover, we shall be better fitted for meeting the opportunity for service which hot weather always brings, if we go forth each day fortified by meditation and communion with God.—Ralph Welles Keeler.

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Revolutions of respect will not be inserted in the Obituary Department under any circumstances, but, if paid for will be inserted in another column.

HUNT.—At noon, August 28, 1916, at Bandera, Texas, at the home of his grandmother, our beloved Brother Aubrey Hunt passed away. While his death was not unexpected yet when it came profound sorrow and sadness settled heavily on our hearts. Aubrey Hunt was the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Hunt. They have been here in our midst for the past five or six years. He was loved by every one he came in contact with for his gentle spirit and Christ-like life; was a member of the Methodist Church and a constant worker in all the departments of the Church. He suffered his afflictions without a murmur, and we offer our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved parents and brother in this sad hour, joined in with my Sunday School class, of which he was a member. J. M. GRADY, Teacher.

DUNCAN—Ira Kenneth, son of Isaac and Mezel Duncan, was born July 4, 1916. Dedicated to God in holy baptism by Rev. G. C. Cravy August 28, 1916. Died August 31, 1916, and was laid to rest in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery September 1, 1916. Little Ira was a sweet child, too young and pure to know sin of any kind. Loving hands ministered unto him with anxious hearts and minds, but human skill was too weak to save his life and he who doeth all things well took him to the heavenly home to live forevermore with God and the angels. The bereaved ones have our sympathy, having passed through such trying hours we know something of their sadness and we commend them to Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." H. B. DAILY, Pastor.

BONES—Dorothea, daughter of L. F. and Emma Bones, was born near Turner Schoolhouse, in Jones County, Texas, August 5, 1906. We moved over in Taylor County, near Abilene, when Dorothea was four months old and in December, 1915, we moved to Lakota, Lynn County, Texas, and had been there only five days when Dorothea died of diphtheria on the morning of the 22nd at 10 o'clock. It was sad to see the little life go out; the busy little hands folded and still; the sweet little voice that sang so sweetly, hushed. Dorothea was dedicated to God in baptism when only two months old by Rev. N. J. Peeples at the Delk Church. As her little life was ebbing away she said, "Mamma, there's angels up there," meaning over the bed. We miss her here, but some day there will be a happy reunion in that home beyond the skies. MAMMA.

PATTERSON—Mary M. Patterson (nee Earnest) was born in 1839. She was converted very young and joined the Methodist Church in which she lived a consistent member until death, which came August 10, 1916. She was married to W. T. Patterson June 13, 1866. Five children were born to this union, three of whom still live to mourn her departure. Sister Patterson spent most of her life on the frontiers. She was a fine Christian character—never happier than when blessing somebody else. She truly lived to serve others. Many are the kind deeds that loving friends remember. She suffered much, but bore it uncomplainingly. She passed out in the midst of loved ones. Two brothers and many relatives were present. Sister Patterson was truly one of God's saints, trying to happily the world as she passed through. Let loved ones strive to meet her in the land of bliss. J. T. HICKS, P. C.

ADAIR—On Saturday, August 19, 1916, little Will Tom Adair closed his bright blue eyes in sleep that knows no awakening until the crowning day has come. We laid his little body to rest in the Leagerville Cemetery. Rev. C. T. Jackson held the burial service. He was the son of J. R. and Julia Adair and was eleven months and twenty days old. All that loving hands could do was done to stay the dread messenger, and to keep this sweet babe with us, but to no avail. Our Heavenly Father knows best. All the beautiful flowers of earth are his and he plucketh a rosebud where he will. So look up, papa and mamma and little sisters; you know where to find him. Little Will Tom has joined the angel band and with beaming eyes and beckoning hands will be watching and waiting for you at the pearly gate of the celestial city, prepared for the finally faithful. A friend, MRS. T. B. SLATON.

FORD—Heaven gained one of its sweetest young spirits when on March 23, 1916, little Julia Beatrice, seven-year-old daughter of Everett and Mamie Ford, passed away. While she lived she was a constant source of joy, a flood of sunshine, to all who knew her. She was a lover of her "Sunday school," as she called it, and grew up in it to know and to love her Heavenly Father. Her brief life was one filled always with childish joy and sweet content. She lived those lines of Kingsley's: "Be good, sweet maid; let those who will be clever; . . . thus making life, death and that great forever one grand sweet song." Being the only girl in the home she was naturally the center of that home's warmest affection. Yet she remained unspoiled, sweet and innocent and good. Her like no doubt caused Jesus once to say, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." Dear parents, do not think of Julia as lost to you. She isn't. Her sweet spirit lives today as much as it ever did back in the old home circle. She is merely separated from you for a little while. She has gone on the journey before you and is waiting to greet you again with the same sweet smile. Her pastor, R. E. LEDBETTER. Chapel Hill, Texas.

THE CLOSE OF A BEAUTIFUL LIFE.

In El Paso, Texas, August 27, at the early morning dawn, one of the most beautiful and useful lives calmly closed and Miss Lizzie Wilson "crossed the bar" and went in triumph to the city of God.

Miss Wilson and Miss Lucy Harper have, for many years, had charge of Collegio Palmer, in the City of Chihuahua, Mexico. They built that school to one of the very best in all our mission work. And when troubles came in Mexico a few years since, and they could no longer carry on the school in Chihuahua, they did not allow it to fail and fall, but removed the school to El Paso, Texas, and continued it with success until God called Miss Wilson from "labor to reward."

I and my good wife have enjoyed the blessing of the friendship and love of those two godly women for a number of years. We were in their home, shared their hospitality and their society, and felt the influence of their consecrated lives. And now, in thought, we stand with Miss Harper as mourners at Miss Wilson's tomb, and lay a modest flower upon her grave, she so quietly sleeps. There is no death to a true life. Like the box of precious ointment when broken, "The odor filled all the room." What we call death only gives to such a life a broader and a grander range.

Neither of those quiet, consecrated servants of Christ will ever die while Mexico, and the Mexican part of Texas, continue to exist. Miss Harper, in your loneliness and irreparable loss, our hearts come to you in affectionate sympathy. And yet, there is a bright side to your sorrow. The supernatural is more real to you, and you have a firmer grasp upon the "better life" than ever before. You will meet her again!

"Asleep in Jesus! far from thee Thy kindred and their graves may be: But there is still a blessed sleep, From which none ever wakes to weep."

H. C. MORRISON. Leesburg, Fla.

WILSON—On Sunday morning, August 27, just as the god of day gained the victory over earth's darkness death released the soul of Miss Lizzie Wilson and she went home to dwell with God. It is a comfort to her many friends that the home-going was at such an auspicious hour. It was a fitting close to a glorious life of service. For her death had neither terror nor sting. Christ had taken both away. Through faith in Him she had been so filled with God that for years she had looked forward to death as the opening of the door that should admit her into his immediate presence to behold the fullness of his glory. It was her customary prayer, "I am going to sleep at night that if the Lord should so will she might stand in his presence before sunrise. Thoughts of the future life made this life more joyous to her. Because she knew God and the Christ that he gave to the world she had already entered into the possession of eternal life. Its joys had been hers for years. Her service was always to the limit of her physical strength and was sweet because it was rendered for Christ's sake. Her life on earth will continue in the lives of those to whom she showed the Christ by her every act and word. No one ever came into her presence without taking note that she had been with Christ and that he was with her. Like St. Paul she changed her Church relations because of a vision from God. She came to our Church from the Presbyterian, which she always loved. But she was led to see that she could render better service to her Lord in the Methodist Church. Like Paul, again, she was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. Neither did the grace of God fail of its purpose in her. Her great work, a worthy monument to any man or woman, was Palmore College, Chihuahua, Mexico. She built it up from an insignificant beginning to where seven hundred and fifty-one pupils were enrolled in a year. Its graduates are doing splendid service to humanity, not only throughout Mexico, but in many other countries as well. Every one of them has received some element conducive to his success from Miss Wilson. Mother is the name they have given her. Every one of them will bless her memory. Miss Wilson had the fine faculty of recognizing character and ability, therefore she was enabled to engage as her coworkers people who contributed largely to the success of the school. In this she never made a mistake. But like all men and women who accomplish anything in the world she had great many obstacles to overcome. Her method of overcoming them is expressed in a favorite saying of hers, "Well, if the wind will not blow my way I will set my sails to suit the wind. She was so expert in setting the sails that she rarely failed to make the wind, however contrary, drive her way. Miss Wilson's energies and affections were given absolutely to her work. For her Palmore College was the greatest, most important thing in the world. Everything connected with it had a relative importance. It is not strange therefore that the necessity of closing its doors during the revolution literally broke her heart. The prospect of not being able to go back there any more finished the work and, no doubt, hastened her death. To express the debt of gratitude the writer owes to Miss Wilson for personal favors and help he finds no words. But he hopes to find them and express them to her personally when he meets her in the Father's home. J. H. FITZGERALD. El Paso, Texas.

PENCE—Miss Hattie Inez Pence, daughter of Mr. W. R. and Mrs. Julia Pence, was born near Brady, Texas, in McCollough County, September 12, 1895; died in Corpus Christi, Texas, August 14, 1916. She went with her father to Port O'Connor and attended the Epworth Encampment. While there she offered herself for missionary work, little thinking that her days were numbered and her call on higher was at hand. From the Encampment she went to Corpus Christi. A small boil came on her lip which when lanced turned to erysipelas, from which she died. Her remains were brought to Brady where she was buried in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Miss Hattie was a graduate of the Brady high school of 1914. In 1915 she attended school at Eureka, Arkansas; 1916, State University, Austin. She was a member of the Methodist Church for six years. She leaves a father, mother, five brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss. May they all live so as to meet in that upper and better world. I. T. MORRIS. Brady, Texas.

CAMPAGNING IN EAST OKLAHOMA.

Rev. E. Hightower.

On invitation of his long-time friend, Rev. R. T. Blackburn, presiding elder of the Hugo District, East Oklahoma Conference, the writer planned to make a campaign of that district the first ten days of September, assisted by Miss Nelle Peterman, elementary worker for the Southwest. In general outline the Hugo District embraces the old Choctaw Nation and is one of the largest districts in the Southwest. Much of the land is classed as timber, mineral and grazing land and is leased for the benefit of the Indians. For this reason, and also on account of the nature of the country, this section has not experienced the rapid material development that has taken place in most parts of Oklahoma in the last twenty years. But it is being pierced by railroads and new sawmills are utilizing its vast resources in pine and hardwood, and this development is bringing a rapid increase in population as well as growth in all directions. By the courtesy of Mr. Floyd Thompson, manager of the large mill at Broken Bow, and a staunch Methodist, the visitors were allowed to inspect the mill in full operation, and it brought them a revelation of the constant and rapid improvement in machinery. This one plant turns out a hundred thousand feet of lumber daily.

Four sectional institutes were held in the district, the extent and nature of the territory rendering it impracticable to get the workers together for a single meeting. A slow train in Texas made the visitors twelve hours late for the first of these meetings at Boswell. Most of the out-of-town delegates were leaving when we arrived but those who remained heard us gladly and the Boswell Sunday School will add several new features to its work as a result. Pastor Puckett was jubilant over the recent arrival of his seven h son and he and Brother Jeter showed us no little kindness. Brother Stewart is an earnest and progressive superintendent and declares that there is no St. Vitus' dance in that school.

From Boswell to Broken Bow is a good half-day's travel by rail. The latter is a lumber mill town about four years old with a population of about two thousand. Methodism is the dominant religious force. Our people have a neat and well seated church, which by the exercise of a little ingenuity could be arranged into a good house for Sunday School work. Pastor Dunn, who came to us last year from the Baptists, knows the needs of the Sunday School and is moving to supply them. Postmaster Wallace is superintendent, and his daughter, Miss Allie, has charge of the Primary Department. They are a strong team. The Institute will result in a Teacher Training Class and perhaps other additions to the machinery. Brother Cameron, pastor at Idabel, county seat of Choctaw County, rendered valuable assistance with the program. He has money and notes in hand for a fifteen thousand dollar church, and is doing good work in many directions. The out-of-town attendance at Broken Bow was not large, but the work was well worth while.

Our next stop was Hugo. This is the center of the district and a progressive town of some five thousand people. Interest was detracted from the Institute by the accidental drowning of a prominent society woman the day before it began. Even at that the attendance was encouraging and the interest kept the workers at their best. Rev. W. W. Armstrong, a Texas boy, is pastor and Mr. Paul Darrrough, a graduate of the Law Department of the Oklahoma University, is superintendent. They form a strong team, and when Hugo builds that modern church it sorely needs great things may be expected from this school. It is well organized and doing good work. Several pastors and out-of-town superintendents and teachers were present.

Our last point was Wister, more than a hundred miles north of Hugo, at the intersection of the Frisco and Rock Island Railways, and about thirty miles from Fort Smith, Arkansas. Brother Morris, another acquisition from the Baptists, is pastor. He met us at the train and showed us every possible courtesy. The attendance was good both locally and from abroad. Pastors and people in that section are enterprising and hopeful. At Wister we organized a Training Class with Prof. Garrett, superintendent of public schools, as teacher. As to Brother Blackburn, he seems to know every man, woman and child in the Hugo District, and they all like him. His travels through his district are a sort of triumphal progress of handshaking. His treatment of his guests was all that the most fastidious could expect.

THE ORPHANAGE ROLL MAY BE PUBLISHED.

I had intended from the beginning of my work to give the history of our Texas Methodist Orphanage from its founding to the present time, the names of all the managers and the names of all persons giving me their donations, whether in capacity of Church, school, missionary society or individual. The past few days several prominent people have suggested that this be written up and published in book form, the same to be sold for the benefit of the Orphanage. This would give every one a chance to know something of our great work at Waco. It has been my contention that we need publicity more than anything else. I have been inviting people to visit the Home, and we have men and women of means who, if they visited the Orphanage, would be delighted to do some great things for the institution.

We have some splendid letters and biographies that could go in this book. One letter and donation from a man seventy-three years old, who has been paralyzed thirty-seven years. The biography of a man and his wife who will give one-fourth of their entire estate to the Orphanage. The man has gone to his reward, and the widow is one of the faithful supporters of the Home. Is your name there? Will you permit me to tell what you are doing to help us take care of little children, educate them and return them to society as a blessing? Or will you hold your money possibly to curse your own children? Why not some Methodist remember our Orphanage as Mr. Lawrence remembered Princeton University the other day. The New York Times had this headline Wednesday: "Princeton will receive more than \$750,000 under the will of William Watson Lawrence." All honor to the man who loves his school, the Church, the orphanages and other institutions of help. Send us your check, and write us a good

letter. Permit us to hand your name to posterity as a lover of orphan children.

We shall lay the matter of publication before the proper authorities, and give them permission to publish, if they desire. In any event the roll of honor will be preserved in the Home. JOSEPHUS LEE. 3310 Cole Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

"WHAT OTHERS SAY OF THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE."

In the Waco Morning News the Y. M. B. L. says: "In order to appreciate definitely the needs of the Methodist Orphanage in this city in view of the proposed financial campaign, the directors of the Young Men's Business League met at 4:30 yesterday afternoon at the league headquarters and went out for a trip of inspection. John F. Wright, chairman of the special Y. M. B. L. committee handling details of the proposed campaign, suggested at last Tuesday night's meeting that the directors become better acquainted with this Waco institution and explained that R. A. Burroughs, manager of the Home, had extended an invitation for such a visit. Secretary W. Roy Christian, of the Y. M. B. L., accompanied the committee of directors, and the tour was one of much pleasure and profit. The gentlemen who went to the institution were shown over the buildings and grounds and found a splendid plant there, though the need for the improvements desired was apparent. They saw the children eating, looked over everything and all complimented the manager, Rev. R. A. Burroughs, on the manner in which the institution is being handled.

From a letter asking to adopt a girl: This lady wants a little girl who will appeal to her from both inner and outer beauty; one to love and who will be quite companionable. She has fallen in love with little Ruby, the girl Brother S. got from your Home for Mrs. A. One of this same type would delight her. Taken from another letter: I heard a touching little story of a child from the Orphanage being adopted into a home, who was so well trained and attractive that a man remarked it was a pity many other children could not have this training in good manners to make them lovable and sweet. This story pleased me so much and I am sure you will appreciate it. I hope you and yours will have a joyful harvest some day for all the good you have done these helpless children.

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SALE OF TIMBER LANDS AND OTHER UNALLOTTED LANDS AND SURFACE OF SEGREGATED COAL AND ASPHALT LANDS BELONGING TO THE CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW TRIBES, EASTERN OKLAHOMA.

By the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

There will be offered for sale at public auction at certain railroad points in Eastern Oklahoma, from October 4th, 1916, to October 31, 1916, inclusive, approximately 908,000 acres in Eastern Oklahoma belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of Indians including therein approximately \$23,500 acres of tribal timber lands with standing pine and hardwood timber thereon; 500 acres of other unallotted lands, and 84,000 acres of the surface of the segregated coal and asphalt lands. The timber lands and the surface of the segregated coal and asphalt lands will be offered for sale for not less than the appraised value. Land and timber will be sold together. The entire estate in the tribal timber lands and other unallotted lands will be sold, except, however, that of the segregated coal and asphalt land area only the surface will be sold, the coal and asphalt therein or thereunder being reserved except where the descriptive circular specifically states that the coal and asphalt will be sold with the surface. No person will be permitted to purchase more than 160 acres classified as agricultural land, nor more than 640 acres classified as grazing land. No limitation is placed on the acreage of timber land which may be purchased by one person. Residence on land not required. Bids may be submitted in person, or by agent with power of attorney or by mail. Terms of sale of surface of segregated coal and asphalt lands, 25 per cent cash at time of sale, 25 per cent within one year and balance within two years from date of sale. Terms of sale of the tribal timber lands and other unallotted lands, 25 per cent cash at time of sale, and balance in three equal annual installments of 25 per cent each, payable in one, two and three years respectively from date of sale; the purchasers of any of the above mentioned lands to pay 5 per cent interest per annum on all deferred payments. Bids by mail must be accompanied by certified checks or bank drafts for 25 per cent of amount of bids. Where houses or other valuable improvements are located on the timber lands or on the surface of the segregated coal and asphalt lands, the same will be sold with the timber land or with the surface of the segregated coal and asphalt land as the case may be, at not less than the combined appraised value, said improvements to be paid for in full at time of sale. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Detailed information including descriptive lists or circulars concerning the lands and in regard to the dates, places, conditions and terms of sale may be obtained from the Superintendent for the Five Civilized Tribes, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Maps and plats may also be obtained from said Superintendent at a cost of from 25c to 50c each.—CATO SELLS, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEATH OF BROTHER MORRISS.

Rev. Samuel Morriss, a superannuate of the Central Texas Conference, passed to a glorious reward at his home in Corsicana, at 11:30 a. m., September 15th, inst., at the ripe age of more than ninety years. His tired old body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Corsicana, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. Horace Bishop and the Masons, of which order he was long a devoted member.

Bro. Morriss was born March 23, 1826, his parents being Henry and Margery Morriss. In 1846 he was converted under the ministry of Rev. Gregory, of the North Ohio Conference, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that same year in Sevier County, Arkansas. He was licensed to preach by Wm. Moores, presiding elder, October 24, 1846. In 1848 he joined the Washita Conference, afterwards changed to the Little Rock Conference. That year no Bishop was present and Rev. Andrew Hunter presided. He was ordained deacon at Clarksville, Ark., by Bishop Paine; elder, at Washington, Ark., by Bishop Kavanaugh. In 1869 he transferred to the old East Texas Conference, and in 1875 he transferred to the old Northwest Texas Conference. When the latter conference was divided he fell into the bounds of the Central Texas Conference.

While in Arkansas, he served the following: 1849, Dover, with twenty-eight appointments; 1850-2, Hempstead Circuit, where hundreds were converted; 1853-4, Laparal; 1855, Camden Station; 1856, Arkadelphia; 1857-8, Washington Station; 1859, Monticello; 1860, presiding elder Pine Bluff District; 1861-4, he was a college agent; 1865-9, Camden Circuit. In the fall of 1869 he transferred to the East Texas Conference. Of his charges here we have no record. In 1875 he transferred to the Northwest Texas Conference. Here he served the following: 1875-6, Mt. Calm; 1876-7, Lancaster Circuit; 1877-9, Georgetown Circuit; 1879-80, North Belton Circuit. Here occurs a lapse in his record until 1889, when he again had charge of Belton Circuit. He next had charge of Oglesby Circuit in 1893-4. In the fall of 1894 he superannuated.

Thus his record shows a continuous and faithful membership in the conferences for more than sixty-eight years. They were all years of a consecrated ministry. He was one of the heroes of the Cross and died in triumph. He has put out to sea but there was no fear, for long since he has known his Pilot. From out the fog and damp of a low land he has come to where the eternal sunshine is and where the frosts of old age never fall.

HELPFUL PEOPLE.

A few letters like the following are encouraging. They indicate that the Advocate is appreciated and that we have subscribers willing to help in the good work:

I have been paying my subscription just before conference, but if it will be of special help to you now I am glad to help that much. I greatly enjoy the paper and wish it was in every Methodist home. D. F. ARMISTEAD, Denison, Texas.

I received this notice yesterday and you will find a post office money order for the same, with best wishes that you may continue your good work. S. E. GREENHILL, Bradshaw, Texas.

I held a meeting at Pritchett where the people had just built a church house and then called for the elder to preach to them and organize a Methodist Church. I preached four days and left them organized with a preacher in charge. Thirty-eight members and two new subscribers to the Advocate. I am exhorting for the Advocate everywhere. Long may she wave. J. B. TURRENTINE, Marshall District.

I have been a reader of the Advocate for nearly a half century, and the older it gets the better it gets. I was born in the Republic of Texas 73 years ago. H. V. FALL, Chireno, Texas.

Inclosed find renewal of my subscription. The Advocate is worth the money. J. C. NORMAN, Walter, Okla.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. KEY. (Continued from page 9)

pastor to the Church at Yazoo and the Church at that place, rather resenting the fact that so young and inexperienced man was sent to them, received and treated him with scant courtesy, no one offering to receive him or show him any consideration. Mrs. Key, then Mrs. Kidd, with a thoughtfulness which characterized her whole life, invited the young preacher into her home and for six months he made his home in the house of herself and husband and there was begun a friendship that was beautiful to see and which only increased and ripened with the passing years.

At the death of Dr. Kidd, with that courage and cheerfulness which through all her life characterized this elect woman, she took up the burden of life and the care of her children and became connected with Whitworth College at Brookhaven, Mississippi. It was here that she gained her first experience as manager of a school, and it was her eminent ability as an educator, which, being recognized by Bishop Galloway, caused him to recommend her for the position of President of the North Texas College at Sherman.

With a high courage and dauntless faith Mrs. Key came to Texas in the summer of 1886 to undertake her new duties. The North Texas College consisted of two small frame dormitories and a tiny antiquated brick chapel, which were situated at one side of the then small village of Sherman. These buildings were deserted and desolated by a vacancy of two years. Mrs. Key at once began to make her rounds of the Annual Conferences in Texas and Oklahoma, making personal solicitations for pupils and funds. Her first pupil was Miss Georgia Bonner, now Mrs. Tom Finty, of Dallas. Many of these journeys were made by stage and old-fashioned coaches and the howls of wolves in the lonely settlements of what was then the Indian Territory often dismayed her, but true to the call of duty she said, with the great apostle to the Gentiles, "None of these things move me," and faithfully and unflinchingly she went on and on with the work which the Church had called her to do.

The development of Kidd-Key as an institution received the constant attention of Mrs. Key. Almost no year has gone by since she became President that some new building or annex has not been made. Two disastrous fires destroyed dormitories at different times in the history of the school, and the buildings were replaced with imposing brick structures housing scores of students. She established the Kidd-Key Conservatory of Music and Art as a separate institution, but one conducted in conjunction and by the co-operation of the North Texas College.

The North Texas College, as it now stands, consists of nineteen buildings. They are: Lois Thompson Hall, the residence of Bishop and Mrs. Key, Annie Green Dormitory, the Chapel, Binkley Hall, Kimbley Hall, the Music Practice Building, Norfolk Hall, Orlena, Paradise and Bliss Cottages, the Infirmary, Miller Cottage, Barry Cottage, Versei Cottage, Conservatory, Alamo, Senior Hall, Laboratory and Gymnasium. The five last named stand on the property acquired from the old Mary Nash College.

While she has been President of the college since she first took it in charge, she has filled practically every position that needed to be filled in the institution. In the words of Thomas Nelson Page: "She was mistress, manager, nurse, counselor, seamstress, teacher, housekeeper, slave, all at once. What she really was was known only to God." Certainly her physical endurance, her moral responsibility, her unflagging tact, were often taxed to the utmost.

During all her life her vitality and interest have seemed inexhaustible. Only a few years ago she made an extended tour of Europe and proved herself a tireless traveler. The following year she decided on impulse to go again and spent three months in Germany and Ireland. She greatly admired the orderliness and efficiency of the Germans as a people.

Mrs. Key was the first educator to bring arts teachers of the highest standing to the Southwest. She maintained a high standard of excellence in both the academic and music departments, and hundreds of carefully educated and beautifully cultured women in all parts of the country attest to the practicality of her methods. Early in her career she recognized that women require a type of education equal to that of men, but different. She maintained at all times that the fine arts had a definite place in the training of young women, and many movements for reform in methods for the teaching of women originated in her school.

Paramount above all, Mrs. Key never failed to urge the young women entrusted to her care to find themselves as women. From the old South she herself inherited dignity and gentleness of manner, purity of heart and nobility of soul. Her contact with and supervision over her girls, the personal care she gave to each and every one of them, enabled her to exert to the full the power of her nature and personality as creative forces in the development of the characters of those in her charge.

On April 5, 1892, she was most happily married to Bishop Joseph S. Key, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and perhaps there were never two people who were so beautifully congenial and between whom there was a closer sympathy and more perfect understanding. Their life together stands as a rebuke to the shallow and hollow mockery of many present-day marriages. The ceremony of this wedding was performed by her life-long friend and counselor, Bishop Chas. B. Galloway, who came from Mississippi to reside at the happy occasion.

She leaves, besides her husband, two children, Mr. Edwin Kidd and Mrs. Holt Vessel, both of Sherman, Texas.

Of her distinguished service to Church and State it is not necessary at this hour to speak. Her life and work are so well known that it would be a work of supererogation to try to speak at this time. Of the many countless lives whom she has touched, and touched to help, adorn and beautify, no one can speak fully. The record is on high and is alone known to "Him whose she was and whom she served" for so long and with such fidelity.

There is mourning all over Texas today and all over the South; indeed, all over the Nation.

She went home to be with God Wednesday night, September 13, 1916, about 10:30 p. m. She would have been 77 years of age next December.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for

her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar." Read Proverbs 31:10-31.

PERSONALS

Rev. W. C. Howell, of Van Alstyne, called this week. He is busy at his work and will round up well by conference.

Rev. S. H. Babcock, of Shawnee, Okla., called on the Advocate this week. He is one of the live wires of his conference.

Rev. Glenn Flinn, of Beaumont, brightened the Advocate office with his cheerful smile this week. He gives a good report of his charge.

Rev. Moss Weaver, of Mangum District, West Oklahoma, reports everything rounding up in good shape in his district. We enjoyed his call.

Dr. O. H. Kirkpatrick, of McKinney, called on the Advocate this week. He is a staunch Methodist 78 years young. We were glad to see him.

Rev. S. B. Knowles, of Stephenville, and S. B., Jr., called the past week. Bro. Knowles has a new church in process and it is going to be a beauty.

Mrs. Ada E. Rich announces the marriage of her daughter, Louise, to Rev. E. E. White, Tuesday, September 19, 1916, at Waco, Texas. At home, Spur, Texas.

Rev. L. P. Smith, now pastor at Bridgeport, visited Dallas this week and called to see us. He is rounding up the work and neglecting no detail.

Rev. A. W. Hall, of the Plainview District, and his good wife, called to see us. Brother Hall is a new presiding elder and is making good, as he always does.

Rev. S. G. Thompson, of Brownwood District, says his district will have a full report, or nearly so, at conference on all finances. We enjoyed his call on the Advocate.

Rev. Frank E. Singleton intellectually heavy enough to weigh a "Single-ton," pastor at Mexia, is in for the big rageant and was a pleasant caller at the Advocate office.

Dr. John M. Moore, whom Texas loves to claim, was in Dallas and we welcomed him in the Advocate office. He is busy about his work and is making his work count.

Rev. R. G. Mood, of Sherman District, is rounding up his fourth year and will have a good report to make of his eldership. We were glad to see him in the Advocate office.

Rev. S. W. Thomas, of Brenham District, was among our callers. He is rounding up a good year, as he always does. He enjoys good health and "is happy on the way."

Rev. Geo. S. Sexton motored over from Shreveport, where he is pastor of First Church, to take in the big rageant and chum with his old friends among the Texas preachers.

Rev. Frank Hughen, of Harmony Circuit, and Bro. Roy Hughen were pleasant callers the past week. Bro. Hughen promises a good report on the Advocate and we know we will get it.

Rev. C. N. Morton, of Mansfield, called this week. He will make a full report from his charge on the Advocate, and that right soon. Brother Morton is one of our best workers.

Rev. J. T. Smith, of Tyler District, never forgets the Advocate in Dallas as well as out on his district. We are always glad to see him. He is a hard worker and there are no better men.

Rev. S. J. Rucker, of Gatesville District, reports his district has made great advances. They may not pay out in full, but will have a big increase over last year. He called to see us while in Dallas.

Rev. H. C. Willis, of Cameron, is in the city and fast taking on city airs. He learns rapidly. He is full of fellow kindness and very companionable. He is doing things for Methodism in his charge.

Rev. G. F. Winfield, of Meridian, called this week. He reports the largest opening in its history for Meridian College. There are twenty more boarding students than were enrolled the entire session last year.

Rev. L. B. Elrod, of Timpson District, is one of the Advocate's good friends and he called to see us this week. The conference meets in his district, at Lufkin, this fall, and the district will have a good report.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Estes, of Fort Worth, celebrated their golden wedding September 12, 1916, under the most auspicious surroundings. They find life worth living, and though there are thorns the roses are sweet.

Rev. W. A. Neill, of Bunyan charge, was in Dallas this week and called on the Advocate. Brother Neill is one of those from whom we always look for a good report. He neglects no part of his work and the Advocate fares well in his hands.

Rev. A. P. Johnson, of Caddo, Okla., brought to our office this week sixteen new subscribers to the Advocate. He says he has just gotten started and will send many more. When Bro. Johnson goes at anything he gets results.

Mrs. Davis, wife of Rev. J. V. Davis, pastor of the Methodist Church at Caddo Mills, and sister of Rev. J. Leonard Rea, pastor of the Methodist Church at Jacobia, was operated on in this city for appendicitis and she is reported as doing as well as any one could expect at this time.—Greenville Banner.

Rev. S. S. McKenney, representative of the Washington City Church, was a pleasant caller this week. He has just returned from the Western Virginia and Southwest Missouri Conferences, and is now on his way to the Kentucky Conference. The contract for the new building has been let and work will soon begin.

Revs. A. D. Porter and G. F. Winfield, editors Central Texas Conference Journal, have sent out an urgent appeal to the preachers of the Central Texas Conference for their photographs which will be used in the "Jubilee Year" Number of the Journal of this conference. Brothers Porter and Winfield have our sympathy, for it is a job to get together all the photographs, even if folks do like to see their picture in the paper.

HONOR ROLL.

Rev. H. B. Owens reports benevolences paid in full on the Smiley charge. Also specials for Africa, China and Orphanage building. This puts Smiley on the "Honor Roll." Other charges in the Cuero District to be heard from soon.

A. W. WILSON, P. E. Cuero, Texas, Sept. 15.

SETTING THE PACE.

West Texas Conference, San Marcos District, Blanco Charge, L. A. Alkire, preacher in charge, Thomas Gregory, presiding elder. All assessments ordered by Annual Conference paid in full with some excess; salaries will be paid in due time. This, a month from Annual Conference, is surely worthy of note.

GOOD LITERATURE MONTH.

September has been designated by the Committee on Evangelism of our Church as "Good Literature Month." The urgent request is made that every pastor put forth special effort in an endeavor to further increase the interest of Methodist people in good literature, preach at least one sermon on the subject during the month and to emphasize the reading of literature worth while. And Methodist literature without doubt is good literature from the core to the sap of the Methodist Tree. There is no more important interest demanding the attention of our people than the character and quality of their reading. This is an age of education which shall be for the uplift of the people or the downfall of the Nation. The reading matter of our people should be sound in morals, instructive in manners, qualified to inspire pure and true ideals and to develop noble and worthy characters. While in the pastorate I put forth my utmost endeavor to disseminate good literature; and, though my conference has retired me from the active pastorate, yet I have not lost my interest in the introduction of good literature among our Methodist people. I have visited the homes of many Christian families, looked through their libraries and saw upon their center tables newspapers, magazines, periodicals and dime novels which serve to alienate the minds and hearts of the children from Christian culture. Should we wonder that our children have an aversion to attending the services of the sanctuary when their minds are poisoned with trashy and sensational literature? A most serious demand arises from such a conclusion. The family, the Church, the government are confronted with the result of the baneful and deleterious effects on the rising generation. If our boys and girls exercise their reading faculties only upon sensational books, newspapers and dime novels they had better remain ignorant and obtain their knowledge by the ear from intelligent Christian instructors who could teach them to think as well as to absorb that which will make them robust Christian characters. Teach them to use the mind, memory and judgment rather than the imagination. The children and grown persons who can read and are reading and will read are before us. Many of them are wasting their acquired gifts by reading masses of matter which are utterly worthless and unworthy the name of literature—morbid, trashy, dangerous to sentiment, often vulgar, profane and vicious in language and unworthy a place in human thought or memory. The average newspaper is in a large measure a record of crime, sin and folly. It is true that while humanity remains imperfect, that which is called news will have many such items in its composition, but there is no need for their enlargement and reckless illustration and sensational analysis of deeds of shame and blood, which are thrust upon the community by a degraded press every day of the year. A large per cent of the books published are worthless. Many of them are teachers of bad morals and false maxims and exhibition of unhealthy and misleading examples of life. Many homes have been wrecked by the influence of immoral books. Many of our promising youths have been led away from virtue and honesty by seductive pictures of unscrupulous writers or by the perverted logic of the political economist. A grave duty upon parents, educators, teachers and preachers that we see to it that our children are supplied with good, wholesome literature.

R. H. GRINSTEAD, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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