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West Texas Conference

The fifty-eighth session of the West Texas Conference convened in Uvalde Wednesday morning, October 18. Promptly at 9 o'clock Bishop E. D. Mouzon announced Hymn No. 1, and the Conference sang heartily. The Apostles' Creed was recited and the Bishop led in a fervent prayer.

The Scripture lesson was the salutations of the Apostle Paul found at the conclusion of the epistles of 2 Thesalonians, Galatians, Romans, 1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all" is the dominant note in these salutations. The Church needs nothing more today than the recovery of the Apostolic theology. "Grace," "reconciliation," "justification" are the emphatic words in Apostolic theology. Never a great revival in history which has not come about from the preaching of the doctrines of the Apostle Paul. Luther and Wesley both drank at this fountain. "Grace," not a mechanical or materialistic matter, not the mere attraction of the personality of Jesus, but it is the mercy and love of God in the cross. "I could wish that this great word 'grace' were restored to its original meaning in modern preaching." Grace has lost its meaning because of our vanishing sense of sin. Too many people are living today, as the Greeks lived, a careless, happy life, without any sense of sin. "Amazing grace" can be sung by those only who have felt the guilt of sin. "Grace" has lost its meaning to many men who devote themselves to the study of science and literature and who thereby isolate themselves from the suffering, sinning world. The world will never weary of the gospel of "grace," the world is dying for this gospel. Brethren, tell that story and keep on telling that story. These are among the great thoughts of this really inspiring address.

Sterling Fisher, Secretary of the last Conference, called the roll and the following answered present:

Adair, R. S.	King, J. T.
Alexander, J. M.	Lewis, J. F.
Alkire, L. A.	Lee, Theophilus
Allbritten, J. W.	Liles, Z. V.
Allen, M. J.	Lilly, L. C.
Atkins, H. B.	Long, J. W.
Barr, W. L.	Lovett, J. E.
Barton, T. N.	Lynn, J. M.
Batchelor, S. L.	McVea, Lewis
Beall, S. B.	Matthis, I. C.
Biggs, W. H. H.	Maxwell, J. H.
Black, J. W.	May, J. D.
Booth, I. E.	Mays, E. H.
Bowles, J. S.	Meredith, J. H.
Boyd, Geo. M.	Morgan, J. E.
Bradfield, W. D.	Morris, I. T.
Brandon, W. L.	Morton, M. P.
Buchanan, F. B.	Myers, L. N.
Buck, J. E.	McKinney, W. M.
Campbell, Jno. C.	Old, A. Y.
Carter, N. W.	Owens, H. B.
Cocke, A. T.	Potts, E. A.
Cowan, J. W.	Paine, Robert
Crutchfield, W. M.	Parker, R. E.
Curry, J. T.	Pennybacker, J. F.
Callihan, W. G.	Perkins, C. W.

Carl, W. N.	Perrin, F. J.
Crow, O. C.	Perry, J. M.
Cooper, O. T.	Pierce, R. S.
Darby, M. L.	Piedger, J. A.
Davidson, A. B.	Pugsley, C.
Dorsey, J. D.	Ratliff, H. M.
Draper, H. E.	Robinson, J. R.
Duke, R. E.	Rabe, C. M.
Dunn, S. C.	Read, N. B.
Dunn, W. A.	Rector, A. E.
Edgar, E. L.	Renfro, W. T.
Fisher, Sterling	Renfro, J. N.
Flummer, R. G.	Rowland, J. W.
Forrester, J. G.	Rowland, R. A.
Fred, M. K.	Ryan, G. F.
Goodloe, J. R.	Rylander, C. W.
Gibbons, G. T.	Rader, Roy G.
Godbey, V. A.	Scarborough, A. L.
Goddard, S. F.	Scott, J. D.
Gray, H. L.	Sessions, T. F.
Gregory, Thomas	Shoemaker, J. W.
Groseclose, J. H.	Shuford, J. M.
Guymon, A.	Shugart, W. O.
Hardon, C. W.	Shuler, R. P.
Hart, W. A.	Simpson, J. F.
Hartsfield, Gaston	Stuckey, J. H.
Hatfield, O. F.	Summers, P. B.
Hawk, D. E.	Swanson, E. E.
Haygood, A. S. J.	Waltrip, R. A.
Hightower, W. L.	Webb, J. F.
Hill, C. G.	Whaling, H. M.
Hocutt, E. G.	White, A. T.
Holloway, R. A.	White, F. A.
Horton, H. G.	Williams, D. A.
Hubbard, E. Y. S.	Williamson, C.
Hull, S. M.	Williamson, M.
Hunter, E. A.	Williamson, W. D.
Jackson, F. M.	Wilson, A. W.
Johnston, S. B.	Wilson, J. C.
Joyce, W. J.	Worrell, J. D.
Knickerbocker, H. W.	Wood, I. E.
Keever, Geo. L.	Webb, C. W.
Keathley, W. R.	Winkle, J. C.
Keith, N. W.	Wilson, P. S.
Kemerer, S. W.	King, J. A.

PREACHERS ON TRIAL.

First Year.

Boatman, J. A.	Dibrell, Walter
Campbell, C. A.	Miller, Homer T.
Decker, D. G.	Spellman, L. U.

Second Year.

Foster, A. M.	Hester, G. T.
Goodenough, H. S.	Hill, M. S.
Harris, Geo. F.	Smith, G. G.

The following lay delegates were present:

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

J. W. Robbins	R. W. Hanlett
N. J. McSween	

BEEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. W. Pitman	M. A. Childress
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CUERO DISTRICT.

W. C. Agee	R. K. Traylor
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SAN ANGELO DISTRICT.

J. F. Cowsert

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT.

G. G. Johnson

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

V. M. West

UVALDE DISTRICT.

A. A. Simpson	B. B. Liles
F. M. Getzenda	J. N. McKay

Sterling Fisher was elected Secretary; Gaston Hartsfield, Fisher Simpson, Assistant Secretaries. J. H. Groseclose was elected Statistical Secretary.

Hours of meeting and adjournment were named and the bar of the Conference was fixed.

Judge W. D. Love, of Uvalde, welcomed the Conference. He quoted Victor Hugo on the necessary evils

of life, among which, he said, is the organized Methodist Church. After a few facetious remarks on why the great author may have considered Methodism a necessary evil, the Judge devoted himself to a delightful survey of the aims and achievements of Methodism. The Bishop requested H. G. Horton to respond in behalf of the Conference. Fifty-six years ago he had preached the gospel on this spot. The grand old man was at his best. The Conference wept and applauded as he recounted the glories of Methodism and especially as he declared that Victor Hugo did not know what he was talking about. He paid the Uvalde people a fine tribute and pointing to the Bishop, shouted, "Brother, give them a fine preacher, for they deserve it!"

F. B. Buchanan read the presiding elders' nomination of the Conference Committees as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Geo. M. Boyd	S. B. Johnston
F. M. Getzenda	

TEMPERANCE AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

P. B. Summers	A. Guyon
J. F. Cowsert	W. A. Scott
J. K. Beery	Z. V. Liles
C. Pugsley	A. A. Simpson

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

M. K. Fred	J. G. Forrester
W. F. Weeks	R. S. Pierce
F. M. Jackson	I. T. Morris
R. Paine	Theo. Lee

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

J. W. Albritten	C. E. Rozzelle
L. A. Alkire	R. E. Duke
Carl Francis	J. N. Renfro
J. N. McKay	G. F. Harris

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

H. E. Draper	H. M. Rathiff
S. M. Hull	E. Y. S. Hubbard
A. T. White	J. T. King
H. W. Knickerbocker	John M. Lynn

ORPHANAGE.

J. D. McWhorter	J. C. Winkle
L. C. Lilly	W. C. Agee
C. B. Myers	N. Williamson
A. Y. Old	C. H. Malloy

RESCUE HOME.

T. M. Dechman	W. G. Callihan
C. W. Perkins	N. B. Read
J. F. Pennybacker	R. W. Hanlett
R. C. Flummer	J. C. Campbell

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

J. M. Perry	J. W. Pittman
G. T. Gibbons	

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

D. E. Hawk	M. J. Allen
R. K. Traylor	R. S. Adair
L. M. Harkey	W. T. Renfro
J. T. Tracy	S. W. Kemerer

EQUALIZATION OF APPORTIONMENTS.

Joe F. Webb	W. N. Carl
J. W. Rowland	

TO FILL VACANCY ON BOARD OF EDUCATION.

A. L. Scarborough in place of A. J. Weeks transferred.

The committees were elected.

F. F. Cocke was appointed on the Joint Board of Finance in place of J. L. Hill.

Communications from the Board of Trustees, Smith & Lamar, Board of Church Extension, Board of Education, Correspondence School, Sunday School Board and Epworth League Board were referred to appropriate committees.

The following substitutes were

made: J. A. Martin for W. H. McCracken, of the Uvalde District; W. A. Scott, for M. W. Rogers, of the San Marcos District; T. M. Dechman for W. O. Bryan, of the San Antonio District; O. A. Mills for B. B. Liles, of the Uvalde District.

Rev. J. T. Butler, Dr. John R. Stewart, Dr. W. F. McMurry, Rev. C. S. Wright, Dr. F. S. Parker, W. C. Everett, Rev. C. S. Webdell, Rev. O. T. Cooper, Rev. T. M. Dalton, H. D. Mouzon, Rev. J. K. Beery, L. Blaylock, Rev. F. S. Onderdonk, and Dr. J. C. Granbery, were introduced to the Conference.

Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" John C. Granbery, an elder from Central Texas Conference.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" All the presiding elders made their reports and their characters were passed.

Sterling Fisher, presiding elder Austin District, reported progress, financial conditions improved, larger amount collected on salaries and benevolences than for some years past, increase in membership considerable, some material improvement, the Fred Allen Memorial Church, Austin, now being completed, addition to church at Liberty Hill enterprised, debt on district parsonage reduced, gracious revivals in many places; 13 charges paid all claims, 18 charges paid salaries, 15 charges paid conference collections.

T. F. Sessions, presiding elder Beeville District, reported severe drouth and storm during the year, district splendidly organized in all departments of the work, one new work opened, church finished at LaFeria, four churches now ready for dedication, eleven charges paid everything in full on salaries and collections, good revivals, 1341 increase in membership, preachers loyal and faithful.

A. W. Wilson, presiding elder Cuero District, reported 950 members received, 532 of these on profession of faith, Children's Day observed in every Sunday School, parsonage built at La Vernia, improvements on church property at several places, 18 charges paid benevolences in full, 15 paid salaries in full, one new mission formed, 100 Advocates put into new homes.

J. W. Cowan, presiding elder Lampasas District, reported year of prosperity, between 600 and 700 conversions, more than 400 additions to the Church, church buildings repaired at a number of places, salaries and benevolences nearly full, Cherokee Junior College had best year in its history, during quadrennium salaries increased from 10 to 30 per cent, 18 churches built, two parsonages built, district parsonage built and furnished, preachers have wrought well. "I have finished my course."

Bishop: "But you don't know what is laid up for you." (Laughter.)

F. B. Buchanan, presiding elder (Continued on page 3)

Methodist History and Else

H. G. H.

METHODISM IN TEXAS.

As a factor in the upbuilding and maintenance of spiritual life in Texas, Methodism has led from the earliest days of the Republic. Her itinerants have penetrated every settlement as fast as it was formed. The first workers came through the Mission Board at New York, partly through letters to that Board from Miss McHenry, daughter of the noted Barnabas McHenry, of Kentucky.

We have about 1000 itinerants in the eight Annual Conferences of Methodism in Texas, five exclusively American Conferences, one German and one Mexican of the M. E. Church, South, and one German of the M. E. Church, with membership of 300,000 and 1,000,000 adherents.

These conferences are presided over annually by a Bishop. To the present date, from the first visit of Bishop Waugh, these conferences have been visited by forty-six Bishops, including both branches of Methodism.

There are Protestant Methodists in the State, and a few other smaller bodies, of which we have no data.

We have two universities, Southwestern at Georgetown, and Southern Methodist, at Dallas. The one at Georgetown has flourished for forty years. Besides these leading schools we have a number of growing colleges—the North Texas at Sherman, Texas Woman's College at Fort Worth, San Antonio Female College, San Antonio, Clarendon in the Panhandle, and several junior colleges that need not be named.

Of the hundreds of leading ministers I briefly sketch about fifteen from memory, not having dates at hand, as follows:

Martin Ruter—Sent to Texas in 1838 as first Superintendent of Methodist Missions in the Republic. A Northern man; first Doctor of Divinity among Methodists in America; had been President of Transylvania University; a scholarly man; made a deep religious impression during his brief career in Texas of one year; died at Washington, on the Brazos; is buried at Navasota, Texas. After him was named Ruterville College near Lagrange, the first college in the Republic. The two branches of Methodism have erected a monument over his grave.

Robert Alexander—Came about 1838 from Mississippi as missionary to the Republic of Texas; tall, bold, muscular, intellectual; strong preacher; courageous; was a leader among all Church people for thirty-five or forty years; built churches; gathered congregations; represented Texas Conference a number of times in General Conference; presiding elder many terms; was a tower of strength in Texas; died in old age profoundly revered.

Homer S. Thrall, D.D.—A Northern man and probably the most scholarly man ever sent to Texas; came in 1844; wrote following books: "Pictorial History of Texas," "History of Methodism in Texas," "School History of Texas," edited pamphlets, secular and religious papers, a critic and news gatherer; fine preacher; presiding elder; stationed in cities. Lost his eyesight in old age; died in San Antonio and is buried there.

John Wesley McKenzie—Great teacher and preacher; established a school near Clarksville, Red River County, which became famous; sent out many young men who became noted in Church and State. Many of our best preachers were educated by him, among them Dr. J. H. McLean, one of our strongest and most influential men and a former Regent of Southwestern University.

John Wesley DeVilbiss—A unique character; born in Ohio; came as missionary to Texas in 1844; a man fervent in spirit, flaming evangelist; zealous in all work; presiding elder of both German and American districts. Came to West Texas in 1846; preached the first Protestant sermon ever heard in San Antonio. One of the successful workers in founding Southwestern University; thousands converted under his ministry. Died and is buried at Oak Island in Medina County. Rev. H. A. Graves has written his "Life." Was first presiding elder in the formation of the

German District in old Texas Conference; spoke Spanish, German and English; a great revivalist, full of shout, song and the Holy Ghost.

Buckner Harris—Born in Gonzales, Texas; began preaching at an early period; was solidly educated; was a man of thought and power in the pulpit; spent a long and noted life in the ministry in Texas, filling our finest stations, and a leader in all Church matters; was greatly admired for his purity and nobility of character; was presiding elder and representative in General Conference. Died in San Antonio and is buried in that city.

Francis Asbury Mood, D.D.—One of the most brilliant and successful men who ever came to Texas; came from Charleston, South Carolina, soon after the Civil War to take charge of and re-establish Soule University at Chappell Hill; found the school ruined by the war and immediately bestirred himself to the establishment of Southwestern University at Georgetown; was scholarly, energetic, full of hope, and, in co-operation with our leaders, perfected plans for a school that has been the glory of Methodism for forty years, and now is in a most flourishing condition. As a speaker and man he was magnetic, witty, humorous, successful, tireless as a worker, though in feeble health, and probably has made the profoundest impression on Methodism of any man who ever came to Texas. His frail body has a monument over it in the campus of the University of which he was the founder and Regent.

Andrew Jackson Potter—Was once a wild cowboy on the desperado order; was converted near Bastrop under preaching of I. G. John and became a preacher on the frontier of Texas; was bold, brave, witty, humorous, strong in body and mind; had many a pitched battle with the Indians; was on hard and wild western circuits; was presiding elder on the frontier. Roger Q. Mills said in the United States Senate that Potter was equal to a regiment of United States soldiers in driving back the Indians from the frontier settlements. He was a deadly shot with a rifle. Rev. H. A. Graves has written his "Life." We will never see his like again. Indians and frontiers are no more.

Chauncey Richardson—The first college man who came to Texas in early days to assist in establishing an educational system in the Republic. Was made President of Ruterville College, first school established by Methodism in the State. A classical scholar and a man of large reading. The school was closed during the Civil War. He exerted a wide influence upon the Church in Texas in its formative period. His body lies buried in the campus of the college near Lagrange. In co-operation with Dr. Thrall and Bishop Paine he planned for a wide system of education in Texas.

Frederick Vordenbaumen and John A. Scharper—These two old German preachers were the leaders in our great work among the people of that language, of which there are thousands in Texas. Both were presiding elders in their day and served the Church among the Germans long and faithfully. Both of these old veterans are buried in Guadalupe County, Vordenbaumen on the Cibolo and Scharper at Elm Creek.

Jesse Boring, D.D.—He was from Georgia; first Superintendent of Missions in California in 1849; then back to Georgia; from that State transferred to Texas in 1858 and labored until 1868, when, in broken health, he returned to Georgia. He was a man of extraordinary power in the pulpit, probably the most eloquent man in the State, thought to have been superior to Frank Wilkes, W. H. Seat or Dr. Geo. W. Carter from Virginia.

Bishop Seth Ward—Born in Leon County, Texas, first native Texan to become Bishop; came from poverty to be a highly educated man. He was strong as a preacher, analytical and logical in style, fine in executive ability, a leader in all Church enterprises. His early death was greatly regretted. He died in China and his body was brought home and buried in Houston.

Bishop E. D. Mouzon—Came from South Carolina to Texas; was trans-

ferred to Missouri; then back to Texas. Was stationed in our largest cities; a pulpit man of great strength and power; is young and vigorous, and, with his executive ability and experience, will make one of our most useful Bishops.

George C. Rankin—Through the columns of the Texas Christian Advocate, published at Dallas, of which he was editor sixteen years, and one of our greatest and most useful men, a bulwark in the defense of the faith and in advocating all Church enterprises. In the pulpit he was strong, with pen he was gifted, and throughout Texas he was known for his bold advocacy of all measures to promote the welfare of Church and State.

Here follows a short list from memory of others who helped establish Methodism in Texas, some of them dating as far back as the days of Austin's Colony: John Wesley Kenney, Jesse Hord, Dr. Thomas O. Summers (great theologian and editor), David Ayers, James Wesson, John Rabb (first man ever joined the Church in Texas), Wm. B. Travis (killed in the Alamo), Miss McHenry, James Stephenson, Green S. Orr, James Poe, Dr. Orceneth Fisher, Dr. Abel Stevens (great historian), Francis Wilson, Daniel Carl, Sam'l Whipple, W. M. Whipple, Preston W. H. Hobbs, and a long list of godly men and women whose deeds are not recorded in human history.

Observations.

Large numbers of both the preachers and the people generally who came to Texas in the earliest days were from the North, from Ohio, and from Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, the Carolinas; the Austins, Moses and his son, Stephen F., being from Missouri. Only a few Germans and Irish in those early days. Many of these Americans were the most vigorous class of people who ever came to Texas. Many of them had farmed, some were adventurers, the professions were represented, and every man was armed. James Bowie came from Mississippi, Sam Houston from Tennessee (by way of Indian Territory) and the women were of the hardest class and had to rough it, many of them dressing in buckskin, and all of them able to handle the rifle and sixshooter. Coffee, cornbread and wild meats were the staple food.

Austin obtained concessions from Mexico by which he divided up an immense body of the richest land in the Texas Colony among the people, many of them being totally unable to improve or cultivate their lands. The colonies of Nacogdoches and San Felipe increased rapidly, so much so that the Mexican Government became alarmed and began to take steps to oppress the people and to stay immigration, if possible—and right here were planted the seeds of the Texas revolution that resulted in independence, the Republic, and final annexation to the American Union.

GREAT EARLY PREACHERS AND LAYMEN.

Francis Asbury Mood—Soon after the close of the war between the States this noted school man was sent to Texas from a large pastorate in Charleston, S. C. In the five issues of the Historical Quarterly in my hands I see no sketch of the life and great work of this distinguished educator, probably the most successful college man who wrought in Texas. He was sent out to take charge of the remains of Soule University at Chappell Hill, to be frank in statement. What little there was of the school left after the war was finished up by the yellow fever epidemic of 1867. I saw Mood soon after he arrived—small in stature, wiry in movement, large nose, keen, flashing black eyes, lively in talk, taking note of everything, and wearing a tall plug hat. He found Soule University to consist of thirty little boys and an old dilapidated rock building, leaking and falling to pieces. The town had been swept by yellow fever and ruined as a college site. He mounted the roof of the old structure and tried to solder up the leaks with his own hands and a pot and fire. He was appointed pastor of the Church in Brenham for his support. Upon investigation he discovered that the college was not the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, but really belonged to the Board of Trustees, who had individually a mortgage of near \$7,000 on the property. That was the "straw that broke the camel's back." The establishment of a great school elsewhere instantly

was settled in his own active and untiring brain. Our great and splendid Southwestern University is the result. For some time he was discouraged in trying to work up enthusiasm and co-operation in the conferences. He fell sick at a Waco Conference, partly owing to an apparent failure on the part of brethren in hearty co-operation. Bishop Keener called on him. He was lying on his bed. Keener said: "Doctor, I came to congratulate you." "For what?" said Mood. "Why, the hurrah has been taken out of your college scheme. Now you will succeed. You can never build a college by a hurrah." Mood took heart, and there in Georgetown stands the great educational monument of one of the finest characters who ever threw his genius for work and success into an enterprise.

John Wesley DeVilbiss—Was an Ohio man, evidently of German extraction. He came out to Texas at an early day, about the time of the coming of Thrall and Jesse Hord. He was the most untiring and successful evangelist in the early days of Texas Methodism. A large work and long rides never appalled his consecrated and enterprising spirit. He was the first presiding elder of the first German District in Texas. He preached the first Protestant sermon ever delivered in San Antonio. He was nearly always selected for the eldership. He was often delegate to General Conference, and several times President of the Conference and oftener its Secretary. His districts included vast sections infested by Indians. He could preach in German and Spanish as well as English. Great revivals followed his fervent evangelistic work. His body is buried by those of his two devoted wives at Oak Island, Medina County. He was fortunate in both his marriages. They were both consecrated, noble women. He was the most successful winner of souls we had in the West. We shall see his shining face on the "Evergreen Shore."

Great Laymen—I have but scant room to speak of them. There was David Ayers, in early days of Methodism in Galveston, the leader of the forces, a Northern man, father-in-law of Robert Alexander, liberal, energetic, great friend of the preachers; and with him in years gone by Brother Rice, the Johns family, and the wealthy McMahan's, and McAshans, and John Rabb; and eminent among those noted laymen Charles Shearn, once the publisher of the Texas Christian Advocate. Charles Shearn came out to Texas from England and was in one of Austin's Colonies. He belonged to Fannin's Regiment that was captured near Goliad. His son, John, was with him as a little boy. When Fannin's men were ordered to march out to be shot, John clung to the neck of his father. An officer came up and Shearn told him he was an Englishman. He and his son were turned loose and returned to the American colonies. He became useful in the Church and the founder of old Shearn Chapel in Houston.

FAMOUS TRAVELERS.

The first four leading Methodists, John Wesley, Thomas Coke, Francis Asbury, George Whitefield.

Yet they all lived before railroads were constructed, ocean navigation by steam, automobiles were dreamed of or even rapid locomotion by horse carriage. But they were world famous travelers.

Until old age came on Wesley moved about on horseback, often at a gallop, to meet his appointments, and when more leisurely always with book and note papers, reading, writing, composing.

Thomas Coke was on the go every moment he was in America and crossed the ocean thirteen times, and finally was buried in its rolling waves. He was after new fields of labor.

George Whitefield could not be surpassed as an itinerant in his day. We hear but little of his wife, but an exceedingly blunt writer claims that his marriage was not as good as that of Charles Wesley, nor as bad as that of John Wesley.

Coke married a rich widow and her money flew in his great mission work, she consenting and helping.

Francis Asbury was probably the most ceaseless traveler of the four and over a vaster and more difficult field. Like McKendree, he had no time to look after a family. His Episcopal District was North America.

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general sight-seeing, Bayard Taylor surpassed all Americans.

He was born in 1825 at Kennett Square, Pennsylvania; was a farmer's boy; was of German or Swiss blood. He early developed a restless, roving disposition. Learned the printing business, but did not stick to it. Commenced writing verses at seven years of age, and while yet a mere lad read Goethe, Scott and Gibbon. His first trip was through Europe chiefly afoot, for want of means, often eating little else than bread and fruit.

His first book of travels became very popular, and still traveling he showed himself to be a man of letters in motion. In India he traveled more than two thousand miles in less than two months. In Northern Europe he rode two hundred and fifty miles behind reindeer and journeyed five hundred miles within the Arctic Circle. His pen went as fast as his feet. In two months he wrote nine hundred pages. He was on the go until appointed Minister to Germany, and died at his post there shortly after entering upon his duties at Berlin. There his body is buried.

When a boy I read some of his sketches and remembered three points, namely, that he found in East Side, London, more squalid poverty and ignorance than he found anywhere else in the world; that in the back lanes of the aristocratic city of Charleston, S. C., more filth, and that he thought White River, Arkansas, was the prettiest river he had ever seen in either Europe, Asia or America.

SEWARD'S STROKES OF POLICY.

Wm. H. Seward, Secretary of State before and during 1865, began negotiations for the purchase of the Danish West India Islands of St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John, lying east of Porto Rico—now to be purchased by the United States for \$25,000,000.

These islands were once offered to the United States for \$5,000,000. Some opposition arose and the trade fell through.

Now that Porto Rico has fallen into our hands as the result of the Spanish-American war, Cuba is under our wing, Guantamino become American property, and the Panama Canal been built, the time has come when everything adjacent becomes more than ever important to our national integrity and commerce. These islands lie close to the eastern terminus of the Panama Canal. So important are they that the French, English and Germans have for years by lease held coaling stations on them.

It was Wm. H. Seward who foresaw

the ultimate occupation of Mexico by the Anglo-Saxon race north of the Rio Grande, and, summoning the Monroe Doctrine to his aid, told Maximilian and the Austrian and French soldiers in 1867 that they must get out of Mexico.

It was Wm. H. Seward who, in 1867, foresaw the ultimate importance of Alaska to American national integrity and wealth, and offered Russia \$7,000,000 and an old ship for that vast domain. The offer was accepted, and negotiations were carried on through Cassius M. Clay, who at that time represented this government at the Court of St. Petersburg.

Clay's persistence and diplomacy virtually closed the trade. Clay was a cousin of Henry Clay. He died three years ago in old age, very little attention being paid at the time of his passage by American newspapers and no attention by the government.

Thomas Jefferson and Wm. H. Seward were the great land-grabbers of American history. They were unsurpassed in the breadth of their statesmanship and vision of America's future needs and greatness.

Thomas Jefferson was a rank Democrat, the father of practical American democracy and a slave-owner. His negroes were members of his own family and treated like his children. They loved him so that when he would return from long visits they would meet him far down the road and carry him up to the house on their shoulders.

Wm. H. Seward was the shrewdest Yankee ever born. He was an abolitionist of the Wendell Phillips school. When a young man he was an old field school teacher in Putnam County, Ga. Eatonton was the county seat and Dr. Lovick Pierce was pastor of the Methodist Church there at the time Seward taught a near-by country school. These prospective intellectual giants were warm personal friends. One became famous in political and diplomatic history—the other one famous in ecclesiastical history. Pierce had much to do with the formation and progress of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was once my pastor and presiding elder. I never heard a greater preacher, and I have listened entranced at the eloquence of his son, George Foster Pierce.

The night that Lincoln was assassinated another assassin rushed into the bed chamber of Wm. H. Seward and cut his throat and stabbed his son. Both recovered.

Pierce's Church still rides the storm. Seward's statesmanship is still increasing our wealth and advancing our commerce.

West Texas Conference

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San Angelo District, reported 400 additions on profession of faith, 450 by certificate, net gain 400, a number of new churches built and dedicated, lots purchased at a number of places, many debts paid, preachers have wrought well, all departments in good shape.

Joe F. Webb, in behalf of the San Angelo District, presented the retiring presiding elder a beautiful watch. Brother Buchanan made a feeling response.

J. H. Groseclose, presiding elder San Antonio District, reported Children's Day service in every Sunday School, a year of growth, 13 of the 19 charges paid in full on everything, 15 charges paid salaries in full, interest and taxes paid in full save in one charge, plans for new charge in San Antonio, relocated two churches, 1600 added to the Church, \$90,000 raised on the district, Laurel Heights paid one-third of its debt.

Thos. Gregory, presiding elder San Marcos District, reported 16 pastoral charges, 550 received into the Church, fewer white people in the district than four years ago, some good meetings, new church completed and paid for at Kyle, 14 of 16 charges paid salaries and collections in full, district well organized.

J. F. Pennybacker, in behalf of the preachers of the San Marcos District, presented the retiring presiding elder a handsome suitcase. Brother Gregory responded felicitously. He paid a superb tribute to the country pastor.

S. B. Johnson, presiding elder Uvalde District, reported a good year, more revivals than ever before, some

Church memberships doubled, Sunday Schools made good progress, Children's Day services in every charge, one new church and one new parsonage, all charges paid salaries and benevolences in full save three.

Rev. T. A. Hardin, pastor Presbyterian Church at Uvalde, was introduced to the Conference.

The report of the Educational Commission was read to the Conference, which report recited that more than five millions of dollars had been gathered for our Connectional institutions and at which more than 1400 students are now studying. Extracts from the report of the Board of Trustees of S. M. U. were read to the Conference.

Rev. C. S. Wright, Vice-President of Southern Methodist University, addressed the Conference pending the reference of these reports to the Board of Education. He addressed himself especially to the acute financial needs of the Southern Methodist University.

T. F. Sessions said the \$2000 assessed for S. M. U. by the West Texas Conference were for all departments of the University. This remark was a comment on Vice-President Wright's statement that the West Texas Conference had given nothing to the Theological Department.

J. F. Pennybacker read the report from the Joint Board of Finance on matters pertaining to the Thornton bequest. After amendment the report was adopted.

Question 12. "What local preachers are elected deacons?" Geo. D. Pickens was elected.

J. F. Pennybacker read a second report from the Joint Board of Finance concerning bonds for those who handle conferences moneys. Adopted. Dr. W. F. McMurry, Corresponding

Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was announced to speak at 7:30 p. m.

Meeting in interest of Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society was announced for 3:30 p. m. After other announcements, the Conference stood adjourned with the doxology, and the benediction by J. M. Alexander.

SECOND DAY.

Promptly at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, October 19, Hymn 334 was announced by Bishop Mouzon, and, after singing, W. D. Bradfield led in prayer. The Bishop read John 15:1-8 as the Scripture lesson.

"There are three crises in the life of a man," began the Bishop in his morning address to the Conference—"the crisis of adolescence, the crisis of approaching old age, and the crisis of middle life." Of the latter crisis the Bishop spoke in particular. Some men break down physically in middle life, health goes, memory is impaired. Moral breakdowns, likewise, come oftenest in middle life. Middle life is often the period of surrendered ideals. Middle life is likely to become selfish and self-seeking. "Many preachers break down in middle life because they feel that the best of life is behind." They rest upon the mental accumulations of the past, preaching their old sermons. "How many of you preachers in middle life have read a new book this year?" God has built infinity and eternity into the very structure of the soul and men ought to grow. "Keep your heart young, continue to study; above all, keep in touch with God." The Greeks wrote at the middle of the race course the word, "Hasten," and "so," said the Bishop, "I say to you men in middle life, 'Hasten,' press forward, forgetting the things which were behind." These were among the thoughts of this inspiring morning address.

The Secretary read the minutes of Wednesday's session and they were approved. The roll of absentees was called and the following answered present: J. P. Garrett, J. E. Harrison, H. W. Knickerbocker, J. D. McWhorter, B. A. Myers, C. L. McDonald, D. A. Ross, J. T. Tracey, J. P. Watson, W. F. Weeks, C. E. Wheat, and L. W. Walker. The following laymen answered present: Edward Canfield, J. M. Baker, Carl Francis, and T. M. Dechman.

Several communications were referred to appropriate committees. A communication from the San Antonio Female College was read to the Conference. The following substitutes were made in the Board of Education: J. E. Canfield in the place of Jos. Tucker; C. R. Grobe in the place of A. J. Ross.

Rev. W. C. Harris, Rev. H. C. Tucker, Dr. Hoyt M. Dobbs, Dr. C. M. Bishop, Rev. J. D. Young, Rev. W. T. Gray, Major C. E. Clements, and Rev. J. R. Goodloe were introduced to the Conference.

C. C. Walsh, Conference Treasurer, made announcements concerning the collections.

Under Question 22 the Bishop called the names of the superannuates as follows: A. G. Nolen, T. G. Wools, W. H. Killough, W. O. Shugart, W. J. Joyce, J. A. King, R. A. Holloway, H. T. Hill, N. W. Keith, J. T. Gillett, C. Williamson, J. M. Shuford, W. R. Campbell, H. G. Horton, V. V. Boone, F. A. Grimes, N. E. Bragg, R. D. Moon, J. D. May, and W. R. Keathly.

A number responded to a call of their names. The words of the old heroes refreshed the Conference, their characters were passed and their names were referred for the same relation. A collection of \$95.65 was taken for T. G. Wools.

Question 6. "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" J. A. Foster, an elder from the New Mexico Conference. His name was referred for the superannuate relation. A collection was taken for him.

Resuming Question 22 the names of the supernumeraries were called as follows: J. T. Weems, F. J. Perrin, V. G. Thomas, Peter I. King. Characters passed and names referred for the same relation.

N. A. Rector was substituted for R. C. Lomax as lay delegate.

The name of J. T. H. Miller was referred for the supernumerary relation. Question 22 was resumed, "Are all the preachers blameless?" etc.

The name of O. F. Hatfield was called and his presiding elder announced that Brother Hatfield had tendered his credentials. After much discussion the Conference went into

executive session. The tender of the credentials was accepted.

The following paper was introduced and adopted:

Whereas, the former Texas Epworth Encampment has been legally merged into the Texas Methodist Assembly, and,

Whereas, This conference at a former session endorsed said act of transfer, therefore be it

Resolved, That this conference hereby confirms the following nominations which have been submitted to us by the Nominating Committee of the said Methodist Assembly: As President of the Assembly, Rev. F. S. Onderdonk, and as Trustees, Rev. A. E. Rector and W. N. Hagy.

T. F. SESSIONS.
J. E. HARRISON.

Z. V. Liles, in behalf of the preachers of the Lampasas District, presented J. W. Cowan, retiring presiding elder, a beautiful chest of silver. Brother Cowan accepted in a touching speech.

Dr. Hoyt M. Dobbs, Dean of the School of Theology of Southern Methodist University, was introduced and addressed the Conference. This was Dr. Dobbs' first appearance before the West Texas Conference and the brethren were deeply impressed by his address. He is a ripe scholar, a successful pastor and just the type of man whom we would have to fashion the lives of our young preachers.

The Epworth League Anniversary, addressed by Dr. F. S. Parker, was announced for 3 p. m. Major C. E. Clements and Dr. John R. Stewart were announced to speak at 7:30 p. m. After other announcements the doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by W. H. H. Biggs.

THIRD DAY.

Morning Session,

Promptly at 9 o'clock Friday morning, October 20, Bishop Mouzon rapped for order and announced Hymn 516. After singing, J. R. Goodloe led in prayer. The Bishop announced Hymn 551 and after singing read Matt. 6:5-15.

"I have failed to pray. Why have I failed to pray? Sometimes because I haven't had time to pray, sometimes because I didn't want to pray, and sometimes because I feared to pray." With this confession of a distinguished minister the Bishop began his exhortation for prayer. For himself he said he would not dare to live without prayer. "The Meaning of Prayer," by a recent author, he commended to the brethren. Unless we pray, says this author, there are some things which God cannot say to us; unless we pray there are many things which God can never give to us; unless we pray there are some things which God cannot do through us. Each of these thoughts was emphasized in a manner which deeply impressed the entire conference.

The Secretary, Sterling Fisher, read the minutes of yesterday's session and they were approved.

W. L. Barr was substituted for O. F. Hatfield on the Board of Church Extension.

Dr. C. D. Bulla, Dr. R. H. Bennett, Rev. S. S. McKenney, Rev. W. S. Jordan, Rev. J. J. Morgan, Dr. T. N. Ivey, Dr. H. J. Herwig, Dr. H. A. Boaz and Rev. A. Frank Smith were introduced to the conference.

Question 1. "Who are admitted on trial?" Charles Edward Marshall, recommended by Beeville District Conference; Cecil Madison Dunseth, Cuero District Conference; Geo. Davis Pickens, Lampasas District Conference; Charles Nixon, Dallas District Conference of North Texas Conference; Elmer Amos Staggs, San Angelo District Conference; J. N. McKay, Uvalde District Conference, having passed approved examinations and being recommended by the Committee on Admission were admitted on trial.

Question 10. "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" Milton Fly Hill had passed approved examination, was elected to deacon's orders and advanced to class of third year. A. M. Foster, W. L. Wall, L. W. Walker had not passed the required examinations. Their characters passed and they were continued on trial in class of the second year.

H. S. Goodenough, G. F. Harris and G. G. Smith are already deacons. Their characters passed and they were advanced to class of third year.

Question 14. "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" Oliver Morton Cole, Walter Martin McKin-

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD

HONOR ROLL.

Rev. C. A. German, preacher in charge Sentinel charge, is the first pastor in Mangum District to send in to Conference Teller "conference collections in full." A large number of charges in the district will report in full on benevolences and pastor's salary at Annual Conference.

MOSS WEAVER, P. E.

With great pleasure I announce to you that our conference claims have been paid in full and the salary overpaid. Our folks have purchased me a new suit and remembered wife and baby with appropriate gifts. I will meet you at conference with a full Advocate spot. We have had seventy-five conversions and forty-one additions this year.

GILBERT IRWIN, P. C. Electra Mission.

Franklin Station has reported all salaries and conference collections paid in full. Rev. T. R. Mochhead is the popular pastor, Dr. R. M. Duffey the successful Lay Leader.

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Duke charge, Mangum District, is the first charge to report salary and conference collections in full for this year.

Rev. J. R. Brooks is pastor in charge. MOSS WEAVER, P. E.

Centerville Station reports all salaries paid in full. Rev. S. W. Stokely is the bustling pastor, Dr. E. P. Powell, Lay Leader. Jewett charge, R. S. Marshall, pastor, has paid all conference collections in full. Franklin Circuit, Rev. J. R. Tidwell, pastor, has paid all salaries and conference collections. Wheelock charge this day paid all salaries in full. Rev. J. F. Garrett is the loyal pastor, Henry Mitchell, Lay Leader.

GEO. W. DAVIS, P. E.

Marlin reports all finances of every kind paid in full. Rev. W. F. Bryant is the genial pastor.

GEO. W. DAVIS, P. E.

THE PEOPLE GAVE RELIGIOUSLY.

Yesterday (Sunday) morning after preaching on "Christian Stewardship," I asked for a thank-offering for our superannuated preachers' fund, and received more than one hundred dollars. This after all assessments had been met, just a month before conference. The people gave religiously. I am working to bring up full report on Advocate.

L. J. Powers, P. C. Caldwell Station, Oct. 23, 1916.

CLARKSVILLE STATION.

Fourth Quarterly Conference just over. Everything was reported out in full, with prospect of a nice surplus on salaries. Have had about 100 accessions to the Church during the year, and everything is in good shape.

R. C. Hicks, P. C.

MYRA AND HOOD.

As we are closing out our third year at this place we thought our friends might be interested in the results of our work here. During the three years we have had over 100 conversions and 114 additions to the Church. Besides the regular assessments we have raised \$616 special to missions and \$300 special to the Orphanage. Our church building has been enlarged and improved to the amount of \$1200, the parsonage improved and furnished to the amount of \$400 and some 500 feet of concrete has been put down around our property. In addition to this the salary has been advanced to \$1000 and will be maintained. We have raised over \$9000 during the three years. This is a fine people and know how to care for their preacher.

J. W. Slagle, P. C.

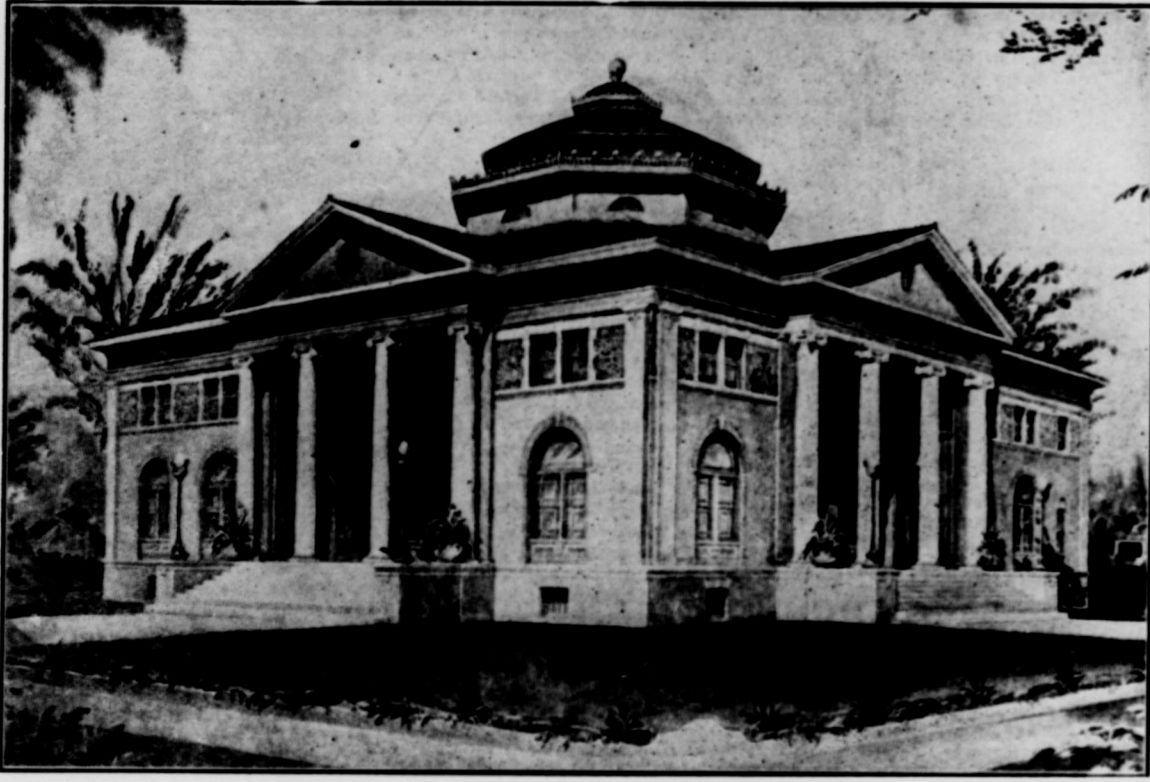
DECATUR STATION.

Just two weeks and we gather at the Annual Conference. We have made some progress in the work here. Sunday School has been better organized under our efficient superintendent. Home and Cradle Roll Departments have been added. Leagues are all doing splendid work in all departments, and a new Intermediate League has been organized. We have a heroic band of women and our society is doing things. In the month of March we held our revival, the pastor doing his own preaching. The singing was led the first two weeks by Rev. R. B. Curry and the last two by Prof. W. H. Gallaway. These brethren rendered splendid service. Between thirty and forty were converted and I have received sixty-four into the Church during the year. We have splendid property here and when we get it paid for Decatur will be one of the leading appointments in the conference. "A good year, Bishop!"

R. B. Moreland, P. C.

PIEDMONT AND GEARY CHARGE.

Possibly some of my friends in Oklahoma and elsewhere would like to know how we are getting along and others who know the work would like to hear from it, so I will give a short epitome of the work. We were appointed by the Annual Conference to the Piedmont charge and after serving this charge for nearly half of the year the Geary charge became vacant and the elder appointed me to that charge to give half time for the remainder of the year. We have found Geary a very pleasant place to fill as well as Piedmont, where we have a nice parsonage. We have had difficulties to overcome at both places and problems to solve, but all in all this has been a very pleasant year. We have received into the Church by vows and certificate: Piedmont, 14; Geary, 21; total, 35. Have baptized seven adults and two babies. Had sixteen conversions. Raised for churches and parsonages over \$300 and hope to pay out on salary and benevolences, which will be in the neighborhood of \$850. We love our presiding elder, but this has been a very trying year with him, as he happened to a very bad accident, getting one of his ribs broken,



WHALEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.

In the auditorium and balcony this church will seat nearly 1000 people. It has fourteen Sunday School rooms and a basement that will care for 500 primaries. This property is worth \$35,000. It was built in 1914-15 (in war times) and is paid for except \$300, for which there are notes in the bank due the Building Committee for \$550 to pay this. During the three years we have been here we have taken 155 members into the Church and raised about \$30,000. This beautiful building will be dedicated by Dr. W. D. Bradfield Sunday morning, October 29. All former pastors cordially invited.

TOM J. BECKHAM, Pastor.

and Sister Wilson has been under the treatment of physicians a good part of the year. We are hoping and praying that things will be different with him and his good family in the near future. The elder was with us last Sunday and held our fourth Quarterly Conference. He preached a splendid sermon, after which he administered the sacrament and gave the Church and pastor some splendid advice. The good Lord being willing I hope to meet with the brethren of the West Oklahoma Conference, November 1, to hear many excellent reports.

R. H. Denny, P. C.

BETHEL CHARGE, OKLAHOMA.

We are closing out a very good year on this charge. There has not been a gloomy hour since I got on the work. The old church debt of \$100 has been provided for. In fact all the claims of the conference and an increased salary over last year have been provided for and we will have everything in full at conference. We have held revivals at all five points and about sixty professed faith in Christ. Forty have been received in the Church—about thirty-five by baptism—and the charge as a whole is in better condition than when we got here last fall. Over \$800 has been collected to build a church at Prairie Bell and already some of the lumber is on the ground and work will be begun at an early date. The charge has raised for all purposes \$500 more for everything than it did last year—not counting the church building fund. My health is restored and am feeling fine with a full report ready for conference. There has not been any friction of any sort and we close our first year in fine shape. Our people are loyal and true and hence the peace and prosperity. We start on the 30th inst. for conference at Wynnewood.

Chas. L. Cole.

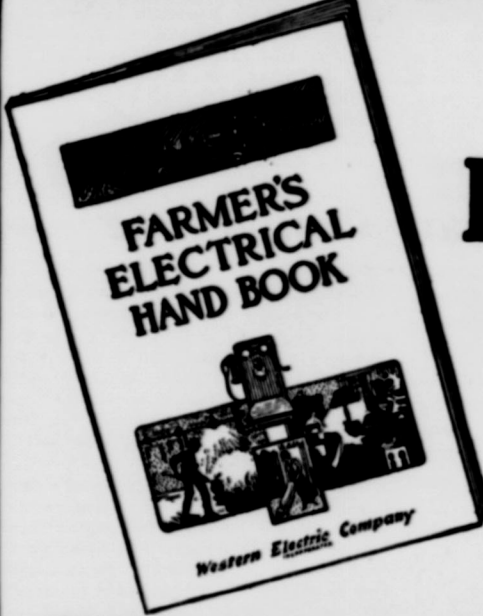
MANGUM CIRCUIT.

The conference year is rapidly closing. It has been a year of work with us on the Mangum Circuit. Our six appointments have each made progress in some degree. Our round of meetings required over ten weeks of almost incessant work. My father, Rev. H. E. Grimes, a local deacon of Avoca, Texas, assisted me in two meetings. At White Flat we had sixteen professions and eight accessions. At Center Point we had forty-six professions and thirty-two accessions. At each of these meetings father preached simply the old-time gospel in the old-time Methodist way and the Spirit operated upon the hearts of saints and sinners. At Wesley Chapel Rev. R. E. L. Morgan, of First Church, Mangum, did the preaching, and did it powerfully. We only had one profession here, but many seeds were sown that will surely bring forth to God's glory in after years. The pastor was assisted for three days at Gyp Hill by Rev. C. L. Canter, of Martha, Oklahoma, who is a polished student and plain, convincing preacher. The pastor preached the remainder of the time. We had several professions and accessions here. At Reed we had a ministerial help the inimitable Dick Tooley, of Weatherford, Texas, known very nearly all over the Southwest. His 42-centimeter gospel shells certainly played havoc with the redoubts of sin. We fought hard against repeated difficulties but were blessed with eighteen conversions, nearly all on the last day, and the majority at the last service when we were compelled to close the meeting just as it was fairly begun. Here we had eighteen accessions. Brother J. C. Scivally, of Vinson, known and loved all over our conference, did the preaching for our North Mangum meeting, and did it well, as he always does. Results: Thirteen professions and six accessions, both of which would have been much more but for our numerical weakness at this point. All told, the year's evangelistic efforts have netted over 100 professions and about 70 accessions. I and my people have enjoyed our fellowship with the preachers who have labored with us, with each other and with the Lord. We have repaired our North Mangum church, putting improvements outside and inside valued at \$400 or \$500. This has been made possible chiefly through the efforts of Rev. J. E. Wiseman, our devoted local elder of that Church. This was all done without

any debt. We have had some advancement along systematic lines in our six Sunday Schools this year. Brother Weaver, the alert presiding elder, has made this building of the schools of the district into more solid efficiency units of foremost importance in his plans and work. Brother Weaver has been an inspiration to all the preachers of the district this year. He has been an example to us in energy, patience and effectiveness. His auto has traversed

every road and most of the by-paths within the district. He has shared with the preachers in the strain of their work. Our Missionary Society at Center Point has been active throughout the year. These good women have given amply of their time, talents and means for the advancement of the Church's interests. They have not forgotten the preacher nor anything in which he was vitally interested. They have been an inspiration to us. The finances are well up, though

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not yet in full. We expect to make a considerable gain over last year in this respect, if not paying out in full. For all that we have accomplished this year, or received, we are profoundly grateful to the Giver of all good.—E. E. Grimes.

HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.

The greatest revival Hot Springs has ever had is now on in my Church, with Brother Burke Culpepper doing the preaching.—Theodore Copeland.

ANDREWS.

We have closed the year with fine results. We have paid off our church and parsonage and dedicated the church. Today am sending the last dollar of our conference assessments. We have also paid a nice sum on three specials. The salary is in full. Had good meetings. Will report a clean sheet on everything.—J. W. Cole.

COLD SPRINGS—A RECORD BROKEN.

Everything in full, 45 conversions and 41 additions to our Church will be the report for the Cold Springs work this year. This is the first time in the history of this work, according to the records, that this place has had such a report. The people are filled with the spirit of success. They have raised for all purposes about \$1600, and have plans on foot to spend even more next year. Willing to come back, Bishop.—F. E. Few.

SARATOGA.

We have just closed a great revival meeting at this place. Re. J. W. Cullen, of Sour Lake, Texas, a man of rare revival ability, conducted the services. He preached some of the most practical and searching sermons ever preached at this place. One man became a candidate for local license to preach, and many more quickened spiritually. Brother Cullen was highly appreciated and will long remain in the memory of all who heard him.—John A. Moore, P. C.

QUANAH.

We have just closed a splendid revival at Quanah, Texas, and we are now on our way to Rogers, Arkansas, where we will hold our next meeting. There were one hundred and twenty conversions at Quanah. We left Brother Clements happy over the results of the meeting. Brother Clements is a strong man and though he has only been in Quanah for a short while, he has won a warm place in the hearts of the good people of that little city. Look out for his report at conference.—W. M. McIntosh.

GATESVILLE.

The last Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Church of Gatesville was held in this city Wednesday evening—we say last, because it is for this conference year. We understand the report as submitted is a good one and what edges like being rounded up will be finished before conference convenes and Gatesville will no doubt, as usual, be reported in full. This meeting brings us to recognize that Rev. C. L. Cartwright, who has been our pastor for two years, is nearing the close of his year. We take it for granted he will be returned; we are sure such is the desire of his Church and we believe of the citizenship generally. Rev. Cartwright is a splendid pastor, an able man in the pulpit, an untiring worker and under his leadership the Methodist Church in this city has been brought to the most substantial basis in its history. As one member of the Church expressed it to us, "He has been worth more to me than any pastor I ever had." We say we are sure he will be returned, but if he were not, it would indeed be unfortunate for the work here.—Gatesville Messenger, Oct. 20, 1916.

ROANOKE.

We of Roanoke wish to say a few things regarding our pastor, Rev. W. N. Vernon. At 11 o'clock Sunday and Sunday night he preached his last sermons of this conference year to large congregations, and my what preaching! He preached as only Vernon can preach. Brother Vernon is above an average and has proved himself fully competent to fill the very best station in North Texas Conference. While we would be delighted to have him returned to us another two years, yet we humbly bow to the rules of our Church, but knowing him and his estimable family as we do, it would be hard and quite sad to give them up. Brother Vernon is a fine pastor and is loved by both saint and sinner. Sabbath after Sabbath he has given us food for the soul, from which we have grown in grace. Sister Vernon is the most untiring Church worker we have ever known. We can never forget this dear pastor and family, and pray God's richest blessings upon them wherever they may go, and we wish to say that the people who secure this pastor and family for another year may count themselves doubly blessed.—A Member.

WELEETKA, OKLAHOMA.

A few lines from Weleetka might be in order at this time. I am closing my second year and that we have had two years of success for our Church and the kingdom of our Lord. We have received about 132 members and baptized nineteen infants. We have a Junior League that was organized some eighteen months ago that is doing fine work and have just organized a Senior League with twenty members and had thirty present last Sunday night. The outlook is fine. We have worked almost two years for this League. We will order a charter this week. I am preaching in the afternoon in the country three Sundays in each month, having begun one of the appointments about nineteen months ago, and by keeping this up has helped us to start a fine stone church. Rev. T. P. Turner, our presiding elder, conducted the service in laying the cornerstone last Monday at 10 a. m. We are putting in the doors and window frames at this time, and have in hand about \$650. This church is east of town, three and a half miles, where we have some fine farmers who own their farms. We have twenty-two members and more that will join. This is a good way for the unoccupied places to have the gospel preached. May we go out in the afternoon, as the people are always glad to have some one to come. Some good things have been done and many more ought to be done. Allow me to say this, that we have some fine people here and one of

the best church buildings in the East Oklahoma Conference. We are hoping to be ready for conference by November 22.—B. L. Williams, Pastor, October 21.

RIVERSIDE—FORT WORTH.

Rev. W. M. Bowden, Conference Evangelist, has just closed a great meeting with this Church. There were 77 professions and 30 additions to the Church on profession of faith, \$250 subscribed on pastor's salary, a good pounding for the pastor and family and \$175 raised for the evangelist. Bowden is the greatest helper I have ever had. He is an untiring worker, a great organizer, a splendid choir director, a good soloist, a fearless preacher who rebukes sin in all of its forms, a staunch friend to the pastor. Rev. J. W. Bowden, the evangelist's father, was with us also and did some very effective personal work. So far during the year we have had 160 professions and 123 additions to the Church. We have a great Sunday School with an attendance that has reached as high as 310. A. L. Baker is the superintendent and one of the best in Texas. Conference collections in fine shape and will soon be paid in full. The pastor's salary will likewise be paid, so say the stewards. The Lord has blessed our labors and we are grateful.—Jesse H. Ballinger.

APPOINTMENTS GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE FOR 1916-17.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

R. Moerner, Presiding Elder. Bellville and Peters—To be supplied. Bering Memorial, Houston—F. W. Radezky. East Benard—O. W. Benold. Elenezer (Houston)—G. W. Muennink. Grassyville—W. F. Buss. Maxwell and Wade—H. O. Launch. New Braunfels—E. A. Konken. New Fountain—Hy. Jordan; P. H. Hensch, junior preacher. Babke and Cucro—To be supplied; F. Mumme, supernannate. San Antonio—D. G. Hardt. Yancy—I. F. Jordan. Editor Der Missions Freund—J. A. G. Rabe.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

C. A. Lehmborg, Presiding Elder. Bartlett, Beyersville—To be supplied; W. Bode. Fredericksburg—A. R. Vetter. Harper and James River—R. Gammenthaler. Llano—H. W. Weise. Mason—W. D. Wiemers. Cherokee Junior—C. A. Lehmborg, teacher. Secretary of Education—R. Gammenthaler.

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are all good men and men who have their work at heart. Every point has paid out in full save one, and that will be by Annual Conference. Our conference collections are paid in full. We have painted our church at Olin and we are building a new one at Carlton, which will be an honor to the work in town when it is completed. Our revivals were good. We have had to date 112 conversions and reclamations and 100 additions to the Church and baptized twelve babies. We serve a good and loyal people. They sure do not forget their pastor and family. My! the good things that have found their way to the parsonage since we came on this work, all of which we appreciate. We are doing our best to collect all the arrears on the Texas Christian Advocate, and we have collected all of our list but three or four. We are thankful for what the Lord has done for us.—J. D. Smoot, P. C.

At the West Texas Conference Church Extension meeting Wednesday night, just before Dr. McMurry spoke, I read the following:

I cannot take time to review the period in Texas history when there was not a Methodist or any other sort of Protestant church building west of the Sabine—not a Methodist church in an area as large as the German Empire—but we will name two facts:

The first Methodist class organized in Texas was in 1817 at old Jonesboro on Red River. Mr. Tidwell was class leader, but



M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, AND PARSONAGE, WYNNEWOOD, OKLAHOMA.

In this church the West Oklahoma Conference will be called to order Wednesday morning, November 1. In all Methodism there is not a more heroic band. These faithful men and women of West Oklahoma will give a good account of themselves, as they did at Altus last year.

OCHILTREE.

Last Sunday was a landmark in the history of Ochiltree Methodism. We dedicated what our presiding elder spoke of as "one of the most beautiful and commodious churches I have ever seen in a town of this size." It is a monument to these noble people. It was built under the pastorate of Rev. D. W. Hawkins, largely improved by Rev. J. H. Hicks, and we have raised a debt of \$600 this year. Credit is due the faithful laymen, especially Brother W. C. Dickson, for this work. On the day of dedication we also celebrated the twentieth anniversary of Ochiltree Methodism, honoring the two charter members left with us. Dr. E. E. Robinson preached two great sermons to a packed house. I know no presiding elder who has done a better work than Dr. Robinson. Indications are that Amarillo District will lead the conference, as it did last year. On this charge we have had 120 conversions and 92 additions to the Church during the year. We will report finances in full. About \$3300 has been raised for all purposes during the year. There is no "To Rent" sign hanging out at Ochiltree Station—it is my first year.—H. Bascom Watts.

CARLTON.

We are just through with our Quarterly Conference and it was a great success. Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. S. J. Vaughan, was at his best and preached us one of those soul-stirring sermons. And then came the good dinner, which was a feast to our bodies, then the business session, which was the best I ever attended. Our stewards had all worked at their job; they all had a fine report. They



REV. B. T. LANNOM, Conference Host.

there was no church building and really no Church organization.

The Roman Catholic was the established ecclesiastical system in all Texas at that time.

The first Methodist Church organized west of the Brazos was by Henry Stevenson in 1834 on Caney Creek and in violation of Romish authority.

Wm. B. Travis, of Alamo fame, gave \$2500 at that time and place for the support of a preacher. Here are the names of the first Church members in Texas:

John Wesley Kenney, Mariah I. Kenney, Lydia A. McHenry, John Rabb, James Walker, Catherine Walker, William Medford, Elizabeth Medford, John Ingram, John Crownover, Amelia Stevenson, B. Babbitt, Dudley I. White, Henry Whitesides, Laura I. Whitesides, Rachel Dever, Elizabeth Alford, Elizabeth Scott, Malinda Bargely, Catherine Bargely, Demaris Stevenson, Precilla Chandler, Mary Huff, Thomas Bell, Abigail Day, Bethel White—26 in all, 15 women and 11 men.

We then had two men in Texas itinerating at their own charges: Henry Stevenson and John Wesley Kenney. Now we have nearly 400,000 members of the Methodist Church, 1100 itinerants, with thousands of churches and parsonages. Magnificent history of the progress of Methodism between 1817 and 1916, with all her mission work, her schools and colleges, to be written by some man with the genius of Macaulay and the grace of a Stevens, a McTyeire, a Ruter or a Thrall.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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ney, John Robert Robinson, George Leroy Keever, Henry Marvin Ratliff, Charles Lee McDonald, John Craig Campbell. This was the class of the fourth year. Their characters passed and having passed approved examinations they were elected to elders' orders.

Question 6. "Who are received by transfer?" The following transfers were announced: A. N. Averytt, Jr., deacon in class of fourth year from East Oklahoma Conference.

C. E. Rozelle, in first year class, from Western North Carolina Conference.

A. Frank Smith, in second year class, from North Texas Conference.

Question 2. "Who remain on trial?" The names of the first year class were called. J. A. Boatman, D. G. Decker, Walter Dibrell, C. E. Rozelle had passed approved examinations and their characters passed. They remain on trial and advanced to class of the second year.

Question 3. "Who are discontinued?" R. E. Price was discontinued at own request.

Question 9. "Who are deacons of one year?" The names of the class of the third year were called, their characters were passed and having passed approved examinations they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

O. C. Crow, R. G. Rader, G. T. Hester, W. G. Callihan, W. N. Carl, J. P. Watson's character passed and having failed to appear before the committee remains in the third year class.

Question 12: "What local preachers are elected deacons?" J. C. Murley, Chas. Edward Marshall, Louis Uhland Spellman, Raymond Edward Locks, William Studor.

Question 16: "What local preachers are elected elders?" Carl Herman Waltersdorf, Gilbert M. McLane.

Question 5: "Who are re-admitted?" No one.

Question 7: "Who are received from other Churches as local preachers?" Wm. Edgar Tuttle was received as local elder from Church of God.

Question 8: "Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers?" Jno. Thomas Butler was received from the Church of the Nazarenes as traveling elder.

Bishop Mouzon at this point announced that a half hour would now be devoted to books. He spoke of the books in the post graduate course of study and commended each: "The Christian View of God and the World," "The Indwelling Spirit," "Fellowship in the Life Eternal," "Early Church History."

The Bishop then took up the new course of study, emphasizing Stalker's Life of Christ and his Life of Paul, Wesley and His Century, The New Life in Christ (Beet), Christian Doctrine (Dale), Letters on Baptism (Fairfield), The Christian Faith (Curtis), The Ground of Theistic Belief, The Evidence of Christian Experience, Life of William McKendree (Hoss), Life of Joshua Soule (Du Bose), Wesley's Journal (Volumes 1 and 2), Wesley's Journal (Volumes 3 and 4), History of Reformation (Lindsay), The Church and Ministry in the Early Centuries (Lindsay), Lectures on Preaching (Brooks), The Building of the Kingdom (Chappell), The Building of the Church (Jefferson). The Bishop then turned to the question of Commentaries: Garvie on Romans, also Meyers and International Critical; Elliott and Luke, International Critical on Luke; Broadus on Matthew; Cambridge Bible on the Gospels; George Adam Smith, on Isaiah and the Minor Prophets; Dodd on Genesis; A. B. Davidson (in Cambridge Bible) on Job; Peak, on Jeremiah and Driver on Jeremiah; "New Testament in Modern Speech," by Weymouth; Seay's Handbook of Old Testament, Sledd's Handbook of New Testament—these were among the books recommended and discussed.

Rev. H. C. Tucker, representative of the American Bible Society and one of our missionaries from Brazil, was introduced and addressed the Conference. "The Centenary Message of the American Bible Society," was the subject of his interesting address. Thirty-two millions of Scriptures in 600 languages, he said, are annually circulated.

The report of the Board of Lay Activities was made the order at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

C. C. Walsh made his report as Conference Treasurer. Sixty-five

preachers reported before he left for the seat of the conference. The amount collected on benevolences this year is \$68,617.72, an advance of some eight thousand over last year. Some additional reports are yet to be made, which will swell the increase over last year to more than nine thousand dollars. This is indeed a remarkable report in view of the floods and drouth in many sections of the Conference during the year.

T. F. Sessions moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to 2:30 this afternoon. The motion prevailed.

After various announcements the Conference adjourned with the singing of the doxology and the benediction by Dr. Bennett.

THIRD DAY.

Afternoon Session.

The Conference convened at 2:30 p. m., the Bishop announcing Hymn 388. After singing, F. S. Onderdonk led in prayer. Bishop Mouzon read Acts 20:17-35. This Scripture is read at the ordination of Bishops and the President of the Conference said it was his habit to read it often, seeking to rededicate himself to his responsible office.

The Secretary read the minutes of the morning session, and, after minor corrections, they were approved.

Question 52, "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" was called as the special order of the day. J. H. Groseclose nominated Travis Park, San Antonio. W. T. Renfro nominated Corpus Christi. J. W. Pittman, a layman from Corpus Christi. W. N. Carl nominated Floresville. Judge Canfield seconded Floresville. D. E. Hawk nominated San Marcos. Prof. John E. Pritchett seconded San Marcos. Travis Park received 53 votes, Corpus Christi 74, Floresville 14, San Marcos 25. J. H. Groseclose moved that Corpus Christi be made unanimous and the motion prevailed.

Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" Casper S. Wright, an elder from the Texas Conference. Dr. R. H. Bennett was introduced and addressed the Conference on "Ministerial Supply and Training." Six hundred and ten appointments, he said, were filled last year by supplies. Twenty-four hundred on the roll of the Correspondence School last year.

Dr. C. D. Bulla was introduced and addressed the Conference on the "Work of the Sunday School." He said 80,000 members came into the Church last year from the Sunday Schools.

J. H. Groseclose read the report of the Committee on the Superannuate Endowment and Home Fund. Judge William E. Hawkins read the report of the Board of Managers of the Superannuate Endowment and Home Fund outlining the plan of campaign. The goal is \$1,000,000, to be raised in Texas in five years, as a permanent endowment for superannuated preachers. Judge Hawkins spoke forcefully on the report. Both reports were adopted.

H. G. Horton read the report of the Board on the Washington City Church recommending an assessment of five per cent for the Washington City Church. Pending the adoption of the report, Rev. S. S. McKenney, representative of Washington City Church, addressed the Conference. Twenty-three Annual Conferences, he said, have committed themselves to this enterprise. The contract for the building has been let. The report was adopted.

The Anniversary of the Mission Board, to be addressed by Dr. W. W. Pinson, was announced for 7:30 p. m. After other announcements the doxology was sung and J. D. Scott pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

The conference convened at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, October 21. The Bishop announced Hymn 349. After singing Theophilus Lee led in prayer. The Scripture lesson was 1 Cor. 4 which, the Bishop said, is the greatest single chapter in the New Testament on the Christian ministry. Sterling Fisher, Secretary, read the minutes of the previous session and they were approved.

Question 14, "What local preachers are elected elders?" Geo. L. Piller, from the Austin District.

C. C. Walsh, Conference Treasurer, presented his report No. 2. J. M. Per-

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The Christian Herald Bible Picture Contest which has just ended, has been a tremendous success. 419 rewards for fitting appropriate Bible verses to pictures published in the Christian Herald. First was \$1,250.00. A new Contest is here announced. Over 500 rewards aggregating \$5,000.00 will be given away. Every reader of the Christian Herald will have opportunity to earn one of these rewards. Write for particulars. You will also receive every week in the year one of the best religious newspapers published. It will keep you up-to-date on all matters of interest. It is illustrated on nearly every page. Special articles. Short stories. Serial stories. Weekly sermons by famous pastors. Daily Meditations. Sunday School Lessons. Christian Endeavor, Baptist Young People and Epworth League Topics. Subscription price NOW \$1.50 a year. After Nov. 10th \$2.00 per year. Subscribe NOW before price is raised.

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ry read the report of the Auditing Committee approving the work of the Conference Treasurer. The report was adopted. The conference also adopted a resolution directing that all conference moneys be sent to the Conference Treasurer.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The character of the following preachers was passed and their reports are as follows:

V. A. Godley, President of Coronado, school in fine condition.

Theophilus Lee, of Bastrop: Net gain 93, finances in full, \$22 per capita. A. S. J. Haygood, of Columbus: Excess in conference collections, \$16 per capita.

J. E. Lovett, of Elgin: 75 conversions, 32 net gain, collections in full. L. C. Lilly, of Eagle Lake: Salaries in full, collections in excess of last year.

H. W. Knickerbocker, of First Church, Austin: Net gain, finances in full and over.

B. W. Allen, of the Fred Allen Memorial, Austin: Small loss in membership, built new church.

D. E. Carr, of Flatonia: His presiding elder announced that Bro. Carr had surrendered his credentials, collections in full on the charge.

H. W. Atkins, of Hyde Park, Austin: Presiding elder reported collections and salaries in full, good year.

G. L. Gibbons, of La Grange: Collections in full, salaries in full.

R. E. Duke, of Liberty Hill and Leander: Net gain 40, collections in full, excess on salary.

W. H. H. Biggs, of McDade: Net decrease of 11, collections in full.

P. B. Summers, of Manor: Slight decrease in membership, salaries and collections in full.

F. A. White, of Smithville: 52 additions, net gain 24, collections in full.

R. P. Shuler, of University Church, Austin: Presiding elder reported excellent year, collections in full.

P. S. Wilson, of Webberville: Net gain in membership, excess on salary.

L. N. Meyers, of West Point: 55 accessions, net gain 30.

M. J. Allen, of Ward Memorial, Austin: 111 additions, good Sunday School, finances in full.

J. C. Wilson, Conference Evangelist: Held 13 meetings, 200 conversions.

H. M. Whaling, Conference Evangelist: Has worked in the poorer charges without compensation.

H. L. Gray, in his seventh year at S. W. U.

Dr. W. W. Pinson was introduced to the conference and spoke a few cheering words.

J. W. Black, of Alice: 33 accessions, salaries advanced \$300, raised \$3400 for all purposes.

C. W. Perkins, of Alice Circuit: 1 new Sunday School, two lots secured, good revivals, 75 per cent paid on collections and salaries.

S. F. Goddard, of Aransas Pass: Finances slightly behind.

S. B. Beall, of Beeville: Good year, salaries advanced, finances in full.

D. A. Ross, of Berclair: Good year. J. S. Bowles, of Brownsville: Net loss 13, good Sunday School and League, reduced Church debt, slight deficit on collections.

S. C. Dunn, of Bishop: 187 conversions, 95 accessions, \$4091 raised.

W. T. Renfro, of Corpus Christi: Prohibition victory, 235 additions, 150 of these are professions of faith, finances in full.

E. A. Potts, of Edinburg: Net decrease in membership, finances behind, \$1000 indebtedness paid.

J. H. Clark, of Falfurrias: Good year said his elder.

E. Y. S. Hubbard, of Gregory: 40 on profession of faith, finances short.

E. H. Mayes, of Harlingen: Good year.

W. A. Manly, of Karnes City: 40 conversions, 30 net gain, finances in full.

T. N. Barton, of Kenedy: 96 additions, net gain 33, collections in full.

M. K. Fred, of Kingsville: Net gain 25, salaries and collections in full.

A. Y. Old, of Mathis: Net decrease 25, good year.

W. J. Bryant, of McAllen and Mission: Finances nearly in full.

J. H. Stuckey, of Oakville: 11 accessions, slight deficit in collections.

I. E. Wood, of Pharr: Good revival, good Sunday School, deficit in finances.

J. E. Morgan, of Robstown: 50 additions, net increase of 12, small deficit on collections but in excess of last year.

J. T. Simpson, of San Benito: Net gain 20, finances in full.

A. N. James: In Missouri at present.

J. K. Berry, for Sinton: Reported 96 accessions.

A. E. Rector, Sunday School Field Secretary: 112 institutes held.

The Committee on Lay Activities, through M. A. Childers, made its report as the special order of the day. Pending the adoption of the report M. A. Childers and Judge Ed Canfield addressed the Conference. The report was adopted. A supplementary report was read, recommending M. A. Childers as Conference Lay Leader, and was adopted.

A. T. White read the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals recommending the Publishers' Jubilee Campaign for the increased circulation of the Texas Christian Advocate and naming 4000 new subscribers as goal for West Texas Conference. Pending the adoption of the report L. Blaylock, W. D. Bradfield, W. W. Pinson, J. H. Groseclose and Bishop E. D. Mouzon spoke. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Concerning the Texas Christian Advocate your committee presents the following:

Whereas, The Joint Board of Publication of the Texas Christian Advocate has issued the following resolutions to the Methodists of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico:

1. That the week beginning December 3, 1916, be designated and set aside as Publishers' Jubilee week.
2. That each Annual Conference be asked, through its members of this Board, to indorse and in every possible way encourage this campaign.
3. That the members of this Board in their respective conferences be constituted a committee to have charge of said campaign.
4. That 40,000 subscribers be set as a minimum for this year, this being an increase of more than 15,000 over what we have at the present time.

And, whereas, they have assigned the following reasons for such campaign:

1. There are 400,000 Methodists in the territory served by the Texas Christian Advocate—the most splendid constituency served by any Advocate of our Connection; and a minimum of 40,000 subscribers is certainly a goal that we should attain if we hope to serve our constituency as we should.
2. It is necessary to increase the size of the paper to meet the growing demands of our enlarged constituency.
3. It is necessary to eliminate as far as practicable all small type from the Advocate, as small type is not acceptable to many of our people.
4. The increased cost of paper (nearly 200 per cent) makes it necessary to increase the subscription price (as most Advocates have done) unless we greatly increase the subscription list.
5. The editor should have better compensation than the income of the paper now will justify.
6. The financial condition of the country makes it practicable to undertake this increase in the circulation at this time.
7. The many vital questions before us now, such as submission for Texas, the unification of Methodism, our educational interests, etc., have created a demand for the paper among our peo-

ple which will now subscribe. We regret being an indistinct remarkable growth and as be of union of the Southwest, an extent of all our territory that circulation, in incalculable t

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ple which will make it easy to get the new subscribers.

8. We recognize the Advocate as being an indispensable factor in the remarkable growth of Texas Methodism and as being the one single bond of union of our Methodism in the Southwest, and as the ablest exponent of all our interests in the great territory that it serves.

9. November 30, 1916, marks the completion of a half century of the work of our publisher, L. Blaylock. It is the deliberate judgment of the Board that the splendid work of the Advocate has been made possible by his generous and untiring labors in its interest, and it would be a fitting tribute to his efficiency and fidelity to present him with 20,000 new subscribers on his semi-centennial year.

Resolved, That the West Texas Conference pledges itself to enter heartily upon this campaign and designates 4000 as the goal which it should reach.

The special order of the day having arrived the Secretary of the Conference called the names of the class to be received into full connection. The following compose the class: Milton Fly Hill, Harold S. Goodenough, George F. Harris, G. G. Smith, George Traylor Hester and A. Frank Smith. The Bishop propounded to the class the Disciplinary questions and upon satisfactory answers the entire class was received into full connection.

Among the thoughts of the Bishop's address are the following: The greatest offense a minister can commit is to make a trade of his calling. Have you faith in Christ? By this we mean do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and your present Savior? No man, remember, can say this but by the Holy Spirit. Are you going on to perfection? Nothing so inspires a man as a lofty ideal. If you are not going on to perfection, to what are you going? Perfection is nothing less than loving God with all one's heart and his neighbor as himself. That man is the best Methodist who has the spirit of Methodism. If we are to have another hundred years of glorious history, we must have another hundred years of glorious experience. Don't you go into business, preaching is your one business. Whenever I hear one depreciating pastoral visiting, I come to the conclusion that such one is backslidden. Visit the old saints. They know more about God than you do. Sometimes the preacher says, "The Church is my force and not my field." You are called to be the pastor of the flock. Deliver yourself upon your Church and your Church will deliver itself upon the world. Sing the great hymns. Methodism is the only Church which has its own hymnology. There is great theology in our own hymns. Stay out of debt. You are the preacher in charge. Never a great revival without great preaching. Important to raise money, to build houses, but your first business is to preach. Brethren, learn to preach. The Conference sang, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" and almost its entire membership shook hands with the preachers composing the class.

Sterling Fisher read a paper bearing on the Centenary of Texas Methodism. W. D. Bradford and E. R. Pedigo were named to represent the West Texas Conference on the general committee having in hand the program for the proposed celebration in 1917. The paper was adopted.

H. A. Boaz, President of the Texas Woman's College, was introduced and addressed the Conference on the

Woman's College. The enrollment this year is 340. The debt of the college is provided for with an overplus of \$50,000. The college property is valued at nearly \$300,000.

G. M. Boyd made the announcements for Sunday preaching. The anniversary of the Board of Education was announced for 7:30, Bishop E. D. Mouzon and Dr. C. M. Bishop speakers. After other announcements the Conference adjourned with the doxology, W. W. Pinson pronouncing the benediction.

SEE ELSEWHERE FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

"There is danger that the discussions of peace and war may occupy too large a place in pulpit and press and may divert the people from supreme attention to the supreme issue, the redemption of men from sin and their reconciliation with God. It is easy to allow the by-products to usurp the place that rightfully belongs to the main good. Peace and prosperity and liberty and law can come in any permanent form only to a race that is saved and sanctified by the gospel of Christ."—Christian Observer.

Catarth, an excessive secretion from an inflamed mucous membrane, is radically and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

If it be true we are fashioned after Him, that we bear his likeness—though we are so impecunious still we are fashioned after the amazing glory of the opulent God—what sort of men and women ought we to be? We are in tatters, but we have the King's purple garments on still. We are withered, and our hands reach and grasp, but still we have something of the amazing might of God. People sometimes in their dreams see things in dim perspective. It is only thus that men and women are fashioned after God; and God is omniscient—and sometimes in rare and radiant moments when the sky is clear and affable to vision, we can see beyond our limits. —William A. Quayle.

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Church Extension Facts In A NUTSHELL

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BY REV. H. H. SMITH, Of the Virginia Conference.

I. WHAT IS THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION?

"The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized for the purpose of providing in part the means for the building of churches and parsonages in eligible and needy localities where the people are not able to build for themselves." The Board consists of a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and twenty Managers elected quadrennially by the General Conference. The Bishops and the Secretary of the Board of Missions are ex officio members of the Board.

II. WHAT HAS IT ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST?

From its organization, in 1882, to March, 1916, this Board has loaned to churches and parsonages \$1,760,801.50; donated to churches and parsonages \$3,212,993.34; making a total investment in churches and parsonages of \$4,973,794.84.

It has aided in the building of 9488 churches and 2532 parsonages. The churches and parsonages aided represent 53 Conferences and 31 States. The largest number of churches aided in any one State was that of Texas where 1364 churches, and 544 parsonages received help from this Board. Georgia comes second with 868 churches, and 172 parsonages, aided. Appropriations were also made to our work in seven foreign countries, giving aid to 145 churches in our mission fields.

III. WHAT ARE THE NEEDS OF THE BOARD FOR THE FUTURE?

At the annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension in 1916 there were applications for donations for churches and parsonages amounting to \$205,784.78; and the Board felt it necessary to carry over unpaid grants from the preceding year amounting to \$53,114.96, which makes a total of \$258,899.74 needed in donations. Of this amount the Board was able to grant only \$132,509.25, a little more than one-half.

The amount asked for in loans for churches and parsonages at this meeting was \$278,418.60. The amount carried over, unpaid grants amounted to \$35,750.00, or a total need in loan money of \$314,168.60. Of this amount the Board could grant only \$127,750.00, less than one-half. These figures will give some idea of the needs of the Board. It means that the Board could more than double its usefulness if it had the funds. There are 2470 congregations in Southern Methodism without houses of worship, and 1124 preachers without parsonages. The assessment for Church Extension in 1916 for the whole Church was \$300,000, or only about fifteen cents per member.

There is great need for an immediate increase in the Loan Fund Capital. "Through the constant accumulation of interest and added contributions to the Capital, these Loan Funds are ever increasing. By a process of revolution, they carry their benefits to Churches that need assistance, returning with added power, to go forth again with larger benefits. The funds themselves remain unexhausted and imperishable. Whatever may be said of other investments, hereby every token, money becomes a moral force and immortal. It works forever for God and for humanity."

The following figures will show how important is the work of the Loan Fund; for the year ending March 31, 1916, the amount received on Loan Fund was, in round numbers, \$118,000.00; annual interest earned, less annuities, etc., \$14,900.00; increase of Loan Fund Capital during the year \$133,000.00; Loan Fund Capital at the close of the year \$804,000.00.

The Board of Church Extension is prepared to pay annuities on loans made by persons who are unable to get along without the income from their property. By this means a person "administers upon his own estate, and has the satisfaction of seeing the results of his own investments."

A very popular form of investment with the Board of Church Extension is the Memorial Loan Fund. The donor establishes this fund in the name of those whose memory it is desired to honor and perpetuate. "These Memorial Loan Funds become in a peculiar sense living monuments, more lasting than brass or granite, more precious than gold or silver. Unlike all other monuments, they are imperishable, everlasting, going forth to help and bless mankind in the highest possible sense. No man of wealth can do a nobler thing, or use his substance to better purpose, or honor those dear to him in a more effective way, than to establish such a loan fund in memory of a loved one." To those who have not investigated the matter, it seems impossible that a loan fund should be able to accomplish so much good. Take for instance a loan fund of \$2500.00. A fund of this amount will assist ten Churches to the amount of \$7,000.00 in five years, and at the same time the working capital of the loan fund is increased to the amount of \$3,000.00. To make possible the building of ten churches! Who would not covet such a privilege?

No one can imagine the possibilities of good growing out of the erection of even the most humble church building. The Christian Observer published the following interesting incident: "In 1855 the American Sunday School Union organized a Sunday School in the mountains of Kentucky. From this little school in the backwoods there have gone out seven ministers of the gospel, one missionary of the American Sunday School Union, one candidate for Vice-President of the United States, one Lieutenant-Governor of Kentucky, seventy-two school teachers, thirteen merchants, ten lawyers, thirteen practicing physicians. In their youth, 200 scholars of this school united with the Church, and no person connected with this Sunday School has ever been convicted of any crime. Some who received their moral training here now occupy important positions in other States, in colleges, in banks, and as successful business men."

The New York Christian Advocate stated in a recent issue that there is a little Wesleyan Church in a village in England which has never had a membership of more than one hundred, and yet it has sent out into the Christian ministry fifteen men. Several became very prominent preachers, among them was Dr. S. Parkes Cadman.

Let every man who has some of the Lord's money to dispose of ponder these significant facts; and let every pastor realize that as he raises funds for the Board of Church Extension he is helping very materially in the extension of the Kingdom of God.



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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

(See also pages 3, 6 and 7 for conference proceedings.)

FIFTH DAY.

Morning Session.

Bishop Mouzon announced Hymn 544 at 9 o'clock Monday morning, October 23. After singing H. G. Horton led in prayer. The Bishop read the 121st Psalm. This may be called "The Itinerant Psalm." He gave a touching incident in which this Psalm brought refreshing and comfort in his itinerant episcopal life. Nothing more remarkable in history, said the Bishop, than the providential care of God over his people. God has been with his Church and God is with it today. And God's providential care is individualistic. He does not lose the individual in the mass. "The Lord will preserve thy going out and thy coming in." God will give "threshold grace." Particularly appropriate, said the Bishop, is this Psalm as some are going out and some are coming in (referring to the change of charges). Here the Bishop told of Bishop Ward's last "going out," and there were few dry eyes in the conference.

Sterling Fisher read the minutes of Saturday's session and they were approved.

Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" H. W. Bennett, Homer Miller, L. A. Spellman. Each having stood an approved examination, was advanced to the class of the second year.

The conference engaged in prayer for J. T. Gillett who has recently suffered a painful fall.

Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" E. B. Vargas.

The Bishop called the name of R. L. Pyle, and his name was referred for the supernumerary relation.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The names of the following were called one by one and their characters were passed: J. W. Albritten, M. L. Darbey, R. A. Rowland, E. G. Hocutt, W. A. Dunn, D. A. Williams, W. L. Brandon, F. M. Jackson, A. Guyon, B. A. Myers, E. L. Edgar, N. W. Carter, J. M. Lynn, J. D. Worrell, H. B. Owen, R. G. Flummer, W. M. Crutchfield, J. T. Curry C. W. Rylander, J. P. Garrett, J. G. Forrester, N. B. Read, J. F. Lawlis, E. A. Hunter, J. T. Tracy, N. G. Ozment, Z. V. Liles, Geo. L. Ryan, H. E. Draper, J. D. Dorsey, I. T. Morris, W. D. Williamson, J. M. Perry, C. W. Hardon, A. T. White, R. S. Adair, C. G. Hill, Joe F. Webb, J. H. Maxwell, J. D. McWhorter, T. M. Dalton, J. N. Rentfro, Lewis McVea, S. L. Batchelor, O. T. Cooper, J. D. May, Gaston Hartsfield, C. Pugsley, J. D. Scott, J. W. Rowland, C. W. Webdel, C. M. Rabe, R. A. Waltrip, J. H. Meredith, S. W. Kemerer, W. F. Weeks, J. E. Harrison, J. A. Phillips, W. D. Bradfield, R. E. Parker, L. A. Alkire, L. C. Matthis, J. A. Pledger, J. R. Goodloe, J. C. Winkle, A. L. Scarborough, Robert Paine, W. A. Hart, M. P. Morton, D. E. Hawk, J. F. Pennybacker, W. L. Hightower, J. T. King, J. W. Shoemaker, M. Williamson, J. W. Long, E. E. Swanson, C. E. Wheat, R. S. Pierce, A. B. Davidson, J. M. Alexander, W. L. Barr, A. T. Coker, J. E. Buck, S. M. Hull, G. M. Boyd, E. H. Crandall.

L. E. Booth and W. W. Nunn were given an honorable location at their own request.

Bishop Mouzon submitted at this juncture the proposed constitutional amendment concerning the ex-officio membership of the Conference Lay Leader and District Lay Leader in the Annual Conference. The vote was 30 for and 85 against.

J. H. Groseclose read the report of the Board of Managers of the Superannuate Endowment and Home Fund. The report showed that the Commissioner, H. E. Draper, had raised in cash and subscriptions the sum of \$25,975. The report instructed the Joint Board of Finance to make an assessment of \$3000, out of which the salary of the Commissioner shall be paid. An amendment by J. W. Albritten and others directed that the salary of the Commissioner be paid out of his collections. J. W. Albritten, J. H. Groseclose addressed the conference. The amendment prevailed by 82 to 41. Sterling Fisher moved to reconsider the vote whereby the amendment was adopted. The conference declined to reconsider. The report as amended was adopted.

V. A. Godbey, President of Coronal Institute, addressed the conference on his work. Coronal is 49 years old. More than 100 counties in Texas have no affiliated preparatory schools with the State University, hence the demonstrated need of Coronal. Coronal is giving \$3500 this year in free tuition to preachers' children. Bishop Mouzon followed with pertinent remarks concerning our educational needs in Texas.

H. L. Gray read the report of the Board of Education. The report recommended the following assessments: For Southern Methodist University \$3000, Southwestern University \$3000, San Antonio Female College \$2000, Coronal Institute \$1500, Cherokee Junior College \$200, Bible chair \$800.

The report also recommended a campaign for a Sunday School chair in S. M. U., to be established in conjunction with the Northwest Texas Conference.

A campaign for \$30,000 for Coronal was recommended.

V. A. Godbey, T. F. Sessions and Bishop Mouzon spoke to the report. J. W. Black moved to amend the report by making the assessments the same as last year. Theophilus Lee, J. H. Groseclose, H. L. Gray, D. E. Hawk, S. B. Johnston, V. A. Godbey and W. D. Bradfield spoke to the amendment. The amendment was lost. The report was adopted.

H. G. Horton read the report of the Board of Church Extension. Total received this year for Church Extension \$6339.90, an increase of nearly \$400 over last year. S. L. Batchelor read the Treasurer's report for the Board. The report was adopted.

S. B. Beall read the report of the Board of Missions. The report was adopted.

A. E. Rector read the report of the Sunday School Board, showing an increase in specials for missions of 44 per cent, naming second Sunday in March as Religious Education Day at which time collections shall be taken for the endowment of a Chair of Religious Pedagogy in S. M. U. A. E. Rector was nominated as Field Secretary. The report was adopted.

Moved to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Motion prevailed.

J. T. Curry read the report of the Board of Missions concerning a bequest of Miss Sallie J. Hendricks. The report was adopted.

A. B. Davidson read the report of the Epworth League Board. The report was adopted.

T. F. Sessions, in connection with this report, recited the advantageous location of the Texas Methodist Assembly at Port O'Connor.

Robert Paine read the report of the Committee on Conference Relations. The names of the supernumeraries and the superannuates were given in this report. This report answers Questions 19 and 20.

J. K. Beery read the report of the Committee on Temperance and Sabbath Observance. A recital was made of the progress of prohibition in Texas and strong resolutions were urged in behalf of further aggressive temperance work. A strong stand was taken as to Sabbath observance. The report was adopted.

L. C. Lilly read the report of the Committee on Orphanage, urging early collections for the Orphanage. The report was adopted.

T. N. Barton read the report of the Committee on the American Bible Society, recommending a special sermon from our pastors on December 10 in commemoration of the Centennial of the society. The report was adopted.

S. W. Kemerer read the report of the Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church. Received last year: On confession, 3737; by certificate, 4229; from Sunday School, 1190. Recommending (1) deepening prayer life, (2) consecration, (3) the preaching

great doctrines, (4) prayer in the homes, (5) the preaching Christ as a present Savior.

Bishop Mouzon exhorted at the close of this remarkable report. He especially warned against the motion picture show. He pled for old-time pastoral visitation. He pled for a return of pastoral evangelism. The report was adopted.

After various announcements the Conference adjourned with the singing of the doxology, Bishop Mouzon pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

Afternoon Session.

Hymn 208 was announced by Bishop Mouzon at 2 p. m. After singing, A. E. Rector led in prayer. The Bishop read the 133rd Psalm. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity"—this was the keynote of the Bishop's remarks. Let us pray for a fresh anointing of brotherly love. Brotherly love is refreshing, it is life-giving. This was the Bishop's closing talk at a conference characterized by remarkable brotherly love.

Sterling Fisher read the minutes of the morning session and after minor corrections they were approved.

J. H. Groseclose moved to rescind the action by which a constitution for the Superannuated Endowment and Home Fund was adopted. The motion prevailed. He then presented the constitution with a slight alteration and it was adopted.

S. L. Batchelor read resolutions on the Unification of Methodism and they were adopted with only two dissenting votes.

A. T. White read the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals, recommending the election of Thos. Gregory to the Joint Board of Publication of the Texas Christian Advocate. The report was adopted.

J. W. Allison read the report of the Joint Board of Finance and it was adopted.

W. G. Callihan read the report of the Committee on the Rescue Home, recommending an assessment of \$3000 for the Home. The report was adopted.

Sterling Fisher, in place of A. J. Weeks; Geo. M. Boyd, in place of R. P. Shuler, were elected Trustees of the Bible Chair.

George Harris read the report of the Committee on District Conference Records. The report was adopted.

G. M. Boyd read the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, showing that \$8770 had been raised for education during the year. The report was accepted.

Resolutions of thanks were read by A. B. Davidson. The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

H. L. Gray and J. F. Webb made announcements concerning the Summer School of Theology.

Gaston Hartsfield read the report of the Committee on Evangelism as follows:

Report on Evangelism.

1. We, the Committee on Evangelism, recommend H. M. Whaling, J. C. Wilson and R. A. Waltrip as Conference Evangelists.

2. D. L. Coale, a General Evangelist, as worthy and efficient help for those of our pastors who may need his services in revival meetings.

3. We recommend that evangelistic institutes be held at three central points as follows: San Antonio, Cuero and Lampasas.

J. W. Albritten, Z. V. Liles and Joe F. Webb were named by the Bishop as members of the proposed Texas Lord's Day Commission.

Question 6: "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" J. J. Mason, from the North Texas Conference; Felix R. Hill, Jr., from the Louisiana Conference; Henry L. Dupree, from the Southwest Missouri Conference; J. K. Beery, from the Southwest Missouri Conference; W. Vasco Teer, from the East Oklahoma Conference; Luther Roberts, from the East Oklahoma Conference; T. M. Dalton, from the Central Texas Conference.

Question 21, "What preachers have died during the past year?" No one.

Bishop Mouzon announced Hymn "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" After singing by the Conference the Bishop led in prayer. Sterling Fisher read the minutes of the afternoon session and they were approved.

Question 53, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" (See appointments on page 16.)

THE CONFERENCE SUNDAY.

Methodism had the right-of-way in Uvalde last Sunday. At 9 o'clock the Conference love feast was held in the beautiful Methodist Church. It was indeed a refreshing hour. At 11 o'clock the pulpits of the city were occupied by our pastors, and, without exception, cheering reports came from the services at each Church.

Bishop E. D. Mouzon was the preacher at 11 a. m. at the Methodist Church. A great audience assembled to hear him. The music, with Mrs. Dr. B. M. Hines at the organ, was indeed inspiring. Bishop Mouzon chose for his text Matt. 28:18, 19 and "The Authority of Jesus" as his theme.



BISHOP E. D. MOUZON.

The sermon showed a rare acquaintance with the teaching of the Holy Scriptures and that of recent books on the "Authority of Jesus." The Bishop, moreover, has grasped the deepest philosophy of the subject. He showed that our age calls for a new statement of authority in religion. This authority reposes in no earthly organization nor even in a divine Book, but solely in the Person of Christ. In virtue of what Jesus is and says and does He is the master of our thought and the Lord of our lives. Christianity, he said, is not the religion of a Church, or of a Book; it is the religion of a Person. The supreme authority of Christianity inheres in the character of Christ; his words impose themselves by the weight of their own virtue and can no more be repudiated than one can repudiate his own conscience and his own self. The mightiest thing in the world is the holy Personality of Christ. Christ is among men mastering them by his holy Personality, and this Personality does not stand outside of us, but on the inside, impelling and compelling in its power.

Space will not allow us to follow further the great thoughts of this really great sermon, but let it suffice to say that our Texas Bishop was at his best.

At the conclusion of the sermon the following traveling deacons were ordained: Milton Fly Hill, Geo. Traylor Hester. The following were ordained as local deacons: George Davis Pickens, Charles Edward Marshall, Louis Umland Spellman, Raymond Edward Locks and William E. Studor.

At the evening hour the pulpits of the city were again thrown open to the visiting Methodists and again the churches were crowded with interested congregations.

The editor of the Advocate occupied the pulpit at the Methodist Church. He began by saying that as he left home for the seat of the Conference he had put into his suitcase his sermon on "The Authority of Jesus." The Conference smiled, and a moment later burst into laughter, as the Bishop said, "I did not steal it, Doctor." "The Will of God As a Life Purpose" was the editor's theme. Matt. 6:10, "Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth," was the text. The great audience listened patiently and we have good hope that good was accomplished.

After the sermon the following traveling elders were ordained: Walter Martin McKinney, John Robert Robinson, George Leroy Keever, Henry Marvin Ratliff, Charles Lee McDonald, John Craig Campbell, and Ernest Leonard Edgar. George Leonard Pfiler was ordained local elder.

Thus closed one of the most religious Sundays at one of the most religious Conferences we have ever known.

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RESOLUTIONS ON THE UNIFICATION OF METHODISM BY THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Whereas, A Joint Commission composed of duly appointed Commissioners from our own Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church, formulated a tentative plan for the unification of these Churches; and

Whereas, The General Conferences of the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South, have declared said report to contain the basic principles for the desired unification, though differing in the recommendations for the working out of the plan, in some important items; and

Whereas, The General Conference of each of these Churches has directed that a Joint Commission of twenty-five from each Church shall elaborate and further perfect the plan of unification for the consideration of the several General Conferences, to the end if possible a just, equitable and harmonious conclusion may be reached.

Resolved, By the West Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South:

1. That we contemplate with great satisfaction the prospect of the unification of these Churches and here record our thankfulness to the great Head of the Church for his manifest leadership toward that end.

2. That we express our disapproval of any reflection upon the integrity or sincerity of motives of individual or Churches concerned.

3. That we hereby register the definite conviction that a plan for unifying the Churches of American Methodism can be found which unjust to neither will contribute to the fullest development and largest efficiency of Methodism both at home and abroad.

4. That we hereby call our people to prayer to God on behalf of the Joint Commission that he may rule in all their work, and on behalf of Methodist people everywhere that their hearts may indeed be knit together in bonds of Christian fraternity and love.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Rev. Claude A. Campbell is doing fine work as a teacher at Coronal.

Rev. A. M. Foster, of Skidmore Circuit, had a good year. A member of the class of the second year.

Rev. H. S. Goodenough, of Midfields Circuit, reported 60 accessions and advanced to the class of the third year.

Rev. Geo. F. Harris, of Calallen, reported 35 accessions, collections in full.

Rev. G. T. Hester, of Garwood Circuit, reported a good year.

Rev. M. S. Hill, of Water Valley Circuit, reported five revivals in his charge. Elected deacon and advanced to class of the third year.

Rev. G. G. Smith, of Kempner Circuit, reported 48 conversions, 1 new church dedicated.

Rev. W. L. Wall, of Rochelle Circuit, reported a good year.

Rev. L. W. Walker, of Rock Springs Circuit, reported net gain of 35 in membership, collections in full.

Rev. Oliver M. Cole, of Dripping Springs Circuit, completes successfully his studies and was elected to elders' orders.

Rev. W. M. McKinney, of Jourdan, reported a good year and was elected to elders' orders.

Rev. J. R. Robinson, of Center City, reported a net gain of 28 members, collections in full.

Rev. George L. Keever, of Chadbourne Street, San Angelo, reported 40 accessions, \$1700 raised for all purposes.

Rev. H. M. Ratliff, of Alamo, San Antonio, reported 90 accessions, collections in full.

Rev. C. L. McDonald, of Cherokee, reported net increase in membership of 25, collections in full.

Rev. J. A. Boatman, of Menard, reported 99 accessions to the Church.

He completed his studies in the class of the first year.

Rev. Jno. C. Campbell, of Junction Circuit, reported 40 accessions, 1 church built and dedicated.

Rev. D. G. Decherd, of Willow City Circuit, reported 12 accessions to the Church. Completed his studies in class of the first year.

Rev. Walter Dibrell, of Sherwood Circuit, reported 25 accessions to the Church. Successfully finished studies in class of first year.

Rev. C. E. Rozzelle, reported 75 accessions to the Church, collections in full.

Rev. O. C. Crow, of Raymondville, reported 70 additions to the Church, built parsonage.

Rev. Roy G. Rader, of Weimer, reported a good year, everything paid in full.

Rev. J. P. Watson, of Fredonia Circuit, reported 52 accessions to the Church, one new church built.

Rev. G. T. Hester reported salaries overpaid, increase in membership.

Rev. W. G. Callihan, reported everything in full.

Rev. W. N. Carl, of Floresville, reported 75 accessions to the Church, collections in full.

The addresses of Major C. E. Clemens and Dr. Jno. R. Stewart were greatly enjoyed on Thursday evening of the Conference. Major Clemens is a chaplain on the border, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a most entertaining man.

Dr. W. F. McMurry, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, delivered a most instructive and inspiring address on Wednesday evening, October 18. He is the right man in the right place.

Dr. W. W. Pinson, Secretary of the Board of Missions, chose for his theme Friday evening, October 20, "Methodism and Missions." It has been a long time since any conference has heard a more thrilling address.

Bishop E. D. Mouzon, Professor H. L. Gray, Judge M. A. Childers and the editor of the Advocate were entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. B. M. Hines. A more delightful host and hostess no company of men ever had.

Rev. W. L. Hightower, of Staples, reported a fine year. Conference assessments in full.

Rev. J. T. Tracey, of Mason, reported 168 conversions, 87 additions, everything in full.

Rev. Wallace M. Crutchfield, of Victoria, reported a sweeping revival, a net gain in membership, finances in full.

Rev. B. A. Myers, of Palacios: 70 accessions, assessments in full, closes a fine quadrennium.

Rev. A. L. Scarborough, of Lockhart: finances in full, good revival, net gain in membership, Church debt being paid.

Rev. H. W. Knickerbocker, First Church, Austin: 185 accessions, salaries and collections overpaid, 1149 members, 1126 in Sunday Schools. (A remarkable year.—Editor.)

Rev. J. M. Alexander was changed from Pearsall to Hondo on March 23. Since that date has had 49 accessions, salaries and collections in full, raised for all purposes \$2860, fine Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society.

Rev. H. B. Owens, of Smiley: 50 accessions to the Church, net gain 15, all benevolences in full, organized 1 Sunday School and 1 Woman's Missionary Society.

Rev. Gaston Hartsfield, McKinley Avenue, San Antonio: 230 accessions, salaries and collections in full, salary increased \$300.

Rev. R. G. Flummer, Stockdale: A good revival, 55 additions to the Church on profession of faith and 11

by letter and otherwise, total 66. Three have expressed a desire to become preachers of the gospel, and one a deaconess and several others desire to take up some special work in the Church. All assessments, both for the support of the ministry and the benevolences.

Rev. J. W. Allbritten, Cuero: 64 accessions, 22 net gain, \$600 paid on parsonage, salaries and collections in full.

Rev. Dow B. Beane, Cotulla: Despite 10 months drouth and storm everything paid in full, great revival.

Rev. R. A. Waltrip, Bandera: Received 92 on profession of faith, baptized 80 adults and 15 infants.

Rev. James F. Pennybacker, Seguin: 22 accessions, net gain of 7, \$3800 grand total collected, finances in full, 1 Sunday School organized.

Rev. John M. Lynn, Runge: 40 accessions, salaries and collections in full, finishes fine quadrennium.

Rev. R. E. Parker, Belmont: 35 additions, net gain 15, salaries and collections in full, parsonage and two church buildings improved.

Rev. N. W. Carter, Port Lavaca: 22 accessions, bought church and two acres of ground, traveled 2000 miles, Children's Day observed.

Rev. S. M. Kemerer, Kerrville: 47 accessions, net increase 41, Sunday School enrollment exceeds Church membership, salaries and collections in full, some specials raised.

Rev. C. W. Rylander, Bertram: Collections in full, salaries slightly behind, parsonage repaired, built and paid for two Sunday School rooms.

Rev. Z. V. Liles, San Saba: 74 accessions, 15 infants baptized, 28 adults baptized, assessments in full, \$10,000 gift secured to S. W. University, total raised \$7964, money needed to furnish new church provided.

Rev. E. E. Swanson, Del Rio: 69 additions to the Church, net gain of 43, all finances in full, a beautiful new parsonage built worth \$3500.

Rev. Marcos Williamson, Carrizo Springs: Net gain in membership 40, members received 68, received by profession of faith 48, paid for all purposes \$15 per capita.

Rev. L. A. Alkire, Blanco: Salaries and collections overpaid, 42 accessions to the Church, 12 conversions in "Win-One" Campaign, raised for all purposes \$1785.50, 18 additions from Sunday School.

Rev. W. L. Brandon, LaVernia: Net increase 33, all finances in full, built and furnished new parsonage, total finances \$2783.

Rev. Walter L. Barr, Laredo: 69 members received, Sunday School increased from 117 to 606, all finances in full, congregations increased from a handful to capacity of house.

Rev. R. A. Rowland, of El Campo: Members received 46, salaries in full, collections, small deficit, Sabbath Schoolroom erected and church and parsonage improved, paid for all causes \$3600.

Rev. Dallas A. Williams, of Hallettsville: Made some improvement on church and parsonage property, paid some church debts, Sunday School enrollment is in advance of Church membership, have had a spiritual uplift. Finances are all in full and over, some also on specials.

Rev. S. L. Batchelor, of Government Hill, San Antonio: 20 additions, salary increased \$200 and paid, collections increased \$200 and paid.

Rev. M. P. Morton, Martindale: Salary in full, assessments 80 per cents, 20 accessions, 8 on profession of faith, \$600 subscribed on Superannuate Endowment Fund.

Rev. C. M. Dunseth, Victoria Mission: Mission organized in October, 1915, net gain in membership 74, salaries and collections in full.

Rev. A. Guyon, Nursery Circuit: Received on profession of faith 29, by certificate 9, salary and benevolences in full, \$52 special for missions, one

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home for superannuated preachers donated by J. H. Pridgen, of Thomas, \$50 offering for Orphans' Home.

Rev. Wm. J. Brient, Macallen Mission: At Macallen in two years received almost as many members as are now on the roll. At Mission during this year the division has been healed. The collections are very nearly in full.

Rev. Chas. M. Rabe, West End, San Antonio: Members received 18, amount raised \$2700, a per capita of \$12.40, students of San Antonio Female College and Peacock's Military School with their faculties in regular attendance at the Church.

Rev. R. E. Locks, Mullin: 3 revivals, 13 conversions, salaries in full, benevolences slightly behind, \$225 spent in repair of church.

Rev. E. A. Hunter, Lometa: Two church debts paid, conference collections paid in full, 40 additions to the Church.

The Conference Quartet, composed of S. W. Kemerer, A. A. Simpson, D. B. Beene and W. M. Crutchfield, greatly delighted the large audience at Uvalde.

Bishop E. D. Mouzon and Dr. C. M. Bishop made strong addresses on "Education" at the anniversary meeting of the Board.

Mrs. W. E. Bivens, Conference stenographer, was indispensable to the work of the Conference. She was obliging and efficient.

G. M. Boyd, F. B. Buchanan, J. M. Perry, H. M. Ratliff, Gaston Hartsfield, J. F. Pennybacker and J. A. Pledger, were appointed by Bishop Mouzon to assist in the collections for S. M. U.

Rev. Geo. M. Boyd, of Uvalde, was an ideal Conference host. Nothing escaped him. He and his people gave the Conference magnificent entertainment.

Rev. W. A. Hart, Manchaca: 33 accessions, salaries and collections in full, \$2470 raised for all purposes.

Rev. J. Rush Goodloe, Lytton Springs: 34 net gain. A large increase in assessments, both on collections and salary; all paid in full. \$900 paid on new church. \$2000 on hand for another church.

Rev. D. E. Hawk, San Marcos: Good meeting. 45 net gain. All collections in full. Missionary and specials over \$700.

Rev. J. H. Meredith, Center Point: Salary \$100 excess. Collections in full. Self-denial offering (week of prayer) \$72. Conversions 64. Paid on debts about \$400.

Rev. J. T. King, Waelder and Thompsonville: 40 additions, 25 on profession of faith. Mexican church paid out of debt. Salaries and assessments in full.

Rev. J. H. Maxwell, Sonora: Received 20 members. Built a \$2500 parsonage. Pastor and presiding elder's salaries in full. Benevolences a little short.

Rev. C. Wesley Webdell, Travis Park San Antonio: Received during this year 384; net gain 271. Infants baptized 19. Raised by the Sunday School \$1880. Sunday School raised

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MISSION WORK IN TEXAS.

That the mission work in Texas is in good hands is not to be doubted when it is known that Brother F. S. Onderdonk is at the head of it.

No more interesting speakers are heard on the program than these missionaries to those in our own land who so woefully need the Light.

Brother Francisco Edro, in charge of the Italian work in the vicinity of Bryan, Texas, was raised a Catholic and knows the Roman Church both from inside and outside.

Brother Joseph Dobes, also of Bryan, and in charge of work for Bohemians in Texas is doing a great work. He, too, was raised a Roman Catholic and knows thoroughly with what he has to deal in working with his people.

Brother E. B. Vargas, Houston, is pastor of the Mexican Church in Houston. He also is editor of the "Heraldo Cristiano," a bi-monthly religious newspaper published in the interest of Protestant Mexicans.

Others than these we have Miss Wynn, our deaconess and others who are doing the quiet, less spectacular but equally tell-tale work for the Master.

OFFICERS AT SANGER, TEXAS.

President, Mr. A. C. Price; Vice-President, W. A. Giles; Secretary, Grace Koons; Treasurer, Otto Harst; Corresponding Secretary, Johnnie Lee Milligan; Superintendent, First Department, Mrs. J. W. Koons; Superintendent, Second Department, Alyn Duncan; Superintendent, Third Department, Mrs. C. A. Crowson; Superintendent, Willie Crowling; Era Agent, Emma King.

"POP"

In loving obedience to the voice of God to "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee," and guided by kind Providence, the subject of this sketch, Rev. Thos. Ellis Reeve, in 1911 left his home in Georgia and journeyed toward the West to take up his work as a minister of the gospel.

Having received and answered a call to the foreign field at the age of sixteen, he doubtless regarded his Western call as a means to an end, but his splendid five years of faithful, efficient and willing service as depicted in the following paragraphs will convince the reader that he must have frequently praised God for the "means," recognizing the fact that every means in the ministry should contain in itself an end; a purpose, the redemption of souls for and the building of them up in Jesus Christ.

One year as pastor at Woodland, California, two years at Alameda, and one and one-half years at the San Francisco Wesley House, cover briefly his Western career. As the last pastorate reveals the unfolded life, the blossomed life, the days of most fruitful service, we reserve space for the latter, and merely mention the fact that his first three years of service were indeed profitable unto his parishioners, and also unto himself, preparing him for his later ministry.

While listening to the needs of the boys and girls of the San Francisco Mission District as presented at a meeting of the Bay Missionary Alliance by Miss Mattie Wright, our "deaconess explorer," Mr. Reeve became intensely interested, and recognizing a wonderful field for opportunity and service, volunteered his services, which were as freely accepted as given. An agreement was quickly entered into—Miss Wright to round up the boys off the streets on the following Sunday afternoon and Mr. Reeve to bring his camera over from Alameda and entertain the boys.

This was laid with eight boys that afternoon out on the sandpile of our own lot in Elgin Park the foundation of the present Wesley House work. In speaking of this pioneer work Miss Wright said, "It was wonderful how the boys were so quickly attracted to Mr. Reeve and how well he could interest and hold them together."

A picture at the Wesley House with the title, "First Club Meeting," tells a most interesting story of how eight boys gathered one evening soon after the "sandpile meet" in the bedroom of Mr. Reeve for a chestnut roast and organized a Boy Scout Club. A small and inconvenient building near the vacant lot was rented, and the boys with their leader cleaned out the old garage on the first floor, wired it, put up baskets and were soon enjoying evenings of athletic work in the lit-

tle "gym," "at home" with our deaconess who was always upstairs ready to greet them, and long hikes up and down Mt. Tamalpais, in and out through the woods of beautiful Marin County, and camp fires on the beach.

For one year thereafter Mr. Reeve crossed the Bay on Sundays and Wednesdays to preach to his Alameda congregation, but the Wesley House work grew so rapidly that he was later appointed pastor, to which work he devoted practically his entire time and attention.

The club spirit very quickly reached the girls of the community, and in a short time the Wesley House became known as a work not for boys only, but for boys and girls of all ages, and also for men and women; and today has a membership of seventy-five boys, an equal number of girls and fifty grown-ups. The workers are proud of a splendid Sabbath School, regular Sunday evening Church services, a large daily kindergarten, domestic science classes, a mothers' club, etc.

We glean from the statements made by Miss Wright concerning Mr. Reeve's work these outstanding characteristics and special talents:

"Mr. Reeve is a boy among boys, a lover of young people, very fond of sports, but he is equally popular with and loves men, women and children alike. He gets as much happiness out of working for a few as if he had a great congregation to work for—just as painstaking.

"He has a very strong personality. He tried so hard to work so that people would not be attracted to himself, but rather to the Lord Jesus.

"He did especially good work with the boys on their hikes, getting very close to them. He also spent much time with the boys in his own room, talking and praying with them. He is pre-eminently a pioneer, very practical, and will undoubtedly do splendid work in the foreign field."

Our sketch would be very incomplete without that much loved nickname "Pop." Seldom was "Mr. Reeve" spoken. It was always "Pop." His quick and smiling response to the fitting name proved conclusively to all that he loved to hear it, and it ever served to bind those with whom he labored more closely to him and drew him nearer to them.

The attendance at the farewell reception given him on the eve of his departure for Georgia, in the little gym where he spent so many happy days with the boys and girls, together with the beautiful pocketknife presented him by the boys of the Baseball Team who won the Silver Cup for Wesley House, showed something of how "Pop" and his work were appreciated. In presenting the knife, Mr. Farley, the manager of the team, said that the boys could perhaps please their leader and big brother best not with the gift, but by giving assurance of their determination to co-operate heartily with his coworkers and successor in helping to make the Wesley House just what Mr. Reeve would have it be.

Although the demands upon his time were many, he found time as well for splendid work in the Pacific Conference League, holding the past year the office of First Vice-President; and he gave numerous lectures before the various League Chapters on the Wesley House work and on Africa, taking nearly always for his text, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." He loved the Wesley House work so much that when he was telling others about it and the needs he felt that he must stay, but when he painted the picture of millions in heathen darkness he felt that he must answer the early call and go and help "to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God."

With his "kind and impressive nature," his Christlike simplicity, and his many beautiful deeds he has won a very prominent place in the affections of Californians who miss him, but they rejoice because God has seen fit to call another one of his children into service in that "Dark Continent" which has an "open ear" turned toward the West, listening for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

STELLA J. CAMPBELL, San Francisco, Calif.

POP'S END.

A man baked brown by the red hot sun, With neither pistol, sword nor gun, Came face to face with a cannibal chief, Whose clothes consisted of a big palm leaf.

The man said, "Oh a picture true, The picture of a cannibal chieftain, too!" But the chief said, "Fcky, Blicky, Blu," Which means in English, "Make fine stew."

An African hour has already past; The hour which was to be his last; For now in a flame-licked boiling pot A stew is cooking which once was Pop.

This was written by a fifteen-year-old school boy who was one of the regular attendants on the activities of our Wesley House in San Francisco, of which Mr. Reeve, affectionately known as "Pop," was pastor. It was first published in the Wesley House Observer, the weekly paper gotten up entirely by the boys, the Wesley House workers performing the part of censor only. Bishop Lambuth so appreciated this poem that he had a copy of the paper filed with the documents relating to the African work.

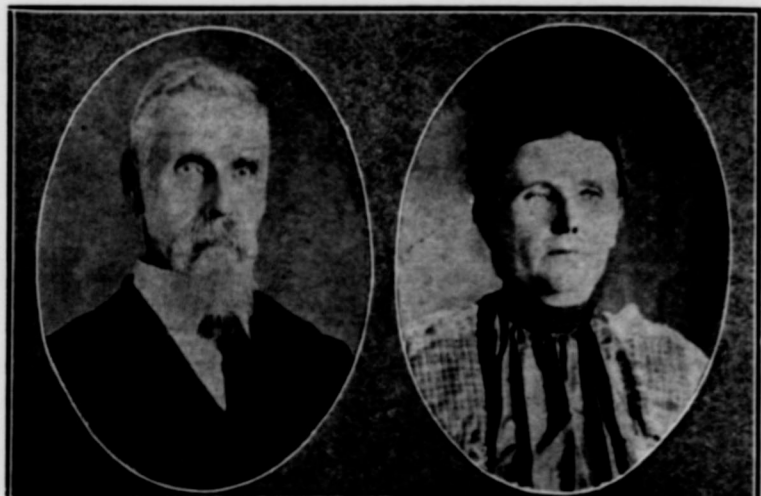
—E. P. T.

ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY.

This is a life-section adapted particularly to the youth of our land. I would not live away, neither would I care to live life over again, knowing its tragedies. But the gist of this is to make the best use of it. If by any means I can save a young life from a single pitfall I shall not have written this in vain.

You who are entering your twenties would do well to think seriously of how best to spend your next few decades.

Let me tell you the story of how I spent mine. Will my young reader give me the honor, please, of his and her company and go with me to the highest hilltop and there become a witness to a union of hearts and



GOLDEN WEDDING OF REV. AND MRS. D. D. BANKS.

This happy event occurred at the home of Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Banks, near Alto, Texas, October 11, 1916. Their spacious vineclad home, canopied by oaks whose leaves were beginning to turn, was thrown open to kindred and friends. There were eighty-six persons registered present at the dinner table. Of these fifty-five were kinspeople. Some had come from as far as New Mexico. Parents and children had not met for a long time and it was a day long to be remembered by all of them.

Brother and Sister Banks are natives of Tennessee, but were married in White County, Arkansas, October 11, 1866, having both united with the Methodist Church just prior to this time. They came to Alto, Texas, where they have since lived, in 1869. Brother Banks was licensed to preach November, 1874, and is a local elder in the Methodist Church.

They are the parents of twelve children, nine of whom are living. These, together with twenty grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends, were present at their celebration. It was the writer's happy privilege to preach to them. The children are all married, and all but one son-in-law belong to the Methodist Church. In all his ministry the writer has never been the pastor of more faithful people than are the Banks. To know them is to love them. It is a benediction to be there. Brother Banks made a talk in which he reviewed the past. There had been some cloudy days, but no storms. Altogether their sea had been calm and the voyage had been pleasant. He praised his good wife who had stood by his side and helped to make the home baroque seaworthy. Most of all, he rejoiced that all of his children were in the Ark of Safety. They were the recipients of many and valuable presents.

M. F. DANIEL, Pastor.

hands that forms the basic element in this article. Hope runs high. The future unfolds, joy reigns supreme when the creative act brings forth a sun-haired, sky-eyed soul around whom is woven the strongest possible cord of parental love.

Witness every atom of being thrill at the sublime unfolding of this precious bud. Follow her all the way through. From the tender age of eleven weeks, as she cuddled in her fond father's arms and was baptized in the Church and later placed in Sunday School classes. Then pause and go with us down through the valley. I say advisedly through the valley, for it is only through that little word "through" that a single ray of light penetrates.

He has promised that we shall walk through the valley and that he will be with us. And so we felt his presence as on a sad day he led the procession that carried forth from us our loved husband and father. I know of nothing else to sustain one at such a time.

And again come with us as we emerge from the valley into the sunshine that almost mocks us in our deep calamity.

How we bear the extremes of joy or sorrow is the true test of our character. See the fond mother double her diligence and continue this child in the Sunday School classes and through the young people's societies, meanwhile becoming a full-fledged Church member by confirmation at her own request. See her give her personal supervision of the child's education in the public schools from the kindergarten up through the grades, high school, business college, domestic science, music and art and graduate her at sixteen. See her success planned from babyhood, through work, play, love and care of the body. Behold her at the tragic age of seventeen.

Could the heavens have opened and her loved form been swallowed up in their abyss 'twould have been happiness compared to the devil coming and snatching her from her fond mother's embrace.

See the mother plunged again into the valley. I say "into" advisedly, for this is where you find her in this twentieth anniversary. Alone in the once happy home, where now everything speaks of its two former occupants.

Could you leave a fond parent entirely alone after her giving her best years for you? Could you, or you, or you? "Christ also once suffered, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."

Do you think anything short of the grace of God could sustain a mother under such a stress? When God bestowed upon her this grace in her college days and sealed it with his promise to be with her always he meant it not for her alone, but to be passed on.

God just had to permit the devil to remove my idol so that I could see

you and point out the way to you. Now my work is world-wide and includes you. And now in this day of preparedness and safety first, I plead with you to be prepared for the tragedies of life that you are bound to meet. At this very moment but by the grace of God I should be unable to stand. "And who knows whether shall prosper this or that?"

Now even in the valley I may keep the incense burning and can commune with God by means of sainted loved ones standing in the very presence of Christ who will plead their cause for them. He speaks to me and tells me I shall have my baby again unharmed and that it is all for his glory. Now don't you think it is the part of valor to "seek first the kingdom," to "remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not" and not waste your life and give Him but the snuff while you might make it one entire psalm of praise? I write because I love you.

ELGY.

"Whatever good there is in ourselves or others is worth respecting. The suggestion of a better good than we ever had, which comes to us out of the stillness—as the question, 'Can these dry bones live?' came to the prophet in the valley—comes from a higher source into our minds. It is the 'wind' of God blowing over the threshing-floor of the heart, to sift the chaff from the grain. It is the 'still, small voice' of a divine guidance, calling to a fuller and more Christly life. To scorn it, or to trifle with it, is to trample under foot what God has sent for our strength and joy. It may be hardly louder than the silence, and far less loud than the noises of the world without and the earthly passions within. But if we obey and follow it, then it will grow in clearness, volume and power, until its harmony drowns the discords of an evil world.—Sunday School Times.

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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.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT.

The Waxahachie District all-day meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society will be held in the Methodist Church at Ferris, Thursday, November 2, 1916, beginning at 9:30 a. m.

Lunch will be served at the church by the Ferris ladies. JOSIE YARBROUGH, District Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF W. M. S. OF ABBOTT, TEXAS.

It is my pleasure to submit this, my second, annual report to the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church: Enrollment of members, 20. We have two regular meetings each month, one business and one social. Average attendance eight.

MRS. E. E. OLIVER, Secretary. MRS. V. H. SIMS, Treasurer. MRS. S. O. RYAN, Press Reporter.

DECATUR DISTRICT WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Decatur District Woman's Missionary Society closed Wednesday afternoon at Decatur, after a two days' session with quite a number of delegates and visitors in attendance.

Morning session opened at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, September 26, 1916. The devotional, led by Mrs. W. W. Williams. After singing and prayer by Rev. Frank Richardson, she read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, making appropriate comments.

The afternoon session was called to order by the District Secretary at 1:30 o'clock. After singing hymn No. 1, Rev. Frank Richardson led the devotional. After prayer and scripture reading he made a very interesting talk. A Recording Secretary was elected.

Mrs. Saunders Fulton, Conference Corresponding Secretary, gave a very interesting and helpful talk on "Presentation of Literature." She urged that we read our Church literature more and become better educated in our work.

Mrs. W. S. Gilbert was appointed to secure subscriptions to all the Church literature.

Mrs. Chas. Medlin, of Roanoke, gave an interesting and beautiful talk on Christian Stewardship which will be helpful to all who heard it.

The District Secretary then gave her report. Mrs. Jack Cates reported on "District Parsonage." There was a motion and second that we extend to Mrs. Cates a rising vote of thanks for her faithful and efficient work.

Evening Session. Rev. J. E. Short led the devotional. After singing hymn No. 343 and reading Scripture lesson with appropriate comments.

The children rendered a very beautiful program arranged by Mrs. E. H. Baumgartner and Miss Jewel Ingram. By request Mrs. J. S. Turner read a poem, "The Prayer of the Busy Modern Christian Woman."

Second Day—Morning Session. The conference was called to order by District Secretary.

Mrs. Baldridge, of Chico, led the devotional. After singing song No. 355, "Love Divine," she read and appropriately commented on the twelfth chapter of Romans.

The minutes of the three previous sessions were read and after corrections were approved.

There was a general discussion on Suppl. Work. Mrs. J. S. Turner gave a very interesting and enthusiastic talk on Social Service. She explained just what is meant by social service and how social conditions can be improved.

Second Day—Afternoon Session. The afternoon session convened at 2 o'clock. Song No. 506, "I Need the Every Hour" was sung. Rev. Jones, of Paradise, led the devotional. After a very earnest prayer song

No. 422, "Work for the Night Is Coming," was sung. For Scripture lesson he read the Second Epistle of Paul to Timothy. His remarks were concerning the great work the women are doing in religious activities.

Workers' Conference—Mrs. W. A. Stuckey. General discussion by conference. Plans for raising money and other ideas were exchanged which were helpful.

Every member of the conference rose to her feet extending to Mrs. Roark a sincere vote of thanks for the service she has rendered for the past years, and most especially for the delightful programs that have been rendered during this session.

Reading of resolutions by Mrs. Baldridge adopted as read. Song No. 556, "Blest Be the Tie," was sung in conclusion. Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Fulton.

The conference will be held in Bridgeport next year. MRS. W. A. HUGHES, Recording Secretary

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OF NEW MEXICO. The sixth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Conference of New Mexico was held in Clovis during the session of the New Mexico Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, as is the custom here.

The meetings were held each afternoon in the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Hubert Smith, of El Paso, Texas, Treasurer of the conference, presided, in the absence of the President, Mrs. Arrington.

The opening service showed a fair attendance of delegates considering the distances over which our conference is distributed, and Clovis greeted us with a well filled church at this meeting.

In an informal talk Mrs. C. K. Childers charmingly welcomed us to their hospitality and made us feel 'twas good to be among our sisters of Clovis. Mrs. E. W. Morton, of Texico, gave response to the greeting of welcome in a few well chosen remarks.

Our meetings throughout the week consisted chiefly of tabulated reports, and these reports showed a gratifying increase in work and workers.

There is an increase in the Young People's Department, but the harvest is white for this work in our conference, and a cry for trained leaders is heard from every quarter. But our greatest need is co-operation of parents with these who do undertake the training of our successors.

Our presiding officer spoke the hearts of so many present when she said that she wished so much that we could lay aside the financial reports for awhile and talk about and learn of so many things about our organization.

The last Bulletin calls attention to the fact "that the rank and file of Methodist women understand so little about our organization," which is especially true of the women of the far West, where the lack of servants requires so much time for our household duties and the urgent needs of our home Churches have tended to absorb our energies in what is properly parsonage work and resulted in a neglect of a study of the broader Connectional field.

The District Secretaries were instructed to send a communication to the Conference Organ each quarter, calling attention to the peculiar work and needs of her district. In this way we not only hope to come in closer touch with each other in this conference, but also with that great body of women in the Southwest to whom it speaks for Methodism in all its departments.

The conference greatly enjoyed a visit from Bishop Lambuth and his helpful remarks upon missions; also the encouragements, presence and remarks of several of our ministers.

The testimonial meeting at the close of the business session Saturday afternoon was a source of inspiration and encouragement to our spiritual development, and brought us to a closer realization of our Master's loving kindness. One of the most enjoyable and instructive occasions of our meeting was the children's rally Sunday afternoon, conducted by Mrs. E. D. Lewis, closing a very profitable session of our conference.

The following are the officers elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Empress Arrington, El Paso, Texas; First Vice-President, Mrs. I. J. Ayers, El Paso, Texas; Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. W. Morton, Lower Penasco, New Mexico; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Tomlinson, Fort Roswell, New Mexico; Treasurer, Mrs. Hubert Smith, El Paso, Texas; Superintendent of Publicity and Mission Study and Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. D. Lewis, Tucumcari, New Mexico; Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. W. A. Traillor, Sierra Blanco, Texas; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. Geo. H. Givan, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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MRS. TOMLINSON FORT, Corresponding Secretary. Roswell, New Mexico.

CLARENDON DISTRICT. The District Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Clarendon District met in the Claude Church at 10 o'clock, August 29, with a goodly delegation present from over the district.

Mrs. Tom C. Delaney, District Secretary, was in the chair. Devotional service was opened by singing "Love Divine All Love Excelling," after which Mrs. Delaney led in prayer for divine guidance for the work of the district, and particularly for the work of the District Conference. She then read the inspiring lesson from Acts 1:1-14, in which we are given the vivid picture of Jesus alive,

our intercessor, our Savior. She talked to us of the living Christ, our daily, hourly helper and friend, and our responsibility as his messengers and representatives, also a strong heart-searching plea for our best. Closing with a short consecration service in which we knelt around the altar and asked God to take and use our lives. The regular business of the meeting was taken up and a round table on mission study was conducted by Mrs. Burton. Reports were made of the work being done and we find a real beginning has been made.

The Prayer Circle, its general plan, was discussed by Mrs. Warner telling of their plan in Claude. The Prayer Circle, its general plan, was presented by Mrs. Graves, giving the items for special prayer, as suggested by Miss Bennett in Council meeting and stressing the importance of the plan. Active steps are being made to organize Prayer Circles all over the district.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:30, after everybody had feasted on the delightful lunch served at the church by the Claude ladies. After singing, "Something for Thee," Mrs. Drake, of Claude, led the devotional, reading the seventeenth chapter of John, and Brother Hall, our presiding elder, led in prayer.

Mrs. J. D. Camp, our Conference Treasurer, had prepared a paper on "Our Finances," and not being present, was read by Mrs. Burton; also extracts from letter from Mrs. J. B. Smith, Conference President, both urging we meet our financial obligation early.

Mrs. Delaney introduced the subject of Young People's Work by reading an article from Northwest Texas Special of King's Messenger, by Mrs. Merritt, Conference First Vice-President. Mrs. Hall conducted an institute on Young People's Work, and Auxiliaries reported. Mrs. Hall gave a wonderfully inspiring talk on Youth and our responsibility to the young and our wonderful opportunities in the work among them.

Mrs. Kerrick, of Claude, followed with a paper, "Some Suggestions on Organizing Our Young People," which contained many helpful suggestions.

Miss Bess Norwood, of Memphis, read a most excellent paper on "Why We Need the Young People's Missionary Society," and Mrs. Delaney followed with an earnest talk of the work from her own experience in it. "Our Obligations and Privileges," were then considered. Mrs. Ashworth read an interesting paper on the "Foreigner in Our Midst."

Misses Virginia Cameron and Lois Smalley gave us the gospel in song, "Sweeter as the Days Go By." "School for Dependent and Delinquent Girls" was presented in a carefully written paper by Mrs. Broome, of Memphis, followed by another on "Latin America," by Miss Susie Patterson of Clarendon. This subject is one of such especial interest to the world at present that no paper on it could fail to be interesting. Miss Ira Hammond, of Memphis, made a talk on "Korea." Especial interest was added to this as the speaker was dressed in the native costume. She gave us a host of facts in reference to the Hermit Kingdom. Brother Hall talked briefly on our work and commended what had been done, and then of the great commission and our duty, closing with the solution of the whole question in our giving to God his own. We are his stewards, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." After Mrs. Burton had talked on the pledge, the great question now before us, Mrs. Delaney expressed to the Claude people our appreciation of their many kindnesses and exhorted briefly again that we should do our best, and after the reading of the minutes closed a most helpful meeting.

REPORTER.

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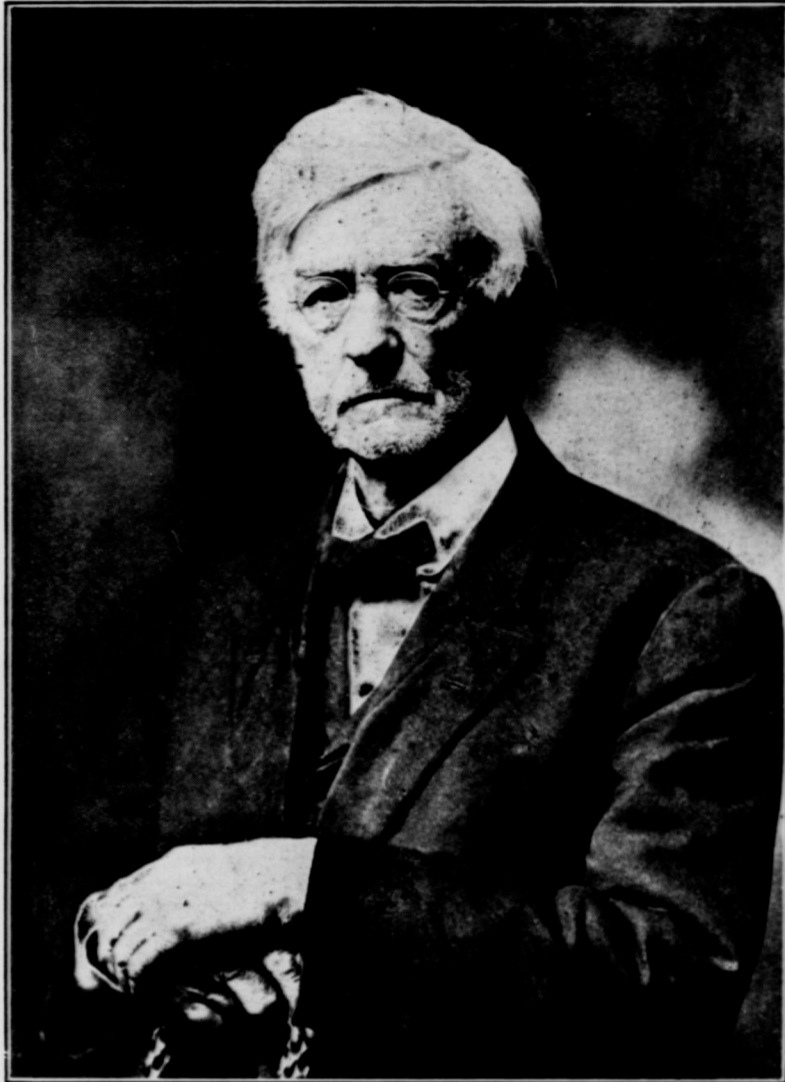
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REV. WILLIAM HOLMES HUGHES

Born January 27, 1828—Died October 24, 1916

Who in all the Southwest did not know and love "Uncle Buck?" When he and "Molly" drove up to the Advocate office the old veteran always brought something true to the core. Our readers will miss the many articles he wrote. "Old Foggy" never sounded a note that did not ring clear. Whether on the croquet ground or on the fishing trip "Uncle Buck" was the same big old soul. Our readers, for whom he wrote so much, will not forget him. His friends cannot forget him.

And now, just on the very verge of the roll call of the North Texas Conference, "Uncle Buck" has answered to his name on the roll beyond the vale of tears. His death leaves but two of the charter members of the old Trinity, now North Texas, Conference. These are Rev. W. C. Young and Dr. J. H. McLean, both of Dallas, Texas.

Everybody knows "Uncle Buck" was ready to go. For many days the end has been approaching. And at high noon last Tuesday he stepped into the chariot and swept through the gates into the city of God. His three boys—Will, Lee and Tish—and his only daughter—Mrs. R. B. Oliver—were by his bedside and saw his upward flight. He will sleep beside his wife in Greenwood Cemetery. "Oh, yes," said he, the last time we talked with him, "it won't be long until I shall see her face to face."

All his life-record is at hand but will be reserved for a full account of the old hero. We shall miss him. His faltering steps and old gray locks were familiar about the Advocate office. We shall not read "Uncle Buck's" writing any more. "Old Molly" will not stop at our door any more. But when we shall awake in the resurrection morning his dear old hand will clasp ours again and we will see "Uncle Buck" whom we have always loved and have lost only for a while.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES AND PERSONALS.

(Continued from page 9.)

for China special \$450. All finances in full. Total raised \$17,531.08. Fine congregations. Prayer meeting attendance 125 to 150.

Rev. I. T. Morris, Brady: Net increase. New church enterprised, and work will soon be begun. Finished quadrennium. Sunday School has special in China of \$60. Ladies of Church clothe two girls in Orphanage and Church gave this Institution \$136.

Rev. J. F. Lawlis, Llano Station: 25 additions. All finances in full. Finished quadrennium. During the four years raised salaries 45 per cent. Conference collections 58 per cent. Received during four years 176 members. Leave good church and parsonage. A standard Sunday School. 31 subscribers to Texas Christian Advocate.

Rev. Lewis McVea, Englewood: 40 members received, all collections in full, bought and paid for lots for new church.

Rev. C. L. McDonald, Cherokee: Conversions 100, additions 50, collections in full, increase in all departments of Church work. Cherokee Junior College has had best year of its

history; all expenses having been met with a surplus. This present year appears to be much better in all lines.

Rev. J. T. Curry, Yoakum: Prosperous year in all departments of Church work. Even 100 accessions. 45 on profession of faith. All old debts paid and all finances in full.

Rev. R. S. Pierce, Dilley: Additions on profession, 78; net increase, 79. Salaries and conference assessments in full.

Rev. T. S. Randle, Batesville: The membership about as last year, one Sunday School, two Epworth Leagues, one Woman's Missionary Society all doing good work. All collections in full.

Rev. J. F. Webb, First Church, San Angelo: Good revival. Two young men called to preach, one admitted on trial at this Conference. Two young ladies offered for the mission field, one of them now in Peabody. Norman Sunday School supports one scholarship in Japan, one in China. The Junior Department paid \$25 to China. Epworth Leagues gave \$25 to African Mission. Seventy-six increase in membership. Finances in full.

Rev. O. T. Cooper, Laurel Heights: Additions 66, organizations of Church active, big debt reduced and new loan

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made, salaries and conference collections all in full with surplus, raised for all purposes \$30,000.

Rev. E. L. Edgar, Pandora: Good revivals, 50 conversions, 21 net gain in membership, 1 church in process of building.

Rev. C. W. Hardon, Miles: 127 accessions, great Sunday School, \$100 special to the Orphanage.

Rev. J. W. Rowland, Denver Heights, San Antonio: 49 accessions on profession of faith, 66 by certificate, total 115, all claims in full, new church proposition under way.

Rev. C. G. Hill, Rochelle Circuit: 6 organizations, 3 church building, church wrecked by storm, expended for churches and parsonages \$437, amount raised from all sources \$1310.98.

Rev. Nat B. Read, Lampasas charge: Net gain in membership, fruitful revival, membership of Sunday School in excess of membership of the Church. Assessments paid and excess on missions, \$4100 raised from all sources.

Rev. W. F. Weeks, Poteet: Members revived 30, good revivals, infants baptized 11, amount raised per member \$11.

Rev. A. B. Davidson, Yancey: Revival held by the pastor, 28 accessions during year, all assessments and salaries paid in full.

Rev. A. T. White, Ozona: New parsonage being built at a cost of \$2500, church repaired, spiritual life in the charge deepened.

Rev. John N. McKay, Fowlerton: 34 accessions on profession of faith, 11 by certificate, 24 adults baptized, spiritual state of Church good, Sunday School well organized, 25 Sunday School scholars received during the year.

Rev. J. C. Winkel, Leesville Circuit: Splendid revivals, salaries in full, benevolences slightly in arrears, collection for Coronel.

Rev. J. E. Buck, Sabinal Station: Sunday School enrollment in excess of enrollment of Church membership, organized one Woman's Missionary Society, salaries and assessments all paid, \$400 raised on parsonage debt.

Rev. J. M. Perry, Midland Station: An increase in all assessments, a net increase in accessions to the Church, a \$1100 parsonage debt paid, and all other assessments paid in full, despite the drouth.

Rev. W. A. Dunn, Goliad and Fannin: Good revival, members received 62, on profession of faith 44, certificate 18, adults baptized 18, infants baptized 4, salaries in full, collections in full, raised for all purposes \$3517.

Rev. L. U. Spellman, Provident City: Benevolences in full, 13 conversions, all united with the Church, work in good shape.

The Conference gave the Senior Publisher a perfect ovation as he stood up to address it on his sixty-seventh birthday. Fifty of his sixty-

seven years have been spent on the Texas Advocate. No face is more welcome in any Texas Conference than that of L. Blaylock.

Rev. J. W. Long, Hondo Station: Finances in full, a debt of over \$1000 paid, a net increase of 12, enrollment of Sunday School exceeds the enrollment of the Church membership, all departments well organized.

The addresses of Dr. F. S. Parker and Dr. C. D. Bulla were greatly enjoyed. Both are making a great success of their work.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

H. G. H.

The town of Uvalde has greatly improved since conference was held here seven years ago.

Large new Federal building erected and fine postoffice facilities.

Old debt paid on the church and interior improvements and changes for the better.

Uvalde no longer a wild western town but a city with every modern convenience.

August West India storm did some damage from which it has recovered.

It is now a place of many elegant homes and refined society.

West Texas Conference, a large body, increasing in numbers, and most West Texas towns must somewhat tax themselves to entertain it, but Uvalde for the second time has measured up to the task.

Save the two trips to San Angelo this is the farthest west conference has been held.

The fine correspondent of the Galveston News is here and his pen is flying. Besides noting the regular proceedings many a tale of early days will be unfolded to readers of that enterprising and popular journal.

For we have always been on the frontier and Western life and incident has characterized this body from the days of its organization in 1858 as the Rio Grande Conference and its first session in Goliad in 1859.

Of the original Rio Grande Conference only T. I. Gillett and H. G. Horton remain, the latter being the only living man who was present at its first session in Goliad in 1859 and now in West Texas Conference.

People came here in 1858 on the hurricane deck of a Mustang—now they speed out to the electrically lighted city in a luxurious Southern Pacific and California coach far beyond the traveling equipment of the Queen of Sheba or Solomon in all his glory.

As I entered my room and flashed the electric light I thought of the fact that I first came to this Western border forty years before electricity was discovered, before there was a railway in the State, before a telegraph pole had been erected on the American continent.

The people here first met for prayer in a log hut, dirt floor, puncheon seats, clapboard pulpit, lighted by tallow dips—now in a stately edifice in which a Bishop is proud to officiate and lead the prayers and devotions of the cultured congregation.

The brethren came in by rail, buggy, auto, and would have dropped from the air by flying machine, but that would have been too far removed from chicken dinners on the way.

The brethren were glad to see Dr. McMurry—more than all, this writer, for it relieved him of the duty of presenting the cause of Church Extension.

The meeting of the Brotherhood Tuesday night was largely attended, the address of H. E. Draper strong and inspiring, closing with an impressive communion administered by Bishop Mouzon.

To Pastors

2 pennies are equal to one-fiftieth part of \$1.00 per member, your conference assessment to the Bible cause.

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Holland, Texas.

PERSONALS

Rev. J. L. Griffith, of Denton, called to see us this week. He is a local preacher and a valuable man in the Church.

Mr. T. F. Marr, of Penelope, came while in Dallas. We enjoyed his visit. He says things are prosperous in his section.

Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Sims, of Coalgate, Oklahoma, announce the arrival of a 7-pound girl on October 22, 1916, at the Methodist parsonage.

Rev. W. J. Morphis, of Kirk charge, as a result of his September work sent to the Advocate several new cash subscribers, as well as several renewals and old accounts.

Rev. Arthur Marston, of Carrizo, N. M., called on the Advocate this week. We are always glad to see those plucky men who are building up Methodism where the work is not easy.

Rev. E. F. Hudgens, of Ferris, with his wife and children, called on the Advocate the past week. Brother Hudgens is one of the pastors we always count on for a good report and he never disappoints us.

The Daily Ardmoreite, in its issue of October 16, paid a fine tribute to the lecture of Rev. E. R. Welch on "The Philosophy of the Tightwad." The Broadway Church, of which Brother Welch is pastor, was packed to its fullest capacity.

Mr. L. D. Horn, of Sadler, called last week. He was in Dallas on other business, but took time to come by the Advocate office and order a good sewing machine. The good price for cotton will doubtless help many wives to get machines this year.

Rev. J. M. Fryar, pastor at Brownfield, sends us the following item: "A fine seven-pound girl arrived at the parsonage Sunday October 16, 1916." Blessings upon Little Miss Fryar. Brother Fryar says, despite the drouth, he hopes to have a good report.

Rev. J. W. Hunt, President of Stamford College, was in Dallas this week and called to see us. He reports an enrollment of 220 to date and is very hopeful of wiping out the indebtedness on the college at an early date. He is a capable, tireless worker and a good business man, and a success wherever he is placed.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Robinson will give in marriage their daughter, Carrie Marie, to Rev. Leo Hopkins, on Sunday morning, November 5, 1916, at 10 o'clock, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Omaha, T. Rev. Leo Hopkins is pastor at Overton and Arp. We extend congratulations and best wishes.

On October 20 the cornerstone of the new \$20,000 Methodist Church was laid at Henrietta, Texas, with Masonic ceremonies. Rev. A. L. Andrews, of Wichita Falls, was the orator of the occasion. Rev. F. A. Crutchfield is the pastor. It was a happy occasion. The good Methodists of Henrietta are to be congratulated on the enterprising of their excellent church building.

Rev. W. F. Cummins delighted the Advocate office recently with a visit. He was one of the makers of history in Texas Methodism and could have furnished us much interesting data concerning the early struggles of the Advocate. He is now in charge of oil interests at Tampico, Mexico. He keeps in touch with Methodism through the Advocate and is especially interested in the proposed unification.

A note from Rev. Jas. A. Kerr, superannuate of the North Texas Conference, says: "In the evening of the dear old Advocate is a source of joy and comfort to me. Tell the brethren I love them as in days of yore. Yes, I love God and the Church, too." Blessings on his dear old soul. The battle wages and he can only watch it from afar, but a crown of life awaits him when the smoke shall clear away.

The Advocate has received from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanford Bedford an invitation to the marriage of their daughter, Clara Louise, to Mr. Wilbur Fiske Wright, on the evening of Wednesday, November 8, 1916, at 8 o'clock, First Methodist Church, Georgetown, Texas. Mr. Wright is the son of Rev. C. R. Wright, of the Central Texas Conference. The Advocate extends congratulations to all the parties.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

Rev. J. C. Winkel, of Leeville, made one of the best Advocate reports or the Conference. He had a large list of subscribers, had personally seen every one and collected from almost the entire list. We take off our hats to Brother Winkel.

The following pastors in the West Texas Conference had collected every subscription to the Advocate in their charge: Rev. A. T. White, of Oznam; Rev. W. L. Barry, Laredo; Rev. L. U. Spelman, Provident City; Rev. C. W. Haddon, Miles; Rev. R. E. Parker, Belmont. Rev. A. Guyon, of Nursery, lacked only one of a full report. Several other brethren made fine reports, all of which we appreciate.

Rev. J. T. T. Curry, of Yoakum, had done the best work of the Conference for the Advocate. More than sixty new subscribers had been added during the year and the renewals were carefully collected. Brother Curry goes to the presiding eldership. We are sorry to lose his good work as a pastor, but we know the circulation of the Advocate will continue to be pushed on San Marcos District.

Rev. J. F. Lawlis, of Llano, brought up a full report on the Advocate, as has been his custom for the four years he has been among us. He gives the Advocate the same careful attention he does all Church interests.

A METHODIST FAMILY.

For quite a good while I have thought of writing the Advocate to give expression of my appreciation of its weekly visits to our home. Soon after wife and I were married (thirty-one years ago) we subscribed for the Advocate, and since that time it has been making its regular weekly visits to our home. We could hardly keep house without it. I am sending it to my two girls who are away from home, one teaching and the other taking nurse training. They both appreciate the Advocate. May the blessings of an All-wise Father be upon the dear old Advocate.

Holland, Texas. W. K. POTET.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

The Committee and Class of the Second Year will meet in Wesley Church, Greenville, Texas, 9 a. m., October 31, T. N. WEEKS, Chairman.

The Class for Admission on Trial in the Texas Conference will meet the committee in the room designated by the preacher in charge, at Lufkin, Texas, Tuesday morning, November 7, 1916. CHAS. U. McLARTY, Chairman of Committee.

All applicants for admission on trial into the West Oklahoma Conference will please meet the committee for examination on Tuesday, October 31, at 2 p. m. in the Methodist Church, at Wynnewood, Oklahoma. H. A. STROUD, Chairman of Committee.

The Committee and Class of Fourth Year, Northwest Texas Conference, will please meet at college building, Stamford, Tuesday, November 7, 9 a. m. M. PHELAN.

The Class of the First Year, Texas Conference, will meet in the Methodist church at Lufkin Tuesday afternoon, 3 o'clock, November 7. Those who have certificates from the Summer School of Theology at Georgetown or from the Correspondence School will not be required to meet the committee, but should send their reports to me at Lufkin. EUGENE W. POTTER, Chairman First Year.

The Class of the Third Year, Northwest Texas Conference, will meet at St. John's Church in Stamford, Texas, November 7, at 2 p. m. Let all members come and bring certificates and sermons. A. L. MOORE.

The Class and Committee for Examination for Admission on Trial are called to meet at Wesley Church, Greenville, Tuesday, October 31, at 9 a. m. J. SAM BARCUS, For Committee.

The class of the first year, Northwest Texas Conference, will meet at the St. John's Church, Stamford, Tuesday morning, November 7, at 9 o'clock. Let the sermons and certificates be handed to the committee at that time and let those who have not taken correspondence course or summer school course be prepared for written examination. W. Y. SWITZER, Chairman Class First Year.

CHURCH EXTENSION NOTICE—CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Now concerning the collection, brethren, for Church Extension, will it be in full? If so, we can give that application of yours a much more favorable consideration.

Are you going to apply for aid? If so, send your application to Rev. K. P. Barton, Brownwood, Texas, immediately. Applications cannot be considered which do not reach us by the first day of the conference.

Have you a pledge on the Washington City special? Do not overlook it. Now is the accepted time. J. J. CRED, Chairman, Central Texas Conference Board.

TEXAS AND CENTRAL TEXAS PREACHERS, ATTENTION!

Brethren: This is to call to your minds the obligation which you (or most of you) voluntarily assumed at the last session of your conferences relative to the Washington City Representative Church. Many of you have enrolled for the task of raising a definite amount during the present conference year, which is rapidly approaching its close. In these hopeful days of progress in our great cause, when the contract is in the hands of the builders, we are counting on every man to give his full support. Surely, no one will fail us. Some have already met their obligations in full. Others have included this pledge in their regular assessment for conference collections. May we not fully expect that every one will, each in his own way, be ready by his conference to make full report on this matter? Yours for success, S. S. MCKENNEY, Field Representative.

WHY TWO GREAT METHODIST CHURCHES?

The United States and Canada are alive with this question today. Few people know anything about the real facts in the matter, because there has been but one book published that contains the whole matter, everything pertaining to it in one condensed volume. And few people try to get at the real facts in anything. Preachers and laymen should be thoroughly posted on this question right now, especially in the M. E. Church, South. The only history that contains everything pertaining to this is "Why Two Methodist Episcopal Churches?" by Wm. A. Bowen, in which a complete bibliography is given and which is found in no other work. This history gives all the debates, resolutions, facts and comments that led up to the split in 1844 and even down to date. Dr. H. M. DuBose, now book editor for the M. E. Church, South, wrote the introductory. Sent postpaid for only 50 cents either through the Methodist Publishing House, Nashville or Dallas or the author, Wm. A. Bowen, Arlington, Texas.

TWO BOOKS.

Last week Brother Everett, of the Publishing House, sent me a circular letter saying he had found a couple of books he considered indispensable to our membership and ministry. I ordered them. Have read one and have scanned the other. Brother Everett is right. Every preacher and every member of every Official Board ought to get these books!

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SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

To the West Texas Conference:

Your Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church ask leave to report as follows: We thank God for the kindling of revival fires upon the altars of our Churches, for the spirit of evangelism prevailing, for the increasing realization on the part of pastors and people of life's hopelessness without the world's Redeemer. We are grateful to God for the strengthening of Zion, for the resolute spirit with which the Church is measuring her tasks, mapping out her campaigns and marshaling her forces. We give hearty thanks that the spirit of optimism abounds in respect to forward movements, opened doors, and whitening harvests, and that more and more, when God points out the way and assigns the tasks, the Church is ready to answer with a glad shout, "It shall be done!"

There were received last year, by certificate 4229 and by profession of faith 7966, a total of 12,195. Of these many have been received from the Sunday School. Since we regard the Sunday School as our own household of faith, we are receiving only that which is our own. The difference between the total received on profession of faith and number received from the Sunday School represents the results of the appeal of the Churches to the outside world.

Yet we pause in the midst of thanksgiving, for we see much to make us pause. The work is so incomplete, the song so broken, the pattern so imperfectly wrought out.

Some of us preachers have been so busily engaged with religious things that we have forgotten to be religious. Some of us have heard siren voices of culture and aesthetics, of popularity and broadness of good fellowship, and we have not been attentive enough to the cry of souls wounded by sin and perishing for lack of the "balm of Gilead."

The hands of the laymen are busily engaged in building earthly fortunes. These men are faithful and generous and noble, loving the Church and rejoicing in its successes, only they are blinded by the smoke of the material conflict and nerve-racked by the fierceness of the struggle in modern business life, and to what extent with the laity is the joy of conscious religious life, the prayer life, the life of fellowship with Jesus Christ. "Who is he that feareth the Lord, obeyeth the voice of his servant, who walketh in darkness and hath no light?" Does the average Christian business man eagerly seek for the privilege of testimony and prayer? Fagged with the ceaseless grind of business cares, he rests at home, or seeks places of amusements and recreation. If it be said in explanation that the average Christian business man has other avenues of religious life and activity, by what standard are we to judge of heart life and spiritual power? Is there any substitute for

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that offered in God's Word, viz.: That man wait before God, that they believe in Jesus Christ, that they confess him before men, that they respond to the inflow of God's life in them by the outflow of thankful hearts and tuneful melodies of praise and lives of glorious, conscious joy in their Redeemer? Then, too, we witness the unrest not only of the Church, but of the world. The people are uneasy and dissatisfied even with and in their amusements. The world was never more powerless to satisfy man's deepest and inner needs than now, and never has the gospel had a greater opportunity or graver crisis than now.

In view of these considerations we recommend:

- 1. That we seek to recover ourselves with the help of God to the highest plane of religious life, particularly the prayer life.
2. That we be unselfish in our service, and have no self-seeking mind.
3. That we give ourselves with unmeasurable abandon to our work, knowing that "when we cease to bleed we cease to bless."
4. That we preach the great doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, particularly that central doctrine of the cross, remembering how Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men."
5. That we pray in the homes of our people, making it impossible at the close of next conference year for any family of our Churches to say, "You are the first Methodist preacher to pray in this home," visiting from house to house, keeping in prayerful touch with our people and urging that family altars be reared in every home.
6. That we preach Christ as a present Savior, "warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus," expecting immediate results.
Then, "like priest like people," the laity will follow the ministry, great grace will rest upon us. "The wilderness and solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." S. W. KEMERER, Secretary.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

Whaley Memorial, Gainesville, will be dedicated Sunday morning, October 29, the editor of the Texas Christian Advocate preaching the sermon. All former pastors are cordially invited to be present.

ATTENTION!

I hope every pastor and Sunday School superintendent will read the good missionary story by Rev. J. E. Crawford in Advocate of October 5. It's full of meat. C. E. LINDSEY.

"Men do not fall because sin is strong; they fall because they have made themselves weak. In the sudden hour of temptation one stands upon his past and reaps his reward, either good or evil."

OUR CONFERENCES.

(Revised)

- 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.

OBITUARIES

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HEROD—Lura Ann Herod was born in Grapeland, Houston County, Texas, November 13, 1900; died August 24, 1916. She professed faith in Christ and joined the Church at the age of eleven and was a faithful Christian until God called her home. Obedient to her parents and lover of home, we miss her here on earth, but she was needed in heaven and answered the call. She can be found in the Father's house above, where we that are in Christ will reunite forever more. May God's blessing rest upon the loved ones that are left here to mourn her going away.

PRESTON FLORENCE, P. C.

MEDOWES—Bud Medowes, the subject of this sketch, was twenty-one years old January 1, 1916, and passed to his reward September 23, 1916. Bud was a young man of noble character, true to his parents and affectionate to his father. He was a Sunday School student, but had never affiliated with any Church. He was buried at Thomson Chapel Cemetery, at Bend, Rev. Z. V. Liles, of San Saba, holding the burial services where a host of friends and relatives looked on and saw the great need of preparation for death—a strong, stout young man cut down in five days from health to the tomb. This was one of the saddest services we have attended. Brother Liles did the case justice and his talk will long be remembered. Our prayer to the family is, love God and keep his commandments and meet your son in the resurrection morn. May God bless the family, is the prayer of your friend,

W. J. MILLIGAN.

Bend, Texas.

HOWELL—Rev. Joseph S. Howell, who died in Kemp, Texas, September 26, 1916, was born in Ramer, Alabama, July 13, 1860. He was the son of John S. and Martha Howell. He was converted and joined the Church when quite a youth. He was licensed to preach about 1884. Was in the active work about fifteen years. Thirty-four years in all in the ministry. He came to Texas in 1892 and in 1893 married Miss Grady, who was a teacher in the schools of Corsicana. Five children were born to them. One married daughter in Arizona and one in Ohio. Two sons and one daughter here. Brother Howell knew of his death for some time before it came. He was calm and serene, hopeful and full of faith. He came to his end in great peace. He had but one regret and that was that he had not remained in the active work all the time. Brother Howell was an intelligent, earnest, good man. He died in peace and is at rest. We buried him in the beautiful Kemp Cemetery. Peace to his sacred dust and the blessings of heaven on his bereaved loved ones.

E. G. ROBERTS.

NICHOLSON—Mrs. Maud Nicholson was born October 11, 1875, and departed this life at the family residence at Winona, Texas, September 22, 1916, being forty years, eleven months and eleven days of age. She was converted at old Hopewell Church at the age of twelve years, under the preaching of Rev. L. M. Fowler, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, ever after proving herself loyal and faithful to the Church and her Savior she loved. She was happily married to S. C. Nicholson February 18, 1897. To this happy union were born three children—Langly W., who lived only two brief years and preceded her to the better land; Gladys and Thelma, who survive her, together with the husband, her mother—Grandma Barbee—one sister—Mrs. Bass, of Irondale, Alabama—who mourn their loss. The pastor and Church lose a devoted member. Only God knew this quiet, true Christian woman's real value. Among her last words to her aged mother and loved ones were, "I have no fear of death. 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.'" May God's grace sustain the broken hearts and make them an unbroken family in heaven.

J. C. CALHOUN.

LESESNE—Mrs. Maggie Sherman Lesesne, wife of John R. Lesesne and daughter of T. T. Sherman, departed this life on August 23, 1916. She was born March 2, 1874, in Leon County. Reared in a family where love and kindness prevailed and, coming from Methodist ancestry, it was natural that religion should strike a dominant note in the formation of her character. Her life was like a sweet flower—always dispensing fragrance. Sweet and gentle and reliable, she made many friends and became a true and loving wife, a wise and devoted mother. Her lovely country home, only a short distance from the home of her childhood, was a center of hospitality, always radiating peace and good will. Her fond husband provided every comfort that makes home attractive and her wise and gentle ministrations planted happiness, order and kindness. In this genial atmosphere her children were nurtured and were taught courtesy and self-control and by precept and example she led them to worship God. She leaves two boys—Richard, aged ten, and Sherman, aged five. We cannot know what their tender hearts feel in the loss of this faithful mother, but we know that her memory and her influence will always remain with them. She left the written words: "I believe I shall go to heaven. Teach my children to meet me there." She joined the Methodist Church when about nineteen years old and continued a faithful member throughout her life. She was married on December 20, 1905, to John R. Lesesne, who survives her. May the husband and children be comforted with the promises of reunion and immortality.

MRS. SOPHIE PATRICK.

Palestine, Texas.



J. S. M. McKAMEY.

Brother J. S. M. McKamey was born March 2, 1849, in Anderson County, Tennessee; died September 16, 1916, at Gregory, Texas. On September 18 the burial service was conducted at the family residence by the preacher in charge, after which the Masonic fraternity bore the remains to the cemetery and buried same in the presence of the largest body of mourning friends ever gathered for a like purpose in Gregory. Leaving Tennessee Brother McKamey settled in Sebastian County, Arkansas, in 1867. Was there married to Miss Sarah Bonham November 20, 1873. To this union were born six children—Inez, May, John, Myrtle, Tunnel and Ivey—all of whom, with the mother, survive him. There are also fourteen living grandchildren. In early young manhood Brother McKamey joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. About ten years ago transferred his membership to the M. E. Church, South, of which he remained a member until death. For the purpose of schooling the children in 1891 he moved to San Marcos, thence to Marble Falls, thence to Waco, returning to Gregory in 1900, where he remained to close of life. For

three years his health had not been good and the last six months were filled with suffering. A good and useful Christian gentleman has left us. The loss to the varied interests of life is a heavy one, not only to his family and the Church, but to the State as well. Always upon the side of righteousness and an ear always open to the cry of the needy. In all of the trials and sufferings of life his faith was undaunted. When dying and almost past speaking he had his wife to write this message to the world: "I have thought and read much about heaven. I am greatly rejoiced now that I am in two or three hours of heaven. I have employed Jesus Christ as my attorney. I have put my whole case in his hands and I am willing to abide by the consequences, praise the Lord." When the wires timed his death many telegrams and letters of condolence were immediately received by the family. Floral offerings at the grave were exuberant and beautiful. Living well, he died well. Passing through the valley of a shadow he has stepped out into the full reality of a more glorious heritage. "So mote it be!" E. Y. S. HUBBARD, P. C.

FLEMING—Mr. J. Harvey Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fleming, was born November 6, 1876, and died at Wolfe City, Texas, August 19, 1916, in the fortieth year of his age. He married a Miss Durham, and his wife and eight children, five sons and three daughters, survive him, and his aged and honored father and mother, ripe in Christian experience, still linger in the sunset of life. Harvey, as we were wont to call him, embraced religion and joined the Church in early manhood and made a useful and active member, having served as steward twelve years in the Wolfe City charge. He was much loved and honored by his Church and community and this was well attested by the unusually large and sympathetic audience that attended the funeral services, conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. L. Bounds, and the writer, a former pastor. He was put gently to rest in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. We invoke special blessings upon the aged parents, the bereaved wife and children who so much needed his care and support. May the children honor the good name of their departed father and all meet him in heaven.

JNO. H. McLEAN.

OSBORN—Mrs. Almira Jane Osborn (nee Leverett) was born in Tennessee November 21, 1833. Moved to Mississippi while a child. Staid there a few years and came, with her parents, to Texas, where she spent the rest of her life. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church in early life and lived a faithful member until the Lord said "It is enough, come up higher." She was married to Claiborn Osborn February 16, 1854. To this union were born ten children, six boys and four girls. They both lived to see all of their children grown and all in the Methodist Church. Grandma Osborn was an old-fashioned mother and typical Texas pioneer. She used to spin thread and weave the cloth with which her children were clothed. She suffered many privations and hardships common to frontier life, but she passed through it all heroically without a word of complaint. Her sick neighbor never wanted for attention while she was able to go to her relief. She was a ministering angel in the sick room and always ready to lend a helping hand to the needy. Her house has always been the preacher's home, and the wayworn traveler always found a resting place under her roof. She was a very remarkable woman in many respects and remained hale and hearty until she fell and broke her hip July 22 and died from the injury August 2, 1916. The old home left its impress upon the children, and through that influence they were all brought into the Church fold. Some have crossed over and the rest are following on and hope some sweet day to meet again in that bright home where parting shall be no more. Thank God for the sacred influence of a sublime, immortal motherhood. Her son, J. T. OSBORN.

BRATON—At the home of Brother and Sister J. A. Snoddy, in Brownwood, Texas, at 3 p. m., February 2, 1916, the spirit of William Braton, with a smiling farewell, left this world for his home in the Father's house on high. Brother Braton was born September 22, 1843. When only three years old he with his parents left England, his native land, and came to the United States, from there to Mansfield, Texas, in 1852, where he remained until 1875, when he moved to Brown County, Texas. Brother Braton enlisted in the Confederate Army, making the record of a true soldier through the war. He was married to Miss Jane Williams in 1865. To this union were born ten children. Two of these, together with his wife, preceded him to the world beyond. Brother Braton was converted in 1864, joining first the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, then later in life joined the M. E. Church, South. Brother Braton served his family, his community, his State, his Church well in every call of duty. He was especially gifted in prayer and personal work in revival meetings. He suffered intensely, yet patiently, through a long spell of sickness. The writer held the funeral services in the Methodist church at Mansfield, Texas, after which the Masons took charge of the cold form and tenderly laid it to rest beside the sleeping dust of loved ones gone before, to await the resurrection of the just. To the host of loved ones and friends I would say that you know where to find him and may you so live that your last end may be like his.

LEE A. CLARK, P. C.

RHOADS—Rev. M. B. Rhoads, son of A. E. and Chloe Rhoads, was born in Macon County, Tennessee, June 16, 1845. He moved to Allen County, Kentucky, in early childhood and in 1868 was married to Miss Eugenia Holland. To them were born eight children, four of whom survive him. They are I. L., L. P. and W. A. Rhoads and Mrs. W. W. Barnett. He was licensed to preach by the M. E. Church, South, at Mt. Pisgah Church, in Macon County, Tennessee. He performed, faithfully, the duties of a local preacher as long as health would permit. He moved from Kentucky to Texas, in 1870 and preached when he had to go armed, in order to protect himself from the Indians, but in the face of danger "he trusted God and did his duty." He ever loved his Church and did all that he could to advance God's cause on earth. Among his last words he said: "I hope to get well and be able to preach again." I believe those words were as seed sown in good ground, and that his preaching will go on, even though he is in heaven. He died March 29, 1916, in a sanitarium in Fort Worth and was buried in Rhoads' family cemetery, three and a half miles from Alford, Wise County, Texas, near the Foster Chapel Church, of which he was a member.

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MRS. W. W. BARNETT.

MOTHERAL—Mrs. Tennessee Elizabeth Motheral was born in San Augustine County, Texas, February 8, 1842, and died in Angleton, Texas, June 23, 1916. Her father, Robert Martin, with his wife, came from Tennessee to Texas in 1833, and during Sister Motheral's girlhood settled in Erath County, where, in 1861, she was married to John Motheral, who was in the Texas Ranger service from 1858 to 1870. With her husband and three children she moved to San Marcos in 1868. There six other children were born and there her husband died, leaving upon her alone the responsibility of rearing and educating the children. With fine courage and faith she took up her task, and the six children who survive her testify to the success with which she administered her affairs and met her responsibilities. Sister Motheral was a devout Christian and a member of the Methodist Church from her childhood. I was her pastor for two years and the friendship formed during that time lasted until the end. Her beautiful home on the San Marcos River was the abode of peace and love and there she and her splendid sons and gracious and refined daughters dispensed a cordial hospitality. Her home was the preacher's home, where he was sure of rest and comfort and welcome. She was liberal with her substance in the support of the Church and gave to the cause of Christ a constant and joyful service. Her neighbors loved and trusted her, for she was their friend and helper in times of sickness and trouble. In 1912 she moved to Angleton, Texas, and after four years' residence there she went to her reward and her children laid her body near the old family burying ground near San Marcos. She was a good woman, one of God's elect, and she has left to her children a heritage more precious than silver or gold—a good name and the record of a life spent in doing good. STERLING FISHER.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

(See Conference Proceedings elsewhere)

MINUTES

Of the Fifty-Eighth Session of the West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Held at Uvalde, Texas, Beginning October 18, 1916; Ending October 23, 1916. Bishop E. D. Mounzon, President; Sterling Fisher, Secretary. Post-office of Secretary, Austin, Texas.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Charles Edward Marshall, Cecil Madison Dunseth, George Davis Pickens, Charles Nixon, Elmer Amos Staggs, John N. McKay, C. A. Campbell remains in this class.

2. Who remain on trial? J. A. Boatman, D. G. Decker, Walter Dibrell, C. E. Rozelle, A. M. Foster, W. L. Wall, L. W. Walker, H. W. Bennett, E. Homer Miller, L. U. Spellman.

3. Who are discontinued? R. E. Price, at his own request.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? Milton Fly Hill, Harold S. Goodenough, Geo. F. Harris, G. G. Smith, George Traylor Hester, A. Frank Smith.

5. Who are readmitted? No one.

6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Jno. C. Graubery, elder, from Central Texas Conference; J. A. Foster, elder, from New Mexico Conference; A. N. Averytt, Jr., a deacon in fourth year class, from East Oklahoma Conference; C. E. Rozelle, in first year class, from Western North Carolina Conference; A. Frank Smith, in second year class, from North Texas Conference; Caspar S. Wright, an elder, from Texas Conference; J. J. Mason, from North Texas Conference; Felix R. Hill, from Louisiana Conference; Henry L. Dupree, from Southwest Missouri Conference; J. K. Beery, from Southwest Missouri Conference; W. Vasco Teer, from East Oklahoma Conference; Luther Roberts, from East Oklahoma Conference; T. M. Dalton, from Central Texas Conference.

7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? William Edgar Tuttle, a local elder, from the Church of God.

8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? John Thomas Butler, an elder, from the Church of the Nazarenes.

9. Who are the deacons of one year? O. C. Crow, Roy G. Rader, G. T. Hester, W. G. Callihan, W. N. Carl.

10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Milton Fly Hill, Harold S. Goodenough, Geo. F. Harris, A. Frank Smith and G. G. Smith are in this class, being already deacons. J. P. Watson remains in this class.

11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Milton Fly Hill, George Traylor Hester.

12. What local preachers are elected deacons? George Davis Pickens, J. C. Murley, Chas. Edward Marshall, Louis Uhlend Spellman, Raymond Locks, William E. Studor.

13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? George Davis Pickens, Charles Edward Marshall, Louis Uhlend Spellman, Raymond Edward Locks, William E. Studor.

14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Oliver Morton Cole, Walter Martin McKinney, John Robert Robinson, George Leroy Keever, Henry Marvin Ratliff, Chas. Lee McDonald, John Craig Campbell, Rev. Ezekiel B. Vargas of the Texas Mexican Mission.

15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Walter Martin McKinney, John Robert Robinson, George Leroy Keever, Henry Marvin Ratliff, Charles Lee McDonald, John Craig Campbell, Ernest Leonard Edgar.

16. What local preachers are elected elders? Carl Hernan Waltersdorf, Gilbert B. McLane, George Leonard Piler.

17. What local preachers are ordained elders? George Leonard Piler.

18. Who are located this year? L. E. Booth, at his own request; W. W. Nunn, at his own request.

19. Who are supernumerary? J. T. Weems, F. J. Perrin, V. G. Thomas, Peter I. King, J. T. H. Miller, R. L. Pyle.

20. Who are superannuated? A. G. Nolen, T. G. Woods, W. H. Killough, W. O. Shugart, W. J. Joyce, J. A. King, R. A. Hollo-way, H. T. Hill, N. W. Keith, J. T. Gillett, C. Williamson, J. M. Shuford, W. R. Campbell, H. G. Horton, V. V. Boone, F. A. Grimes, N. E. Bragg, R. D. Moot, J. D. May, W. R. Keathley, J. A. Foster.

21. What preachers have died during the past year? No one.

22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and their characters passed, except O. F. Hatfield and D. E. Carr, who had surrendered their credentials and withdrawn from the ministry and membership in the Church.

23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference? Preachers, 107; members, 41,085.

24. How many have been licensed to preach during the year, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? 19.

25. How many candidates for the ministry are there, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? 15.

26. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 685.

27. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2248.

28. What is the number of Epworth League? 153.

29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 4726.

30. What is the number of Sunday schools? 322.

31. What is the number of Sunday school officers and teachers? 3518.

32. What is the number of Sunday school scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 40,509.

33. What amount was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$7000.

34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$6400.

35. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$10,758; Special, \$483; Home and Conference, \$15,239; total missions, \$27,014.

36. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$6438.

37. What has been contributed for Education? \$9086.

38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$715.

39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding Elders, \$22,553; Preachers in Charge, \$155,584.

40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1894.

41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of Societies, 406; number of Houses of Worship, 303.

42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$1,413,505; indebtedness, \$173,925.

43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 163; number of parsonages, 149.

44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$297,585; indebtedness, \$18,514.

45. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 8; number of district parsonages, 8.

46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$39,500; indebtedness, \$8778.

47. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 22; amount of damage, \$4416.

48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$613,347; premiums paid, \$6162; collections on losses, \$1004.

49. What are the educational statistics? No answer.

50. How many copies of the General Organ and of the Conference Organ are taken? General Organ, 268; Conference Organ, 2933.

51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? M. A. Childers.

52. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Corpus Christi.

53. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

APPOINTMENTS.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

Sterling Fisher, Presiding Elder.
Austin, First Church—H. W. Knickerbocker; F. J. Perrin, supernumerary.
Fred Allen Memorial—B. W. Aden.
Hyde Park—E. H. Mays.
University Church—A. Frank Smith.
Ward Memorial—M. J. Allen.
Bastrop—E. E. Swanson.
Columbus—A. S. J. Haygood.
Elgin—J. E. Lovett.
Eagle Lake—H. B. Atkins.
Flotonia—J. E. Buck.
Garwood Circuit—G. T. Hester.
Lagrange and Winchester—G. T. Gibbons.
Liberty Hill and Leander—R. E. Duke.
Austin Circuit—J. M. Weatherford, supply.
McDade Circuit—W. A. Manly.
Manor—S. F. Goddard.
Smithville—F. A. White.
Smithville Circuit—To be supplied.
Weimar Circuit—Roy G. Rader.
Webberville Circuit—F. S. Wilson.
Westpoint Circuit—L. N. Myers.
Walnut Circuit—J. J. Mason.
Vice-President—S. M. U.—C. S. Wright.
Conference Evangelist—H. M. Whaling.
Commissioner Superannuate Endowment Fund—H. E. Draper.
Professor Southwestern University—H. L. Gray.
Professor Southwestern University—John C. Graubery.

BEEVILLE DISTRICT.

T. F. Sessions, Presiding Elder.
Alice—J. W. Black.
Alice Circuit—C. E. Marshall.
Aransas Pass—W. Vasco Teer; V. G. Thomas, supernumerary.
Beeville—W. T. Renfro; P. I. King, supernumerary.
Berclair Circuit—D. A. Ross.
Bishop—George F. Harris.
Brownsville—J. S. Bowles.
Calallen—E. A. Hunter; R. L. Pyle, supernumerary.
Corpus Christi—F. B. Buchanan.
Corpus Christi Mission—R. E. Locks, supply.
Edinburg—Milton F. Hill.
Falmurris—J. H. Clark.
Floresville—W. N. Carl.
Gregory—E. Y. S. Hubbard.
Harrington—J. H. Stuckey.
Karnes City—L. E. Wood.
Kenedy—T. N. Barton.
Kingsville—M. K. Fred.
McAulen and Mission—W. J. Brient.
Pharr—W. J. Hamner, supply.
Mathis—A. Y. Old.
Oakville—A. M. Foster.
Raymondville—O. C. Crow.
Robstown—J. E. Morgan.
San Benito—J. F. Simpson.
Sinton—J. K. Beery.
Skidmore—To be supplied.
Conference Secretary of Missions—F. B. Buchanan.
Missionary Texas-Mexico Mission—J. T. Butler.

CUERO DISTRICT.

A. W. Wilson, Presiding Elder.
Cuero—J. W. Albritten.
Edna—N. G. Ozment.
El Campo—A. Guyon.
Ganado Circuit—J. H. Maxwell.
Geclad—W. A. Dunn.
Hallettsville Circuit—R. G. Flummer.
Lavernia Circuit—R. E. Parker.
Midfields Circuit—H. S. Goodenough.
Nixon—F. M. Jackson.
Nursery Circuit—L. W. Perkins.
Provident Circuit—L. U. Spellman.
Palacios—P. Garrett.
Pandora Circuit—S. J. Franks, supply.
Port Lavaca Circuit—N. W. Carter.
Runge—M. L. Darby.
Seadrift—W. L. Brandon.
Smiley Circuit—W. A. Hart.
Stockdale Circuit—E. G. Hocutt.
Victoria—C. Pugsley.
Lolita—C. M. Dunseth.
Yoakum—Gaston Hartsfield.

LAMPASAS DISTRICT.

Thos. Gregory, Presiding Elder.
Bertram—C. W. Rylander.
Burnet—J. A. Pledger.
Center City—G. W. Strawn, supply.
Cherokee—C. L. McDonald.
Fredonia—J. R. Robinson.
Goldthwaite—L. T. Morris; J. T. Weems, supernumerary.
Johnson City—Geo. G. Smith.
Kempner—J. P. Watson.
Lampasas—N. B. Read.
Llano—Luther Roberts.
Llano Circuit—D. G. Decherd.
Lometa—W. L. Wall.
Mason—J. T. Tracy.
Marble Falls—J. M. Lynn.
Mullin—To be supplied.
Richland Springs—Charles Nixon.
San Saba—Z. V. Liles.
San Saba Circuit—J. D. Farmer, supply.
Star Circuit—George L. Ryan.
President Cherokee Junior College—C. L. McDonald.
Financial Agent Cherokee Junior College—J. D. Dorsey.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

J. H. Groseclose, Presiding Elder.
San Antonio, Alamo—J. F. Lawlis.
Alamo Heights—J. N. Rentiro.
Denver Heights—J. W. Rowland.
Government Hill—S. L. Batchelor.
Laurel Heights—Felix R. Hill, Jr.
Los Angeles Heights and East End—J. D. May.
McKinley Avenue—S. B. Beall.
Prospect Hill—H. M. Ratliff.
South Side—Lewis McVea.
San Antonio Circuit—J. D. Scott.
Travis Park—C. W. Webdell.
West End—C. M. Rabe.
Bandera and Medina—R. S. Adair.
Boerne—H. W. Bennett.
Center Point—J. H. Meredith.
Jourdanton—W. M. McKinney.
Kerrville—S. W. Kemerer.
Pleasanton—Henry L. Dupree.
Poteet—E. A. Potts.
President San Antonio Female College—J. E. Harrison.
Editor Texas Christian Advocate—W. D. Bradford.
Missionary Texas-Mexico Mission—J. A. Phillips.
Sunday School Field Secretary—A. E. Recor.
Conference Evangelist—R. A. Waltrip.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT.

J. M. Perry, Presiding Elder.
Barnhart Circuit—A. T. Coker.
Brady—J. G. Forester; J. T. H. Miller, supernumerary.
Eden Circuit—C. G. Hill.
Eldorado Circuit—T. M. Dalton.
Eola Circuit—E. A. Staggs.
Junction Circuit—J. C. Campbell.
Menard Circuit—J. A. Boatman.
Midland—J. W. Cowan.
Miles—C. W. Hardon.
Oona—A. T. White.
Paint Rock Circuit—C. E. Rozelle.
Rochelle Circuit—W. D. Williamson.
San Angelo, First Church—J. F. Webb.
Chadbourne Street—G. L. Keever.
Sonora—S. C. Dunn.
Sherwood Circuit—Walter Dibrell.
Sterling City Circuit—J. D. McWhorter.
Water Valley Circuit—Homer Miller.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT.

J. T. Curry, Presiding Elder.
Belmont Circuit—E. L. Edgar.
Blanco Circuit—L. A. Alkire.
Dripping Springs Circuit—O. M. Cole.
Gonzales—L. C. Matthis.
Harwood Circuit—To be supplied.
Kyle and Buda—R. A. Rowland.
Leesville Circuit—M. P. Morton.
Lockhart—A. L. Scarborough.
Luling—W. F. Weeks.
Lytton Springs Circuit—J. R. Goodloe.
Manhacha Circuit—H. B. Owens.
Martindale Circuit—J. D. Worrell.
San Marcos—D. E. Hawk.
Seguin—J. F. Pennybacker.
Staples Circuit—W. L. Hightower.
Waelder and Thompsonville—J. T. King.
Missionary Texas-Mexico Mission—D. A. Macune.
President Coronal Institute—V. A. Godbey.
Vice-President Coronal Institute—A. N. Averytt.
Commissioner Coronal Institute—J. W. Shoemaker.
Professor Coronal Institute—C. A. Campbell.

UVALDE DISTRICT.

S. B. Johnston, Presiding Elder.
Batesville—J. N. McKay.
Big Wells—W. G. Callihan.
Carrizo Springs—M. Williamson.
Cotulla—R. S. Pierce.
Crystal City—B. A. Myers.
Devine—S. M. Hull.
Del Rio—Theophilus Lee.
Dilley—P. B. Summers.
Eagle Pass—C. E. Wheat.
Fowlerton—To be supplied.
Hondo—J. W. Long.
Laredo—W. L. Barr.
Moore—W. H. H. Biggs.
Pearsall—J. M. Alexander.
Pearsall Circuit—To be supplied.
Rock Springs—L. W. Walker.
Sabinal—Robert Paine.
Sansom—To be supplied.
Utopia—J. C. Winkel.
Uvalde—G. M. Boyd.
Yancey—A. B. Davidson.
Conference Evangelist—J. C. Wilson.
Missionary Texas-Mexico Mission—Geo. D. Pickens.
Conference Secretary of Education—Geo. M. Boyd.

TRANSFERRED—R. P. Shuler, to North Texas Conference; O. T. Cooper, to North Texas Conference; L. C. Lilly, to East Oklahoma Conference; D. A. Williams, to East Oklahoma Conference; W. M. Crutchfield, to East Oklahoma Conference; A. N. James, to Southwest Missouri Conference; E. H. Crandall, to North Texas Conference.

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Your Joint Board of Finance has received for the benefit of our conference claimants the following amounts:

From conference assessments	\$6,400.00
From the Preachers' Aid Society	500.00
From Smith & Lamar	354.00
From Texas Christian Advocate	123.00
From Colvin Bequest	16.00
From Superannuate Endowment Fund	264.00
From Thornton Bequest	738.00
Total	\$8,395.00

We have made the following appropriations:

Francis children	\$ 50.00
Mrs. A. F. Cox	75.00
W. J. Joyce	75.00
Mrs. Mary Word Stovall	75.00
Mrs. G. W. White	125.00
J. M. Shuford	75.00
Miss Anna Whipple	50.00
Mrs. M. A. Black	150.00
Mrs. J. F. Denton	150.00
Mrs. Mary Dibrell	150.00
Mrs. Rebecca Fisher	200.00
Mrs. M. L. Griffith	150.00
Rev. H. T. Hill	200.00
Rev. H. G. Horton	200.00
Rev. A. G. Nolan	200.00
Mrs. I. S. Naper	150.00
Mrs. J. P. Rodgers	150.00
C. Williamson	200.00
T. G. Woods	200.00
Mrs. B. H. Passmore	150.00
Mrs. J. T. Williamson	150.00
Rev. N. E. Bragg	200.00
Mrs. Alanson Brown	150.00
Mrs. J. S. Gillett	150.00
Rev. J. T. Gillett	150.00
Rev. F. A. Grimes	200.00
Rev. R. A. Holloway	150.00
Mrs. James Hammond	150.00
Rev. N. W. Keith	250.00
Rev. W. H. Killough	175.00
Rev. J. A. King	175.00
Rev. W. R. Keithly	175.00
Mrs. A. J. Potter	175.00
Rev. W. O. Shugart	150.00
Mrs. J. C. Russell	200.00
Mrs. Fannie Wright	200.00
Rev. R. D. Moon	200.00
Mrs. H. J. Holland	175.00
Mrs. Zora Burk and children	250.00
Mrs. J. P. Chambers	200.00
Mrs. Mary Drake	200.00
Mrs. F. H. C. Elliott	200.00
Mrs. C. W. Godwin	200.00
Mrs. S. G. Shaw	200.00
Mrs. Alice Stovall	200.00
Rev. V. V. Boone	200.00
Rev. J. D. May	200.00
Rev. W. R. Campbell	200.00
Expenses of the Board	14.55

Total disbursements \$8,164.55
The Board has adopted a rule to the effect that all checks shall be given or sent direct to claimants themselves.

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