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NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

FIRST DAY.

The seventh annual session of the Northwest Texas Conference was called to order in St. John's Church, Stamford, Texas, Wednesday morning, November 8, 1916, at nine o'clock, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon presiding.

After singing the conference hymn, the Bishop led in a prayer that set the minds and hearts of the brethren on a high plane. He then entered upon a lucid and extremely helpful exposition of the Scripture, using II Cor. 1:3-11 as a basis.

The chair requested the Secretary of the last session to call the roll. The following brethren answered to their names:

- CONFERENCE ROLL.**
- Adams, S. H.
 - Aston, A. C.
 - Beavers, M. M.
 - Bowman, A. L.
 - Bryant, Geo. H.
 - Burns, R. E.
 - Cadwell, J. W.
 - Calloway, J. P.
 - Cameron, C. S.
 - Carmack, C. F.
 - Carpenter, J. C.
 - Childress, W. C.
 - Clark, O. P.
 - Clements, R. A.
 - Cox, S. B.
 - Crutchfield, J. A.
 - Crockett, J. D.
 - Culwell, S. L.
 - Dodson, B. W.
 - Dickinson, B. Y.
 - Dunn, R. F.
 - Edwards, W. P.
 - Eldridge, J. E.
 - Evans, R. B.
 - Fair, Geo. F.
 - Ferguson, C. N. N.
 - Friar, J. M.
 - Garvin, W. P.
 - Glance, J. W.
 - Griswold, J. T.
 - Hall, A. W.
 - Hagard, I. G.
 - Hanks, Thos.
 - Hardy, Ben
 - Hardy, G. S.
 - Harris, New
 - Hawkins, M. E.
 - Hearon, C. W.
 - Henson, J. R.
 - Hicks, J. T.
 - Hill, M. D.
 - Hinds, W. C.
 - Howell, Hayes
 - Howell, J. T.
 - Hudson, M. H.
 - Huffman, P. G.
 - Huff, C. O.
 - Hunt, J. W.
 - Hyder, J. A.
 - Irvine, G. J.
 - Jameson, A. D.
 - Jameson, C. E.
 - Johnson, F. T.
 - Jackson, L.
 - Keen, A. B.
 - Kiker, O. P.
 - Lane, W. M.
 - Kirkpatrick, W. R.
 - Leveridge, M. S.
 - Liles, H. H.
 - Lipscomb, L. N.
 - Long, H. M.
 - Lynn, C. E.
 - Lyon, W. E.
 - Martin, A. M.
 - Mayne, J. W.
 - Meador, C. B.
 - Miller, J. G.
 - Mills, I. L.
 - Moody, M. L.
 - McCarley, J. B.
 - McKeown, W. B.
 - Neal, F. M.
 - Osborn, R. J.
 - Oxford, B. H.
 - Palmer, G. T.
 - Plant, J. R.
 - Patterson, J. P.
 - Phelan, M.
 - Pipkin, C. D.
 - Pirtle, Z. B.
 - Pope, W. M.
 - Putman, J. G.
 - Quattlebaum, J. O.
 - Reavis, L. A.
 - Roberts, A. R.
 - Robinson, E. E.
 - Rogers, M. W.
 - Ross, D. C.
 - Ross, J. T.
 - Shaw, Simeon
 - Sisk, E. L.
 - Slover, G. S.
 - Smith, L. A.
 - Smith, I. W.
 - Smith, G. W.
 - Smallwood, L. B.
 - Stephens, J. E.
 - Stewart, R. A.
 - Story, J. W.
 - Stutts, R. E. L.
 - Sweeney, J. A.
 - Switzer, W. Y.
 - Terry, W. H.
 - Tharp, E. A.
 - Tooley, L. B.
 - Trammell, V. H.
 - Waddill, A. W.
 - Wallace, E. R.
 - Watson, J. W.
 - Watts, J. H.
 - West, C. D.
 - Willet, T. C.
 - Weeks, A. J.
 - Wright, C. C.
 - Young, S. H.

A. L. Moore was unanimously elected Secretary and the conference elected, on his nomination, the clerical and statistical assistants.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at nine and twelve o'clock.

The bar of the conference was designated as the auditorium from the pulpit back to the Sunday School room.

M. Phelan read the report of the presiding elders nominating the Standing Committees. They are as follows:

- STANDING COMMITTEES.**
- ADMISSIONS.**
- W. H. Terry
 - W. M. Lane
 - F. M. Neal
 - Z. B. Pirtle
 - T. C. Willet
 - J. A. Laney
 - W. P. Garvin
 - C. B. Meador
 - W. S. Watkins
- CONFERENCE RELATIONS.**
- J. T. Hicks
 - J. A. Sweeney
 - M. M. Beavers
 - J. T. Howell
 - E. L. Yeats
 - J. R. Henson
 - R. F. Dunn
 - W. P. Edwards
 - Ben Hardy

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

- R. A. Clements
- M. S. Leveridge
- R. E. L. Stutts
- G. J. Irvin
- M. L. Moody
- I. A. Smith
- J. D. Crockett
- S. B. Cox
- J. H. Watts
- V. H. Trammell
- G. F. Carmack
- J. H. Morris
- E. C. Brown
- T. F. Turner
- L. J. Groves
- J. S. Means
- E. S. Cook
- C. M. Killian
- M. D. Hill

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

- G. S. Wyatt
- G. W. Shearer
- A. D. Jameson
- S. B. Cox
- R. A. Stewart
- H. H. Liles
- J. B. McCarley
- J. W. Walkup
- J. W. Mayne
- J. A. Wheat
- E. L. Woodley
- R. E. Smith
- W. H. Tucker

TEMPERANCE.

- W. C. Hinds
- D. C. Reas
- T. W. Martin
- C. D. Pipkin
- J. P. Patterson
- W. R. Kirkpatrick
- E. L. Sisk
- Geo. Smallwood
- Thos. Hanks
- L. Jackson
- J. W. Wood
- S. S. Diller
- G. E. Ramsey
- W. M. Jeter

ORPHANAGE.

- W. M. Pope
- J. E. Stephens
- B. H. Oxford
- F. T. Johnson
- H. J. King
- L. A. Reavis
- C. H. Ledger
- J. W. Watson
- B. J. Osborn
- J. L. Rucker
- J. A. Brasher
- T. J. Barrett
- T. A. Robinson

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

- J. T. Howell
- J. R. Plant
- W. Y. Switzer
- J. M. Friar
- S. H. Young
- W. B. McKeown
- G. T. Palmer
- L. B. Tooley
- Cross Randal
- J. B. Smith
- J. H. Lutrick

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

- M. W. Rogers
- L. G. Haggard
- D. B. Doak
- M. H. Hudson
- W. M. Crutchfield
- A. J. Weeks
- O. P. Clark
- S. L. Culwell
- New Harris
- H. M. Long
- J. E. Eldridge
- L. A. Humphries
- H. B. Watts
- J. W. Coe
- G. S. Link
- P. H. Campbell
- S. J. Upton
- A. B. Ely

MEMOIRS.

- A. L. Moore
- J. T. Griswold
- J. W. Story
- O. M. Addison

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

- J. G. Miller
- G. S. Wyatt
- L. M. Lipscomb
- J. R. Pratt

CONFERENCE POSTMASTER.

- M. D. Hill

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

- G. S. Wyatt
- C. W. Hearon
- G. S. Hardy

J. W. Hunt was elected editor of Conference Journal.

Question 6, "Who are received as transfers from other conferences?" H. M. Whaling, an elder from the Texas Conference.

The chair introduced a number of visiting brethren, among them being Dr. Stonewall Anderson, General Secretary of Education; Dr. Tucker, of Brazil; Dr. W. W. Pinson, General Secretary of Missions; Dr. F. S. Parker, General Secretary of Epworth Leagues; Dr. J. D. Young, Vice-President of Woman's College, Fort Worth; H. D. Mouzon, Commissioner of S. M. U., Dallas; Rev. Joe Weaver, of the North Texas Conference.

Northwest Texas Conference was regaled with a series of speeches just here that not only left the Stamford lathstring on the outside, but pulled it in and threw the door of this goodly city wide open. The address of welcome was delivered by the Mayor, Hon. J. Van Steenwyk, and it was a happy effort. Homer Wade, Secretary of the Commercial Club, presented a welcome from the business men of the city. Dr. Hodges, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, extended a cordial welcome in the name of the various Churches of Stamford. J. G. Miller, presiding elder of Stamford District, threw the doors of Methodism wide open. After all this burst of oratory, (Continued on Page Six.)

TEXAS CONFERENCE

FIRST DAY.

The seventy-seventh session of the Texas Conference convened in Lufkin, Wednesday morning, November 8, Bishop J. H. McCoy in the chair. Promptly at 9 o'clock Bishop McCoy announced the Conference Hymn 560, and, after singing by the Conference, the Bishop led in an earnest prayer.

Bishop E. E. Hoss appeared at this juncture and was introduced to the Conference. The Conference heartily greeted him. Bishop Hoss conducted the further devotional services, reading and commenting on Phil. 4. The reading was punctured by illuminating comments. The exact meaning of many words were given. It was essentially an expositors talk and was greatly enjoyed by the Conference. His words were listened to as those of a tender father.

The Secretary of the last Conference, O. T. Hotchkiss, called the roll and the following answered the call of their names:

- Adams, C. H.
- Adams, R. W.
- Adams, W. W.
- Alexander, L.
- Allen, S. N.
- Anderson, B. C.
- Atkinson, C. J.
- Ayers, W. T.
- Bell, C. C.
- Belcher, W. A.
- Bergin, J. W.
- Betts, L. F.
- Boyes, F. M.
- Bradford, L. H.
- Bridges, J. W.
- Brown, M. I.
- Burke, D. S.
- Burroughs, R. A.
- Beard, R. E.
- Bell, J. B.
- Bledsoe, T. E.
- Buttrill, J. E.
- Boddie, J. B.
- Bass, W. M.
- Bryan, W. F.
- Brothers, L. F.
- Campbell, I. W.
- Carter, J. F.
- Collins, G. H.
- Coppage, J. O.
- Cark, C. E.
- Craven, W. A.
- Cravy, G. C.
- Conner, A. L.
- Cullen, J. W.
- Crum, W. B.
- Cooke, E. G.
- Cook, H. G.
- Callaway, Benj.
- Cockrell, J. C.
- Daniel, M. F.
- Davis, W. F.
- Davis, Geo. W.
- Dawson, F. D.
- Day, Walton D.
- Dent, I. O.
- Dobbs, Joseph
- Fasterling, W. S.
- Elrod, L. B.
- Edwards, W. H.
- Favre, F. O.
- Finn, Glenn
- Fowler, L. M.
- Florence, Preston
- Fuller, J. M.
- Gardner, D. W.
- Garrett, C. B.
- Garrison, Gus
- Gollighugh, W. W.
- Godwin, J. W.
- Green, L. E.
- Goddard, O. E.
- Gordon, A. W.
- Helpenstiel, John
- Horger, S. D.
- Horner, W. W.
- Hotchkiss, O. T.
- Hotchkiss, D. H.
- Hughes, C. W.
- Hughes, W. C.
- Harbin, W. G.
- Hooks, J. T.
- Houck, J. D. F.
- Hall, A. G.
- Ingrum, E. L.
- Johnson, J. W.
- Jones, R. B.
- Kennedy, C. M.
- Key, Ira F.
- Kidd, A. A.
- Kidd, J. F.
- Kilgore, James
- Kemp, Geo. E.
- Le Clerc, Geo. A.
- Lee, Jesse
- Little, Albert
- Lowe, S. W.
- Luker, F. E.
- Lloyd, L. L.
- Massey, J. L.
- Mathison, L. H.
- McCary, A. J.
- McGee, L. H.
- McKenney, S. S.
- McLary, C. U.
- McCrarty, T. D.
- Myers, C. M.
- Milam, T. J.
- Mills, J. M.
- Mils, J. W.
- Milton, P. I.
- Morehead, T. R.
- Morehead, H. K.
- Morgan, J. E.
- Moody, J. A.
- Murray, J. R.
- Mock, C. E.
- Moon, W. B.
- McCain, H. H.
- Marshall, R. S.
- Owen, B. L.
- Pace, I. F.
- Pate, W. L.
- Perritte, H. T.
- Platt, Frank
- Potter, F. W.
- Pounds, W. A.
- Power, L. J.
- Rider, A. A.
- Riley, G. W.
- Ritchie, J. R.
- Ramsey, P. T.
- Ross, J. L.
- Russell, W. L.
- Saxon, L. B.
- Scruggs, A. G.
- Sharp, T. C.
- Sherrel, W. M.
- Smith, C. E. W.
- Smith, C. F.
- Smith, J. T.
- Smith, H. B.
- Smith, W. F.
- Solomon, E. W.
- Stewart, J. C.
- Sample, E. A.
- Swindall, E. P.
- Tally, C. T.
- Terrell, M. N.
- Timmons, H. M.
- Tooke, Allen
- Tower, C. A.
- Threadwell, J. W.
- Turrentine, J. B.
- Taylor, G. L.
- Thomson, J. C.
- Vance, W. H.
- Wagnon, A. A.
- Watts, W. W.
- Watts, H. V.
- Weatherby, J. I.
- Weatherby, J. I.
- Wells, M. F.
- Walker, A. T.
- White, W. D.
- White, P. R.
- White, J. E.
- Whitehurst, A. S.
- Willford, T. S.
- Wilis, H. C.
- Wootton, Weems
- Wright, C. S.
- Williams, D. A.
- Zimmerman, O. F.

UNDERGRADUATES.

- Class of the First Year.
 - C. B. Thompson
 - W. A. Allen
 - Emmet G. Downs
 - A. E. Rider
 - C. B. Fuller
 - A. B. Chapman
 - J. C. Marshall
 - D. W. Moore
 - Leo Hopkins
 - Robt. A. Gates
 - K. E. Barhart
 - Otto Daniel
 - T. W. St. John
- Class of the Second Year.
 - J. M. Gordon
 - D. S. Hotchkiss
 - G. Z. Sadler
 - J. F. Wallace
 - J. C. Marshall
 - W. W. Thomas
 - F. E. Few
 - R. C. Greer
 - J. H. Carlin
- Class of the Third Year.
 - Ben O. Hill
 - J. M. Fuller
 - J. E. White
 - A. W. Gordon
 - R. S. Marshall
 - Wm. L. Russell
 - Preston Florence
 - J. C. Thomson
 - W. M. Bass
 - H. G. Cooke
 - R. B. Jones
 - L. F. Brothers
- Class of the Fourth Year.
 - Geo. E. Kemp
 - H. V. Watts
 - D. B. Boddie
 - Walton Day
 - L. H. Bradford
 - F. D. Dawson
 - B. Caloway
 - B. L. Owen
 - John C. Cockrell
 - R. E. Ledbetter
 - L. Weatherby

The following lay delegates were present:

- BEAUMONT DISTRICT.** Horace Stark
- BRENHAM DISTRICT.** J. M. Brooks
- HOUSTON DISTRICT.** Mose Hutchinson
- JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.** T. E. Acker
- MARSHALL DISTRICT.** J. P. Lane
- NAVASOTA DISTRICT.** A. Viser
- PITTSBURG DISTRICT.** J. S. Morris
- TIMPSON DISTRICT.** W. C. Windham

O. T. Hotchkiss was elected Secretary. The following assistants were elected: D. H. Hotchkiss, C. T. Tally and D. A. Williams. W. S. Easterling, H. T. Perritte, A. G. Hall, J. F. Kidd and F. D. Dawson were elected Statistical Secretaries.

The presiding elders nominated the following Conference committees:

- PUBLIC WORSHIP.** Dr. J. C. Van Nuys
- BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.** L. B. Elrod, C. B. Garrett, H. C. Willis, G. H. Collins, H. K. Moorehead, C. T. Tally, A. G. Hall, R. E. Ledbetter, I. W. Campbell
- SABBATH OBSERVANCE.** A. A. Tharp, H. T. Perritte, Chas. Doak, R. E. Beard, Allen Tooke, E. G. Cook, W. B. Moon, B. C. Ausley, P. I. Milton
- TEMPERANCE.** W. W. Watts, J. W. Treadwell, L. L. Lloyd, J. M. Smith, W. M. Bass, F. G. Clark, C. J. Atkinson

- SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.** J. W. Goodwyn, Frank Platt, C. E. W. Smith, G. C. Cravy, G. W. Riley
- CONFERENCE RELATIONS.** A. J. McCarty, C. S. Harkey, I. J. Power, T. H. McGee, J. L. Massey, E. R. Barcus, T. S. Williford, J. P. Lane, J. W. Wardlaw, R. S. Chadwick, L. F. Brothers
- LAYMAN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.** W. L. Dean, J. C. Clark, W. M. Stone, T. E. Acker, J. W. Fitzgerald, Mose Hutchinson, W. S. Partlow, W. C. Windham, E. W. Cain, H. L. Griffin, Horace Stark, E. W. King

The hours of meeting and adjournment were named and the bar of the Conference fixed.

Bishop McCoy announced various communications and they were referred to appropriate committees.

Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?"

E. R. Barcus and H. D. Knickerbocker. The Secretary was instructed to note them as present at roll call.

Dr. H. M. DuBose, R. M. Leserne and W. D. Bradfield were introduced to the Conference.

Chester Collins, a lawyer of Lufkin, brought greetings and welcome to the Conference on behalf of his city. The address was eloquent and was greatly appreciated by the Conference. The District Attorney, W. B. O'Quinn, brought greetings to the Conference on behalf of the Churches of the city. His welcome was equally cordial and as much appreciated. Bishop McCoy responded happily on behalf of the Conference.

Rev. C. S. Wright, Vice-President of Southern Methodist University, was introduced and addressed the Conference. He detailed clearly and forcibly the work and needs of Southern Methodist University.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The following presiding elders reported and their characters were passed:

C. F. Smith, presiding elder Beaumont District: 1000 to 1200 additions, one new church built, rebuilt three churches, one parsonage built, collections 90 per cent paid, special of \$1000 for missions.

R. W. Adams, presiding elder Houston District: 1600 additions, \$110,000 raised for new churches, raised on church debts \$20,000, specials raised amounting to \$4000, two magnificent churches in Galveston, 400 increase in membership in Galveston, First Church, Houston, preparing to pay its debt, have done team work in the district.

Bishop E. E. Hoss was introduced at this juncture and delivered his address on Asbury. The address was read and was listened to with great interest. It was a keen and comprehensive analysis of American Methodism's great apostle.

H. B. Smith introduced a resolution of appreciation of Bishop Hoss' presence and address. The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

O. E. Goddard introduced a resolution touching preaching at the Conference. The resolution was adopted.

The time for adjournment having arrived, the usual announcements were made. E. R. Barcus was announced to preach at 3 p. m. and H. D. Knickerbocker at 7 p. m. Dr. H. M. DuBose pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Bishop McCoy announced Hymn 208 promptly at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, November 9. After the singing, the Bishop read the 116th Psalm and Dr. J. E. Harrison, President San Antonio Female College, led in prayer.

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

The Secretary called the roll of the absentees from yesterday's session and the following answered present:

Clerical.

W. T. Andress, B. C. Ansley, J. W. Bergin, A. C. Biggs, L. T. Brothers, J. D. Burke, A. L. Carnes, F. G. Clark, C. T. Cummings, C. L. Farrington, J. F. Garrett, J. E. Green, H. J. Hayes, J. S. Hendrix, O. W. Hooper, L. T. Jewell, I. B. Manly, H. A. Matney, G. H. Phair, A. A. Thorp, I. E. Thomas, S. W. Thomas, J. M. Vondraeck.

On Trial.

J. W. Ussery, W. W. Thomas.

Lay.

H. B. Goodman, D. H. Guinn, O. D. Baker, J. T. Kemp, W. L. Dean, G. B. Sanford, W. E. Hull, R. F. Yarbrough.

Several communications were referred to appropriate committees.

Dr. J. E. Harrison, Professor John W. Gilbert, Rev. E. Hightower, Rev. J. C. Wilson, were introduced to the Conference.

Under the call of Question 22 the following presiding elders made their reports and their characters were passed:

S. W. Thomas, presiding elder Brenham District: Good revivals, between 400 and 500 additions, between 500 and 600 conversions, 16 charges paid assessments in full, 4 charges considerably behind, 16 charges paid salaries in full, Woman's Societies doing fine work, many debts paid,

some specials paid, one church finished and paid for.

I. F. Betts, presiding elder Jacksonville District: As many missionary societies as charges in the district, several parsonage debts paid, 8 charges paid all salaries and claims, finances far in advance of last year, good revivals, between 700 and 800 accessions.

Geo. W. Davis, presiding elder Marlin District: Between 800 and 900 accessions, built 3 new churches, some parsonage debts paid, several new Woman's Societies, work among young people made progress, 20 charges paid collections in full, 21 charges paid salaries in full.

J. B. Turrentine, presiding elder Marshall District: 96 per cent salaries paid, 85 per cent conference collections paid, built and paid for 5 churches, organized new Church with 50 members, money in hand for building 2 new churches, church debt paid at Gilmer.

E. L. Shettles, presiding elder Navasota District: 500 accessions on profession of faith, 900 by certificate, 15 charges paid salaries, 12 charges paid benevolences, 3 parsonages remodeled and improved, three successful county missions.

W. H. Vance, presiding elder Pittsburg District: J. W. Bergin served five months as presiding elder. W. H. Vance served the district eight months, a number of charges paid in full, gracious revivals throughout the district, preachers have been faithful.

L. B. Elrod, presiding elder Timpson District: Built one new church, finished one or two, - number of charges will pay in full, good year.

J. E. Smith, presiding elder Tyler District: Much sickness among preachers in the district, 4 new churches built, 2 new parsonages, salaries of pastors increased, 5 or 6 charges paid conference collections, 10 paid salaries, Woman's work progressing.

J. T. Smith read a resolution concerning the scaling of conference assessments. The resolution was tabled.

Resuming the call of Question 22, the characters of the supernumeraries were passed and their names were referred for the same relation: A. L. Carnes and B. R. Bolton.

The characters of the superannuates were passed and their names were referred for the same relation:

S. H. Morgan, W. H. Brooks, I. Alexander, J. D. Burke, G. H. Phair, T. R. Cain, H. T. Hart, C. R. Lamar, W. W. Graham, L. M. Fowler, G. C. Stovall, T. B. Graves, J. A. Moody, A. C. Biggs, Wm. Sproul, T. J. Milam, I. M. Bryce, J. W. Kelley, W. G. Scruggs, John Helpinstill, C. L. Farrington, B. H. Greathouse, Albert Little, J. C. Cameron, D. P. Cullen, I. J. Coppedge, G. A. LeClere, A. Methvin, J. L. Russell, J. M. Mills, J. W. Johnson, W. W. Adams, F. F. Daniel.

A number of the old heroes responded to the call of their names and their talks were listened to with marked respect.

W. F. Andrews read report No. 1 of the Sunday School Board, recommending the appointment of Walter G. Harbin, Sunday School Field Secretary. The report was adopted.

Question 6, "Who are received by transfer?" J. C. Williams, an elder from Los Angeles Conference.

Dr. J. E. Harrison, President of San Antonio Female College, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning A. C. I. at Jacksonville.

Dr. R. H. Bennett, Rev. J. C. Williams, Rev. L. G. Ament, pastor local Christian Church, and Rev. G. L. Crow, East Oklahoma Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. R. H. Bennett addressed the Conference concerning the Correspondence School. He spoke earnestly and was listened to with interest.

Dr. H. M. DuBose, Book Editor and editor of the Quarterly Review, was introduced and addressed the Conference. Thirty-six years ago he joined the Texas Conference. His reminiscences of the leaders of that day were interesting. His discussion of the mission of the Review also profound.

Under Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" the class of the first year was. The following, having stood approved examinations, were advanced to the class of the second year: W. A. Allen, A. E. Rider, Chas. H. Doak, C. B. Fuller, D. W. Moore, Leo Hopkins, Robt. A. Gates, K. E. Barhart, Otto Daniel, J. W. Ussery and C. B. Thompson.

The following, having failed to pass approved examinations, were continued in the class of the first

year: Ernest G. Downs and T. W. St. John.

Under Question 22 the names of the following were called and their characters were passed:

Jacksonville District.

T. R. Morehead, C. A. Tower, W. B. Moon, P. T. Ramsey, J. R. Murray, C. M. Kennedy, J. T. Hooks, L. B. Saxon, D. H. Hotchkiss, J. C. Carr, L. H. McGee, C. E. Mock, H. H. Davis, W. K. Strother, J. W. Treadwell, S. S. McKenney.

Marlin District.

C. E. Garrett, F. G. Clark, H. C. Willis, R. O. Wier, O. F. Zimmerman, I. E. Thomas, J. W. Wardlow, H. J. Hayes, J. E. Payne, S. W. Lowe, W. F. Bryan, E. A. Sample, J. B. Bell, W. A. Craven, H. H. McCain, A. S. Whitehurst, J. F. Garrett, Frank Seay, M. H. Whaling, Jr., R. A. Burroughs, S. N. Allen, J. M. Vondraeck.

Marshall District.

R. E. Baird, B. L. Owen, Frank Platt, H. M. Timmons, I. F. Pace, E. G. Downs, E. L. Ingram, L. F. Brothers, J. M. Smith, A. J. McCary, W. L. Cannon, W. D. White, E. W. Solomon, I. W. Campbell, A. L. Conner.

Navasota District.

W. L. Pate.

Pittsburg District.

C. T. Cummings, M. I. Brown, C. H. Adams, J. C. Huddleston, J. L. Red, I. O. Dent, A. A. Kidd, B. C. Anderson, M. N. Terrell, D. A. Williams, W. F. Andrews, Jesse Lee.

Timpson District.

J. W. Goodwin, J. W. Bridges, J. B. Luker, J. O. Coppage, C. B. Garrett, L. H. Mathison, O. T. Hotchkiss, A. A. Rider, W. W. Gollighugh, J. L. Ross, A. G. Hall, A. T. Walker.

The time for adjournment having arrived, the usual announcements were made. Preaching was announced for 3 p. m. by S. S. McKenney; for 7:30 p. m. by W. F. Bryan. The benediction was pronounced by L. B. Elrod.

THIRD DAY.

The third day of the session was opened promptly at nine o'clock, Friday morning, November 10. Bishop McCoy announced Hymn No. 1, and after singing by the conference he read Acts 1, 1-12. L. M. Fowler led the conference in prayer.

The Secretary of the Conference read the minutes of yesterday's session and they were approved.

Dr. J. R. Stewart, Rev. J. D. Young, Rev. J. J. Morgan, Rev. E. A. Maness, Rev. Francisco Zeto, Dr. C. M. Bishop and Rev. Simeon Shaw were among those indorsed by the Bishop.

Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" E. A. Maness, Francisco Zeto.

L. M. Fowler asked for the superannuate relation. His name was referred. Bishop McCoy spoke tenderly of the ministry of the superannuates.

J. B. Turrentine, presiding elder, Marshall District, who has been quite sick during the year, asked for a year's rest. His name was referred for the supernumerary relation. Bishop McCoy and the editor of the Advocate spoke tenderly of this noble man.

Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" W. F. Packard. Dr. Packard is quite sick and his name was referred for the supernumerary relation.

L. B. Elrod made statements concerning the Superannuate Endowment Campaign. J. E. Morgan, O. E. Goddard and J. A. Burroughs were appointed a committee to report on the same.

Frank Reedy, bursar of Southern Methodist University, was introduced and spoke briefly and forcefully to the conference concerning subscriptions to the University. He said the enrollment is 125 in advance of the enrollment at this time last year, being 705.

Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" Dr. E. Sneller (Houston District), W. G. Jones (Pittsburg District), M. R. Turner and R. C. Goens (Tyler District), Jesse C. Lanier (Beaumont District), Wm. H. Pitman (Jacksonville District), Grover C. House (Marlin District), Roger M. House (Navasota District), John L. Webb (Navasota District), having stood approved examinations and being recommended by the committee, were admitted on trial.

Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" Francisco Zeto.

Question 5, "Who are readmitted?" No one.

Question 8, "Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers?" R. R. Smith, an elder, from the M. E. Church; William Brichta, an

elder, from the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) Bro. Brichta spoke to the conference in Bohemian and his words were interpreted by Joseph Dobes. He told a thrilling story of his conversion. The conference moved forward as one man to grasp the hand of the Bohemian brother. The conference sang "O Happy Day."

Dr. H. C. Tucker, of the Brazil Mission, was introduced and spoke as a representative of the American Bible Society. Dr. Tucker's speeches on the Centennial of the Society are deeply impressing the conferences. The Society has nine home and three foreign agencies. It has circulated 117,687,591 volumes of Scripture in the past hundred years.

Dr. C. M. Bishop, President Southwestern University, was introduced and addressed the conference. He strongly pressed the claim of Christian education and especially the work at Southwestern.

Professor John Wesley Gilbert, of Paine College, was introduced and addressed the conference. He won a fellowship in Brown University when a student and is an accomplished scholar. "You white folks may unite (speaking of the unification movement), but wherever you go you are our white folks and we are your negroes." His recital of the progress of the Negroes in the South and the friendly relations between the races in the South deeply moved the conference. A large collection was taken for Paine College.

The usual announcements were made. Jo Jamison was announced to preach at 3 p. m., and E. Hightower at 7:15 p. m.

Misses Lottie, Nellie and Bernice Wisdom, of Macon, Mo., sang. These are among the sweetest singers we have ever heard. Tears flowed and amens were shouted throughout the church. These young ladies are open for evangelistic engagements and letters will reach them at Macon, Mo.

E. R. Barcus pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

Hymn No. 317, "More Love to Thee," was announced by Bishop McCoy promptly at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, November 11. After singing by the conference the Bishop read Phil. 4. W. D. Bradfield led in prayer.

O. T. Hotchkiss, Secretary, read the minutes of yesterday's session and they were approved.

O. T. Hotchkiss moved that the selection of the place for the holding of the next conference be made the order of the day immediately after the reception of the class into full connection. The motion prevailed.

R. A. Burroughs read report of Committee on Superannuated Endowment work. The report was adopted.

Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" J. H. Westmoreland and L. J. Waggoner having passed approved examinations and being recommended by the committee, were admitted on trial.

Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?"

Walter B. Kidd, Leo Hopkins, Wm. H. Chadwick, Wm. G. Jones, Nathaniel A. Griffin.

Dr. F. S. Parker and Rev. A. C. Holder were introduced to the conference.

Question 9, "Who are the deacons of one year?" Harold G. Cooke, Preston Florence, J. M. Fuller, R. B. Jones, R. S. Marshall, J. C. Thomson, J. E. White, J. M. Cochran, W. M. Bass, W. Lee Russell, A. W. Gordon, W. L. Cannon and Walton Day.

Question 10, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" Jas. Harvey Carlin, John Alexander Moore, Stephen Alexander Welmer, James Marshall Gordon, Fred Evans Few, John Claude Marshall, DeWitt Stuart Hotchkiss, Garland Zeland Sadler.

Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" Geo. Ellington Kemp, Benjamin Calloway, Lawrence Howard Bradford, Robert Edgar Ledbetter, John Lloyd Weatherby, David Baker Boddie, Batty Lafayette Owens, John Crawford Cockrell, Luke Frederick Brothers.

Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" Geo. E. Kemp, H. V. Watts, D. B. Boddie, Walton Day, L. H. Bradford, B. Calloway, B. L. Owens, John C. Cockrell, R. E. Ledbetter, J. L. Weatherby, F. D. Dawson, L. L. Brothers.

Question 16, "What local preachers are elected elders?" No one.

Question 3, "Who are discontinued?"

L. F. Hardy, J. M. Bigger, R. C. Greer. Under the call of Question 22 the characters of the following were passed one by one: Glenn Flinn, D. W. Moore, H. T. Perritte, T. E. Bledsoe, L. E. Green, G. H. Collins, P. R. White, M. F. Wells, W. C. Hughes, J. C. Stew-

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G. W. Davis presented the request of A. M. Pinkham for the restoration of his credentials. The request was granted.

R. W. Adams presented the request of R. C. George for the restoration of his credentials. The request was granted.

Dr. John R. Stewart, of Nashville, was introduced and addressed the conference on the work of the Church for our superannuates. The Superannuate Endowment Fund now has \$400,000 invested. The Annual Conferences have funds invested sufficient to make the total amount invested for superannuates throughout the Church \$1,000,000.

J. W. Campbell read the report of Committee on Books and Periodicals, recommending that the conference enter heartily upon the Publisher's Jubilee Campaign and making 4451 new subscribers as the goal to be achieved by this conference. Pending the adoption W. D. Bradfield and many others addressed the conference and the report was adopted unanimously by rising vote. The report commended the position of the editor in matters of public reforms. Bishop McCoy addressed the conference, making a strong plea for the Advocate.

J. W. Mills moved that when the conference adjourned it adjourn to meet at 2:30 p. m., again at 7:15 p. m. and at 3 p. m. Sunday. The motion prevailed.

Rev. J. D. Young, Vice-President of Texas Woman's College, was introduced and addressed the conference concerning the college. The college is now in the midst of a great revival of religion and in every way is in a prosperous condition.

Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" James Harney Carlin, Stephen Alexander Weimer, James Marshall Gordan, Fred Evans Few, John Claude Marshall, DeWitt Stuart Hotchkiss, Garland Zeland Sadler, W. L. Cannon, J. F. Wallace.

Bishop McCoy propounded to the class the disciplinary questions, "Have you faith in Christ," etc? The Bishop dwelt forcibly upon these questions. "If you are going to be a successful pastor, you must know your people and love them," "Capitalize your popularity for the purpose of exalting Christ," "Visit the old people," "Don't neglect the poor," "Be a pastor," "The laymen who put up the money for your salary have a right to demand value received," "You can't sleep until 9 o'clock and do your work," "Establish habits of study," "Better store your mind before you are made presiding elder or Bishop—or the pastor of a large Church," "You must read if you are to continue to grow," "You ought to bring yourself under discipline and ought to grow every year," "You laymen ought to go home and get your boards together and make liberal provision for your preachers"—these were among the statement of this strong address. After the address the class was admitted into full connection by vote of the conference.

The order of the day having arrived, D. H. Hotchkiss nominated Palestine, W. F. Bryan nominated Marlin and J. W. Mills nominated St. Paul's, Houston, as the place of meeting for the next conference. After a number of speeches Palestine received a large majority and was unanimously selected.

Clyde Garrett made the announcements for Sunday services. After other announcements the conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. F. S. Parker.

FOURTH DAY. Afternoon.

The conference convened at 2:30 p. m. with James Kilgore in the chair by appointment of the Bishop.

The conference sang, "Savior, Let Me Walk With Thee." J. L. Massey led in prayer after which James Kilgore read the first Psalm.

The Secretary read the minutes of the morning session and they were approved.

W. A. Pounds read the report of the committee on Orphanage. Pending the adoption of the report R. A. Burroughs, Manager of the Orphanage, addressed the conference concerning his work. He gave a glowing report of the campaign for the finishing of the Pauline Vaughan Building. The report was adopted.

M. N. Terrell read the report of the Committee on Epworth Leagues. Pending the adoption of the report Dr. F. S. Parker, Epworth League Secretary, addressed the conference. He said the circulation of the Epworth Era is increasing and is now 23,000. The distinctive need for the League, he said, grows out of the distinctive need for worship. He discussed clearly the underlying principles of League activities. The report was adopted.

H. D. Knickerbocker called "the class of the fiftieth year"—the superannuates—and fourteen of the old heroes presented themselves at the chancel. He gave each a piece of gold after some beautiful remarks. L. M. Fowler expressed the thanks of "the class." G. F. Phair led in prayer. The conference sang "I'll Soon Be At Home Over There." The incident was a beautiful one.

The presiding elders nominated the Board of Managers for the Superannuate Endowment Movement: W. D. White, W. W. Watts, L. J. Power, E. P. Swindall, W. H. Bonner, C. H. Mc-Masters, W. S. Gibbs, T. S. Garrison, G. W. Glass, T. E. Acker, T. N. Graham, Alex Woldert.

O. W. Cooper read the report of the Committee on Temperance, reciting prohibition progress in the country. The report was adopted.

O. T. Hotchkiss read a paper on the observance of the centennial of Texas Methodism in 1917. The paper recommended that each Church conduct a centennial service in May of 1917. The paper was adopted and ordered published in the Conference Journal.

W. L. Dean read the report of the Committee on Lay Activities. Pending the adoption of the report Judge Dean addressed the conference. The report was adopted.

Judge W. L. Dean was elected Conference Lay Leader.

W. H. Crum read the report No. 1 of the Board of Missions recommending an every-member canvass in each charge before March 1. Pending the adoption of the report Dr. W. W. Pinson, Secretary of the Parent Board of Missions, addressed the conference. He said we are paying less per capita today for missions than our fathers paid immediately after the war. He called attention to the large discrepancy between the amounts reported by the pastors for specials and the amounts received by the Board of Missions. The report was adopted.

E. G. Cook read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. The report was not in duplicate and the chair ruled that it was not before the house.

M. N. Terrell read report No. 2 of the Epworth League. S. S. McKenney and Terry W. Wilson were confirmed as Trustees of the Texas Methodist Assembly.

A motion to adjourn prevailed. W. W. Horner pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY. Evening.

The conference reassembled at 7:15 p. m., O. E. Goddard in the chair by appointment of the Bishop.

The conference sang, "The Kingdom is Coming," and J. E. Green led in prayer.

The conference was favored with singing at this juncture by the Misses Wisdom, of Missouri. Many hearty amens were elicited by their remarkable singing. They were called back and sang "I Saw a Wayworn Traveler." The conference joined in singing the chorus.

W. H. Crum read the report of the Committee on Evangelism, recommending an evangelistic campaign for 1917, with 25,000 enlisted workers. The report further provides for several inspirational meetings throughout the State. The report was adopted.

W. H. Crum read the report of the Board of Missions, recommending China as the field for specials in the foreign work and our Mexican work as the field for specials in our home

work. Missions raised this year \$16,591, \$3936, \$1687, respectively for Foreign Home and Conference. Pending the adoption of the report Dr. W. W. Pinson was introduced and spoke on Methodism and Evangelism. He said his address might as well be called Methodism and Missions. After a most remarkable address the report of the Board was adopted.

The Misses Wisdom were called for and sang, "Save One." The young ladies were called back for the second time and sang "Children of the Heavenly King."

A voluntary offering was brought to the stand for the Missouri sisters as a small token of the conference's appreciation of their services.

The Sunday services were announced again by the pastor.

The young ladies sang again and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. W. W. Pinson.

TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES AND PERSONALS.

E. P. Swindall, Alba: Advance on salary of \$111 and on conference collections of \$50 over last year. Built six-room parsonage. Additions to Church 48.

W. C. Hughes, Liberty Charge: Additions 35, conference collections and pastor's salary in full.

C. H. Adams, Dangerfield: Closing fourth year, 150 additions. Parsonage remodeled. Charge in fine condition.

G. W. Riley, Millican: Have six churches in four counties. Well established monthly system. Parsonage repaired, new church being enterprised.

J. D. F. Houck, Woodland Heights, Houston: Professions of faith 37, total additions 102, Sunday School paid \$1002, mortgage of \$3000 paid; all collections in full.

W. W. Gollighugh, San Augustine: Closing second year, good progress, charge in fine condition.

C. T. Tally, Bryan: Finances full and more; 90 additions. Have charge of an Italian and Bohemian Mission doing fine work. Pastor and people happy.

Jas. A. Carter, Bay City: Completes quadrennium, membership doubled. A clean Advocate list. Finances in full; 17 infants baptized, 3 specials for missions, Sunday School enrollment larger than Church enrollment.

J. R. Ritchie, Cedar Street, Tyler: 23 additions; built church worth \$8000.

O. E. Goddard, First Church, Galveston: More than 200 additions, 680 received during last three years. Collections in full. Specials aggregating \$15,000.

W. L. Russell, Queen City: 27 additions, good Sunday School and Epworth League. New parsonage.

Robt. O. Wier, Fairfield: Received on profession of faith 25; collections 90 per cent paid.

Geo. E. Kemp, Hempstead: 29 additions, collections for all purposes \$1872.

G. H. Collins, Dayton: Good year, growing Church, most excellent Board of Stewards.

E. A. Sample, Maysfield: Four Sundays Schools, two observed Children's Day. Collections in full, paid for all purposes \$1112. Furnish a bed in China hospital.

D. W. Gardner, Spiro: Closing third year. Conversions 36, completed parsonage worth \$1200. Collections in full.

J. W. Mills, St. Paul, Houston: Accessions 183, collected during year \$13,000. Great Sunday School, 3 day schools in China, 1 preacher in China, support one special, 4 Woman's Missionary Societies, one young woman volunteer in training in Scarritt. Best year financially in history of Church.

W. W. Watts, Orange: Received on profession of faith 72, total additions 107, 670 enrolled in Sunday School. Paid for all purposes \$6825.

E. L. Shettles was absent from the conference on account of sickness. Brother Shettles is a devoted man and he was greatly missed by the brethren. M. N. Terrell, New Boston: 60 con-

versions, 45 additions; all collections in full, total paid \$3701.

John B. Bell, Humble: 62 additions, salary increased from \$800 to \$1200, salary and collections in full. Most splendid prospects for the charge.

John W. Goodwin, Carthage: 28 additions, salary and collections in full. Epworth League flourishing.

Edward R. Barcus, Marvin Church, Tyler: Baptized 85 adults, total additions 182, collections in full, paid for all purposes \$13,000. The average attendance in Sunday School during the year 677. Contract being let for \$25,000 Sunday School room addition to the church.

B. C. Anderson, Naples: 200 additions in four years. Church and parsonage repaired and remodeled. Charge in fine condition.

A. J. McCary, Kilgore: 37 additions, collections and salary in full; 97 per cent Advocate subscriptions collected. Two churches ready to be dedicated.

L. Christians, Crosby and Mt. Bellview: Net increase of 70. Built parsonage worth \$100. Ten Advocate subscriptions taken. Finances in full.

H. B. Dailey, Tanglewood: 100 conversions, 56 additions. Four good Sunday Schools. Collections in full.

B. T. Bell, Thorndale: Church built at cost of \$4000. Two Epworth Leagues. 43 additions. All finances paid.

G. C. Carey, Giddings: Church repaired at cost of \$110. Salary and collections in full.

E. C. Escoe, Bullard and Mt. Selman: Additions 30. Finances full. Total collected \$3100.

J. C. Stewart, Nederland: Closing four years, during which have added 200. Secured parsonage. Fine revivals.

J. C. Stewart, Nederland: Closing four years. Parsonage debt paid. Two churches destroyed by storm replaced. Loyal people.

J. I. Weatherby, Colfax: Additions 27. 72 per cent conference collections and 90 per cent on pastor's salary paid.

J. E. Buttrill, Willis: Additions 45. All collections in full. Great year.

C. M. Myers, Somerville: 71 additions, 56 conversions. Salary in full. During past 3 years membership net gain of 65 per cent.

J. L. Weatherby, Waller: Closing three years. Rebuilt parsonage. Replaced five churches.

C. U. McLarty, Crockett: Salary and collections in full. 45 additions. Raised by Woman's Missionary Society \$2050. Collected for all purposes \$5585. Brother McLarty was given one month's rest during year on account of ill health.

Will H. Edwards, Edgewood: Good revivals at every Church in charge. Splendid year.

W. D. White, Longview: Finance in full. \$1000 additions to Church. General advance on all lines.

L. J. Powell, Caldwell: 43 additions. Finances in full. Special for missions. \$100 special for conference claimants.

I. F. Key, Conroe: Completely equipped \$18,000 church under construction.

J. C. Marshall, China and Nome: 38 additions. Church built and dedicated. Raised for all purposes \$3200. Organized two Young People's Missionary Societies with 50 members.

J. B. Luker was detained at home on account of sickness. He sends good report from Hemphill and Bronon.

W. L. Cannon at the close of two years on Laneville Circuit reports progress on all lines.

I. O. Dent, Linden: 42 additions. Finances mostly in full. Two splendid Sunday Schools. Prospects encouraging.

J. M. Treadwell, Agent for Alexander Collegiate Institute, reports 162 enrollment. Dr. Strothers is making

a great success of the college. All expenses of school are paid with no endowment.

B. C. Ansley, Grapeland: 22 additions. Finances in full. Paid for all purposes \$2215.

J. L. Ross, Shelbyville: 60 conversions. 52 additions. 24 infants baptized. Finances in full.

J. T. Hooks, Neches and Brushy Creek: Two parsonages and three appointments. Splendid people.

T. H. Sharp, Winfield: Organized one new Church. Made two charges out of one.

W. W. Horner, Beasley: 34 additions. Infants baptized 18. Salary and collections 88 per cent paid.

W. F. Bryan, Marlin: 61 additions. Finances in full. Support a missionary in China. Paid \$889 special for missions. Paid Orphanage \$250.

L. H. Mathison, Mt. Enterprise and Caro: 81 additions. Salary and collections in full and more.

I. B. Manly, Cedar Bayou: Closing second year as pastor of this old Church, organized in 1844. Two Epworth Leagues. 150 additions to Sunday School. Finances in full.

C. M. Kennedy, Malakoff: 35 additions. 27 infants baptized. Salary and collections somewhat behind. Total paid \$3071.

J. C. Carr, Rusk: Splendid old Church. Paid \$7 per member. Good Woman's Missionary Society.

D. S. Hotchkiss, Harrisburg: Additions 22. \$100 paid on parsonage debt. Finances in full.

A. T. Walker, Timpson: Good Sunday School and League. Finances in full.

A. E. Riley, Livingston: Salary and collections overpaid. Good year.

M. I. Brown, Cason: 70 additions. parsonage recovered. Total raised \$1060.

C. E. Garrett, Bremond: Closing third year. Everything in full. Pastor and people happy.

T. D. McCrary, Big Sandy: 20 additions. 8 adults baptized. Salary and collections mostly paid. Parsonage repaired at cost of \$150.

R. S. Marshall, Jewett: Finances in full. Good meetings. Splendid year.

O. F. Zimmerman, Flynn: 75 additions. Church built. Parsonage finished. Salary and collections overpaid.

M. F. Wells, Kountze: Splendid membership. Good Woman's Missionary Society. Finances in full.

D. F. Pulley, Transcendar: Additions 92. Adults baptized 10. Infants baptized 3. 75 conversions.

W. H. Earls, Rosewood: Additions 44. Parsonage repaired. Church worth \$2000 enterprised. 2 Sunday Schools organized. Total collected \$2422.

R. E. Beard, Beckville: Finances in full. Salaries overpaid. Church built costing \$2500. Paid for all purposes \$4483.

J. L. Massey, Navasota: Additions 57. Professions of faith 37. Finances full.

W. A. Belcher, Canton: Additions 146. Church built costing \$1250. Total raised \$3661.

G. R. Weimer, Devilla: Everything in full. Additions 29. Church repaired.

Thos. R. Morehead, Franklin: Finances in full. \$1000 debt on parsonage paid. 37 net gain in membership.

H. J. Hays, Hearne: Every Advocate subscription paid. 48 additions. \$740 parsonage debt paid. Finances in full.

Frank E. Luker, Willis Point: Additions 83. Finances full. 12 new subscribers to Texas Advocate.

E. G. Cook, Brenham: 22 net gain in membership. Total collected \$3500. Good year.

H. D. Knickerbocker, First Church, Houston: 200 conversions, 275 accessions, great congregations, \$27,000 raised, finances running over, support two missionaries, conversions every Sunday.

B. C. Callaway, Kenard Circuit: Good year, one new church building, received on profession 10, infants baptized 4.

W. H. Crum, Port Arthur: Closed third year, number received in the three years 450, Sunday School enrollment 800, number in Epworth League 105, League African special \$100, appointment taking its place as one of the most desirable in the Conference.

H. V. Watts, Texas City: Despite storm and war splendid year, all assessments paid in full.

H. C. Willis, Cameron Station: 69 accessions, church and parsonage debts paid, plans for remodeling church finished and work soon to begin.

George H. Phair, superannuate and junior preacher, Hempstead Mission: 13 accessions, baptized 7, 1 Sunday School organized with 42 members.

D. A. Williams, Pittsburg Circuit: 40 conversions, 37 additions, one new church being built, finances in advance of last year.

J. W. Cullen, Sour Lake: 45 additions, built and furnished \$2000 parsonage, salaries and benevolences in full, paid for all purposes \$4810.10.

O. T. Hotchkiss, Nacogdoches: Everything in full and a year of advancement, good year.

D. B. Boddie, League City: raised \$2000 for all purposes, 60 accessions, 50 of these on profession of faith.

Claude Harkey, Thirty-Third Street, Galveston: 183 accessions, all finances in full, new building erected.

Rev. S. S. McKenney, Field Representative for the Washington City National Church: Retires from the field, going back to the pastoral ranks in the Texas Conference, of which body he is a member. He has secured from five Annual Conferences new subscriptions amounting to \$14,500. He has secured from two Annual Conferences the personal pledges of individuals covering old conference pledges to the extent of \$6900. He has secured from three Annual Conferences regular assessments to the extent of \$14,900 on subscriptions previously made, and organized three other conferences for systematic payment of pledges to the extent of \$11,900, aggregate of \$48,200, in addition to the amounts collected from individual subscribers throughout the field, and a campaign for \$15,000 in the Baltimore Conference.

J. C. Huddleston, Douglassville Circuit: Organized 5 Sunday Schools according to standard of efficiency, salaries in full, more money raised than in any previous year on this charge, serious sickness in family during the year.

Walter Day, Lyon's Circuit: 20 accessions, parsonage debt paid, salaries and collections in full, \$75 specials, 225 in Sunday School.

D. W. Moore, North and Denton Chapel: 28 additions, Junior League organized, money collected \$1785.83.

Glenn Flinn, First Church, Beaumont: 262 accessions, present membership 1297, special for missions \$1050, raised for all purposes \$16,500.

H. H. McCain, Rosebud: Salaries and collections in full, parsonage repaired, payment made on church debt.

J. F. Wallace, Woodville: Good year, 15 accessions.

H. M. Timmons, Gilmer: Closes quadrennium, 160 accessions during this time, no financial deficit in either year, salary raised from \$1000 to \$1500, church indebtedness of \$4200 paid this year.

The preaching at the conference was of very high order. The Connectional officers were given opportunity to address the conference in its regular sessions, and the afternoon and evenings were devoted to evangelistic preaching. W. H. Crum, E. R. Barcus, H. D. Knickerbocker, S. S. McKenney, W. F. Bryan, Jo Jamison and E.

Hightower brought stirring messages to the great audiences. And the audiences were great. Larger and more interested congregations we have seen nowhere.

C. B. Garrett, pastor at Lufkin, was an ideal conference host. No detail of entertainment escaped his attention. Each pastor seemed to think he had the best home.

Brother and Sister C. B. Garrett celebrated the eighteenth anniversary of their wedding during the conference. Bishop McCoy and a number of other invited guests dined with them on their anniversary. The pastor who performed the ceremony eighteen years ago, Brother G. A. LeClere, was among the guests.

The editor is indebted to Judge and Mrs. Fairchilds for as delightful entertainment as he has ever known at any Annual Conference.

Dr. Isaac Alexander was stricken with something akin to indigestion during the conference. For a while he was thought to be seriously sick. He was reported to be much better on the day of conference adjournment. We trust that he still improves.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals remembered the Advocate very graciously and enthusiastically. The Conference unanimously adopted the report wherein a promise is made to increase the list of subscribers within the bounds of the conference. The report says:

"Resolved 1. That the Texas Conference pledges itself to enter heartily upon this campaign, and designates 4551 subscribers as a goal which it should reach.
"2. And that this Conference heartily commends Dr. Bradford's policy as editor and his unfailing courage in meeting the living issues of the day."

(Editor's Note: The editor regrets that he cannot make personal mention of each member of the conference. The opportunity was not given by the Bishop for the pastors to make their reports and the editor had no way of knowing the results of their work except as the pastors accepted his invitation to hand to him their reports. A band of preachers nobler than those in the Texas Conference can nowhere be found. Modesty, doubtless, kept some from reporting to the editor and absence from the conference room at the time of his request for such reports accounts for his failure to secure reports from a number of the pastors.)

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY.

Sunday, November 12, was a memorable day in Lufkin. The pulpits of the city were occupied by the visiting Methodist preachers. The day's services at the Methodist Church were opened with an old-fashioned Love Feast at 9 o'clock, Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss leading. The hour was filled with singing and praying and testimony rarely heard even at a Methodist Annual Conference.

At 11 o'clock the large auditorium was packed to its utmost capacity to hear the great sermon of Bishop McCoy.

The Bishop's text was Ecclesiastes 31:11: "Also He hath set eternity in our hearts." For more than an hour the Bishop discussed upon his text, showing that man in his intellect, his conscience and his heart belongs to the eternities. Man, though a creature in time and space, refuses to dwell in realms of finite limitations. The sermon abounded in apt illustrations and was as forceful as any we have ever heard our gifted Bishop preach. The great audience was melted to tears again and again throughout its delivery. At its conclusion the deacons, whose names are given elsewhere, were ordained.

At 3 o'clock the Conference met in Memorial Session, E. W. Solomon presiding by request of the Bishop.

After devotional exercises Question 21 was called. "What preachers have died during the past year?" Answer: J. L. Dawson, C. H. Brooks, H. T. Swartz, D. A. Shook and E. D. Watson.

W. F. Davis read the memoir of J. L. Dawson; G. W. Riley read the memoir of C. H. Brooks; J. W. Goodwin read the memoir of P. A. Shook; the memoir of H. T. Swartz, it was announced, would be prepared and spread upon the minutes of the Conference.

The memoir of Sister Lizzie E. Biggs, wife of A. C. Biggs, was read by W. B. Moon; the memoir of Sister J. C. Huddleston was read by L.

J. Power; the memoir of Sister W. H. Brooks, it was announced, would be prepared and spread upon the minutes of the Conference.

Many of the preachers and laymen spoke tenderly of these deceased brothers and sisters.

The announcement of the serious illness at the Conference of Dr. Isaac Alexander was made and deeply affected the brethren.

After an hour of great solemnity the Conference adjourned, E. W. Solomon pronouncing the benediction.

At the evening hour another great audience filled the auditorium. After a sermon by the editor of the Advocate, Bishop McCoy ordained the elders-elect, whose names are given elsewhere. Thus closed a day of rare inspiration and power.

SIXTH DAY.

The conference was opened Monday morning, November 13, at 9 o'clock, with the singing of "He Leadeth Me," Bishop McCoy in the chair. 1 Peter, 2:1-11 was read by Bishop McCoy, after which the Bishop led in prayer.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Saturday afternoon and evening sessions. The minutes of the Memorial session were read also. After minor corrections the minutes were approved.

Question 11, "What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?" Wallis Lee Cannon, J. H. Carlin, John A. Moore, S. A. Weimer, J. M. Gordon, F. E. Few, J. C. Marshall, DeWitt S. Hotchkiss, G. Z. Sadler.

Question 13, "What local preachers are ordained deacons?" W. B. Kidd, Leo Hopkins, W. H. Chadwick, W. G. Jones.

Question 15, "What traveling preachers are ordained elders?" H. V. Watts, G. E. Kemp, B. Calloway, L. H. Bradford, R. E. Ledbetter, J. L. Weatherby, D. B. Boddie, Batty L. Owens, John C. Cockrell, L. F. Brothers.

J. T. Smith moved to reconsider the action by which R. C. Greer was discontinued. The motion prevailed. R. C. Greer was then located at his own request.

James Kilgore introduced a paper concerning the title of the property of the Texas Woman's College. The paper was adopted.

J. F. Carter, in behalf of the preachers of the Brenham District, presented S. W. Thomas, retiring presiding elder, a set of sterling silver. Bro. Thomas made a feeling reply.

E. L. Ingram read the report of the Board of Church Extension. With slight amendment the report was adopted.

The report on Sabbath Observance, which was read at Saturday's session, was adopted.

E. W. Potter read the report of the Board of Education. The address of the Educational Commission was read as a part of the report.

The assessments for 1916-17 are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. For S. M. U. \$3600, For School of Theology 3874, For S. W. U. 4875, For Summer School 300, For A. C. I. 2500, For Wesley Bible Chair, in the State University 500.

J. T. Smith moved to amend the report by striking out the item of \$500 for the Wesley Bible Chair in the State University. After earnest discussion the amendment was lost. The report was adopted. Bishop McCoy and James Kilgore spoke concerning the School of Theology of S. M. U.

J. W. Goodwin read the report of the Joint Board of Finance, showing disbursements aggregating \$15,150.65.

T. S. Garrison presented the Treasurer's report of the Joint Board of Finance. The reports were adopted.

James Kilgore moved that provision be made for the printing of the minutes this year as usual. The motion prevailed.

Bishop McCoy submitted the proposed constitutional amendment as to the ex-officio membership of Annual Conference and District Conference lay leaders in the Annual Conference. James Kilgore and Judge Dan Walker spoke to the question. The roll of the conference was called and the vote stood: Ayes, 19; nays, 162.

W. D. White read the report of the Committee on the American Bible Society. The report was adopted.

W. D. White read the report of the Superannuate Endowment Fund, recommending A. A. Wagon as special agent for the movement. The report was adopted.

Glenn Flinn read a paper concerning the Washington City Church, recommending the appointment of District Commissioners in the interest of that Church. Pending the adoption of the report S. S. McKenney addressed the

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conference. After some discussion the paper was not adopted. G. W. Glass, Conference Treasurer, made his report, showing an aggregate of \$71,309 for the year, an increase of ten per cent over last year. C. T. Tally read the report of the Committee on District Conference Records. The report was adopted. C. T. Tally read a paper complimentary to the Dallas-Galveston News. The paper was adopted. P. T. Ramsey read the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools. The report was adopted. Frank Platt read the report of the Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church, showing 8000 conversions during the year. The report was adopted. T. C. Sharp read the report of the Committee on Conference Relations, recommending names for the superannuate relation as given elsewhere and for supernumerary J. B. Turrentine and W. F. Packard. The report was adopted. M. N. Terrell read the conference resolutions of thanks. The report was adopted by a rising vote. G. L. Taylor was elected to a place on the Committee of Memoirs in place of W. F. Davis, resigned. E. L. Shettles and Judge W. L. Dean were appointed on the committee to arrange for the observance of the Centenary of Texas Methodism. D. S. Hotchkiss read the report of the Board of Missions. The report was adopted. W. H. Vance read the presiding elders' nominations for vacancies on the Conference Boards. The report was adopted. Bishop McCoy called the statistical questions, 23-52. (See condensed minutes). J. B. Turrentine spoke on the Publishers' Jubilee Campaign for the Texas Christian Advocate and expressed appreciation of the long service of the senior publisher, Bro. L. Blaylock. L. U. McLarty moved that after the reading of the minutes and the appointments the conference adjourn sine die. The motion prevailed. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Bishop McCoy announced Hymn 547 and the conference stood and sang. Question 53, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" (See appointments). During the reading of the appointments the Bishop named Commissioners for S. M. U. The doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop McCoy.

elders? Howard Vance Watts, George Ellington Kemp, Benjamin Calloway, Lawrence Howard Bradford, Robert Edgar Ledbetter, John Lloyd Weatherby, David Baker Boddie, Batley La Fayette Owens, John Crawford Cockrell, Luke Frederick Brothers. 15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Howard Vance Watts, George Ellington Kemp, Benjamin Calloway, Lawrence Howard Bradford, Robert Edgar Ledbetter, John Lloyd Weatherby, Daniel Baker Boddie, Batley La Fayette Owens, John Crawford Cockrell, Luke Frederick Brothers. 16. What local preachers are elected elders? No one. 17. What local preachers are ordained elders? No one. 18. Who are located this year? No one. 19. Who are supernumerary? B. R. Bolton, W. F. Packard, J. B. Turrentine. 20. Who are superannuated? W. H. Brooks, Isaac Alexander, J. D. Burke, T. R. Cain, W. W. Graham, C. R. Lanier, S. H. Morgan, H. T. Hart, G. H. Phair, G. C. Stovall, T. B. Graves, J. A. Moody, A. C. Biggs, Wm. Sproule, T. J. Milam, I. M. Bryce, J. W. Kelly, A. G. Scruggs, John Helpinstill, C. L. Farrington, B. H. Greathouse, A. Little, J. C. Cameron, D. P. Cullen, I. J. Coppedge, J. L. Russell, G. A. LeClere, J. W. Johnson, J. M. Mills, W. W. Adams, L. M. Fowler. 21. What preachers have died during the past year? C. H. Brooks, J. L. Dawson, O. A. Shook, E. D. Watson, H. T. Swartz. 22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and their characters passed. L. F. Jewell surrendered his credentials; C. B. Thompson was expelled from the ministry and membership of the Church. 23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 206; members, 75,866. 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? Not answered. 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? Not answered. 26. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1090. 27. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2813. 28. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 101. 29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 3828. 30. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 556. 31. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 4946. 32. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the conference year? 57,997. 33. What amount was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$12,000. 34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$10,293. Distributed to claimants. 35. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$12,208; home and conference, \$16,418; special home missions, \$472. 36. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$9054. Special, \$1761. 37. What has been contributed for education? \$12,203. S. M. U., Theological Department, \$1413. 38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$844. 39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$28,858; preachers in charge, \$203,663. 40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$2867. 41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 718; number of houses of worship, 588. 42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$2,249,550; indebtedness, \$176,595. 43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 223; number of parsonages, 196. 44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$409,400; indebtedness, \$24,972. 45. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 10; number of district parsonages, 9. 46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Not answered. 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, 1; amount of damage, \$1200. 48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$927,005; losses sustained, not given; premiums paid, \$8450; collections on losses, not given. 49. What are the educational statistics? Not answered. 50. How many copies of the General Organ and of the Conference Organ are taken? General Organ, 277; Conference Organ, 5769. 51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? Not answered. 52. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Palestine. 53. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See Appointments.

- BRENNHAM DISTRICT.**
Jesse Lee, Presiding Elder.
Bay City—O. T. Hotchkiss.
Bellville—S. W. Stokely.
Brenham Station—E. G. Cook.
Brookshire—T. W. St. John.
Caldwell Station—L. J. Power.
Chapel Hill—A. B. Chapman.
Giddings—W. W. Horner.
Glen Flora—H. B. Daley.
Hempstead—D. S. Hotchkiss.
Lexington—G. C. Cravy.
Lyons—Walter Day.
Matagorda—T. S. Williford.
Richmond Station—E. L. Shettles.
Rockdale Station—H. B. Smith.
Roseberg—F. O. Favre.
Sealy Circuit—H. A. Matney.
Somerville—Allen Tooke.
Tanglewood—R. C. Goens.
Thorndale—C. E. Garrett.
Waller Circuit—D. B. Boddie.
Wallis and Fulshear—L. H. Bradford.
Wharton Station—L. L. Lloyd.
- HOUSTON DISTRICT.**
R. W. Adams, Presiding Elder.
Alvin Station—C. M. Myers.
Angleton and Columbia—C. J. Atkinson.
Brazoria—A. L. Carnes.
Cedar Bayou—L. B. Manly.
Galveston, First Church—O. E. Goddard.
Thirty-Third Street—C. S. Harkey.
Harrisburg—G. E. Kemp.
Houston, First Church—H. D. Knickerbocker.
Grace—J. F. Carter.
McAhan—O. W. Hooper.
St. Paul—J. W. Mills.
Tabernacle—J. E. Green.
Trinity—W. F. Davis.
McKee Street and Mission—J. C. Barnhart.
West End—R. E. Ledbetter.
Washington Street—C. E. Clark.
Woodland Heights—J. D. F. Hoock.
Humble—J. B. Bell.
Iowa Colony and Pasadena—To be supplied.
Katy—C. E. W. Smith.
League City—J. L. Weatherby.
Seabrook and Altaloma—Wm. Bard, supply.
Texas City—H. V. Watts.
Velasco and Freeport—H. A. Abney, supply.
Professor S. M. U.—Jas. Kilgore, St. Paul's Q. C.
Conference Sunday School Secretary—W. G. Harbin, Grace Q. C.
Port Mission U. S. Immigration Station—J. E. Reischneider, Altaloma Q. C.
Conference Educational Secretary—Jas. Kilgore, Student S. M. U.—T. S. Ogle, First Church, Houston, Q. C.
- JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.**
I. F. Betts, Presiding Elder.
Alto Circuit—M. F. Daniel.
Alto Station—J. C. Williams.
Athens Circuit—D. F. Pulley, supply.
Athens Station—C. A. Tower.
Ballard and Mt. Sulman—E. C. Escoe.
Eushing Circuit—J. M. Cochran.
Elkhart Circuit—Preston Florence.
Eustace Circuit—Benjamin Callaway.
Frankston and La Rue—C. B. Fuller.
Gallatin Circuit—L. W. Nichols, supply.
Jacksonville Circuit—W. B. Moon, supply.
Jacksonville Station—P. T. Ramsey; B. R. Bolton, supernumerary.
Keltsy—J. R. Murray.
Malakoff Circuit—T. C. Sharp.
Mont Alba—W. H. Pittman.
Neches and Brushy Creek—C. M. Kennedy.
Overton and Arp—Leo Hopkins.
Palestine Circuit—J. T. Hooks.
Palestine, Grace—L. B. Saxon.
Centenary—D. H. Hotchkiss.
Rusk Station—J. W. Goodwin.
Rusk Circuit—R. B. Moon, supply.
Troup Station—L. H. McGee.
Secretary Y. M. C. A., Peru, Ind.—H. H. Davis, Centenary Q. C.
President Alexander College—W. K. Strother, Jacksonville Q. C.
Financial Agent Alexander College—J. W. Treadwell, Jacksonville Q. C.
- MARLIN DISTRICT.**
Geo. W. Davis, Presiding Elder.
Buckholts—J. M. Gordon.
Calvert—F. G. Clark.
Cameron—H. C. Willis.
Centerville—S. W. Lowe.
Davilla Circuit—E. A. Sample.
Durango—R. A. Gates.
Fairfield and Dew—P. R. White.
Flynn Circuit—R. O. Weir.
Franklin Circuit—C. House.
Franklin Station—T. R. Morehead.
Gause Circuit—J. W. Wardlow.
Hearne Station—H. J. Hayes.
Jewett—R. S. Marshall.
Kosse—J. E. Payne.
Leon Mission—R. M. House.
Loft and Chilton—B. T. Bell.
Marlin Station—W. F. Bryan; W. F. Packard, supernumerary.
Maysfield Circuit—G. Z. Sadler.
Normangee—W. A. Craven.
Rosebud—E. L. Ingram.
Reagan and Stranger—O. F. Zimmerman.
Teague—S. W. Thomas.
Travis Circuit—J. C. Cockrell.
Wheelock Circuit—J. F. Garrett.
Manager Texas Methodist Orphanage—R. A. Burroughs, Marlin Q. C.
Conference Evangelist—C. E. Monk, Marlin Q. C.
Bohemian Mission—J. M. Vondracek.
- MARSHALL DISTRICT.**
F. M. Boyles, Presiding Elder.
Beckville—R. E. Beard.
Bethany Circuit—M. R. Turner.
Church Hill Circuit—A. G. Hall.
Gilmer Station—J. C. Carr.
Hallsville Circuit—I. F. Pace.
Harleton Circuit—W. L. Canan.
Harrison Circuit—E. G. Downs.
Henderson Circuit—L. J. Waggoner.
Henderson Station—H. H. McCain.
Jefferson Station—L. F. Brothers.
Kelleyville Circuit—J. M. Smith.
Kilgore Circuit—J. M. Smith.
Laneville Circuit—B. L. Owens.
Longview Station—W. D. White.
Marshall, First Church—C. T. Tally.
Summit Street—W. S. Easterling.
Ogburn Circuit—A. L. Conner.
Rosewood Circuit—W. H. Earls.
- NAVASOTA DISTRICT.**
J. E. Morgan, Presiding Elder.
Anderson Circuit—W. L. Pate.
Beloit Circuit—Ed Prather, supply.
Brazos County Mission—Jesse C. Thomson.
Bryan Station—E. W. Solomon.
Cleveland and Fostoria—D. W. Gardener.
Cold Springs Circuit—F. E. Few.
Conroe Station—Ira F. Key.
Crockett—C. U. McLarty.
Dodge and Oakhurst—J. L. Webb.
Grapeland and Lovelady—B. C. Ansley.

Groveton Station—S. D. Harger.
Huntsville—E. W. Potter.
Latexo—R. F. Hodges, supply.
Madison County Mission—P. W. Norwood, supply.
Madisonville Station—A. S. Whitehurst.
Midway—W. A. Allen.
Milican Circuit—G. W. Riley.
Montgomery Circuit—W. T. Ayres.
Navasota—J. L. Massey.
Onalaska—C. C. Bell.
Shiro—J. E. Buttrill.
Trinity Station—J. F. Kidd.
Walker County Mission—A. J. Frick, supply.
Wallis Circuit—L. S. Burke.
Agent Superannuate Endowment Fund—A. A. Wagon, Navasota Q. C.
Chaplain State Penitentiary—W. T. McDonald, Huntsville Q. C.
Chaplain U. S. Army—E. P. Newson, Huntsville Q. C.
Bohemian Missionary—Joseph Dobes, Bryan Q. C.
Bohemian Missionary—William Brichta, Bryan Q. C.
Italian Missionary—Francisco Zeto, Bryan Q. C.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.
W. H. Vance, Presiding Elder.
Atlanta Station—E. A. Maness.
Boston Circuit—R. J. Deets, supply.
Cason Circuit—M. I. Brown.
Daingerfield—L. H. Mathison.
Dalby Springs Circuit—W. G. Jones.
Douglassville—J. C. Huddleston.
Hughes Springs and Avinger—C. T. Cummings.
Linden—I. O. Dent.
Mt. Pleasant Station—M. N. Terrell.
Naples and Omaha—A. A. Tharp.
Nash Circuit—J. E. White.
New Boston and DeKalb—J. L. Red.
Pittsburg Circuit—R. B. Jones.
Pittsburg Station—C. B. Garrett.
Queen City Circuit—J. H. Carlin.
Redwater Circuit—J. W. Ussery.
Ripley Circuit—J. H. Westmoreland.
Texarkana, First Church—W. F. Andrews; J. B. Turrentine, supernumerary.
Hardy Memorial—A. T. Walker.
Winfield Circuit—W. H. Edwards.
Winnboro Circuit—J. A. Moore.

TIMPSON DISTRICT.
L. B. Elrod, Presiding Elder.
Appleby Mission—To be supplied.
Burke and Diboll—Chas. Doak.
Carthage Station—G. L. Taylor.
Center Circuit—W. L. Russell.
Center Station—C. H. Adams.
Corringan Circuit—Otto Daniel.
Garrison Station—J. W. Bridges.
Gary Circuit—W. A. Belcher.
Geneva Circuit—M. G. Taylor, supply.
Hemphill and Bronson—J. B. Luker.
Huntington and Manning—L. F. Smith, supply.
Kennard Circuit—A. G. Coleman.
Livingston Station—B. C. Anderson.
Livingston Mission—A. E. Rider.
Lufkin Station—H. M. Timmons.
Melrose Circuit—J. S. Wilson, supply.
Mt. Enterprise—J. M. Fuller.
Nacogdoches Station—W. H. Crum.
Pinehill Circuit—A. A. Rider.
San Augustine Station—W. W. Gollighugh.
Sheblyville Circuit—P. I. Milton.
Teraha—Frank Platt.
Timpson Station—W. M. Sherrill.
Conference Evangelist—W. W. Thomas, Timpson Q. C.

TYLER DISTRICT.
J. T. Smith, Presiding Elder.
Alba Circuit—W. M. Bass.
Big Sandy Circuit—R. J. Smith, supply.
Canton—J. O. Coppage; one to be supplied.
Chandler and Brownsboro—W. A. Pounds.
Celfax—S. N. Allen.
Edgewood—I. E. Thomas.
Edom—T. D. McCrary.
Emory and Point—I. W. Campbell.
Grand Saline—W. F. Smith.
Lindale Circuit—J. I. Weatherby.
Lindale Station—J. L. Ross.
Mineola Circuit—A. Terry, supply.
Mineola Station—C. W. Hughes.
Murchison—E. S. Brawner, supply.
Quitman Circuit—J. C. Calhoun, supply.
Tyler, Cedar Street—J. R. Ritchie.
Tyler, Marvin—E. R. Barcus.
Tyler Circuit—E. P. Swindall.
Whitehouse—J. S. Hendrick.
Wills Point Circuit—G. M. Fletcher.
Wills Point Station—F. E. Luker.

TRANSFERRED—C. S. Wright to the West Texas Conference; H. M. Whaling, Jr., to Northwest Texas Conference; Frank Seay to the East Oklahoma Conference; E. Binford to the West Oklahoma Conference; J. W. Bergin to the Central Texas Conference; G. M. Gibson, A. A. Kidd, H. G. Cook and Nathan Powell to the North Texas Conference.

THE TREASURERS REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.
Your Board has received the several amounts and disbursed as follows:
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer—\$296.05
Paid Brother Cameron..... 125.00
Leaving a balance of.....\$171.05
Received from J. R. Stewart endowment fund \$ 462.00
Received from the Hughes fund..... 199.55
Received from Smith & Lamar..... 535.00
Received from Smith & Lamar, Calvin fund 24.00
Received from Texas Christian Advocate 130.45
Received from Conference Claimants..... 9931.71
Received from the endowment fund..... 887.25
Received from Bishop fund..... 2809.65
Grand total \$15,150.65
Disbursed as follows:
Smith & Lamar.....\$2809.65
J. R. Stewart, endowment fund..... 887.25
Expenses J. W. Goodwin, Sec'y..... 10.00
Mrs. John Adams..... 150.00
Mrs. Alexander..... 250.00
Mrs. F. L. Allen..... 75.00
Mrs. T. P. Booth..... 150.00
C. H. Brooks..... 350.00
Mrs. J. A. Beagle..... 100.00
W. H. Brooks..... 100.00
J. D. Burke..... 300.00
Mrs. Bettie Crouse..... 150.00
Mrs. D. L. Cain..... 175.00
D. P. Cullen..... 200.00
T. R. Cain..... 150.00
Mrs. L. P. Davis..... 250.00
C. L. Farrington..... 250.00
L. M. Fowler..... 250.00
Mrs. D. A. Graves..... 100.00
T. B. Graves..... 300.00
Mrs. S. E. Gober..... 100.00
Mrs. Graham..... 100.00
H. T. Hart..... 200.00
John Helpinstill..... 100.00
Mrs. J. C. Huckabee..... 100.00
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the brethren felt ready to go from labor to refreshment.

Various communications were announced and passed to appropriate committees and boards without reading.

A communication from the General Conference Education Commission was read, at the request of Bishop Candler, and was passed to the Board of Education. Dr. Stonewall Anderson, General Secretary of Education, addressed the conference.

Dr. C. C. Cody, President Emeritus of Southwestern University, Georgetown, was introduced to the conference.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was called by the chair. The names of the following presiding elders were called, characters passed, and made reports of their several districts: C. N. N. Ferguson, Abilene District; E. E. Robinson, Amarillo District; W. E. Lyon, Big Spring District; A. W. Hall, Clarendon District; B. W. Dodson, Hamlin District; A. L. Moore, Plainview District; J. G. Miller, Stamford District; J. T. Griswold, Sweetwater District; M. Phelan, Vernon District.

When the name of J. G. Putman was called, a letter from him to the conference was read, his character passed and, on motion, his name was referred to the Committee on Conference Relation for the supernumerary relation.

The Secretary was instructed by the conference to send J. G. Putman a telegram of sympathy and love.

J. D. Young, Vice-President of the Woman's College, Fort Worth, spoke in the interest of that institution.

On account of the sickness of the Conference Teller, A. B. Roberts was elected to fill his place.

D. P. Doak and Walter M. Van Nort were elected to fill vacancies on the Epworth League Board.

After various announcements, the doxology was sung and the conference adjourned with the benediction by B. W. Dodson.

SECOND DAY.

The Conference was called to order Thursday morning, 9 o'clock, Bishop Mouzon in the chair. "O for a Thousand Tongues" was sung, after which Dr. F. S. Parker led in prayer.

Having sung "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," the Bishop read the second chapter of Second Corinthians, from the twelfth verse to the close, and all of the third chapter. He made no comments.

Minutes of the previous session were read and, after some corrections, were approved.

The Secretary called the roll and the following, not present at the first roll call, answered to their names: Z. R. Fee, R. S. Heizer, A. V. Hendrix, T. B. Hillburn, J. A. Laney, Geo. Smallwood, W. H. Strong, E. L. Yeats, C. I. Beck, A. J. Brown, J. O. Little, T. A. Jackson and G. H. Gattis.

The following lay alternates were seated in place of principals: N. T. King, place of L. O. Lewis, Clarendon District; W. W. Underwood, place of J. H. Luker, Plainview District; C. W. Mallard, place of W. R. Ferguson, Plainview District; C. H. Webb, place of J. A. Wheat, Stamford District; G. W. Backus, place of J. W. Walkup, Vernon District.

On motion, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The following were called, characters passed, and their names referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation: Thos. Hanks, Leon Henderson, R. B. Bonner, A. T. Culbertson, R. B. Evans, D. W. Hawkins.

Under the same question, the following were called, characters passed and their names referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation: J. L. Hollers, H. C. Jolly, C. S. McCarver, B. F. Gassaway, J. M. Baker, Sam C. Vaughan, J. A. Hyder, J. M. Solly, John R. Steele, W. E. Caperton, A. B. Keen, J. B. Wood, A. B. Roberts, Geo. F. Fair, J. A. Crutchfield, R. S. Heizer, I. L. Mills, J. W. R. Bachman, A. H. Hussey, L. E. Riddle, B. T. Sharp, D. C. Ross, S. H. Adams, M. D. Hill, T. B. Hillburn, J. R. Mood.

The names of J. P. Calloway and C. E. Lynn were called, characters passed, and they were left on the ef-

fective list, having been superannuates.

When the name of S. H. Adams was called the most touching letter we ever heard was read by the Secretary. His character was passed and his name referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation. The brethren immediately laid \$172.55 on the table to help this dear brother.

The names of J. B. McReynolds and V. H. Trammell were called, characters passed, and referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" D. H. Aston and O. F. Sensabaugh, elders, from the North Texas Conference. J. W. Brown, a deacon in the class of the fourth year, from the North Texas Conference.

Prof. C. C. Cody was introduced and made a few remarks concerning Southwestern University.

Dr. F. S. Parker was introduced and spoke concerning the Epworth League movement.

Question 22 was resumed. W. M. Lane, M. S. Laveridge and J. A. Sweeney were called, reports made, and characters passed.

On the call of O. P. Kiker's name the Conference, by vote, accepted his surrendered credentials.

Resuming Question 22, the following made their reports and their characters were passed: J. W. Story, G. W. Stewart, Geo. Smallwood, W. B. McKeown, Ed R. Wallace, C. B. Meador, O. P. Clark, G. S. Wyatt, Z. B. Pirtle and J. H. Stephens.

At this juncture Bishop Mouzon held a very helpful and profitable round table, which he calls a "Book Hour." The pity is it does not go the rounds of all our Annual Conferences.

Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" was called and the following, having stood an approved examination, their characters were passed and they were advanced to the class of the second year: S. W. Franklin, J. H. Hicks, Daniel Rees, Ansel Lynn, A. J. Brown, Wm. L. Lightfoot.

The names of C. I. Beck, T. W. Brabham, H. T. Scoggins, Chas. C. Tyler, W. E. Hassler and J. O. Little were called, characters passed, and not having passed an examination, remain in the class of the first year.

Question 3, "Who are discontinued?" J. S. Ryan, at his own request.

Question 10, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" B. W. Wilkins, character passed, and having stood an approved examination was elected to deacon's orders.

Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" was resumed and B. W. Wilkins, having stood an approved examination, his character was passed and he was advanced to the class of the second year. The names of J. W. Martin and W. S. Boyd were called, characters passed, and not having passed an examination, remain in the class of the first year.

Question 10, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" was called and the following, having stood an approved examination, characters passed, were elected to deacon's orders, and advanced to the class of the third year: O. B. Annis, A. E. Arnfield, J. O. Haymes, W. M. Murrell, B. L. Nance, W. M. Pearce.

Z. R. Fee and H. L. Hughes, not having stood an examination, their characters passed, and they remain in the class of the second year.

Question 3, "Who are discontinued?" T. A. Jackson, at his own request.

O. F. Sensabaugh was elected to take the place of J. W. Smith on the Board of Church Extension.

After the usual announcements, the doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. W. W. Pinson.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference convened Friday morning, 9 o'clock, Bishop Mouzon in the chair. After singing "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," R. S. Heizer led in an earnest prayer.

"Blest be the tie that binds" was sung, after which the Bishop gave a luminous exposition of the fourth chapter of Second Corinthians.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous session and they were approved.

A paper on the "Centenary of Methodism in Texas" was read and it was unanimously adopted.

The Statistical Secretaries were excused from the Conference room that they might proceed with their work.

Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" J. W. Martin and J. W. Leggett were called, characters passed and, having passed approved examinations, were advanced to the class of the second year.

Question 10, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" The names of W. B. Woodruff, G. H. Gaddis and R. H. Boyd were called, characters passed, examinations approved, were elected to deacon's orders and advanced to the class of the third year. W. M. Pearce, H. B. Watts and E. E. White, being already deacons, characters passed, examinations approved and were advanced to the class of the third year. C. A. Duncan and J. E. Yeates, characters passed and, not having passed examination, remain in the class of the second year.

Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" was called by districts and the following were elected: Enoch Eiland, from Clarendon District; John P. Tye, from Hamlin District; Washington I. Willis, from Stamford District.

Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" was called and the following, having stood an approved examination, characters passed, and they were elected to elder's orders: R. E. Burns, B. H. Oxford, E. L. Yeates, W. R. Kirkpatrick, J. M. Fryar, L. N. Lipscomb, E. A. Tharp, A. V. Hendricks, C. O. Huff, J. W. Cole, J. G. Thomas and A. C. Aston.

J. W. Cadwell, C. E. Jameson and T. J. Rea were called, characters passed, but not having passed examination, were continued in the class of the first year.

J. W. Smith was announced as having withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Church.

Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" J. G. Thomas, a deacon in the class of the fourth year, from the Central Texas Conference; G. H. McAnally, an elder from the New Mexico Conference; S. T. Cherry, an elder from the Central Texas Conference; J. S. Huckabee, an elder from the Central Texas Conference; J. W. Cole, a deacon in the class of the fourth year, from the Texas Conference.

Question 16, "What local preachers are elected elders?" W. T. Gray and O. B. Annis, from the Big Spring District.

Question 8, "Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers?" R. V. Tooley, an elder from the Methodist Protestant Church; J. W. Israel, an elder from the Missionary Baptist Church.

At this juncture, R. V. Tooley and J. W. Israel were called before the bar of the Conference and Bishop Mouzon administered to them the vows of ordination without the reimpotion of hands.

Prof. C. C. Cody was introduced and spoke in the interest of Southwestern University. Bishop Mouzon followed Dr. Cody with a strong speech clearly defining his position on our educational policy in the Great Southwest.

Dr. Capar S. Wright, Vice-President of Southern Methodist University, was introduced and presented the claims of that institution. Motion prevailed that when the Conference adjourned it adjourn to meet at half past two o'clock.

J. W. Hunt announced that at four-thirty Stamford College would receive the entire Conference as their guests at a reception. The chair announced that the labors of the body would be with that event in view.

Bishop Mouzon submitted for a vote the constitutional question allowing lay leaders to become ex-officio members of the Annual Conference. A standing vote was taken, resulting in 111 in favor of and 25 against the proposed measure.

After announcements, the doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by A. L. Moore.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bishop Mouzon called the Conference to order at two-thirty and "Rock of Ages" was sung, after which A. J. Weeks led in prayer. The Scripture lesson was the 84th Psalm, read without comment.

The reading of the minutes was postponed until the next session.

Question 9, "Who are the deacons of one year?" was called and J. O. Quattlebaum, B. Y. Dickinson, L. B. Smallwood, L. G. Haggard, J. R. Plant, and G. W. Smith, characters passed, and having passed an approved examination, were advanced to the class of the fourth year. S. H. Young, J. L. Rucker and Z. R.

Fee, characters passed, and having not been before the committee, remain in the class of the third year.

Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" The following, having passed approved examinations and being recommended by the Committee on Admissions, were admitted: J. Fred Coker (a deacon), W. L. Vaughan, Chas. M. Killian, Wm. A. Hitchcock, G. W. Montgomery, John A. Bell, Clyde M. Haddock, Joseph E. Bowen, Horatio Y. Banks and James W. McCary.

Question 5, "Who are r admitted?" J. W. Fulton, recommended by Big Spring District.

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 passed: G. S. Hardy, G. S. Wyatt, C. W. Hearson, J. T. Ross, J. W. Hunt, D. H. Aston, A. W. Waddill, W. Y. Switzer, B. J. Osborn, R. S. Watkins, A. D. Jameson, R. E. L. Stutts, M. H. Hudson, Comer M. Woodward, New Harris, J. W. Mayne, W. M. Pope, E. L. Sisk, J. R. Henson, G. J. Irvin, A. J. Weeks, W. H. Strong, J. E. Eldridge, G. T. Palmer, F. M. Neal, J. T. Hicks, S. B. Cox, T. C. Willett, M. L. Moody, C. H. Ledger, C. S. Cameron, J. H. Watts, L. A. Reavis, J. A. Laney, J. T. Howell, A. L. Bowman, P. G. Huffman, J. P. Patterson, C. C. Wright, M. E. Hawkins, J. C. Carpenter, G. S. Slover, S. E. Burkhead, J. S. Huckabee, M. M. Beavers, J. H. Hamblen, M. W. Rodgers, H. H. Liles, O. M. Addison, R. F. Dunn, F. T. Johnson, I. A. Smith, S. L. Cuiwell, G. W. Smith, C. D. Pipkin, R. A. Clements, W. P. Edwards, W. P. Garvin, W. C. Hinds, L. A. Humphreys, R. A. Stewart, G. S. Hardy, L. Jackson, C. F. Carmack, J. F. Caperton.

Upon the call of the name of Hayes Howell, a Committee of Investigation was called for and A. J. Weeks, J. W. Story and J. R. Henson were appointed as such. W. T. Gray, Financial Agent of our Orphanage at Waco, was introduced and represented that institution.

Question 22 was resumed. The names of the following were called, one by one, and characters passed: W. H. Terry, G. H. Bryant, C. D. West, Simeon Shaw, H. M. Long, L. B. Tooley, J. B. McCarley, J. W. Watson, D. B. Doak and S. T. Cherry.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read and adopted. The report of the Committee on Lay Activities was read and adopted.

Question 51, "Who is elected Conference Lay Leader?" Upon recommendation of the Committee on Lay Activities, Hon. F. P. Works, Amarillo, Texas, was elected Conference Lay Leader.

The Committee on District Conference Records made its report, which was adopted.

In the case of Hayes Howell, the Committee of Investigation reported a trial necessary, and Bishop Mouzon appointed the following as a Committee of Trial: G. S. Slover, O. M. Addison, W. B. McKeown, Ben Hardy, J. B. McCarley, J. W. Mayne, C. S. Cameron, W. P. Garvin, M. E. Hawkins, T. B. Hillburn, A. J. Weeks was appointed to represent the Church, and J. E. Stephens as secretary of the committee.

J. W. Hunt, President of Stamford College, announced a reception at four-thirty, to which the entire Conference was invited.

After singing the doxology, the Conference stood adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY.

Morning Session.

The Conference was called to order at 9 a.m., Saturday, November 11, Bishop Mouzon in the chair.

After singing "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus," J. T. Griswold led in prayer, followed with the old hymn, "Just As I Am Without One Plea."

The Bishop then read, as a morning lesson, 2 Cor. 5:1-19. Among many other great things he said the preacher has three supreme motives: Motive makes the great difference between man and man, not only in what they accomplish but what they experience. These motives are: The hope of heaven, the fear of the Lord and the love of Christ.

The Secretary read the minutes of the two previous sessions and they were approved.

Question 52, "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" Memphis easily won over Childress, Snyder and Seymour.

The report of the Board of Church

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Extension was read and adopted. J. W. Hunt, in a splendid speech, presented C. N. N. Ferguson and wife a beautiful silver set as a gift from the pastors of the Abilene District. Report of the Committee on Orphanage was read and adopted.

A. L. Bowman was elected to fill a vacancy on the Sunday School Board. P. G. Huffman was elected to fill vacancy on the Examining Committee of the Class of the First Year. Committee on Conference Relations made its report and it was adopted.

The Joint Board of Finance, the Committee on Sabbath Observance and the Epworth League Board made their reports and they were adopted.

A resolution prevailed to elect Judge Hall and A. J. Weeks as trustees of the Texas Methodist Assembly.

A supplementary report of the Committee on District Conference Records was read and adopted.

The Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church and the Committee on the Bible Course made their reports, which were adopted.

J. T. Miller was called to the chair by Bishop Mouzon.

Leave of absence was granted R. A. Stewart.

Committee on Social Service read its report which was adopted.

Mrs. J. E. Montgomery presenting, in a fitting speech, a beautiful bouquet of flowers and extended an invitation to attend the Flower Show.

Bishop Mouzon returned and again took the chair.

W. M. Pearce was elected to fill vacancy on Epworth League Board.

The Sunday School Board made its report and it was adopted.

Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connections?" was called. J. O. Haynes, W. M. Murrell, H. B. Watts, E. E. White, A. E. Arnfield, B. L. Nance, B. W. Wilkins, W. M. Pearce, W. B. Woodruff, G. H. Gattis, R. H. Boyd and O. B. Annis were called before the bar of the Conference, and after answering in the affirmative the Disciplinary questions, were received into full connection.

The Conference then sang heartily, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

The Auditing Committee was authorized to employ an expert to audit the Teller's books.

The office of the Teller being declared vacant, W. W. Underwood, of Plainview, was elected to fill the vacancy, and ordered placed under a \$40,000 bond.

Time was extended to hear the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals. It was read and adopted. The report was spoken to by L. Blaylock, Bishop Mouzon, J. G. Miller and W. C. Everett.

Motion prevailed to adjourn to meet at 2:30 p. m.

The Bishop appointed O. F. Sensabaugh to preside at that hour.

After announcements, the doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Geo. S. Wyatt.

FOURTH DAY.

Afternoon Session.

Conference met at 2:30 p. m., O. F. Sensabaugh in the chair by the appointment of the Bishop.

After singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," J. W. Story led in prayer, and "How Firm a Foundation" was sung.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Board of Education read its report which was adopted, item by item, after a prolonged discussion.

J. W. Hunt, President of Stamford College, presented the interests of that institution.

The Board of Missions made its report which was adopted. For the first time in the history of the Conference every request was granted.

Report of the Board of Church Extension was read and adopted.

A paper on Unification was read, and unanimously adopted.

Resolution commending the retiring Teller, Mr. Bynum, and sympathizing with him in his illness was adopted. Motion carried to adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

The Statistical Secretary made his report answering Questions 23-50. (See condensed Minutes.)

After announcements the Conference stood adjourned with the benediction by J. W. Hunt.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

J. W. Cadwell, Putman: Fourth year on charge, good revivals, about 50 conversions and reclamations, 25 additions to the Church, small decrease in membership by reason of removal of members and revision of Church roll. Good Sunday Schools, good Jun-

ior League. Financial report short, but better than last year, total finances raised fifty per cent increase.

J. T. Hicks, Big Spring: Eighty conversions and reclamations, 72 came into Church, 40 net gain, salary and collections in full; all old debts were paid; raised for all purpose \$6100. Sunday School excellent, three fine Leagues; splendid Missionary Society.

B. W. Dodson, presiding elder of the Hamlin District, reported 857 conversions, 945 additions, 589 net gain, 12 charges have paid the collections in full, and 9 charges have paid both salaries and collections in full; 4 churches and 1 parsonage have been built this year, adding over \$10,000 to the value of our Church property in this district.

J. H. Hicks, Buchanan Street, Amarillo: Received 32 into Church, pastor's salary and conference collections up in full. All indebtedness, including Church extension loans, was paid. There was an average of seventeen dollars per member paid into the funds. Sunday School surpasses Church membership.

C. E. Jameson, Lorraine: Have had about 20 conversions and 20 accessions, have built and about paid for 2 churches, salary and collections in full. Raised for all purposes \$5000.

M. Phelan, Vernon District: Reported work prospering along all lines. New \$20,000 church completed and furnished throughout at Chillicothe; a \$4000 church in process of building at Tolbert, and another church built, paid out and dedicated on the Odell work. There are other building plans in process of formation which promise to make next year a great building year. Many great revivals, with more than 800 conversions. A good increase in salaries and nearly all salaries paid in full. Nearly all the charges are out on conference collections and many of them overpaid. The preachers of the district have been harmonious, loyal and hard-working.

C. N. N. Ferguson, Abilene District: Have had good revivals, 800 conversions, and about same amount of accessions. Have built, rebuilt or otherwise acquired six churches and building the seventh. Have come into possession of three good parsonages and St. Paul's Church, Abilene, will build at once. Have paid \$15,000 on debts; amounts paid on salaries and collections far in advance of last year. Our people have had their faith in divine things consecrated and their convictions of Methodist doctrine deepened. Harmony prevails and the spirit of progress is manifest everywhere in this district.

W. Y. Switzer, Baird Station: Repaired and repainted church and parsonage together with new furnishings. Salaries in full. Raised more money for the benevolences of the Church than ever in the history of the charge. Splendid Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society. More than 50 members of the Church have moved out of the town, yet we have only a small net decrease.

A. L. Moore, Plainview District: Twelve charges out of seventeen paid out in full on salaries and conference collections. About 800 conversions, more than 1100 additions; about 700 net gain. Built two nice parsonages—G. W. Shearer, a nice one at Tulia Station, B. W. Wilkins, at Lorenzo, a splendid one. L. R. Black built a beautiful church at Flomot, on the Turkey Charge, and it was paid out and dedicated. J. W. Story paid over \$4000 on church debt at Plainview. The preachers have done heroic work and the people are in good spirits and have done larger things than before in many places. The outlook is splendid.

A. J. Weeks, at Clarendon, received about 100 members into the Church. The Church raised for all purposes more than \$15,000. In a recent revival almost every student in Clarendon College was converted or reclaimed. This is one of the finest congregations in Texas. The attendance at prayer meeting frequently goes beyond a hundred.

J. P. Patterson, Shamrock Station: Wheeler County received the grand premium at the Amarillo Fair. Shamrock is the best town in the county; and the Methodist Church is the best thing in Shamrock. Conversions, 25; accessions, 46; Sunday School enrollment for the year is larger than that of the Church. The Woman's Mis-

sionary Society is the banner auxiliary of the conference. Salary is over-paid, the conference collections are over-paid. An excellent spirit prevails among the members and a high degree of efficiency is attained in all the Church work.

J. A. Sweeney, Lockney: About 60 professions and a net gain of 21 in membership. There are no debts against the charge, some old debts having been paid. Some improvements have been made on church and parsonage to the amount of \$200. Salaries are over-paid and collections ordered by the conference are in full. More than \$2500 expended for all purposes. We have a good Senior League, Woman's Missionary Society and Sunday School.

W. B. McKeown, Bomarton and Shady: Among the steps of progress made during the year on the Bomarton and Shady Charge is a deeper conception of the Church and its mission in the world and a more systematic method of carrying forward its work. The advancement made by the Woman's Missionary Society of Bomarton in their broader grasp and more loyal support of the work is worthy of note. A willing band of earnest children have also done fine work as Juniors.

J. A. Laney, of Lakeview, has a membership of 230; 60 additions this year. Built one church valued at \$3000. Sunday School enrollment 500; fine Epworth League. Raised for all purposes \$4090.

J. G. Miller, Stamford District: This has been, in many respects, a most successful year. The preachers have been faithful and untiring in their work, and with one exception, there has been no deep sorrow come to any parsonage home. Brother McKeown's home was invaded by the dark-winged angel, who claimed their promising son, James, and on that account he and his family have been in deep sorrow. There have been good revivals in most all the charges and they have resulted in about 800 conversions and there have been about the same number received into the Church. There have been some building done. One handsome parsonage has been built by Brother Meador and his people at Munday Station. We have been turning our attention to the payment of debts, and I am glad to say that our debts have been reduced in a handsome sum. The finances are well up. The salaries are almost in full and in some charges they are in full. The conference collections are almost in full, everything in hand, and only a few charges are just a little short. I think we have great reason to be proud of our record for the year, but it was the very earnest desire of my heart to report everything in full. I began the year with a double-barreled appointment—was presiding elder of the Stamford District and President of the Stamford College—and while my labors have been far from satisfactory I did the best I could with both of the great interests which were committed to my care. In the college matter we had experiences which were sufficient to try the stoutest hearts, and yet in the face of the most adverse conditions our enrollment in all departments reached a grand total of 206. The grand total the preceding year was only 163.

William L. Lightfoot, Dimmitt, had a good year. Pastor's salary and conference claims in full.

J. T. Howell, McLean charge: Have had good revivals, eighty conversions, fifty-four accessions, with net gain of fourteen, finances nearly all paid, raised for all purposes \$3261. Thirty-four Advocate subscriptions on charge.

A. D. Jameson, Moran Station: The first part of the year was marked by a forward movement. We took 18 into the Church the first three months. Then the oil industry which made the town ceased operations almost entirely and we lost about 50 members by their moving away. In three weeks we went from a station to half time. Of course, this demoralized us financially, and so we have to report a deficit in all those lines.

S. J. Upton, Plainview Mission: 37 net gain, finances in full, 425 per cent gain in membership at one point.

R. F. Dunn, Matador: Had good revivals, 61 additions, 7 net gain. Salaries and collections in full and excess on collections \$53. Sunday School enrollment exceeds the membership of the Church. Three Foreign Mission

specials aggregating about \$150. Paid an old church debt, leaving all church property free from encumbrance.

F. T. Johnson, of McCaulley, reports 3 revivals, 42 professions, 48 members received, good prayer meetings, good Sunday Schools and Missionary Society. Built one church without debt. Finances in full.

O. P. Clark, Seymour Station: Co-operative meeting, 506 professions, 160 additions, all financial claims met in full, Sunday School enrollment 75 per cent of Church membership, Sunday School supporting two native missionaries, one in Japan and one in China.

A. W. Waddill served Anson Station during last year. More than \$2000 paid on church debts. All departments of Church work in fine condition. Sunday School enrollment greater than Church membership. Salaries paid in full. Truly a great year. Raised for all purposes nearly \$6000.

E. L. Sisk, Dumas: Our meetings were good. Twenty-five additions to the Church. Net gain twenty-one. Sunday School more than double the Church membership of the charge. Increases in Sunday School membership nearly half. One Sunday School is supporting a missionary in China, another one is educating a Chinese boy in Soochow University for a preacher. Have a live Woman's Missionary Society, supporting a boy in our Orphans' Home. Conference collections up in full. Preacher's and presiding elder's salary paid in full.

W. C. Hinds, Post City: Received 56 members. Finances all in full. A raise in salary of \$300 for another year.

A. D. Jameson, Cross Plains: 62 conversions, 22 accessions. Bought a nice parsonage, which we value at \$1750 and bought new furniture for same. Have installed new lights in the church and bought a new piano. Pastor's salary behind a little. Conference collections far in arrears.

A. C. Aston, Goree: 30 conversions, 48 accessions, net gain 20. Sunday School, 175; finances in full.

F. M. Neal, of Amarillo, reported his second year as Conference Evangelist, having had over 800 professions and more than 400 additions to the Church. Enjoyed the work and had many more calls than he could meet.

B. J. Osborn, Caps: Good revivals. Finances all in full and over. Paid for all purposes \$2524.

Rev. David H. Aston, having completed his work in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, served St. Paul's Church, Abilene, the last two months. Within this time he raised all the collections ordered by the Annual Conference, enterprised a parsonage building and received 30 members into the Church.

J. Watt Fulton, O'Donnel: 66 additions, net gain 54; infants baptized, 12; 3 good Sunday Schools. Four points on the work and 4 good prayer meetings. Finances in full, with an excess.

When representing the Orphanage, at Waco, W. T. Gray said that there are 550 orphans in the various institutions in Texas. In this he did not count the Catholics and all the children are of Methodist parentage.

W. E. Lyon, Big Spring District: Revivals in most of the charges throughout the district. About 500 conversions and renewals, over 715 additions to the Church. Net gain 520. All the charges, with the exception of three, paid salaries in full. A number of old debts on churches and parsonages paid. Quite an advance on many of the salaries pledged for another year. Prospects good for a forward movement in the way of church building.

R. H. Boyd, Stamford Mission: 25 conversions, 34 additions, 22 net gain. Organized two Sunday Schools.

A. W. Hall, Clarendon District: The Clarendon District reports more than 1000 conversions, 1059 accessions to the Church. Between 1200 and 1300 new pupils in the Sunday Schools of the district. Spent in paying old debt and on churches and parsonages.

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EDITORIAL BRIEFLETS.

The editor asks the indulgence of his correspondents during the Annual Conference season. Already he has attended four Annual Conferences and there remain two to be visited. Many letters necessarily remain unanswered and many items which should have had editorial mention have passed without notice.

The re-election of President Wilson gives assurance that the people of the United States desire peace, if peace can be had with honor. The President's election is an endorsement of his determination to keep this country out of war. The spectacle of Europe with its fifteen millions of dead and wounded is a horrible spectacle. And after all, diplomacy must bring peace to Europe. The war will settle nothing. Why, then, not resort to diplomacy before an appeal is made to war? The people of the United States are a brave people, a mighty people, and are not afraid to fight. Fighting, however, will be resorted to when diplomacy has fully failed. We congratulate the country upon its conservatism and wisdom in retaining Woodrow Wilson as President.

The Central Texas Conference will be in its Jubilee Session when these lines reach our readers. The General Conference of 1866 created the Northwest Texas Conference, which was organized by Bishop Marvin, at Waxahachie, September, 1866, with thirty-nine itinerant preachers and 3870 members. Seven years ago the old Northwest Texas was divided. The present Central Texas comprises a part of this historic conference. It shares the history and glory of this old conference and at Waxahachie is now celebrating the organization of fifty years ago. Rev. J. P. Mussett is a charter member of the conference and preached his semi-centennial sermon at Waxahachie last Wednesday evening, November 15. The Central Texas now has a membership of some eighty thousand. It is in the heart of the richest spot on earth. It has a heroic membership. It is blessed with a leadership whose qualities are vision and conservation. The Advocate wishes for Bishop McCoy and his great conference a happy session.

In other columns will be found the address of our Bishops on Unification. The crowded condition of the Advocate this week and the few moments at our disposal before leaving for the session of the Central Texas Conference will not admit of any extended comment. If to some our chief pastors appear a trifle too conservative, nevertheless we should accord to them the highest sincerity of motive. They are men who love the Church and who carry upon their hearts the interest of our Zion. For our part, we can not quite see any occasion for some things which appear in their address. We know of no leader among us who desires the surrender of any principle which is vital to future work in the South nor do we know of one who is ashamed of the history of our Church. This is not saying that our Bishops may not know of such, nor are we complaining of their utterances. In the providence of God our College of Bishops has been exalted to the place of leadership in our Church and their utterances will re-

ceive the respect of our people. We commend this deliverance to the thoughtful attention of our readers.

DEATH OF MRS. F. A. MOOD.

At 11:20, on the morning of the 12th, the sanctified spirit of Mrs. Francis A. Mood was released from years of toil and found its long-sought home. Alongside her sainted husband she laid the foundations of religious education in Texas. Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, stands today as the eternal monument that shall immortalize their memory in the years to come. Her death came as a great shock to thousands in Texas and other States. No one knew the silent chariot stood at the door. Suddenly the heart-strings snapped and the grand old saint was off for the other world. The gates were wide open and her blessed Lord was at the gate ready with her crown. An appropriate memoir will appear in due time. Knowing, as we do, this heroine of Texas Methodism, we can but repeat the language of her boy, Rev. R. G. Mood, "But she was tired and we will not begrudge her the rest she so richly deserves."

PERSONALS

We are sorry to have missed seeing the following brethren during the last week: Revs. W. H. Brown, T. L. Huffstutler, C. M. Harless, J. D. Whitehead and T. E. Bowman.

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Hicks have issued the following invitation: "Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Hicks invite you to be present at their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, Saturday, November eighteenth. At home, Clarksville, Texas."

Rev. Theo F. Roberts, of Holdenville, Okla., writes us the following sad note: "Milton, my second son, after thirteen months serious sickness, died Saturday morning, at 6:30."

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Green have issued the following invitation: "Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Green invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Tulita Anita, to Mr. Hubert L. Terhune, on Sunday afternoon, November the twenty-sixth, at two o'clock, Christian Church, Thorp Springs, Texas. At Home, Vernon, Texas."

Rev. Luther Roberts, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Ada for the past year, was transferred to the West Texas Conference sometime ago, and is preparing to leave for his new field of work the last of this week or first of next. Mrs. Roberts will remain here until December 1. It is over the vigorous protest of the Ada Church that it parts with its pastor. Mr. Roberts has done effective work here and stands high in the esteem of everybody regardless of Church affiliations, hence the universal regret of the Church and community in losing him. Lano is fortunate in securing him.—Ada Daily News.

One of the prettiest weddings for years in Georgetown was that solemnized last week when Miss Louise Belford was united to Wilbur F. Wright, Registrar of Southwestern University. The event took place in the Methodist Church, Dr. C. M. Bishop, President of Southwestern University, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Belford, of Georgetown. The groom is the son of Rev. C. R. Wright, of the Central Texas Conference, and is one of the most popular young men in Texas. The Advocate extends to the happy couple its heartiest congratulations and wishes for them all good things.

The Lockhart Register of a recent date has the following brief notice of one of the good friends of the Advocate: "Rev. Thomas Gregory was sent to Lampasas as presiding elder. As pastor at Gonzales and Lockhart and as presiding elder of this district for four years, Rev. Gregory has a place in the hearts of all people that any man might envy. We are not a member of the Methodist Church, but somehow we feel that Rev. Gregory belongs to this section of country. He is a scholar, a strong preacher and what is generally called a mixer—he knows everybody, greets everybody and at all times is glad to see everybody. It did us good to see him standing on our streets, shaking hands and passing a pleasant word. He is even now missed by the people. The longer he stays at Lampasas the better the people will like him."

Dr. James W. Lee, preacher, lecturer and writer, one of the real big men in Southern Methodism, has retired from the eldership of the St. Louis District after serving two years. Dr. Lee has accepted the position of Chaplain of Barnes' Hospital in St. Louis. He will also be an assistant to the trustees. The St. Louis Christian Advocate, referring to Dr. Lee, says: "After serving St. John's Church from 1893 to 1897 he was made presiding elder of the St. Louis District, which he served from 1897 to 1901. He served St. John's as pastor the second time, from 1901 to 1905. He was then transferred back to Atlanta, Ga., and served Trinity Church the second time from 1905 to 1909. He was then appointed pastor of Park Street Church, Atlanta, Ga., the second time from 1909 to 1910, when he was returned to St. Louis to serve St. John's Church the third time, from 1910 to 1914. He was made presiding elder of the St. Louis District the second time and served it from 1914 to 1916, when he was appointed Chaplain of Barnes Hospital and assistant to the trustees in St. Louis."

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

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\$24,243. Two new parsonages built and paid for, three new churches built and five churches dedicated. Raised for all purposes \$66,837. Clarendon College is in the midst of the most prosperous year in her history. The student body fills the present capacity of the institution. Plans are on foot to raise \$40,000 for improvements and additional building to accommodate the needs of this growing institution.

E. E. Robinson, Amarillo District: About 800 conversions and net gain of more than 700 in Church membership. Quite a number of old debts cleared. One new church built, two dedicated. Two new parsonages built. Every charge in the district paid salary and conference collections in full. Finest spirit of harmony and co-operation.

Z. B. Pirtle said everything in fine shape. Aspermont is at the head of the Hamlin District, and is the hand-box appointment of the Northwest Texas Conference. We raised for all purposes about \$3400 this year.

J. W. Leggett, Tell Mission: 67 accessions, net gain 43. Conference claims in full and salaries overpaid. Organized two Church and had a fine year.

T. A. Messer, Shamrock Mission: 60 conversions, 45 additions, salary in full, 80 per cent of conference claims paid. Net gain 41.

When James G. Thomas was elected to elder's orders, Bishop Mouzon asked him what the "G" stood for. He replied, "Just to make it sound good." Oh, gee!

The Northwest Texas Conference has 9 districts and 6 district parsonages valued at \$24,300, an average of \$4050 each.

L. B. Tooley, Vernon Church: We close a quadrennium. 300 conversions, two new churches built, one new parsonage, one new circuit car. Expended for all purposes \$14,000.

C. B. Ingram, Quail Circuit: A fine year. Finances all in full. Held five revivals and helped in three others. Organized one Church where no preaching had been for several years. Some 30 conversions and reclamations.

Bishop Mouzon always says something when he talks. Never does he say deeper truths than when he addresses the class for admission in full connection. He was at his best when he spoke to the men who stood at the bar of the Northwest Texas Conference. Among the many good things he said were these: "You are entering upon the highest of callings and the poorest of trades. One cannot commit no higher crime than to make a trade of his ministry. The most important thing is your personal experience and your own religious life. Have you faith? This does not mean that a long time ago Jesus lived and died and that he was a sublime religious genius. Everybody believes that. It means do you believe that Jesus Christ was the son of Mary, and the son of God. Do you believe in the living Christ? Have you met him? Do you know him? There must be no doubt about the divinity of Christ. "Are you going on to perfection? If you are not going that way which way are you going? There is a great deal of acrid discussion about Christian perfection. John Wesley was not always harmonious in his earlier and his later teachings. Love God with all your heart and your brother as yourself—pin all on that. The great doctrines of Methodism are the doctrines of experience. Contend for the reality of experience and don't dispute the form of words. In short, the modern view of entire sanctification is the unification of the personality about Jesus Christ as the supreme center. Each morning and each night the supreme thought is, O Jesus, there is nothing between thee and me. "Preach the doctrines of Methodism. Our doctrines are not locked in a cupboard—we have none for the inner circle. They are good preaching in anybody's Church. The old preachers used to say "Study Butler's Analogy and preach to the negroes." That is to say think deep thoughts and tell it in simple language. There is a great difference between sound and

sense. Your principal business is to preach.

"A decent ritual is the best defense against ritualism. Follow the Discipline—our order of service. Isn't there any possibility to teach our people to kneel. Teach our people to be reverent. Some pray over the collection—no sense in that. It does no good before and it's too late after. Don't start that tomfoolery. Use our Hymnbook. Our Church is the only one that has its own hymnology. Charles Wesley is the greatest hymnologist since David tuned his harp. Don't use the ragtime of the modern evangelist. You are in charge of the Church. Select your own hymn. Sing the whole hymn. Commit them to memory. Don't let any choir select your hymn. Co-operate with your Sunday School Superintendent. There is a difference between co-operation and meddling. Go to Sunday School.

"Early in my ministry I learned the lesson that the supreme business is to save the people. I have never seen any reason for talking to people about their diseases. The old Scotch proverb is still true—"A house-going parson makes a Kirk-going people." If you go from house to house the people will put up with poor preaching. I do not like a woman's man nor do I like a man's man. What I like is a man for everybody. You are a preacher of the Son of God.

"Bro. Fritterday reads his morning mail, his morning paper, shakes hands and talks politics—he's a very busy man. If you really study the Bible one hour a day in ten years you will be an authority on that book. Preach the Bible—preach the Word of God.

C. F. Carmack has served Westbrook charge four years, raised and paid assessments \$600, had 350 conversions, Sunday School enrollment equaled to the Church roll. Has two Missionary Societies, one prayer meeting, paid this year \$1701.

G. S. Hardy: Sweetwater Station: Good revival, 41 net gain in membership, 555 enrolled in Sunday School, 95 in Epworth League, finances in full, raised for all purposes \$6852.53.

R. S. Watkins, Hawley charge: 113 conversions, 70 additions, one church built at a cost of \$1500, one church rebuilt.

J. B. McCarley is the District Evangelist for Vernon District, who has been out of the active work for the past two years. He now returns to the regular work.

S. L. Culwell, Rotan: Salary advanced \$100, 60 additions, net gain 40, all collections in full, Church membership 210, Sunday School enrollment 230, raised for all purposes \$2500.

O. B. Annis, Childress Mission: Three good revivals, 101 conversions, 43 additions, salary overpaid at three points, benevolences at two points, \$100 raised on specials.

W. P. Edwards, Dunn: Everything in good shape, collections in full, salary 95 per cent paid, raised for all purposes something like \$1200.

J. M. Fryar, Brownfield: Good meetings; net increase in membership, salary and collections a little short, \$112 special for Orphanage, \$50 special for Foreign Missions, new church finished and dedicated, raised for all purposes nearly \$1800.

W. M. Pearce, Bovina charge: Closed third year, year of growth and organization, increased enrollment, Sunday School twice Church membership, active Epworth League, fine prayer meetings, few people, but finest anywhere.

L. N. Libscomb, Ward Memorial and Bethel: 106 additions to Church this year, 81 conversions and reclamations, salary and collections in full, \$150 paid on church debt, \$2100 for all purposes.

N. M. Lane, Floydada: 75 conversions, 93 additions to Church, 85 net gain in membership, all finances up in full.

J. D. Crockett, Woodson: Preached 15 times, had 52 conversions, received 59 in the Church, baptized 9 adults and 9 children, paid off the old parsonage debt, painted one church, have enough money subscribed to pay for the material to build a church at Woodson, have canvassed and papered the parsonage, preached our doc-

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J. W. Martin, Dumont: 125 conversions, salary same, collections behind, 44 received in the Church.

G. H. Bryant reported a very successful year on the Estilline charge. He has built Estilline from a circuit to a thousand dollar station during his two years' pastorate there and has more than doubled its membership.

D. C. Ross as a superannuate: I have been doing patchwork looking after neglected points around Lubbock, organized six Churches, received 92 members into the Church, projected plans for the building of a house of worship at Idalon, been everything from steward down to Bishop.

Henry Francis, of Granbury Circuit, Central Texas Conference, was a happy visitor to the Conference.

W. M. Murrell, Clyde: 86 additions, 77 net gain, built new parsonage, salary paid.

Bother C. I. Beck had the banner report when he stated that he had baptized 59 infants.

V. H. Trammell, Hermleigh charge: Had fair revivals, net increase in membership, built a new parsonage, lacking a small deficit having it paid for, dedicated one new church, finances not paid in full, Sunday School attendance above Church enrollment.

Ben Hardy, Albany Station: Salaries raised 20 per cent and in full, collections also raised and in full, Advocate subs paid in full.

J. A. Zinn, Quannah Mission: Had a very good year, about 30 conversions and reclamations, something over \$400 collected on the charge, conference collection and salary behind.

The Northwest Texas Conference had only one four-year presiding elder. It has 83 one-year men, 45 are two-year men, nine three-year men and eight four-year men. Superannuaries 6 and 28 superannuates.

J. S. Huckabee, Pampa charge: Pampa was made a station the first of April. Received \$3 into the Church, built a fine parsonage, finances in full, raised for all purposes \$4334.

Ed R. Wallace finished his second year in Haskell, reports about \$9000 raised in cash on the Haskell Church debt during the past two years. He has one of the strong Churches in that conference and claims that his Woman's Missionary Society is unexcelled in liberality and Christian graces. His men, likewise, are loyal and true.

The report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was heartily received. The Conference adopted the report and agreed to increase the subscription list very materially. Words of commendation were given the publishing department. The editorial department met the unqualified indorsement of the Conference. The report says:

"The editor, Rev. W. D. Bradfield, D.D., is giving us a paper which is among the very best in Methodism. His able editorials and vigorous defense of our doctrines and institutions, and his fearless leadership on great moral questions should call forth a practical appreciation in a largely increased circulation; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we, the Northwest Texas Conference, with a circulation with a little over 3000 subscribers, pledges itself to enter heartily upon this campaign and designates 4000 new subscribers it should reach."

Stamford laid herself out in the entertainment of the Conference. The latching was on the outside and the fireside was a welcome place. The people of the goodly little city will not soon be forgotten.

W. R. Kirkpatrick, Big Spring Mission: Had 140 professions, 101 additions, 8 infants and small children baptized, one new Church organized, \$1750 raised and expended for all purposes, \$1300 additional subscription for new church building, the contract for which has been let.

The Northwest Texas was blessed in the attendance of leading laymen. Judge R. W. Hall, of Vernon; Judge Tom Turner, Hon. F. P. Works, and

Mr. Barrett, of Amarillo; J. Marvin Jones, Congressman-elect from the Thirteenth District; Hon. John W. Woods, of Rotan; Percy Turner and H. D. Mouzon, of Dallas, were prominent visitors. And we would not forget Miss Rhodes, of the Publishing House, who is loved by everybody.

The Advocate representative was entertained in the home of Brother H. S. Pratt. He and his good wife could do no more than they did. It is a Methodist home for generations back. Who can ever forget those happy homes?

M. E. Hawkins, Wellington Station: Net increase 61, money realised \$8524, building new parsonage.

R. E. L. Stutts, Ovalo: Have had a fine year, raised all the old church debts, \$525; good revivals, 90 conversions and reclamations and 80 additions to the Church; have plans for a new \$3250 church; have had a good revival, have had about 100 conversions and reclamations, have received \$3 into the Church, have paid all the outstanding indebtedness on the church of \$525 in debts and improvements, have secured a lot on which we expect to build a new church to cost about \$3000.

W. M. P. Rippey, now of Plainview, and a member of the West Oklahoma Conference, was a welcome visitor. Since the middle of March he has preached over fifty times and is in fine fettle. Brother Rippey is fine in a revival and has some tiptop lectures. He will do any pastor good when he goes his way.

W. H. Terry reported for Childress Station: Two good revival meetings, received 107 members. Had a net gain of 75, all departments of the Church are well organized and in a healthy condition; splendid growth is apparent in all departments, all assessments were paid in full. A movement is well under way to build a Sunday School annex to our splendid church building which is needed to take care of our growing Sunday School and splendid Epworth Leagues and fine Woman's Missionary Society. Our people extended a most cordial invitation to the Conference to hold its 1917 session with them, and we wish to impress upon the Conference that we want them to come and see us. They will find a strong, happy and harmonious people who will give them the glad hand.

J. W. Story, Plainview Station: Good revival, 55 conversions, 126 members received, salaries and conference collections in full, raised for all purposes during the year \$10,695.

G. T. Palmer, Vega: Good revivals, 49 additions, net gain 39, finances in full, built a parsonage, 50 per cent increase in Sunday Schools.

C. D. Pipkin, Vera charge: 50 conversions and reclamations, net gain 51, assessments slightly behind, total expended approximately \$2500.

P. G. Huffman, Miami: Developed two \$1200 stations, Miami and Pampa, 75 conversions, 40 additions, net gain 35, salaries and conference collections in full.

J. O. Haymes, Rule: 85 conversions, 19 members received, net gain 70, finances in full and over, raised for all purposes \$4441, built, furnished and paid for church, cost over \$2000, recently bought a parsonage that will soon be paid for, sent to the Orphanage \$107.

The ex-students of Southwestern organized a permanent association with W. Y. Switzer, President; J. P. Patterson, Vice-President; H. B. Watts, Secretary. A banquet will be held at the next session of the Annual Conference to be held in Memphis, Texas.

Rev. B. Y. Dickinson reports a great year for Abernathy. Salary and conference collections in full and over, establishing an entirely new record for this charge. Improved church and parsonage to the amount of \$235. Had good revivals, with seventy-five conversions and sixty additions—forty-five net gain. Organized Epworth League of fifty members; two Missionary Societies, two prayer meetings.

Sweetwater District, J. T. Griswold, presiding elder, reports about 900 conversions, about 1000 additions, 98 per cent of pastors' salaries paid, about 90 of the collections paid. Great growth

in Sunday School interest. Epworth Leagues made a remarkable forward movement. They built four churches and paid for them. They also built three parsonages. The district is in every point enjoying prosperity.

Stratford Station, J. E. Eldridge: In full first time in seven years. New Sunday School rooms. Cement side walks. One hundred and ninety Sunday School scholars. Eighty-five Senior and fifty-four Junior Leaguers. One of best Woman's Missionary Societies in district.

FIFTH DAY.

Sunday was a great day in Stamford. St. John's Church, which easily seats two thousand, was crowded all day long. At the old-time hour of nine o'clock the Love Feast was conducted by W. B. McKeown. It was a season of great power—a time when the faithful and heroic preachers of the old Northwest Texas Conference knew that God was near.

At the close of the Love Feast, Bishop Mouzon baptized James Wesley Cole, Jr., of Andrews, Texas.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was sung and the Bishop led in a prayer of great breadth and power.

Mrs. Pritchett, of Stamford College, sang "Promised of God."

Bishop Mouzon then began a discourse on Jude, especially that part which refers to "the faith once delivered to the saints." The sermon was followed by the ordination of deacons.

Promptly at seven o'clock Dr. Caspar S. Wright began a sermon of great power, and took a collection for Stamford College, which amounted to \$1277.50. After the sermon and the collection the Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock, Bishop Mouzon in the chair.

Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

Those elected to elder's orders were called to the bar of the Conference. C. R. Wright read the Epistle and J. G. Miller read the Gospel. Bishop Mouzon was assisted in the imposition of hands by J. G. Miller, Geo. S. Wyatt, Caspar S. Wright and J. T. Griswold.

For the first time in many years no preacher had died during the year. The wife of J. P. Calloway had died during the year and her memoir was read by W. H. Terry, and will appear in the Journal.

H. M. Long read the report of the Committee on Evangelism which was adopted.

The paper referring to the Centennial of Methodism was read and adopted and J. G. Miller and T. F. Turner were elected as Commissioners.

The Committee on Trial in the case of Hayes Howell rendered a verdict of expulsion from the Church under Question 22.

Resolution of thanks, covering all the open-hearted hospitality of the Stamford people, was adopted by a rising vote. A collection was taken for the Postmaster, M. D. Hill, amounting to \$28.

After singing "A Charge to Keep I Have," Bishop Mouzon called Question 53, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?"

MINUTES

Of the Seventh Session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Held at Stamford, Texas, Beginning November 8, 1916; ending November 12, 1916. Bishop E. D. Mouzon, President; A. L. Moore, Secretary. Post-office of Secretary, Plainview, Texas.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? J. F. Coker, W. L. Vaughan, C. M. Killian, W. A. Hitchcock, G. W. Montgomery, J. A. Bell, C. M. Haddock, J. E. Boyd, H. W. Hanks, J. M. McCreary.

2. Who remain on trial? C. I. Beck, T. W. Brabham, C. C. Tyler, W. E. Hasler, J. O. Little, W. S. Boyd, A. T. Scoggins, S. W. Franklin, J. H. Hicks, Daniel Reese, Ansel Lynn, A. J. Brown, W. L. Lightfoot, J. W. Martin, J. W. Ledger, C. A. Duncan, J. E. Yates.

3. Who are discontinued? J. S. Bryan, T. A. Jackson at their own request.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? B. L. Nance, B. W. Wilkins, J. O. Haymes, Wm. Murrell, O. B. Annis, H. B. Watts, E. E. White, W. M. Pearce, W. B. Woodruff, G. H. Gattis, R. H. Boyd.

5. Who are readmitted? J. Watt Fulton.

6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? H. M. Whaling, Jr., D. H. Aston, O. F. Sensabaugh, J. W. Brown, D. R. Doak, J. G. Thomas, G. H. McAnally, S. T. Cherry, J. H. Huckabee, J. W. Cole.

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deacons? William Martin Pearce, William Banks Woodruff, George Harold Gattis, Robert Herman Boyd, Bascom Lesomby Nance, Bailey Wallace Wilkins.

12. What local preachers are elected deacons? J. P. Tye, W. I. Willis, Enoch Eiland.

13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Washington Irving Willis.

14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? R. E. Burnes, B. H. Oxford, E. L. Yeates, W. R. Kirkpatrick, J. M. Fryar, L. M. Lipscomb, E. A. Tharp, A. V. Hendricks, C. O. Huff, J. G. Thomas, J. W. Cole.

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16. What local preachers are elected elders? William Thomas Gray, Oliver Bishop Annis.

17. What local preachers are ordained elders? W. T. Gray, O. B. Annis.

18. Who are located this year? No one.

19. Who are superannuated? D. W. Hawkins, A. T. Culbertson, R. B. Bounds, Leon Henderson, Thomas Hanks, R. B. Evans, J. P. McReynolds, V. H. Trammell, J. G. Pulliam.

20. Who are superannuated? J. M. Baker, D. C. Ross, A. B. Roberts, Geo. E. Phair, J. L. Hollers, J. A. Crutchfield, R. S. Heizer, H. C. Jolly, B. F. Gassaway, I. L. Mills, J. R. Mood, J. W. R. Bachman, T. B. Hilburn, B. T. Sharp, J. A. Hyder, S. C. Vaughan, J. M. Solie, Jno. R. Steele, M. D. Hill, A. H. Hussey, C. S. McCarver, W. E. Coperton, A. B. Keen, J. B. Wood, C. E. Riddle, Sam H. Adams.

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

22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? O. P. Kiker surrendered credentials; Hayes Howell expelled from ministry and membership of the Church.

23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the conference? Local preachers, 150; members, 38,356.

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? 7. Yes.

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? 10. Yes.

26. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 541.

27. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1979.

28. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 95.

29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 3390.

30. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 261.

31. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 2666.

32. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the conference year? 33,677.

33. What amount was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$7503.

34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$64449.

35. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$9378; home and conference, \$13,069.

36. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$5158.

37. What has been contributed for education? \$7757.

38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$448.

39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$24,256; preachers in charge, \$130,185.

40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1570.

41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 438; number of houses of worship, 224.

42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$1,005,830; indebtedness, \$87,958.

43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, not given; number of parsonages, 141.

44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$228,235; indebtedness, \$8043.

45. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 9; number of district parsonages, 6.

46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$24,300; indebtedness, \$1700.

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, 5; amount of damage, \$985.

48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$649,220; losses sustained, \$985; premiums paid, \$4949; collections on losses, \$985.

49. What are the educational statistics? Not answered.

50. How many copies of the General Organ and of the Conference Organ are taken? General Organ, 188; Conference Organ, 3392.

51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? F. P. Works.

52. Where shall the next session of this conference be held? Memphis.

53. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See Appointments page 12.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPT.

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

DENTON STREET, GAINESVILLE.

I must write you and tell you how wide-awake old Denton Street Epworth League, Gainesville, Texas, is. Since the session of the North Texas Conference Epworth League in our church last June our League has taken on new life and it was far from asleep before. We have an average attendance each Sunday of fifty members and each member taking part when called upon. The efficient corps of officers now in office is the secret of our splendid progress.

One Sunday last month we received a call from the League at Thackerville, Oklahoma (just six miles across the river) to come over and give them a model League service. Fifteen of us boarded the train and found a warm reception awaiting us when we arrived. A League was already organized in this little place, but the different departments were lacking for want of knowledge. We not only received lots of spiritual good from this visit, but we felt that we put this League on a better footing and now we are awaiting a visit from them to us.

Let's you might forget we want you to know that we are grading a model degree each month and we are determined that that loving cup will be ours at Wichita Falls next June. This is our goal and we will be satisfied with nothing less.

The first lesson in our Mission Study Class will be held next week. We have twenty in the class and a splendid teacher in charge. We are studying "The South Today" this year.

In conclusion, let me say that our devotional meetings are the best ever. At the close of each service we feel spiritually fed and know that it is good to have been there. Watch us grow and be prepared for a perfect report from Denton Street Epworth League, Gainesville, Texas, at Wichita Falls next June.

ELTON RIGGS, Corresponding Secretary.

CANADIAN.

The young people of the Canadian Methodist Church organized an Epworth League October 15. There was an enrollment of twenty-two members. The following officers were elected: Leo Studer, President; Louise Breyogio, Vice-President; Ruth Haynie, Secretary; George Jennings, Treasurer; Maude Harris, First Department Superintendent; Emma Simpson, Second Department; Mamie Wilson, Third Department, and Mary Nolen, Fourth Department.

RUTH HAYNIE, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT RUBY KENDRICK MEMORIAL HALL, JULY 25, 1916.

Table with Receipts and Disbursements columns. Receipts total \$903.51, Disbursements total \$903.51.

All of this fund is on deposit in the American Exchange National Bank, Dallas, Texas, at 3 per cent interest.

The payment by Dr. J. E. Harrison is from a fund originally collected by him for the purpose of erecting headquarters for the Texas Christian Advocate, which plan was abandoned. All other payments came from bondholders, being interest on their bonds.

Special attention is called to the magnificent donation of Rev. R. A. Burroughs, of the Texas Methodist Orphanage at Waco. As a new Encampment site has now been selected and our Assembly work is to be continued, it is believed that the memorial hall for which this fund is being raised should be erected at the earliest practical date, and as it is estimated that not less than the sum of two thousand dollars will be required to erect a suitable building your committee will at once resume collections on the original subscription list and from this and other sources endeavor to obtain the required amount by the time it will be needed.

All of which is respectfully submitted. GUS W. THOMASSON, Chairman. MRS. DORA E. BOWMAN, BASIL E. RYAN. Dallas, Texas.

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the President and Members of the Texas State Epworth League, in Annual Convention Assembled, July 28-August 6, 1916, Fort O'Connor, Texas.

Beloved Coworkers: I submit herewith my annual report as Bondholders' Trustee and, because of the now close relationship of the fund, am including my annual report as Chairman of the Ruby Kendrick Hall Committee.

Following the sale of the Epworth League property at Corpus Christi by the Board of Trustees, it became necessary, in order to perfect the title to the property, for me, as Trustee of the Bondholders, to declare the interest on the bonds in default, foreclose, advertise and sell this property, which I did, selling same at public outcry from the steps of the County Court House at Corpus Christi, on Tuesday, March 7, 1916, receiving therefor from Joseph Hirsch, L. G. Wells and Robert Driscoll, the sum of \$14,000.

The 1907 issue of 1000 bonds of the Texas State Epworth League were called in for payment, and I am pleased to say that all have been returned, redeemed and cancelled with the exception of 70, and of these 49 have been covered by the owners with affidavit of loss, leaving only 21 not in any way accounted for. The value of the 70 bonds now outstanding is \$2243, including interest to January 1, 1916, and to cover same in the event of presentation for payment at some future time, within the limit prescribed by

law, the sum of \$2500 has been deposited in the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank of Dallas, Texas, at 4 per cent interest, and an indemnity bond has been executed by me in favor of the purchasers of the property in like amount, \$2500, in order to likewise protect them.

Out of the original proceeds of \$14,000 there remains now in my hands for bond redemption purposes the sum of \$216.45. A complete statement of all payments made from this fund is herewith attached for your inspection. I will be pleased to have you designate at your earliest convenience a committee to receive and audit all books, vouchers and other papers relating in any way to this fund.

While the purchasers of the property only required exemption from further responsibility in the payment of bonds for a term of two years, or until June 7, 1918, yet it is the opinion of high legal authority whom I have consulted that the full statutory limitation will not expire until full four years have expired from the date the bonds were called in for payment. This would be until June 7, 1920. It is my purpose, therefore, unless later developments should justify a change in my present view, to hold this fund intact until the later date and at that time turn it over to the Board of Trustees for such use as may then be decided upon.

As Chairman of the Ruby Kendrick Memorial Hall Committee I am pleased to report a total on hand at this time of \$903.50, all deposited in the American Exchange National Bank, Dallas, Texas, at 3 per cent interest. A more detailed report of this fund is herewith attached.

The following is a general summary of the bond fund at this time, viz.:

Statistical table showing Original bond issue (647), Sold (353), Unsold (1000), Redemption of bonds (353), Canceled (577), Outstanding (70), etc.

Financial table showing Funds on hand: Balance in incidental fund (\$14.80), Ruby Kendrick Memorial Hall Fund (\$903.50), Bond redemption, Dallas Trust & Savings Bank (\$2500.00), etc.

All of which is respectfully submitted. GUS W. THOMASSON, Bondholders' Trustee and Chairman Ruby Kendrick Memorial Hall Fund. Dallas, Texas, July 25, 1916.

"We would all enjoy much more of the green pastures and still waters of peace if we would stay away from the bleak mountains of doubt and uncertainty."

"The devil considers that it is not 'fair' to him for people to let the children join the Church, for by their so doing, his chances at them are very much diminished."

"When the weather is rainy, a great many persons become drowsy, and in like manner when showers of divine grace begin to fall, a great many persons at once get into the same mood and relax their efforts."

Even the darkness has a message of cheer. The shadows point to the dawn. As I wake in the twilight of the morning, I often see the glimmer of the street lamps falling upon the walls of my chamber, but in a little while the lamplighter passes by and turns one after another, leaving the room in deeper darkness than it has been at any time during the whole night. Yet I know that he is only putting out the street lamps because the sun is about to rise and flood all the heavens with its light. So the darkness heralds the room in deeper darkness than the dawn.—A. J. Jordan.

The depth and permanence of friendship is to a great extent a question of capacity. Many of us have had the saddening experience of outgrowing a friend, and others the still sadder experience of seeing a friend outgrow our



After a long, hard pull the money has been provided for the completion of the new building at the Methodist Orphanage. It must be furnished. More than one hundred little beds and chairs are needed. Fifteen dollars will buy the bed complete and chair. One dollar will put your name on the bed. Other larger rooms are to be furnished, including the office, at a cost of from one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars each. The Domestic Science Department will cost more than one thousand dollars to equip. The Woman Missionary Societies of Waco have pledged five hundred on this department. Who will give the rest? Help us give the orphan girl a chance. Please remember that our current expenses will be almost double what they were the year that is closing. We will have more than one hundred more children this year than last and the increased cost of living will make it necessary to have more liberal offerings. Please keep this fact in mind, in making your offering to the Orphanage. We must look to the good people to help us feed, clothe and educate our children. Make your Thanksgiving offering to this worthy and needy cause. If you have heard the cry and will dry the tears of the little girl, as shown in the picture above, by giving the little bed, send your check to me NOW. I will report all contributions to the Advocate. Very sincerely, W. T. GRAY, Field Secretary Methodist Orphanage. Station A, Ft. Worth, Texas.

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own too weak capacity for satisfying his requirements. Our Lord claims for Himself the place of friendship with every one of His disciples. "I have called you friends," He says. In this life of ours friends grow together, but in all the qualities which make for true companionship Christ both rises above and deepens below any possible growth to which we have attained. We can never and sympathy enable Him to meet us at every point of need. That is the essential element of Christian experience, the continuing and growing companionship of the Lord Jesus Christ.—The Congregationalist.

Perhaps we had forgotten that the highest heights, the deepest depths, the broadest reaches, the blesseddest mysteries, the saintliest achievements of holiness, and of abiding, and of prevailing prayer, and of victory—all these and every other need of our spiritual and temporal life as well—are met simply and always and only by looking at Jesus. Have we been taking the time in our own life lately to see Him? It does not take long to do it; yet it may prove so blessed that we shall find we must give a good deal of time to it. Just look at Jesus. With your mind's eye see Him before you this moment. Look into His face; look into His eyes; look into His heart. Do not try to see His works; just see Him. He is better than His best works. Look unto Jesus. And while you are seeing Him, He is devoting Himself in all His grace and omnipotence, triumphantly and undefeatably, to making and keeping you in His image.—The Sunday School Times.

"The misguided individual who quits the Church in an illusion that she will thereby be greatly injured is laboring under a misapprehension of his own importance and of the Church's stability. Long, long after his bones have gone back to dust, and his identity has been forgotten, the Church will be there battling for human betterment."

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Notes From The Field

FIRST CHURCH, CORSICANA.

Fourth Quarterly Conference held last evening. We had one of the greatest conferences in the history of the Church. The Church has raised for all purposes more than fourteen thousand dollars. The conference collections will be overpaid. Everything is booming. On motion of Mayor Halbert, chairman of the Board of Stewards, the Quarterly Conference, with an almost unanimous vote, asked the presiding elder to have the preacher returned for the fourth year. The Corsicana District, under Brother Matthews, has made wonderful progress. I never saw a more tireless or efficient worker than our elder. We are grateful to the good Father for his blessings and hope to so live that we will have his guidance in the future.—J. W. Fort, Nov. 2.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We make the following official statement of the Sunday School of the First Methodist Church for the benefit of all who may be interested in Bible study in our midst. One year ago we had a total enrollment of the year of 117 scholars; the year just closing we have had a total enrollment of 606 scholars. One year ago, when we dropped all who were not in actual touch with the school, we had only forty-eight on roll; last Sunday, after dropping all who were not in actual touch with the school we had an enrollment of 366. One year ago, the first Sunday in the conference year, we had twenty-nine present in Sunday School; last Sunday, the first of this new conference year, we had 220 present. We have done something towards grading the school and getting it on a standard basis, and we are expecting to finish this work during this year, and reach the place where our Bible work will be recognized by the State public schools. We want an enrollment of 1200 during this year. We believe this is not an impossible goal, and so are confidently looking forward to its accomplishment. We want to thank every person who has helped us during the past year, ask new co-operation in doing these great things for our town, our people, and our God.—J. K. Thompson, Supt.; Walter L. Barr, Pastor, in Laredo Times, October 30.

ASBURY CHURCH, EL PASO.

On Friday, October 13, the contract for the new building was let for \$19,084, exclusive of furnishings. This work was started five years ago in a tent during the pastorate of W. R. Howell, who was succeeded by W. S. Dunn. Both of these brethren worked diligently and accomplished much under adverse circumstances. One year ago it was decided that the time was ripe for a forward movement of Methodism in El Paso and plans for building were immediately launched. It has taken a full year to get started, but the preparatory work has been thoroughly done and there will be no obstacle in the completing of the building within the next four months. This new church is made possible by two things: the unprecedented liberality of the Church Extension Board, making a donation of \$7000 and a loan of \$4000, and the generosity of Trinity, our downtown Church, making a contribution of \$6500. The Asbury congregation, yet a mission charge, has underwritten \$3500. The condition on which Dr. McMurry made his unusual offer was that El Paso Methodism raise \$10,000 and the conditions have been complied with. A building site for \$2000 was purchased and the remainder will be put in the building. Within the next four months the congregation will have an attractive church building representing an investment of at least \$23,000 with but \$4000 indebtedness. In addition a parsonage, a five-room bungalow, the newest and nicest in Texas, has been erected to give the preacher's family a home. Asbury is three miles from Trinity and is for the residence section of the city, which has made phenomenal growth during the past five years. According to present prospects and hopes, within the next quadrennium Asbury should have a membership of five hundred and be a self-supporting station.—C. K. Campbell, Pastor.

MANGUM, OKLAHOMA.

On October 29 we closed a three weeks' campaign. The first four days our pastor, Rev. R. E. L. Morgan, in charge, and from that on to the close the Klein team had the lead. This team is composed of Rev. G. A. Klein, evangelist; Rev. Renshaw, of Detroit, Mich., chorister, and Mr. Grace, pianist. We had about 100 conversions and reclamations, with fifty additions to our Church, and more to follow, and a goodly number for the Baptists and Presbyterians, the pastors of these Churches co-operating most heartily. Other results are the quickening of religious life of the Church, prompt and cheerful responsiveness by a large body of personal workers, and a remarkable work of grace among the children, and a willing and earnest support of a great majority of the men of the Church. One of the most important things about this meeting was the strong grip it had upon the men. Of course the women were active—this is their nature. Those who attended went away with a deeper, stronger purpose to live more useful Christian lives, provoking a more wholesome civic and spiritual life in the community. Possibly the most remarkable feature of this team is its symmetry, each man highly efficient in his line. Klein's sermons are heart-searching and will-moving. His methods are unique, but sane and free of the claptrap. His Scriptural instructions to penitents, and success in securing confessions from converts and testimonies from quiet men, shrinking women and timid children bring out the latent force of the Church and discover ability mutually surprising to the pastor and the people. The gamut of services include men's meetings in the courthouse, services in all the stores and on the streets, women's cottage prayer meetings and Bible study, boys' prayer meetings, girls' prayer meetings, special services in public schools and strong and convincing appeals, serenading and card-playing, pleasing the children never to emerge in these amusements. For the gospel in sweet song and choir-leading, commend me to Renshaw. We believe his last solo, "I Am Going Through," will lead many down-hearted to take courage and go on through. For work with the children I know no one who excels Grace—and for this reason his work may be the most far-reaching. It is a great team. We have had a revival of pure and undefiled religion, purse-strings have loosened and our people rejoice in their Christian experience. This consecrated team left us with the best wishes and prayers of all our people.—J. Harvey Hamilton, Layman.

HUMBLE STATION.

We are now at the end of the conference year. At the beginning of the year the salaries of preacher and presiding elder were raised \$450 for the year. They will both be paid in full. The conference collections were raised \$108 for the year. They will be paid. We spent \$600 enlarging our church building for better Sunday School work. We have a plan now to move our church building to a more central location. We will do that, I feel, soon after conference. The preacher's salary will be increased over the present one, which is \$1200. For next year the future is very bright for our Church in this great oil town. It will soon rank with the best churches of the Texas Conference. We have had fifty-two additions this year, with some more to follow this week. We have raised for all purposes over \$2800 for the year.—John B. Bell.

CEDAR BAYOU STATION.

We have a nice, well kept church in which to worship, a good six-room parsonage. Both have recently been repainted and have been insured. A splendid gain in membership this year and 150 added to the Sunday Schools, one new one with seventy pupils. A fine revival just closed in the new oil field, at Goose Creek, where we bought and paid for a tent in which to worship while the town is in transit. Rev. Jas. B. Evans, pastor at Brinkley, Ark., rendered most excellent help in the meeting. All benevolences are paid in full and salaries more than \$200 over previous years. The old Church, organized in 1844, is alive and at work. We are trying to reach all adjacent communities and territory around. Many of our people have shown a fine spirit of liberality, and they are among the best I have met. Brother Bob Adams has been a great help to preacher and people. He and my automobile have helped us all about here. To God be all the glory.—I. B. Manly.

MERIDIAN.

Meridian is to have a new parsonage at an early date—this is now assured. Within a very few days, through the agency of a faithful and efficient committee, a fund of \$1650 in cash has been raised by the Meridian Church for the purpose of providing a home for its pastor. Our trustees already had on hand \$100 available for this purpose, and the Woman's Missionary Society has \$250 raised for parsonage purposes in the early part of the present year. This gives us a total of \$2600 now available for the purpose of procuring and furnishing a parsonage. The selection of the location and the erection of the house is in the hands of a carefully chosen committee, and the prospects are that at least by the early part of next year the Meridian pastor will be housed in a comfortable new parsonage. About five years ago, through some unfortunate deals and unforeseen calamities, the Meridian Church lost its parsonage. At the time that this misfortune occurred our people were under some very heavy financial burdens assumed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Meridian College. The spirit of loyalty, liberality and sacrifice that has been shown by the people of Meridian during the last seven years in establishing this institution and ministering to its needs is almost without a precedent in the history of Southern Methodism. Although our people are not wealthy, yet during the past year the citizens of Meridian have given an average of approximately one hundred dollars per capita to Meridian College. During the same time the pastor's salary has been increased fifty per cent and a fund of \$150 or \$200 has been raised each year for the purpose of renting a residence for the pastor. Now these same people, many of them at a real sacrifice, have raised \$2000 in cash for the purpose of providing a parsonage absolutely free of debt. All honor to them.—Ernest L. Lloyd.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

The gratuitous statement of your reporter for the North Texas Conference, that "Gulliver" brought a brass band to the conference as "an opening wedge in his strenuous campaign for nomination as clerical delegate to the coming General Conference, I am charitable enough to believe was intended as a joke, though it was badly in need of a label.

Now, the facts are these: Commerce wished to secure the next session of the North Texas Conference, and our commercial club, City Council, together with the Board of Stewards of our Church here, raised funds, printed badges, painted banners, furnished music and a large number of automobiles (which were filled with the best people of this city), in order that they might "make medicine" with the brethren in the interest of our place for the seat of the next conference. Your reporter states that "Gulliver paraded, etc." The fact is, "Gulliver" came to Greenville the day before the conference opened, and did not even occupy a seat in his own car in that procession. Everybody in this town (and I think all the members of the conference as well), know the object of that "stunt," and to sneer at the pastor of this Church—a life-long friend and supporter of the Advocate, does not put a good taste in the mouths of our people here. The fact is, they resent it, as I am sure all right minded people will. Sometimes an unkind fling proves to be a boomerang. J. W. HILL (Gulliver).

BIG THINGS FOR BIG LAYMEN.

- Sao Paulo Church, Brazil, \$30,000. Church, Kobe, Japan, \$15,000. Church, Shanghai, China, \$10,000. Hospital, Huchow, China, \$10,000. Central Institute, Rio de Janeiro, \$25,000. Pinson Institute, Camaguey, Cuba, \$10,000. Hospital, Soochow, China, \$25,000. Needed now and needed sorely.

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.

REPORT OF WORK DONE DURING THE YEAR, WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, ASBURY METHODIST CHURCH, EL PASO, TEXAS.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Asbury Church has twenty-six members in the Conventional work. During the year we have raised \$349.80 in local department and \$38.50 in dues. A Mission Study Class has been organized. We have thirteen members studying "Our South American Neighbors." A Young People's Study Class is taken care of by the Epworth League. The children of the Church have a Junior Missionary Society and are using "Redbird, the Indian," as a study. We have a splendid new parsonage, just finished and nearly one hundred dollars has been expended in new furnishings for same. Trinity Auxiliary has had special Week of Prayer services and we joined with them in observing it. MRS. H. N. MILLER, Recording Secretary.

VINITA DISTRICT.

Our Conference Institute of Vinita District, Woman's Missionary Society, was held at Chelsea, October 4, 5. It was one of the busiest, best conferences we have had. Very few failed to fill their places on the program, and all who took part showed most careful preparation on subject under discussion, yet there was not a stiff, formal moment from start to finish. On the contrary, our women were enthusiastic in all discussions. Truly our vision has been cleared and we are not "disobedient." We are talking and thinking and praying for great things in our district, which, if "faith fail not," will help spread Christ's kingdom. A most instructive and inspirational letter from Miss Pearl Hicks, of Scarritt Bible and Training School, was read to the conference. The young people of Chelsea furnished most beautiful music and readings and were untiring in their hearty co-operation in every way. We were most gratified to feel the co-operative spirit of the people of Chelsea, the most delightful hospitality, lavish entertainment and sweet spirit of glad-to-have-you abounded everywhere and in every home. Mrs. S. I. Smith and Mrs. J. A. Mercer, two of our conference officers were in attendance and were most helpful at many needed places. Rev. J. H. Rogers, the local pastor; Rev. J. W. Rogers, presiding elder, and Rev. R. C. Taylor, of Vinita, were helpful visitors. Charles Ray Taylor, the baby life member of Vinita District, made his second bow to the conference. The collections are coming on well, I think. More Mission Study Classes than formerly are noted and one easily sees the result. The loving cup was present and Pryor spoke of what it means to her people that the loving cup is held by her Missionary Society. E. A. CASTLE.

DISTRICT MEETING.

The District Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Waxahachie District met at Ferris November 2. The opening devotional was conducted by Rev. Tyson of Palmer, reading the Scripture lesson and Rev. Sory, of Bethel, leading the prayer. Rev. Hudgins, the local pastor, extended kind words of greeting, to which Mrs. Campbell, of Italy responded. The reports from the Auxiliaries represented were encouraging, showing that most of the Societies were alive and at work. Miss Hopkins favored us with a beautiful vocal solo. A round table discussion was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Matthews, which was very instructive. Mrs. Sory, of Bethel, in a very unique way, presented our literature. The Quiet Hour was conducted by our deaconess, of Fort Worth, Miss Eugenia Smith, who brought to us a beautiful message on prayer. At the noon hour a bountiful luncheon was served by the Ferris ladies. They did everything to make it a pleasant day for all who attended. At 2 p. m. the afternoon session was opened by Mrs. Campbell conducting the devotional. At this time Miss Yarbrough read a message of love and greeting from our Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Stewart. Mrs. Richmond, of Ennis, gave us a talk and told us something of the work of our own Miss Trullie. Special music was furnished by Misses Shofer and Nolan. Mrs. W. H. Matthews, our Conference Recording Secretary, presented Mission Study in a very helpful and instructive manner. She urged us to have a part in the great work our Church is doing. Miss Eugenia Smith brought to us anew the beauty of the Social Service work. Palmer was selected as the next place of meeting. After the report from committees were read, "Best Be the Tie" was sung and the conference was dismissed by prayer. There was a good attendance and this meeting will be a help to all who were present. MISS JOSIE YARBROUGH, District Secretary.

The emphatic word of the Christian religion on its divine side is salvation, and the word which corresponds to it on the human side is sin. Jesus Christ came to save us from our sins. Not to save us simply from the punishment which our sins deserve; that is not the meaning of salvation. He came to save us from our sins; now, in this present life, in the face of our persistent temptations, to save us out of the habit of sin.—George Hodges.

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Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gayle entertained on October 21, 1916, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Calhoun Provine's Golden Anniversary. The guests were met by the host and hostess and presented to the bride and groom of fifty years ago, who were seated under a unique decoration of white and yellow. While their faces showed the passing of the years, only lines of happiness, contentment and kindness showed on their dear faces. After all the guests had arrived the couple were persuaded into the dining room where they opened, for the delectation of those present, the many pretty and useful gifts. A tray containing fifty dollars in gold was the gift of the children. Miss Clark, Mrs. Bedingfield and Mrs. L. M. Gayle rendered a number of musical selections appropriate for the evening—"The Old Blue Bonnet," "Our Golden Wedding Day" and "Silver Threads Among the Gold." After this old and young joined in singing many old-time songs. The decorations, which were quite pretty, were gold and white. The hostess was assisted by Misses Bell, Dunn, Clark, Gregory and Gayle in serving refreshments. While the good-nights were being said Mr. and Mrs. Provine were showered by good wishes. The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. McCollough, of Ganado, Mrs. French and Mrs. Bedingfield, of Alvin, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Provine and little daughter, Ruth, of Houston.

HARD COLDS.

People whose blood is pure are not nearly so likely to take hard colds as are others. Physiology goes into the reason. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the blood pure, causing healthy action of the mucous membrane and giving strength and tone to all the organs and functions. This great medicine recovers the system after a cold, as no other does. As the flint contains the spark, unknown to itself, which the steel alone can awaken to life, so adversity reveals to us hidden gems, which prosperity or negligence would forever have hidden.—W. H. Shaw.

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Table listing names and amounts for the Northwest Texas Conference, including Mrs. Monroe James, Mrs. I. G. John, Mrs. S. C. Kerr, etc.

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

We, your Joint Board of Finance, submit the following report:

Our Treasurer has received for conference claimants an assessment of \$5150.76. For superannuate endowment fund, \$981.09. From reserve fund, \$400.00. From Calvin, \$10.00. From Smith & Lamar, \$189.00. From Marquis & Trapp Fund, \$27.28. Superannuate endowment fund, \$198.00. Texas Christian Advocate, \$141.55, making a total of \$6166.59, of which we reserve \$375.00 as an emergency fund. We have instructed our Treasurer to send \$981.09 to J. R. Stewart, Secretary of our endowment. The balance we distribute among our claimants as follows:

Table listing names and amounts for the North Texas Female College Commission, including Adams, Rev. S. H., Annis, Mrs. J. T. L., Baker, Rev. J. M., etc.

NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE COMMISSION.

Are called to meet in Sherman, Texas, Tuesday, November 28, 2 p. m., in Travis Street Methodist Church. The Commission is composed of the following: Sam R. Hay, W. T. Whiteside, R. G. Mood, G. C. French, E. W. Alderson, L. D. Shawver, J. W. Madden, Judge P. A. Martin, Walter B. Wilson, L. Blaylock and W. C. McKamey.

SAM R HAY.

RESOLUTIONS—REV. J. F. CARTER.

Whereas, Brother Carter is now on the eve of departing for the Annual Conference of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church of Bay City Station, Brenham District, in regular meeting assembled, being desirous of giving expression to their appreciation of the efficient and faithful services rendered the Church by Brother and Sister Carter during the four years of his incumbency, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to Brother and Sister Carter our sincere appreciation for the good and faithful services rendered the Church and for the invaluable assistance rendered in our work. Be it further

Resolved, That we deplore the fact that the laws of our Church preclude his return to this work.

It is further ordered that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and copies hereof be furnished Brother and Sister Carter and the press.

MARTIN THOMPSON, THEO. DIENST, T. Z. MORELAND, Committee.

APPOINTMENTS NORTHWEST

TEXAS CONFERENCE. ABILENE DISTRICT.

O. F. Sensabaugh, Presiding Elder. Abilene, First Church—C. W. Hearon. St. Luke's—J. W. Cadwell. St. Paul's—A. L. Bowman; Thomas Hanks, supernumerary. Anson—A. W. Waddill. Baird—W. Y. Switzer. Caps—B. J. Osborn. Clyde—W. M. Murrell. Cross Plains—A. D. Jameson. Full—J. W. Brown. Hawley—R. S. Watkins. Lawn—C. G. Shutt, supply. Ovalo—R. E. L. Stutts. Putnam and Moran—A. V. Hendricks. Tuscola—E. L. Yeats. Tye—G. H. McAnally. Student Southern Methodist University—W. E. Hassler, St. Luke's Q. C. Student University of Chicago—Comer M. Woodward, St. Luke's Q. C. Agent Superannuate Homes—C. D. West, Tuscola Q. C. Commissioner Southern Methodist University—O. F. Sensabaugh. Professor Southern Methodist—H. M. Whaling, Jr.

AMARILLO DISTRICT.

E. E. Robinson, Presiding Elder. Amarillo, Polk Street—J. E. Carpenter. Buchanan Street—L. G. Haggard. Amarillo Mission—C. M. Killian. Canadian—J. E. Stephens. Channing—W. H. Strong. Canyon—R. A. Stewart. Dalhart—J. W. Israel. Dumas—G. H. Bryant. Glazier—W. L. Vaughan. Hansford—S. W. Franklin. Hereford—Geo. S. Wyatt. Higgins—G. J. Irvin. Ochiltree—H. B. Watts. Ochiltree Mission—Ira Sanford, supply. Panhandle—T. J. Rea. Stratford—J. E. Eldridge. Texline—Ancil Lynn. Vega—G. T. Palmer. Conference Evangelist—F. M. Neal, Polk Street Q. C. Student Southwestern University—H. G. Scoggins, Polk Street Q. C.

BIG SPRING DISTRICT.

W. E. Lyon, Presiding Elder. Andrews—H. L. Hughes. Big Spring—G. W. Shearer. Big Spring Mission—Daniel Rees. Brownfield—J. M. Fryar. Coahoma—J. Watt Fulton. Gail, S. B. Cox. Lamesa—A. E. Arnfield. Lamesa Mission—W. T. Gray, supply. O'Donnell—W. C. Hart, supply. Plains Mission—A. J. Brown. Seminole—J. W. Cole; J. B. McReynolds, supernumerary. Slayton—T. C. Willett. Stanton—M. L. Moody. Tahoka—R. F. Dunn. Wilson Mission—J. P. Calloway.

CLARENDON DISTRICT.

A. W. Hall, Presiding Elder. Clarendon—A. J. Weeks. Clarendon Mission—L. A. Reavis. Claude—P. G. Huffman. Claude Mission—E. L. Sisk. Goodnight—J. H. Watts. Hedley—J. H. Hicks. Lakeview—J. A. Laney. McClean—J. T. Howell. Memphis—John R. Henson; Leon Henderson, supernumerary. Miami—J. B. McCarley. Pampa—J. S. Huckabee. Quail—L. B. Smallwood. Shamrock—J. P. Patterson; R. B. Bonner, supernumerary. Shamrock Circuit—J. C. Carpenter. Wheeler and Mobeetie—C. C. Wright. Wellington—M. E. Hawkins. Zybach and Gageby—W. A. Hitchcock. President Clarendon College—G. S. Slover. Professor Clarendon College—S. E. Burkhead. Sunday School Field Agent—B. L. Nance.

HAMLIN DISTRICT.

B. W. Dodson, Presiding Elder. Aspermont—C. S. Cameron. Aspermont Mission—J. G. Thomas; Lee Cullen, junior preacher, supply. Clairemont—J. Fred Cox. Hamlin—J. H. Hamblen. Crowell—M. W. Rogers. Knox City—W. B. McKeown. Jayton—O. M. Addison. Matador—C. H. Ledger. McCauley—J. L. Rucker. Margaret—G. H. Gattis. Roaring Springs—I. A. Smith. Rochester—C. O. Huff. Roby—S. H. Young. Rotan—S. L. Caldwell. Rule—J. D. Haymes. Spur—E. E. White. Tuxedo—J. D. Crockett. Vera—C. D. Pipkin.

PLAINVIEW DISTRICT.

A. L. Moore, Presiding Elder. Abernathy—B. Y. Dickinson. Bovina—Z. R. Fee. Crosbyton—W. M. Pearce. Dinmitt—W. L. Lightfoot. Floydada—W. M. Lane. Floydada Mission—George Montgomery. Hale Center—B. H. Oxford. Kress and Happy—W. P. Edwards. Lockney—J. A. Sweeney. Lockney Mission—Clyde M. Haddock. Lorenzo—B. W. Wilkins. Lubbock—J. T. Hicks. Lubbock Mission—D. C. Ross, supply. Plainview—J. W. Story. Plainview Mission—S. J. Upton, supply. Ra's Circuit—W. S. Boyd. Silvertown—J. A. Bell. Silvia—W. M. Pope.

STAMFORD DISTRICT.

J. G. Miller, Presiding Elder. Albany—Ben Hardy. Avoca—W. B. Woodruff. Bomarton and Shady—R. H. Boyd. Goree—A. C. Aston. Haskell—Ed R. Wallace. Leuders and Nugent—J. W. Glance. Munday—C. E. Meador. Munday Circuit—Ed A. Tharp. Seymour—O. P. Clark. Seymour Mission—G. W. Smith. Stamford—St. John's—C. N. Ferguson; R. B. Evans, supernumerary. Stamford Mission—J. E. Yeats. Throckmorton—W. C. Childress. Ward Memorial and Bethel—L. N. Lipscomb. Weinert—J. O. Little.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD

STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA. Have been very kindly and cordially received by the Stillwater people. Conditions seem good and bid fair for a great year.—C. C. Barnhardt.

FORT WORTH, GLENWOOD. Good year; eighty additions, salary raised and paid in full, benevolences ditto. Woman's work triple previous year. Sunday School 35 per cent gain, a steady pull through all the year by a harmonious membership did it. Pastor and people are happy.—J. W. Patison.

FLORENCE. We are finishing our third year on this charge. We have received sixty-one into the Church this year. About fifty of this number on profession of faith. All assessments against this charge are paid in full. The Woman's Missionary Society and the Sunday School have done well. We give all the glory to God.—W. D. Gaskins, P. C.

COTULLA STATION. My charge for the past two years was Dille. I shall always remember those good people with peculiar pleasure. As a parting token of love and esteem the ladies of Dille gave my wife a nice linen shower. The good people of Cotulla have given us a royal reception and a large poultice. They seem to be loyal and progressive Methodists. The parsonage here is a model of convenience and the Church is substantial and beautiful. Rev. T. G. Woods resides at this place. The church and parsonage are monuments to his wise leadership in co-operation with the membership. Prospects for a year of progress are good. The excellent work of Rev. Daw B. Beene abides.—R. S. Pierce, P. C.

PILOT GROVE. In behalf of the faithful work done for the Church at Pilot Grove during the past conference year by our pastor, Rev. A. F. Watkins, wife and daughter, Eunice, we want in this way to express our love and appreciation. On coming here last year they found our Church passing through a crisis. Sorrow and confusion on every hand, Sunday School barely alive, no Epworth League, young people lifeless, the life of the Church meant little or nothing, to them. The first service warmed and comforted troubled hearts. God's love was the theme, and the people said, "If God still loves his children we will try to do our part." Sunday School took on new life, an Epworth League was organized early in February, in spite of discouraging propositions which confronted them. Slowly but surely the boys and girls are awakening. The fact that they can be of use in their own Church is at last impressing them with the desire to do something. The example set before them by our pastor's daughter, Eunice, has indeed been inspiring. The loyalty of Sister Watkins to every Church enterprise and her example of faithful attendance will long be remembered by those of us who have toiled and suffered in the interest of our little Church. We love our Church and those who toil and suffer with us to bring about life and activity have our life-long gratitude and we pray that as these faithful servants of the Church enter their new field of labor among strangers that

VERNON DISTRICT. M. Phelan, Presiding Elder. Childress—W. H. Terry; A. T. Culbertson, supernumerary. Childress Mission—O. B. Annis. Chillicothe—M. M. Beavers. Dumont—W. R. Kirkpatrick. Estelline—L. B. Tooley. Kirkland—J. O. Quattlebaum. Lazare—Wilson McCreary. Odell—R. E. Burns. Paducah—M. S. Leveridge. Quanah Station—R. A. Clements. Quanah Mission—C. I. Beck. Tolbert and Fargo—M. H. Hudson. Newlin—J. W. Martin. Tell—J. W. Leggett. Turkey—C. E. Lynn. Vernon Station—H. M. Long. Vernon Circuit—Z. B. Pirnie. Conference Temperance Worker—Simeon Shaw. TRANSFERS—New Harris to East Oklahoma Conference; D. H. Aston to East Oklahoma Conference.

TRANSLATIONS OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM ANALYZED. Dr. M. C. Wilcox is translating Roman Catholicism Analyzed into the Chinese. Rev. E. B. Vargas is putting it into the Spanish. Some of our leaders believe it will be useful in these two languages. There is no financial profit in it to anyone in either of these languages. We need \$100 very badly just now to help on these translations. It is genuine missionary work. I think there are enough real friends among Advocate subscribers who will send me \$5 or \$10 apiece to help us through. I shall be exceedingly grateful to those who care to make such missionary contributions. J. A. PHILLIPS. R. F. D. 8, Box 25, San Antonio, Tex.

A CORRECTION. West End Church, San Antonio, raised a per capita of \$22.40 this year instead of \$12.40, as reported in Advocate. Its per capita was one of the highest, if not the highest, in West Texas Conference and this fine little Church deserves recognition for it. CHAS. M. RABE.

New Bible Picture Study. The Christian Herald Bible Picture Study recently ended was a tremendous success. Thousands of people were led to read the Bible who might never have been induced to do so by other means. Thousands of others renewed their acquaintance with the Old Book, having expressed heartfelt appreciation because of the opportunity thus presented. There were 419 rewards—first reward, \$1,250.00; second reward, \$625; third reward, \$350, and so on down the list. Innumerable letters were received expressing thanks for this new way of bringing the Bible to the direct attention of the people. The Christian Herald announces a NEW Study. Over 500 rewards will be allotted. Every reader of the Christian Herald may have an opportunity to gain one of these rewards. All you have to do is to fit appropriate Bible verses to pictures, which will be published each week in the Christian Herald. You may obtain a list of Bible verses from which the acceptable verses may be selected. Write at once for particulars. OTHER FEATURES. Over one million persons read the Christian Herald every week. If so many people like it better than any other paper there MUST be a convincing reason that should impel YOU to read it. MRS. ELEANOR H. PORTER'S next serial story will be printed in The Christian Herald. Able critics who have read the manuscript declare that it is even better than "Pollyanna" and "Just David." The first installment will appear in the Christian Herald as soon as the other serial, "How Janice Day Won," is finished. Thus, you may be assured of two very good serial stories. Read "The Church and Present Day Social Problems;" "The Future of Christianity;" "The Church in the Rural Community;" "The Children in the Church;" "The Church and Socialism;" Dr. Jowett's splendid Meditations; splendid serials; short stories; poems; thousands of illustrations during the year. Subscribe now; Subscription price, \$2.00 per year. THE CHRISTIAN HERALD. 820 BIBLE HOUSE, NEW YORK.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE. 1. Things to be religiously supervised: Almshouses, asylums, jails, penitentiaries, houses of correction and such public institutions.

MART. Our pastor, Rev. C. E. Lindsey, has gone up to conference at Waxahachie fully paid up, as to his salary, and carries with him an otherwise exceptionally good report as well as the love of a grateful people.

SIERRA BLANCA. The Church at Sierra Blanca, on Thursday, November 2, tendered the new preacher and his wife a right royal reception. Committees of the Woman's Missionary Society, assisted by ladies of the town, made complete and perfect arrangements so that every item that was planned was carried out most successfully.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Celeste Cir., Nov. 25, 26. Celeste Sta., Nov. 26, 27. Merit Cir., Dec. 2, 3.

LAWTON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Lawton, Nov. 12. Altus, Nov. 19. Elmer, Nov. 20, 7:30 p. m.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS. Rev. W. P. Meador, Route 5, Box 25, Grandview, Texas.

God's blessings may follow them and he will raise up to their aid and assistance just such strong men and women, boys and girls as is needed to further the work of the Church. Our hearts are sad at the separation now at hand, and we wonder if it is all for the best.

PROHIBITION ASSOCIATION FORMED AT S. M. U.

On Friday, November 10, Mr. S. W. Grathwell, Southern Secretary of the Intercollegiate Prohibition, was present at Southern Methodist University and aided the local President, Forest Dudley, of Ozona, Texas, in organizing a local prohibition association.

A social study class has been organized under the direction of O. W. Moerner. This class will be composed wholly of university students and will study the liquor problems. The class will meet twice a month.

PALMER CHARGE.

Palmer charge has finished the best record in several years. Assessments for pastors and presiding elder will be reported in full, which is an advance of 25 per cent. Conference claims 40 per cent advance over former year.

CASH.

We are happy in our new home, and among these good people. Our lot fell among the people with whom we labored last year; and they are the best we have ever labored with. The very name itself mean something to a Methodist preacher. We are glad to say that every cent of all assessments were paid in full last year, and salary almost doubled for this year.

YOAKUM.

The Yoakum Church was sadly disappointed when it learned that its pastor, Dr. J. T. Curry, had been proscribed to the position of presiding elder of the San Marcos District. Dr. Curry had been with us only one year, and he had done such excellent work during that period, both in his preaching and in his pastoral work, that we were looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to having him with us for three years longer.

A MISSOURI LETTER.

Inasmuch as not a few Texans discovered America by way of Missouri, perhaps some of them will not look askance at a note from that dominion. We held this year, with some elaborate ceremonies befitting the occasions, the three centennial conferences, making a hundred years of heart-stirring history since Methodism was planted on this soil.

The election has just been held, the State going democratic as had been rather confidently predicted. The new Governor, Hon. Frederick D. Gardner, is a Methodist, and enjoys the esteem of a large circle of friends who are not allied with him politically.

fectionately commended to the esteem and fellowship of his brethren, who will find him a true, good man. Like many another Methodist preacher, he outmarried himself and possesses a fine Christian woman for a helpmeet. If these two earnest, talented spirits do not immediately surround themselves with substantial friends, and do not enter upon a ministry of rich fruitfulness, this scribe will altogether miss his reckoning.

WAGONER, OKLA.

Another year has gone and I am still alive and feeling just fine these beautiful days. This has been a year of trials and tribulations with many of us, but we have found the Lord meant it when he said, "Lo, I am with you always." The afflictions of our loved ones have kept us from holding several meetings, but yet we have a fine year. Some of the best meetings of my life. Some 600 professions. Several decided to obey the call to preach, some forty family altars established, nineteen babies dedicated to our Lord, traveled some 6000 miles.

DECATUR.

Our people are delighted to have Revs. R. E. Moreland returned by the North Texas Conference to the Decatur Station, J. E. Short to the Decatur Circuit and W. A. Stuckey to the Decatur District. They have their study together in the Methodist Church, which, by a combination of the three libraries, furnish a volume of reading and study a little unusual for preachers.

MANCHACA.

When my new appointment was read out by Bishop Motson it was indeed a most pleasing announcement for more reasons than one. In the first place I realized I was to dwell again close by, if not amid, the eternal hills. Then again, I was conscious such a dwelling place would afford us a climatic advantage far better for us than the altitude of our former charge. We left numbers of warm and delightful friends, among whom our past year was spent with much joy, whose generosity and hospitality we shall never forget.

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THE THIRD MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA.

By Rev. E. B. Sanford, D. D., Honorary Secretary of the Council.

On the morning of December 6, the delegation of the Council officially representing a very large proportion of the Protestant Church membership of the United States, will meet in the commodious and centrally located Second Baptist Church in St. Louis. It will be an assembly of Bishops, moderators, ministers of national reputation and laymen of large influence. The Presbyterian delegation alone includes eight ex-moderators of the General Assembly.

These leaders of our American Church life will listen to reports of the Commissions of the Council—of great interest. The historic conference that met in New York in the fall of 1905, adopted resolutions regarding matters of common concern to all the Churches. The Council of 1916 will report remarkable advance in all the lines of work suggested under these resolutions. Family Life and Sabbath Observance have been the subject of official messages that have gone into millions of homes. Burdens that were crushing the wretched native population of the Congo State have been relieved. The gambling evil has never received a more severe blow than in the victory that closed the race-track enclosures of New York. A battle inaugurated from the National office of the Council, Religious Week-day Instruction, has become a vital question under the same leadership. A united Church has aided in the temperance victories that have carried dismay into the ranks of the powers of darkness.

The Commission on Evangelism, quietly but effectively, has brought denominational committees into helpful relations, and influences have been set in motion that cannot fail to make this work an agency of increasing power in the life of the Churches. The co-ordination in common work of the denominational committees on Social Service, under the leadership of the Council's Commission, has been fruitful.

Action taken at the first Council meeting at Philadelphia in 1908, on "International Relations," has in the past quadrennium, culminated in the founding of the "Church Peace Union," and its endowment by Mr. Carnegie with two millions of dollars.

The Men and Religion Movement, in accord with the plea of Bishop McDowell of the Methodist Church, and other leaders, is vigorously giving its life to the work of the "Commission on Federated Movements." A work that promises to bring the Y. M. C. A. and other interdenominational agencies into closer relation to the Churches than ever before.

The advance, however, of highest significance is along the supreme mission of the Church of Christ in its evangelistic and missionary work. United plans of service on the foreign field find their impulse in the spirit of co-operation that since the New York Conference of 1905 has revolutionized the methods and administration of Home Missionary activities. As late as the beginning of the twentieth century, who would have prophesied that a Council officially representing Churches with a membership of over seventeen millions would come together in St. Louis in 1916 to listen to reports of Home Mission work, representing nearly all the denominational societies, in which would be told the story of their secretaries traveling together and speaking from the same platform in every State west of the Mississippi, and making their united plea for wise action in overcoming the evils of overlapping and meeting the need of a multitude of destitute communities?

The great Council, as it assembles in St. Louis, has no legislative authority. It has a higher mission, as it manifests to the world the oneness in Christ of the Churches in its fellowship. In behalf of the vast constituency it represents, it pledges a united front in the conflict against evil and unrighteousness. With linked hands, the standard of the Cross is lifted up. Policies of far reaching influence will be carefully considered. Support will be assured the Executive Committee and the National office during the coming quadrennium of 1916-1920.

Surely this representative Council of the Churches of Christ in our country ought to have a large place in the thought and prayer of all the followers of our Divine Lord and Savior.

OBITUARIES

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 170 or 180 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as written should remit money to cover excess of space, to-wit: At the rate of One Cent Per Word. Money should accompany all orders. Resolutions of respect will not be inserted in the Obituary Department under any circumstances, but, if paid for will be inserted in another column.

Poetry Can in No Case be Inserted. Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent. Price, five cents per copy.

PRICHETT—Edwin Mouton Prichett was born in Bennington, Oklahoma, June 20, 1914; died at Boswell, Oklahoma, March 2, 1916. He was the sixth son of Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Prichett. Was dedicated to God in holy baptism September 30, 1914, by the writer. Mouton was a bright, happy child and his "home-going" a sorrow to all. His parents know the Christ and the comforts of His Gospel and are comforted in the certainties of life everlasting and its fellowship. We laid the little body of Edwin Mouton to rest in the old family burying ground east of Rockwall, Texas, "Mt. Zion." In this community both his parents had been born and reared and married. Here large family connections shed the tear of sincere sympathy, what a fitting place for his tired little body to rest. Happy, immortal spirit, Edwin Mouton Prichett! We miss you sorely, but we will meet you again in "the morning." R. T. BLACKBURN.

GOODNER—Alfred Burk Goodner was born in Montgomery County, Arkansas, October 3, 1866, and died at his home, four miles north of Altus, Oklahoma, July 15, 1916, in his fiftieth year. He was the son of G. D. and Mary E. Goodner, of Altus, Oklahoma, and was a member of one of the best and most well known families of this community. He was married to Miss Theodora Williamson November 26, 1888. He was converted in young manhood and later united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Martha, Oklahoma, and remained a consistent member and Christian to the time of his death. He leaves seven children and his faithful life companion to follow later to the better world. We know where to find him. He was a true loving father and husband; a congenial neighbor and friend. His counsel and presence in the home is sadly missed. His place in community life will be hard to fill, but we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well. The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church in Altus by Rev. W. U. Witt and Rev. H. A. Stroud in the presence of the pastor. His body was gently laid to rest in the Altus Cemetery. May we let the precious promises of our Heavenly Father be our stay as we pass through the deep sorrows of life and when it is all over we will, if faithful, be gathered to our eternal rest. C. L. CANTER.

MORTON—Joseph Emmett Morton died April 23, 1916, at his home, eight miles east of Athens, Henderson County. Time with our dear friend is no more and to us who so loved and valued him in life only precious memories remain. Over two years he patiently bore intense suffering, which finally terminated in acute diabetes. Yet through all his bright Christian life shone out to all around him. He made ready to go, and for five years had been a devout member of the A. E. Church, having joined same in August, 1911. He was a dear lover of music. Was often heard at home at work along the road singing the songs of Zion. He was born May 24, 1889, and before he was quite twenty was married to Miss Bettie Gibbs, a neighbor girl who, with four little children are left, with his dear father, to mourn a loss real to them, yet can testify to his life spent bravely and faithfully. So unafraid he went to his reward. We could not see that his work was finished, but God knew best. We sorrow not as those who have no hope. The redeemed of the Lord shall meet again. NANNIE B. MORTON.

HOWE—Mrs. Elizabeth Howe (nee Woolsey) was born January 12, 1823, and died November 4, 1916. She was married to John J. Howe January 8, 1846. To this union were born four boys and seven girls. Her husband died in 1875. She also lost two sons and three daughters. She professed religion and joined the Baptist Church when thirteen years of age. When she married she joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with her husband. After moving to the Plains to make her home with her son, J. H. Howe, she united with the M. E. Church, South; she spent her last years with her daughter, Mrs. Sheppard, of Clarendon. Hers was a great Christian character. She served her day and generation well; raised an honorable and highly esteemed family. She was patient and resigned in her feebleness and suffering, and at last calmly fell asleep in the arms of her precious Lord whom she had served for more than seventy years. We commend the sorrowing to the sustaining grace of her Lord. M. E. HAWKINS.

McCULLOCH—Captain Ben E. McCulloch, son of General Henry E. McCulloch and nephew of General Ben McCulloch, both famous Confederate leaders, was born on Peach Creek, Gonzales County, Texas, January 16, 1845. With his parents he moved to Seguin, Guadalupe County, in 1849, where he lived until 1860. He served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and was Captain of Company K, Baylor's Regiment. At the time of his death he was First Lieutenant Commander Camp Ben McCulloch, United Confederate Veterans. February 8, 1866, he was happily married to Miss Addie M. Duval, of Chappel Hill, Washington County, Texas, who preceded him to the promised land on February 3, 1902. To this union were born four sons and one daughter. In 1905 he was married to Mrs. Cora Barton, who, with his children, R. D. McCulloch, of San Antonio, Henry McCulloch, of New York, Mrs. P. M. Hicks, of Austin, and several grandchildren, survive to mourn his departure. He is also survived by one brother, Sam L. McCulloch, of Austin, and his sister, Mrs. A. J. Dibrell, of Nixon. From 1866 until the time of his death Captain McCulloch lived the greater part of his time in Travis and Hays Counties. After three years of failing health the end came at Buda on November 2, 1916. In young manhood Brother McCulloch professed religion and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

South, in which he lived an active, consecrated Christian life, and in his death illustrated Wesley's saying, "Our people die well." He was a good man and he has left the impress of his Christly character upon the Church of which he was a member and the community in which he lived. Among the positions of trust held by him were those of assistant superintendent of the penitentiary at Huntsville and Adjutant of the Confederate Home. For many years he was connected with the State Department of Education. Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Church at Buda by the writer, Rev. C. J. Bradley (Presbyterian) and Rev. E. Owers (Christian) in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends. The body was then conveyed to Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, where after an impressive ceremony conducted by the Masonic fraternity, of which the deceased was a prominent member, he was laid to rest to await the resurrection of the just. R. A. ROWLAND.

McCLESKEY—Mrs. Fannie McCleskey (nee Trammel) was born August 5, 1866; departed this life at her home near Patiso, in Erath County, Texas, August 31, 1916. Early in life she gave her heart and life to God, at which time she united with the M. E. Church, South. Hers was a consistent, consecrated, pure Christian life. To this fact her neighbors and relatives, who have lived by her and knew her for many years, abundantly testify. Her quiet, unassuming life won for her the love of all. She was married to W. G. McCleskey August 1, 1889. To this union were born five boys and three girls, all of whom survive her. We laid her to rest in Mt. Patiso Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. Her companion of twenty-seven years writes: "All of you knew something of your Aunt Fannie's pure life, but not like I know it after these many years of close companionship. Always kind, loving and forgiving; always ready to excuse the faults of others, never talked disrespectfully of anybody. I am so thankful that God let her live until our children were all old enough to know something of her pure, sweet life." Let me say this, bereaved ones: Sorrow not as those who have no hope. God's love can heal the tender heart, can reunite the broken bonds, henceforth they will draw you heavenward. When God's eternal righteous plan concerning you has been fulfilled, may yours be an unbroken circle, in the land where comes no sorrow, no sickness, no death. A. A. McCLESKEY.

ROGERS—John L. Rogers was born in Tennessee January 3, 1840; died at Wizard Wells November 1, 1916, aged 76 years, 7 months, 3 days. For years past Brother Rogers was a constant sufferer with cancer, bearing this affliction with a patience only found in a real man of God until death released him of his suffering. Brother Rogers was brightly converted in his early years, joining the Church and remained true to the Church until death. He was always at his post, a regular attendant at services as long as health would permit. Took great delight in all Church work. As steward, trustee, superintendent of Sunday School; also helped to build and organize classes and Churches. Brother Rogers' home was always the preachers' home. Called his pastor many times during his sickness to read Bible and hold prayer. Always spoke of death as a victory and longed to go and be at rest. He was public in spirit, standing for best interests of his State and community. Was once a Commissioner of Jack County. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, they having suitable services at the grave at Willow Point. Brother Rogers was a soldier of the sixties and loved to talk of the service given to his country, as he was in many a hard fought battle, a true soldier. He died in great peace, loved and honored by all. God's richest blessings on his devoted wife and friends in this sorrow. C. M. CLARK, Pastor.

SPARKMAN—Wiley G. Sparkman was born in Dallas County, Texas, November 11, 1872; died at Vineyard, Texas, August 7, 1916, aged forty-three years, eight months, twenty-six days. His death came by accident. On his way home from our revival meeting, with his children and others along, the team ran away. The children jumped from the wagon, several receiving light injuries. Brother Sparkman was driving and could not get out when the mules became unmanageable and ran. He was found in the road near the children and lived only about thirty minutes after finding him and was not conscious. He was a very devoted father. His wife preceded him three years. He was always united with the children at home or at Church. He was converted in earlier years, joined the Church and lived a very devoted Christian to the end. He was steward, trustee, assistant superintendent of Sunday School at time of death. Brother Sparkman loved the Church and was among the first on Sunday morning to be found at our Wizard Wells Methodist Church, with children, to begin Sunday School. As a result of this care and teaching every child is a Christian and belongs to father and mother's Church; they have come to years of accountability. Brother Sparkman was a true Christian, hence we all miss our dear brother. He leaves a family of seven children to mourn their sad loss. May the God of love and mercy care for these children and be a father and mother to each child. C. M. CLARK, Pastor.

VICKERS—Eula Odell Vickers, daughter and ninth child of Will R. and Lula Vickers, was born February 27, 1913. She was dedicated to God in holy baptism July 13, 1913, by Rev. A. L. Conner. This baby darling of the home was afflicted with a serious affection of the throat, and medical science having failed, after only a few days' sickness, she fell asleep in the arms of Jesus September 8, 1916, at the age of three years, seven months and nineteen days. Burial services were held at Cedar Bayou Cemetery by Rev. I. B. Manly, the afternoon of September 9, 1916, after which loving hands laid the tender rosebud to rest in the family lot. Mortal man cannot understand the wisdom of God who often hides his purposes, and in this instance saw fit to snatch away the sunshine of the home. Yet the hidden things of God shall some day be revealed. Let us say with Job, after having lost his seven sons and three daughters, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." The bereaved family has the love and sympathy of their pastor and all their friends and relatives who "weep with them that do weep." May all the family some day be with Eula and live with Jesus who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," and again, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." K. E. BARNHART, Pastor.

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WOODRUFF—Mrs. M. E. Woodruff was born in Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia, May 27, 1843, and died at the residence of her son, D. L. Woodruff, near Marshall, Texas, at 7:30 p. m., August 9, 1916, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Marshall, Texas. With her parents, W. S. and Mrs. Deaver, she moved to Washington County, Arkansas, in 1850, where she grew to womanhood. When quite young she professed religion and united with the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived a faithful, devoted Christian life to the end. In 1869 she met and married D. W. Woodruff, a widower with three little children, all boys—Oscar, Hawkins and James W. She soon became to them a true mother in the best sense of the term. Three children were born to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff—David L., Mamie E. and B. F.—two of whom still live. Mamie died in early womanhood. After remaining in Arkansas until 1879, the family moved to Texas and settled at Ranger, Eastland County, where they remained until the children were all grown. Mrs. Woodruff was a high type of solid piety. Her deep love for her Church, her pastor, her family and her friends was known and felt in the entire circle of her acquaintance. Her devotion was untrifling. Her great motherly heart was inspiring. No pastor could forget her. An unassuming queen in her home, a thoroughly human woman, with the highest ideals, she made one feel that righteousness and love could live and breathe on the earth. Her home was an ideal preachers' home. She came from old Methodist stock. She was a great worker at camp meetings, in Sunday School and in the Church generally. Her bereaved husband and sons mourn deeply their loss, but they mourn with a clear hope of meeting her again. J. A. PHILLIPS.

GOWER—Brother B. A. Gower was born December 7, 1839, in Giles County, Tennessee. He was married to Miss A. E. Keiso, of Lawrence County, Tennessee, November 20, 1861. To this union there were born seven children—two boys and five girls. Three of the girls have ascended to the home of the blessed. The father of Brother B. A. Gower was a Methodist preacher for forty years. He was a local preacher at the time of his death. It is no wonder that his son, B. A. Gower, was converted in early life and united with the Methodist Church. He moved to Texas in the fall of 1874, and has been here ever since, residing at Florence at the time of his death, June 24, 1916. His consecrated wife, and four of his children, survive him. In the death of Brother B. A. Gower, a kind husband, a good father, a good citizen and Christian gentleman was removed. But his Christian influence abides to bless the country in the years to come. W. D. GASKINS, Pastor.

CROCKETT—Overton Crockett departed this life October 28, 1916, in his home in Nashville, Tennessee. He had been a resident of Nashville eleven years. He spent most of his life in Ellis County, Texas. He was one of the most useful members of the Methodist Church, having served as superintendent of the Sunday School when he lived at Long Branch, Ellis County. He loved to read the Texas Advocate and continued to take it while living in Nashville. He had accumulated good property and was a liberal supporter of the Church and other worthy causes. He leaves a wife, three brothers and two sisters and many friends to mourn his going. His oldest brother, J. M. Crockett, of Chatfield, Texas, preceded him about three weeks to heaven. They are brothers to Rev. J. D. Crockett, of the Northwest Texas Conference and Rev. W. R. Crockett, of Farmington, New Mexico. They were good men and will be missed by us, but we know where to find them. His brother-in-law, J. H. ROBERTS. Riviera, Texas.

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METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

"How are you going to express your appreciation of the many blessings God has bestowed upon you this year?" The Y. M. B. L. has raised the twenty thousand dollars to finish the new building, at the Orphanage. This certainly is encouraging and we all feel very happy over it. We have need this building so much. But we want the good people to understand that although we will soon be able to use it, we can not yet greatly increase the number of children taken into the Home. Sufficient funds must be sent to equip this building. We have asked for the money to furnish the Dormitory and have already received some contributions. Then there will be many other necessary things, which must be added to our dining room and kitchen furnishings. Too, we have had such a hard time trying to pay the necessary running expenses and the prices of everything has increased so greatly, that we can not enlarge our family until we have proof that larger funds will come to our rescue. Now, the Home was in debt when we came here and so many things were absolutely necessary for the health and comfort of the children, that we still owe some. We are bending every effort to clear these debts and ask that the good people assist us. Think how greatly you are blessed, how much you have, the pleasures that are yours, the great property that has come to our land, have you ever stopped to thank the Lord for these? Could it be expressed in any better way than by helping the less fortunate? Will you not then send us a Thanksgiving Offering, to help us get even with the world? The children are praying with us that you will heed this call, and we are expectantly awaiting your Thanksgiving Offering. Shall the little ones be disappointed? R. A. BURROUGHS, Waco, Texas.

MR. J. W. L. SHULL.

Resolutions of respect offered by Forrester Sunday School: Whereas, Serious illness of their son necessitated a move, and following the advice of their physician to seek a change of climate we have lost Brother J. W. L. Shull and family from our community, therefore, be it Resolved: 1. That we, as the Methodist Sunday School of Forrester, regret very much to give them up, that we realize one of our staunchest and most dependable families have made vacant a place which will be hard to fill, that the influence for good and right living exerted by them not only in our Church, but throughout our community will be felt, and that they will be sorely missed by us in every undertaking which calls for men and women of high type of Christianity. 2. That we commend them to the people into whose midst they may go as those whose usefulness will be invaluable. 3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our Sunday School minutes and that a copy be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate.

Respectfully, R. D. IRBY, R. C. HENDERSON, J. T. BRUCE, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS THEOPHILUS LEE.

Be it resolved that we, the members of the M. E. Church, South, of Bastrop, Texas, do hereby express our heartfelt sentiments relative to the departure of our pastor, Brother Theophilus Lee. 1. To the fortune, though strange and without precedent, that has caused our beloved and esteemed pastor, Brother Theophilus Lee, to remain in Bastrop as our pastor for at least twelve more months. 2. That we appreciate the noble services Brother Lee has rendered us as a pastor, as an able minister of the Gospel and as a staunch exponent of all movements to improve the civic righteousness of our town and country. 3. As members of his Church and citizens of Bastrop, we extend with respect and affection, a most hearty welcome to Brother Lee and his highly esteemed and much beloved family. No other minister, nor family could take and maintain the place, created by them, within our hearts. 4. And as his followers, we pledge ourselves support and hearty co-operation to him to accomplish good and lasting effects for the M. E. Church, South, of Bastrop and for the God in whom we place our trust. The above resolutions were read and unanimously adopted by a mass meeting of members of the M. E. Church, South, of Bastrop and a number of members of other Churches of Bastrop, who met at the parsonage of Bastrop, who met at the parsonage of Bastrop.

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gave the pastor and his good wife a fat jounding and a glad hand on the afternoon of November 4, 1916. J. GORDON BRYSON, M. D.

Austin District—First Round.

- Flaton, Nov. 10, 7:30 p. m. Columbus, Nov. 12, 11 a. m. Eagle Lake, Nov. 12, 7:30 p. m. Bastrop, Nov. 18, 19, 11 a. m. Smithville Sta., Nov. 19, 7:30 p. m. McDade Cir. at McDade, Nov. 25, 26, 11 a. m. Elgin, Nov. 26, 7:30 p. m. Fred Allen Memorial, Dec. 3, 11 a. m. Ward Memorial, Dec. 3, 7:30 p. m. Speedway Central, Dec. 6, 7:30 p. m. West Point Cir. at West Point, Dec. 9, 10. Walnut Cir. at Walnut, Dec. 16, 17. First Church, Dec. 24, 11 a. m. University Church, Dec. 24, 7:30 p. m. LaGrange and Winchester, at LaGrange, Dec. 30, 31. Smithville Cir. at Bateman, Jan. 6, 7. Garwood Cir. at Altair, Jan. 13, 14. Wiemar Circuit, at Weimar, Jan. 20, 21. Webberville Cir. at Webberville, Jan. 27, 28. Liberty Hill and Leander, at Leander, Feb. 3, 4. Manor, Feb. 10, 11.

STERLING FISHER, P. E.

Mangum District—First Round.

- Gotebo, at Gotebo, Nov. 18, 19. Hobart, Nov. 19, 20. Blair, at Blair, Nov. 25, 26. Martha, Nov. 26, 27. Olustee, Dec. 2, 3. Eldorado, Dec. 3, 4. Mt. View, at Mt. View, Dec. 9, 10. Carnegie, Dec. 10, 11. Hollis, Dec. 16, 17. Duke, at Duke, Dec. 17, 18. Brinkman, at B., Dec. 23, 24. Mangum Sta., Dec. 24, 25. Vinson, at Vinson, Dec. 30, 31. Mangum Cir., North Mangum, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Carter, at Carter, Jan. 6, 7. Granite, at Granite, Jan. 13, 14. Lonewolf, at Lonewolf, Jan. 14, 15. Pl. Hill and B., at Gould, Jan. 20, 21. Dryden, at Dryden, Jan. 21, 22. Pr. Hill, at Pr. Hill, Jan. 27, 28.

J. W. SIMS, P. E.

Paris District—First Round.

- Annona, at Coleman Sps., Nov. 18, 19. Roxton, at Roxton, Nov. 25, 26. Pattonville, at Milton, Dec. 2, 3. Deport, Dec. 3, 4. Avery, at Henrietta, Dec. 9, 10. Clarksville, Dec. 10, 11. Howland, at Oklahoma, Dec. 16, 17. Bonham Sta., Dec. 17, 18. Centenary, 11 a. m., Dec. 24. Lamar Ave., 7:30 p. m., Dec. 24. Bogata, at Bogata, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Detroit, at Detroit, Jan. 6, 7. Blossom, Jan. 7, 8. Emberson, at Bethel, Jan. 13, 14. Paris Cir. at Hopewell, Jan. 20, 21. Clarksville Cir., at McCoy, Jan. 27, 28. Woodland, at Woodland, Feb. 3, 4. White Rock and W. C., at W. R., Jan. 10, 11. District stewards will meet at Centenary Church, Paris, Wednesday, November 22, at 1 p. m. Don't forget it. J. L. MORRIS, P. E.

Wichita Falls District—First Round.

- Archer City, at Archer City, Nov. 18, 19. Megargel, at Megargel, Nov. 19, 20. Wichita Mission, at Holliday, Nov. 25, 26. Dundee, at Dundee, Nov. 26, 27. Iowa Park, Dec. 2, 3. Burkburnet, Dec. 3, 4. Electric Mission, at Barwise, Dec. 9, 10. Electro Station, Dec. 8, 10. Post Oak, Dec. 15. Blue Grove, at Joy, Dec. 16, 17. Henrietta, Dec. 17, 18. Wichita Falls, Dec. 24. Byers, at Byers, Dec. 30, 31. Petrolia, at Petrolia, Dec. 29, 31. Bellevue, Jan. 5, 7. Vashiti, at ashti, Jan. 6, 7. Ringgold, at Ringgold, Jan. 13, 14. Nocona, Jan. 14, 15.

J. SAM BARCUS, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round.

- Pottshoro and Preston, at Preston, Nov. 18, 19. Trinity, Nov. 19, 20. Collinsville and Tioga, at Collinsville, Nov. 25, 26. Pilot Point, Nov. 26, 27. Pilot Grove, at Pilot Grove, Dec. 2, 3. Whitewright, Dec. 3, 4. Howe Cir., at Howe, Dec. 9, 10. Travis Street, Dec. 10, 11. Whitesboro, Dec. 16, 17. Waples Memorial, Dec. 17, 18. Sadler and Gordonville, at Gordonville, Dec. 23, 24. Key Memorial, Dec. 24, 25. Bell's Cir., at Bells, Dec. 30, 31. Van Alstyne, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Sherman Cir., at Pecan Jan. 6, 7. Sherman and Denison Mts., at Harless Chapel, Jan. 7, 8. District Stewards meet at Travis Street Church, Sherman. D. K. PORTER, P. E.

Oklahoma City District—First Round.

- Arcadia and Wheatland, at Arcadia, Nov. 18, 19. Stillwater, Nov. 25, 26. Purcell, Dec. 2, 3. Lexington, Dec. 3, 4. Paoli, at Paoli, Dec. 9, 10. Blanchard and Washington, at Blanchard, Dec. 10, 11. El Reno, Dec. 16, 17. Piedmont and Geary, at Geary, Dec. 17, 18. St. John's, Dec. 24, 25. St. Luke's, Dec. 25, 26. Epworth, Dec. 30, 31. St. James, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Guthrie, Jan. 6, 7. C. Avenue, Jan. 7, 8. Franklin, Jan. 13, 14. Norman, Jan. 14, 15. Noble, at Noble, Jan. 20, 21. The District Stewards, Lay Leader of each charge and the several pastors of the district are hereby called to meet in St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City, December 5, at 10 a. m. Please be on hand promptly, brethren. M. L. BUTLER, P. E.

San Marcos District—First Round.

- Manhaca, at Manhaca, Nov. 18, 19. Blanco, at Blanco, Nov. 22. Staples at Staples Nov. 25, 26. Martindale at Martindale Nov. 26, 27. Leesville, at Bebe, Dec. 2, 3. Gonzales Dec. 3, 4. Harwood, at Harwood, Dec. 5. Wae'der and Thomsonville, Dec. 9, 10. Luling, Dec. 11.

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- Clinton (1916), Nov. 19. Custer City, Nov. 20, 21. Rocky, Nov. 25, 26. Cordell, Nov. 26, 27. Erick, Dec. 1. Berlin, at Buena Vista, Dec. 2. Sayre, Dec. 3, 4. Butler, Dec. 7. Cheyenne, Dec. 9, 10. Arnette, Dec. 14. Tangier, Dec. 16, 17. Leedy, Dec. 21, 22. Hammon, Dec. 23, 24. Bethel, at Zion, Dec. 30, 31. Port (1917), Jan. 5, 6. Sentinel, Jan. 6, 7. Foss, at Page, Jan. 12. Elk City, Jan. 13, 14. Cloud Chief, Jan. 20, 21. Weatherford, Jan. 21, 22. District Stewards' meeting and Pastors' Institute at Clinton, Nov. 23, 24, 1916. A council together at the beginning of the work is very much desired; hence I will appreciate it if all the pastors and District Stewards are present. W. L. ANDERSON, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round.

- Mabank, at Mabank, Nov. 18, 19. Kemp and Becker, at Kemp, Nov. 19, 20. Scurry Cir., at Scurry, Nov. 25, 26. Kaufman Sta., 7:30 p. m., Nov. 26. Chisholm Cir., at Chisholm, Dec. 2, 3. Terrell Station, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 3. College Mound and Poetry, at Poetry, Dec. 9, 10. Forney Sta., 7:30 p. m., Dec. 10. Hutchins and Wilmer, at Wilmer, Dec. 16, 17. Lancaster Sta., 11 a. m., Dec. 17. Grandall Cir., at Grandall, Dec. 23, 24. Fate Cir., at Fate, Dec. 30, 31. Royse Sta., 11 a. m., Dec. 31. Elmo Miss., at Elmo, Jan. 6, 7. Kaufman Cir., at Grebe's Chapel, Jan. 13, 14. Mesquite and Pleasant Mound, at Pleasant Mound, Jan. 20, 21. Roekwall Sta., Jan. 27, 28. Garland Sta., 7:30 p. m., Jan. 28. The pastors, District Stewards, District Trustees and charge Lay Leaders will meet at the Methodist Church, Terrell, Thursday, Nov. 23, 10:30 a. m. Session will continue until Friday afternoon. A full attendance is earnestly requested. E. L. EGGER, P. E.

Uvalde District—First Round.

- Yancy, Nov. 11, 12. Honda, November 12, 13. Big Wells, Nov. 18, 19. Rock Springs, Nov. 25, 26. Carrizo Springs, Dec. 2, 3. Crystal City, Oct. 3, 4. Utopia, Dec. 9, 10. Abinal, Dec. 10, 11. Laredo, Dec. 15. Cotulla, Dec. 16, 17. Dilly, Dec. 17, 18. Batesville, Dec. 23, 24. Sansom, Dec. 24. Uvalde, Dec. 26. Moore, Dec. 30, 31. Devine, Dec. 31. Pearsall Cir., Jan. 6, 7. Pearsall Sta., Jan. 7, 8. Del Rio, Jan. 12. Eag's Pass, Jan. 14, 15. Fowlerston, Jan. 20, 21. S. B. JOHNSTON, P. E.

Chickasha District—First Round.

- Bush Springs and Ninnekah, Nov. 18, 19. Waurika, Nov. 19, 20. Terral and Addington, at T., Nov. 25, 26. Ryan, Nov. 26, 27. Erin Springs Cir., at E. S., Dec. 2, 3. Lindsay, Dec. 3, 4. Maysville, at M., Dec. 9, 10. Alex and Bradley, at A., Dec. 10, 11. Corum Cir., at C., Dec. 16, 17. Cmanche, Dec. 17, 18. Wood Lawn Cir., at W. L., Dec. 23, 24. Marlow, Dec. 24. Verden and Pocasset, at P., Dec. 30, 31. Tuttle Cir., at T., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Chickasha Miss., Jan. 2. Chickasha, Jan. 4. Mimco Cir., Jan. 6, 7. Duncan, Jan. 7, 8. R. L. OWNBEY, P. E.

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Rev. J. L. Ross, of Shelbyville, had looked after the Advocate diligently and brought up one of the largest reports of the conference.

MESSAGE OF THE BISHOPS.

In view of the fact that our excellent Book of Discipline makes it a prime duty of the Bishops "to oversee the spiritual and temporal interests of the Church," and to call attention from time to time to all matters of serious importance, we conceive it to be eminently proper at this critical juncture to speak out our minds with the greatest distinctiveness in regard to certain current events which, for good or ill, are likely to affect the whole future course and development of our ecclesiastical life.

It is a matter of general knowledge that the entire movement for closer federation between the different bodies of American Methodists originated in our General Conference in 1894. Some six years ago the Joint Commission on Federation, made up of representatives from the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, took up the broader question of union. The outcome of their action was a series of suggestions made to the General Conferences of the three Churches, as a possible basis for further negotiations. To these suggestions the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of 1912 paid no attention whatever. The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church of the same year gave them their general indorsement, but declined to act more definitely until the two Episcopal Methodisms should reach some sort of agreement.

The General Conference of our own Church for 1914, after proposing a single important modification in them, likewise gave them a unanimous ratification, and then passed them up to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as a tentative outline of "union by reorganization."

We need scarcely say that as Bishops of the Church we consider ourselves bound to support and maintain this action to the full extent of our ability and influence. Any statement to the contrary, by whomsoever made, is utterly without foundation in fact. Whether the action of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of 1916 is a fair and favorable response to our proposals is a thing that must be determined by our Commissioners appoint-

ed for the express purpose of considering that very subject. We cannot think it possible that those Commissioners will do less than follow the instructions laid down by the General Conference for their guidance, and we do not believe that they should be hindered by any interference from the outside. In view, however, of some things that have been said and repeated on public platforms and in public prints, we feel constrained to make a brief but very definite statement. The assertion, for example, that for the past forty years we have been "wandering in the wilderness, a lot of miserable fools and miserable sinners," we hold to be an injustice both to the living and the dead.

The men who have shaped and controlled our policies for that period have been consecrated Christians, worthy in every way of the commanding position that they have held among us, and we resent any words that tend either to belittle their ability or cast discredit upon their characters.

We are happy to be able to state that our active Senior Bishop distinctly disclaims the interpretation put upon his words at Saratoga last May, or elsewhere at any time, in so far as they seem to reflect on our Church in its work in the past or our great and saintly leaders, or on the spirit and purpose of our Church today, and unites with us in this paper.

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The history of Southern Methodism is not something to be ashamed of, but something to glory in. In the whole record of our relations to other Churches there is nothing to repent of. If we had to face the same conditions again, we ought to do it in the same spirit and with the same resolution.

Should Hold Heads Erect.

Instead of hiding our heads in shame when we review the past, we are entitled to hold them erect. In the whole history of God's Church there is not a single chapter that is more worthy to be blazoned in the face of the world than that one which tells of the fidelity and the heroism with which our preachers and people alike endured without flinching or faltering, and without one word of encouragement from any quarter, the years of hardship and disaster that followed the war between the States. The people that learn to blush at the memory of their own fathers are lost. No matter what the future may hold for us, we have a background of history in which we may always rejoice, and which we should teach our children and our children's children to hold forever in pious veneration. No matter into what alliances we may enter in the future, we should go into them, not crawling prone upon the earth, but with uplifted faces and with unabated self-respect. If we should go otherwise we should make but a poor contribution to any co-partnership.

We have no word of criticism to offer touching other Churches, nor any disposition to make light of their achievements or of their present outlook. Let them act in accordance with their own lights. We devoutly wish them well. That God may pour upon them the abundant riches of His grace, is our most earnest prayer. If a union can come among all Methodist people that will be a real union of hearts, we shall be glad and happy. But we are not ready to bargain away any of the great inheritances and glorious memories of other years for any consideration.

The most important matter among us just now is to promote the spirit of Christian love among ourselves. Whatever breaks up the

unity that has characterized us in the past and promotes the spirit of faction and schism in our own ranks is worthy of condemnation.

We should be lacking in all sense of gratitude if we failed to make note of the great things God has done for us during the past forty years. In 1870 we had about 600,000 members. Now we have 2,200,000. Our increase in moral power and in material resources has been upon the same scale. No other body of Christians in the sweep of all the centuries has enjoyed more signal tokens of Divine favor. We are no bankrupt ecclesiasticalism, finding it necessary to take shelter and seek protection under the broader wings of another denomination. Blessed be God, we are a solvent and going concern, and in any negotiations for the future we have as much to offer as to ask.

- EUGENE R. HENDRIX.
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MESSAGE TO METHODISTS.

The following message has been sent out by the Bishops of our own Church and of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

To the Presiding Elders, District Superintendents, Pastors, and People of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church—Greeting:

"You have already been advised that the Commissioners appointed by direction of the General Conference of the above-named Churches, twenty-five from each Church, have been called by their respective representatives to meet in Baltimore, Md., on December 28, 1916, for the consideration of the very grave and important matters committed to them. The date named seems to be the very earliest possible consistent with the official and business engagements of those Commissioners.

"That you may better apprehend the gravity and far-reaching significance of this meeting, we subjoin an outline program of the initial and preparatory services contemplated by the Commissioners as indicating their own estimate of the serious and sacred task upon which they are to enter.

"The Commissioners will meet at Baltimore on Thursday, December 28, at 10 a. m. At 10:30 they will engage in prayer service. At eleven o'clock a public service will be held, with a sermon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, followed by the holy communion. At 3 p. m. the first business session (private) will be held. Friday, the 29th, will be devoted to consultation sessions of the Commissions and to organization; Saturday, such business as the Joint Commission may determine. On Sunday, the 31st, every minister of the Commission is expected to preach on "The Spirit of Methodism," and it is earnestly desired that every pastor in both Churches may hold the same theme before his congregation. On Sunday night, the 31st, the Commissioners in a body will attend watch-night services at Trinity Methodist Church, South, and they jointly re-

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"It seems to us, as the Bishops of these two negotiating branches of Methodism, that the time and place for the first meetings of the Joint Commission are most happily chosen. Our Churches will be reminded of the Christmas Conference held at Baltimore in 1784 and the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America as the outcome of the faith and wisdom of that conference. We are also deeply impressed that our two Churches, having a common heritage in the work of the pioneer fathers who composed that devout assembly, will approve, as we heartily do, the purpose of the Commissioners to approach their great responsibility in the very presence of God and through a spiritual preparation without which their conclusions would be futile and untrustworthy.

"We therefore unite with our respective Commissioners in earnestly and affectionately entreating all our Churches and people to wait reverently and beseechingly before God in devout supplication for his blessing upon the Commissioners in all their meetings and discussions, and that he may so lead and direct their individual thoughts and feelings that their joint labors may result in such agreements and constructive plans as may in the largest measure glorify his name and advance the kingdom of our Lord through the people called Methodists.

"We also urge all presiding elders, superintendents and pastors to observe the program of services requested by the Commissioners for Sunday, December 31. May great grace rest upon every minister of God who preaches to his people on that day on "The Spirit of Methodism" and marvelous power be witnessed at every altar especially sanctified by the observance of the watchnight service throughout all our borders and in all the tongues that proclaim our gospel of free and full salvation!

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