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THE SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS OF PEACE.

The great European war has provoked an almost endless discussion of methods whereby the future peace of the world may be secured. In these discussions two distinct theories of the world's future peace have emerged. One theory assumes that force is the foundation of any dependable peace and the other assumes that the foundations of such peace are spiritual in their nature.

The advocates of the first theory are now urging universal military training in the United States. They stand, too, for a mighty navy. They point out our defenseless condition both on land and sea. They speak of the threatening attitude of other nations.

The chief merit of this theory is its historical continuity. It is in line with the internationalism of the past. The nations of Europe have proceeded upon this theory for hundreds and even thousands of years. These nations have indulged suspicions and have cultivated distrust of each other. They have entered into secret alliances both for defensive and offensive operations.

The nations of Europe have thought to terrorize the world into peace. They have assumed that the only peace is an enforced peace. For years and years, therefore, they have set themselves to the task of developing great military machines and have turned Europe into a great drill ground. Peace, they said, would result from fear. Neighboring nations, they said, would respect their rights because they feared their power. Readiness for war, they said, is the only security against war.

The advocates of the force theory seem to have learned very little from the cataclysm which now convulses the world. It seems not to have occurred to them that they are pursuing the identical policy which has engulfed Europe in war. The suspicion and distrust and military preparedness for which they stand are the very things which have produced the present war.

The European war came because of decades of suspicion and because certain nations considered themselves ready for war. Soldiers eagerly sprang to the execution of the things for which they had been trained. The prepared nations turned a deaf ear to appeals for counsel and delay. And the result is that Europe, the once proud patron of art, science and learning, has been converted into sickening shambles, a veritable bloody slaughterhouse.

Surely the force theory of peace has had sufficient time in which to demonstrate its merits. Two thousand years are long enough. The whole of Europe has afforded a field varied enough upon which to test this theory. We solemnly protest against transplanting it to America for trial.

The world has paid dearly enough for its infidelity to the teachings of Christianity. The world has paid dearly enough for its renunciation of the application of Christ's law of love to nations. The world has paid dearly enough for its contempt of the salient virtues of Christianity—humility, meekness, purity and peace. And the world, surely, has paid dearly enough for its theory of peace by force.

The day of a new internationalism has dawned. Men in every nation are awakening to the fact that there can not be two codes of conduct, one for individuals and another for nations. Men are coming to believe that war is as indefensible among nations as is duelling among individuals. Men are learning that the foundations of peace, whether among individuals or nations, are spiritual. Good-will alone can bring peace. A constructive program of international good-will is the only thing which gives promise of bringing peace to the world.

The teachings of Christianity must be applied to international relations. The governments of earth must not be allowed to remain heathen. These governments must be made to reflect the sentiments of their individual Christian citizens. The spiritual foundations of peace, which we

recognize as a necessity for individuals, must be preached as a necessity for nations also. Even now, slowly, the governments are recognizing the law of good-will and love in its applicability to national life, for does not every crowned head of Europe at this moment seek to dissolve himself from responsibility for the present war and to clear himself of the charge of having entered upon a war of unholy aggression? And do not all the European governments at this moment profess a willingness to enter into a league of peace whose principles shall be international justice and good-will?

NOTE TO BELLIGERENT NATIONS.

On December 20 President Wilson dispatched notes to the two groups of warring nations asking them to state terms upon which they would be willing to end the war.

At the beginning of the war and for months afterwards the contending powers spoke as though the war could not end until one or the other was crushed. Many weeks and even months have elapsed since such talk has been indulged in by either set of powers. More recently each has spoken of his own right to existence and development and of a like right for the smaller nations and has said that until this is secured the war must continue.

The President reminds the warring powers of this general agreement in their statements and asks that each shall indicate definitely the object for which the war is being fought and shall state specifically the terms upon which it may be brought to an end.

The President justifies his course by reminding the belligerent nations of the hardships entailed upon the neutral nations by the war and of the increasing difficulty which these nations are experiencing in safeguarding their interests.

Moreover, the President tells the warring countries that neutrals are entitled to consideration in determining the means by which the future peace of the world is to be secured and that the American Government is prepared to enter a league of nations for the enforcement of peace. Such, in substance, is the remarkable note of President Wilson.

The President's note followed closely upon the note of the Central Powers in which they proposed the discussion of peace. This is the embarrassing feature of the situation. Especially has Germany's swaggering, as though she and her allies were the victors, offended the Entente Powers. England and her allies have bitterly resented such an assumption and would resent proposals for terms of peace, on such an assumption, from whomsoever it might come.

Nevertheless, we believe the Entente will recognize the reasonableness of President Wilson's request. We believe, too, that the President has given them their opportunity to restate their cause in a manner that will win the verdict of the whole world. The Entente have nothing to fear from the submission of their case to the court of last resort—the public sentiment of humanity.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ENDANGERED.

We have read every line of the investigation of the complaints of Governor James E. Ferguson against certain members of the faculty of the State University. The investigation was held at the University Library, at Austin, October 10-11, 1916.

We concur heartily in the vindication of the faculty members by the Board of Regents. Anything less would have been downright injustice and would have made the University of Texas a stench in the nostrils of the whole educational world. Had the charges of the Governor been sustained, there is not a reputable educator in the United States who could have been secured to take the place of the dismissed members.

The whole trouble is the Governor's ignorance about the conduct of a university. He seems to

imagine that a Board of Regents ought to be able to tell in advance just where each penny should be expended. On the contrary, the efficiency of an institution depends upon the freedom of the Regents and President to make such shifts as the exigencies of the situations may suggest.

The University auditor, having intimate knowledge of the financial affairs of the institution, answered affirmatively the direct question as to the honesty of the faculty members. And if honest men, earnestly trying to serve the State, are in control of the State University, why should the Governor insist upon directing to the minutest degree the affairs of the institution?

It is no discredit to Governor Ferguson that he is incapable of running a university. He has neither the training nor the opportunity to acquaint himself with the complex operation of a great institution of learning, but it is to his discredit that he should demand the dismissal of good men without allowing them to be heard. It is to his discredit that he should demand of his appointees on the Board of Regents that they share his mind in matters of which they have no knowledge and threaten them with removal if they decline to do his bidding.

The spirit of rule or ruin must be resisted and the people of Texas will do well to look to their University, for its interests are really endangered.

In saying these things we are not unmindful that there are minor matters to which the Governor calls attention (as in the matter of mileage) which it would be well to correct, but that anything appeared in the investigation which would justify the spirit and attitude of Governor Ferguson we do not believe.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT AND THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

The battle against the saloon is really a battle of public sentiment. The saloon can not remain a day longer than the public sentiment which tolerates and defends it. The day in which public sentiment turns against the saloon its cause is lost.

The advocates of a saloonless nation have no cause for discouragement as they review the events of the year which has just closed. The nations of Europe have discovered that the liquor traffic is the deadliest of all enemies. They are destroying, therefore, the great destroyer. Russia, France, England, Germany and Italy are strangling the deadly foe. Absolute prohibition of both the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors is sure to come throughout the whole of Europe.

The American people are not waiting the test of international crisis before beginning the destruction of the liquor traffic. The majority of the people in the United States and two-thirds of the territory of the country are already under prohibition. Four States and the territory of Alaska banished the saloon in the election of November 7. Four other States defeated measures by which prohibition in their territory was sought to be impaired.

More than this, the Judiciary Committees of both the National Senate and the House of Representatives have recommended favorably the passage of a National prohibition amendment. A bill for prohibition in the District of Columbia is now before Congress and will be voted upon early in the new year. A bill to exclude whisky advertisements from the use of the mails has been recommended favorably.

The whole Nation, indeed, is stirred and the days of the legalized liquor traffic in the United States of America are numbered. Terror has seized the whisky forces of the Nation and they are seeking to stay the execution of the infamous traffic by the promise of reform in the saloon. The promise comes too late and the decree has already gone forth that the dread destroyer must be destroyed.

Notes From the Field

GRANBURY CIRCUIT.

We are now comfortably located in our new charge. The excellent people of this charge gave us a hearty welcome and a generous pounding and the end is not yet, for all of which we are very grateful. We are indeed thankful that our lot has been cast with these excellent people. And our prayer is that we may be able to fill this place as God would have us.—E. A. Reed, P. C.

HUGO, OKLA.

If the year's work may be judged by the beginning, this will be a good year for Methodism in Hugo. The people have received us kindly and the work starts off well. While we have been received with open hands, the hands were not empty, for we have been generously pounded in the good old-fashioned way. All things have worked together to put us in a happy, hopeful spirit, and we are looking to the Lord for showers of blessings upon us all.—R. C. Alexander, P. C.

MULDROW, OKLA.

Our work at this place is beginning nicely. A very cordial reception has been given us. Some very substantial improvements have been made on the parsonage by the Women's Missionary Society, such as painting, papering and furnishings. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 17th by our new presiding elder, Rev. R. C. Taylor. We all love him. A good report was made, considering we are just beginning the conference year. The pounding has not been forgotten. The people are very considerate of the pastor's needs and comfort. We have a great opportunity here and covet your prayers that we may be led of the Lord in doing great things for him.—Thornton M. Moore, P. C.

DILLEY.

At the late session of the West Texas Conference I was moved from Manor to Dilley, a distance of 170 miles. Met a cordial welcome and a good pounding. This charge has three preaching places and a splendid people. My predecessor did faithful work and left his impress on the Church. Shortly after coming here I snagged my left wrist and have been unable to use my hand since. Hope to be able to enter more vigorously into my work soon. Having been in the traveling connection forty-one years, I was in my first Quarterly Conference on Sunday, the other day, and trust it will be my last one. The presiding elder was on hand and did earnest, faithful work in the chair and pulpit. In many respects the outlook is hopeful. Mrs. S. and I are thankful for the pounding and kind attentions.—P. B. Summers, P. C.

LAWN.

Twenty-one days ago we arrived at Lawn. Then there was no parsonage or place of worship. Now we are in a brand-new, commodious parsonage and worship at the Methodist headquarters. I have for some time advocated the idea that the proper thing to do would be to shut out all Church services from schoolhouses, courthouses, etc, then churches would spring up like magic. That was my theory, but I never had it practiced on me until I came to Lawn. Imagine my surprise when I came to this new rushing, growing town and found no place open for worship. New station-house, new bank, new brick stores and schoolhouse, but no place open for Sunday School or preaching. I must admit that I felt a little lost my first Sunday in Lawn with no Church services of any kind; but that thing will not happen any more in this town. Sunday School will open next Sunday. Regular preaching from this time. These Western people do things when they get together, and the Lawn people are not hard to get together. "Well," says one, "how do you like your theory of closing schoolhouses against Church services, since it has been tried out one year?" I like it splendidly. It works like a charm. There are hundreds of places in the West where it could be put into practice. It is the only solution of the problem of housing our homeless congregations.—C. G. Shutt, P. C.

LOCKNEY MISSION.

It was with me, at the conference, a time of suspense and wondering just what place in the large field that God, through our Bishop and advisors, would send me, as I was one of those admitted on trial into the first year. When our beloved Bishop Mouzon read me out for Lockney Mission I then began to wonder just where and among what kind of folks would my

lot be? But, thanks be unto God, it is a sweet privilege to know and to understand that whatsoever he doeth is well done. The welcome here awaited me, best wishes and kind hospitalities greeted me, loving hands administered unto me, and these things are indeed greetings that make one feel at home and realize that behind us belong shadows but before us should be a light that shines brighter and grows larger as we travel to it. I owe much, thanks to the wise council of the brethren and more so to God, for being placed in this work, for we find the people to be very appreciative and willing to face such conditions as are sent to them, a trial to them indeed. We have nine school houses on our work, four of these have organizations. We've organized one Church since coming and have two others under consideration; good spiritual feeling among the people. We contemplate a great year for God. We earnestly desire your prayers, and wish for all a successful year.—Clyde M. Haddick.

ROCHELLE CIRCUIT.

It was indeed a surprise when the Bishop read us out for Rochelle after only one year on our former charge, but there are no hard feelings on the part of any one that I know of for the change. Arriving late in the evening the good ladies met us at the parsonage and fixed up a good supper for the new preacher and his family. And then on the night of prayer meeting the good pounding came, and, of course, we had a good prayer meeting that night. Why, they even brought sugar and flour in the pounding. Salt Gap also gave this scribe a liberal pounding. Salaries of preacher and presiding elder raised at all points on the circuit, and this without any boosting from the preacher or presiding elder. We now have one of the best "big" circuits in the whole district and are settled down to a four years' stay. Parsonage has been repapered throughout and money in hand to paper the church. "The goose hangs high." Last, but not least, our presiding elder was with us and spent two days and gave us a sample of what is to come in the following year. Preached some fine sermons, and that Quarterly Conference will long be remembered. The old-fashioned kind; good attendance and a good spiritual and business session. Rev. J. M. Perry came and saw and conquered. No mistake has been made along this line. I was going to say more in reference to the presiding elder, but this morning's mail brought my pocket-knife back that he borrowed while here. We are looking for a good year and will be able to say all in full and in excess at conference. A happy New Year to all.—W. D. Williamson, P. C.

PORT ARTHUR.

Perhaps no town in the State has made the progress along all lines that has been made by Port Arthur. Twenty years ago it was not, today it stands a modern city of more than 20,000 people. In some respects it has become a world-center and is not improperly called the "Pan-American Gateway." As a port, its tonnage exceeds all other Texas ports combined, and it stands eleventh in the United States. Its oil exports are next in order to those of New York thus being second in the entire world. There is located at Port Arthur a nursery representing an outlay of a half million dollars, said to be the finest of its kind in existence. It is also the home of refining companies which employ about 5500 persons upon an average payroll of over a half million dollars per month. The S. P. and K. C. S. Railroads run into the city. Also, an interurban runs hourly out from Beaumont besides a splendid local street car system. Cement sidewalks run in almost all parts of the city while paved streets or shelled roads run out for many miles in all directions. The city is splendidly supplied with adequate light and water and gas plants. It is well provided with modern hotels and hospitals, schools and colleges. Its other public buildings, including its numerous Churches, are creditable. It has one of the best educational systems in the country, having adopted recently the "Gary" system. At a cost of \$450,000 one of the most modern school buildings in the land is now being erected. As the gift of Mrs. John W. Gates, a public library, to represent a probable investment of a quarter of a million dollars, is also in course of erection. Moreover, homes are being erected at a ratio of seventy-five per month and they are as rapidly being occupied. So much for the growth and development of this modern little city. The Methodist Church here leads all other denominations. We have a thriving organization with a membership of 660. This Church has been served by some of the best

and strongest men of the conference. Among them are such men as Boyles, Hooper, Simpson, Willis, Whitten, McLarty and Crum. Of this number perhaps none was more popular than my immediate predecessor, W. H. Crum, who did a great work along all lines and who is justly and deservedly popular with this people. But with the revolution of the ecclesiastical machinery of our Church I was, at our recent session of the conference, appointed to this charge, and no man has ever been received with a warmer welcome. The ladies have furnished a new dining room suite of furniture, an art square, curtains, shades, etc., and even had a hot dinner upon the table when we arrived. The Board of Stewards have been equally considerate. They adopted a budget system of finance to include all conference collections so that the pastor might give full time to preaching and other pastoral duties, and in addition they unanimously and enthusiastically increased the pastor's salary \$500, making it \$2500, and even hinting that they would raise it \$500 more in another year. "So mote it be!" Almost every service thus far has witnessed an overcrowded house with chairs in the aisles occupied. Twenty-two persons have been received to date, these having come in at the last three services. These are the first fruits of the more than two hundred which we have announced as our goal to be received during the year. Even now our faith is saying: "Greater things than these shall ye do," and every indication is favorable to the greater things that are possible to faith.—S. Stephen McKenney.

TRENT.

After spending two very pleasant and successful years at McCaulley, "powers that be"—we know not why—said go to Trent. So as we have always tried to be obedient we made ready to move. The distance being only about twenty-five miles, we had our belongings hauled over in a wagon, reaching our new home just before night. No sooner had we arrived than the good women began to come in—they must have been watching for us, for we had not notified them when we would come—and brought us an abundant supper. Such thoughtfulness is surely appreciated. Well, we put in two days very busily arranging things in our new home, and are very comfortably domiciled. Then came the "first Sunday in the new charge" and we think it was a good day. On Tuesday evening, when we had just finished our supper and lighted our "Sunshine Safety" and settled down before the good old fireplace for a good time reading, we heard a noise at the front gate and just then some one said, "Open the door," and when we did so the storm struck. They took possession of the place and marched right through to the diningroom, and the dining table felt the weight of the burden they bore. It was a genuine pounding, and a complete surprise. After an hour of social converse and Scripture reading and prayer and a few remarks by this scribe, they retired, leaving us to meditation. Such tokens of appreciation make us feel under obligations to do our best work for such a people. The Lord help us to be worthy of the place we occupy and faithfully to feed the flock over which we are made the overseer. We have made the round of the charge and met a hearty reception, and have the work planned for the year. We think we have a good charge—we never had any other kind. Our predecessor, Rev. G. H. Gattis, wrought well and cleared the charge of debt and we shall try to build on the foundation he has laid. Have taken two new subscriptions to the Advocate and are always on the lookout for more. It is truly a great paper. We have reorganized the Woman's Missionary Society with a fine prospect and hope to make it second to none. Sunday Schools and prayer meeting good. We are hoping and praying for the best year of our ministry.—F. T. Johnson, P. C.

WEST POINT CIRCUIT.

At the last session of the West Texas Conference we were returned to West Point for the third year. Many expressions of appreciation have been given. The pounding came in due time and many other tokens of love. We are glad to be with these good people for another year. The year starts off well. Our first Quarterly Conference was held December 9 and 10. Our presiding elder, Brother Fisher, was with us and presided and preached to the delight of all. The pastor's salary was well provided for, a raise of \$100 over last year. The charge is better organized than it ever has been and we are expecting the best year of our lives. We are to have Evangelist L. E. Finney in a co-operative meeting, beginning the fifth Sunday in December. We are praying for and ex-

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pecting a great meeting. We have a large work, full of opportunities. We are doing our best and pray that God may give us grace and strength to do the work well.—L. Norman Myers, P. C.

LEEDY, OKLA.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Land, of Leedy, Okla., are deeply bereaved in the loss of an infant child, born December 23, and was dead soon after. They are leaning on Him who brings darkness to light. Let the brethren remember them at a throne of grace. Brother Land has made a splendid beginning on this trying charge and indications look toward a great year. Some royal people over there and they have shown themselves true helpers to the pastor and family in their troubles and in their work.—W. L. Anderson, Clinton, Okla., Dec. 25.

TEMPERANCE WORK.

The Field Worker has been busy since conference. My wife and I went to Angleton November 19 and had a cordial reception from the pastor, Bro. C. J. Atkinson. He is in high favor with his people, both at Angleton and Columbia. Mrs. Shaw chalk talked and I preached at Columbia at 11 a. m., Brazoria at 4 p. m. My, how they can sing at Brazoria! Their choir would grace a city church; and at Angleton at 7:30. We had a glorious time. On November 26 we tin-henried up to Liberty, and you know W. C. Hughes is a royal fellow. We came in the nick of time, as Bro. Hughes was too ill to fill his appointment, so we "filled" it, at Raywood at 11 a. m., Hardin at 3 p. m., and at Liberty at 7:30 p. m. The Cleveland local option case was up in the court at the time, so a great deal of interest was up. We had a great time and a packed house at Liberty, and at Hardin a "hilarious" time. The Liberty and Hardin folks were so pleased with Mrs. Shaw that she stayed over and gave both places a religious chalk talk entertainment. A very flattering offer from a chautauqua circuit came to Mrs. Shaw since conference, but she is too much interested in the temperance work. Then to Port Lavaca for a sure enough prohibition fight. The outlook was gloomy. The antis had every negro and Mexican in the county registered, but Carter at Port Lavaca and Brandon at Seadrift are alert and fine fighters. Then a very fine local committee worked hard, Mrs. Shaw drew pictures and I "fotched on the rousation." The women served lunch at the polls. The children, hundreds of them, paraded the streets with flags and we fought and fought and won. Of course, the antis will probably carry this into the courts, but this victory will stick. The antis abused me, and threatened to arrest me, but everything passed off in fine spirits. On December 17 to Victoria. My, what a wet town! But courtly and genial Dr. Pugsley is at the helm, and old-time Georgian friends boosted a great crowd Sunday at 11 and an even greater one at night. It was a great time. I made two great speeches (measured in longitude) and Mrs. Shaw just captured the crowd with her pictures. She had to stay over and draw for them Monday. We go to Fannin December 24 and Edna December 31. The indignation aroused over the Houston Convention, and the overwhelming prohibition victory of November 7, has put the antis on the run. "On with the battle!" My health is fine—getting better every day; my wife and I will go anywhere at the call of the brethren. Everywhere we have been they say I have done them good. SIMEON SHAW, SR.

DR. TINKLE'S IVEREZE FOR CONSTIPATION AT YOUR DRUGGISTS

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LAMPASAS DISTRICT.

I have just completed the first round of my appointments on the Lampasas District, having preached and held conferences in well-nigh thirty different churches within two months. I think the wisdom of seeking to get around the district quickly is manifest. I have been most cordially received everywhere, and rejoiced to find such a vigorous and alert body of preachers to work with and so wide-awake and loyal laymen to depend upon.

The District Stewards' meeting was undoubtedly the most harmonious one I have ever presided over and as well attended. The generous assessment for the presiding elder has been an inspiration to every Board of Stewards in the district. In twelve or thirteen of the pastoral charges the salary of the preacher has been increased and in no case has there been any retrogression.

This district has more purely missionary territory than any other district of which I have any knowledge. Out of nineteen charges, twelve receive missionary money. There is no large Church in the district. Lampasas, San Saba and Llano Churches are the largest. In each case \$1500 is the salary to be paid this year. Notwithstanding, these Churches are being served by men who are the equals in intelligence and power and all-around efficiency of the men who boast of the largest salaries.

One parsonage has been built since conference, one other will be building soon. Last Sabbath I dedicated a beautiful country church in Llano County, which stands as a monument to the liberality and devotion of the people at Katemcy.

Notwithstanding the district's limitations, we have as aggressive a company of workers as can be found anywhere, from whom we may well expect large and abiding results during the years to come.

I had occasion to visit the Cherokee Junior College and was surprised to find so splendid a property, so large a patronage and so magnificent a prospect. Under the presidency of Brother McDonald the college is measuring up to the most sanguine expectations of its most loyal supporters. This institution may well be expected to minister, for years to come, to the young people of the surrounding counties who are looking for a school where instruction may be imparted with a religious impress and where they may be prepared for the larger advantages of college and university. I am still wondering why the strong men of our educational institutions do not give more consideration to the secondary schools of our Church. The normals and the State University will be increasingly patronized by the graduates from our high schools. Such institutions as Cherokee Junior College, under the guidance of men in full sympathy with our Church ideals, will always be ready to provide the material for our larger and better equipped schools.

There is no reason why Cherokee Junior College should not long continue to do the work expected of it by our Church. The encumbrance upon it does not endanger it, and during the year under the persistent efforts of the Commissioner, Rev. J. D. Dorsey, this will be considerably reduced, if not wholly removed.

When Bishop Mouzon put me down for the Lampasas District I was for the first time in my ministry inclined to rebel. I had completed a pleasant and, as the Minutes of the Conference will show, successful quadrennium on the San Marcos District. I did not think my work as presiding elder had incapacitated me for the work of the pastorate; and I looked forward to a station where I could pursue certain studies which I had to a degree neglected. But I submitted with what grace I could and am now persuaded that here on this district is a work to be done which will tax all my powers, a work, however, which can be done and which will bring glory to the Church. At the same time, I am persuaded that even a presiding elder can, by husbanding the time, keep up with his reading and study, making himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

To all the brethren with whom I have toiled so happily in the past and

those with whom it is my joy to be associated on the Lampasas District, I send the season's greeting, wishing for them a prosperous year and assuring them of my abiding interest in their work.

THOMAS GREGORY, P. E.

PRO VICTORY IN CALHOUN COUNTY.

I send you this bit of cheering news from this section which has for a long time been ruled by booze influence. The prohibitionists, by petition to the Commissioners' Court joined Justice Precincts 1, 3 and 5, which includes Port Lavaca, the county seat, and an election was held December 14, and the pros won the day by a majority of twenty-six—a thing which never happened before in the seventy-two years of liquor intimidation and dictatorship in Calhoun County. The people are surely getting their eyes open everywhere on this booze question. It was a battle royal here. Many of the women and children paraded the town with banners, calling upon the men to vote for them. The pro women of Seadrift and Port Lavaca served sandwiches and coffee outside the poll limits to all who would receive it. Rev. Simeon Shaw and wife, of Houston, were with us in the fight. His unanswerable speeches and her wonderful chalk talks make up a sure poison for all anti-pretence. Mr. Shaw is a wise, sane and careful leader in such campaigns. They talk of contest. It is nearly always thus. Booze dies hard. N. W. CARTER, P. C. Port Lavaca, Texas, Dec. 23.

THE EVERY-MEMBER CANVASS.

Will you allow me space for a brief report on the "Every-Member Canvass," as recommended by the Conference Board of Lay Activities and adopted as the financial plan for the West Texas Conference at its last session at Uvalde, October 18-23, 1916? Immediately after the adoption of the report, I sent a request to Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Nashville, for samples of literature to be used in the campaign. From these samples eight leaflets, judged most appropriate for the campaign, and enough of each kind to go into every home were ordered (these being sent gratis and postpaid upon request).

Beginning the first Sunday in November, the pastor preached on "Education and Church Extension," and at the close of the sermon two men stood at the doors putting two kinds of the leaflets into each member's hands.

The second Sunday in November, a sermon was preached on the Superannuate Endowment Fund and Rescue Home work, calling for hands of those who read the first leaflets given out the Sunday before, and also giving out two others to be read that week.

The third Sunday in November, a sermon was preached on Missions, calling again for hands of those who had read the last leaflets given out, and at the close giving two more leaflets to be read that week.

The last Sunday in November, a sermon was preached on the consecration of ourselves to Christ, his Church and work, calling for hands of those who read the last leaflets given out, and at the close giving out two more to be read that week.

The first of the week following the last Sunday in November a personal letter signed by every member of the Official Board was sent to every member of the Church with an itemized statement of our financial obligations for the year, and a request that each member attend the Get-to-Gether Meeting in the Church the following Friday evening preceding the last Sunday of the campaign, which was the first Sunday in December, thus giving as nearly as possible the entire membership an opportunity to approve the plan as carried out by the Board and pastor. This was a great meeting.

On the first Sunday in December a sermon was preached on "The Consecration of Money to God," or "Tithing." Every member had been requested to remain at home that afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock in prayer that they might be divinely directed in the matter of meeting their obligations to the Church this year, and some members of the Official Board would within the above stated time call to get their subscription. This was constantly kept before the members during the entire campaign.

The Board met in the Church at 2 o'clock for prayer and consecration, after which they went out in autos, two and two, and canvassed the entire membership. The pastor remained in the church for their return and, as the results were compiled that even-



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ing, showing that not only every claim had been provided for, but the subscriptions in many cases were more than double the amount the Board had expected; so that at the evening hour we held a jubilee service.

Each Monday evening at 7 o'clock during the campaign the Official Board met with the pastor and studied "The Call of the World," by D. E. Doughty. It has only four chapters and is a great book for information and inspiration.

It is needless to say that the results of this campaign in the Church at Sinton are far-reaching. First, it gave the entire membership an enlarged vision of our possibilities and responsibilities; second, it put the financial matters of the Church on a religious basis; third, it developed a more liberal spirit and an increase in the number of tithers; and, fourth, it developed a more systematic plan of giving.

I wish I might give the testimony of each member of the Official Board regarding the campaign, for it is the most enthusiastic and happy bunch of men I ever saw in this work. Their testimony was that the entire membership accorded them a reception that they had never had.

While it is difficult and almost impossible to outline iron-clad rules for work of this character, I want to testify that this is the most complete and satisfactory plan I have ever known. Every station in the conference could easily carry out the every detail, and most of the circuits.

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HALF SHEET.

According to the custom of the Advocate for many years, we give our readers this week a half-sheet only.

With the next issue—which will be the first in the new year 1917—we will make amends for our short-comings in this.

We wish for our large list of subscribers a Happy New Year, and trust that peace and prosperity may attend each and every one.

WATCH YOUR LABEL.

Watch the label on your paper. The Advocate cannot now carry subscribers much beyond date of expiration.

PERSONALS

Brother B. L. Merchant, of Dike, called the past week. He is a descendant and namesake of Rev. Berry Merchant, well known in Texas, who died at Rockport.

Rev. R. P. Shuler, pastor Centenary, Paris, rendered valuable aid in the local option election in Travis County. The county went wet, at last Thursday's election, by less than 600.

The Advocate is pained to learn of the death of Rev. Gervas W. Smith, which occurred at Tuxedo, December 22. Brother Smith was a member of the Northwest Texas Conference and had served Tuxedo for the past two years.

Rev. F. C. Adams, of Sumner, writes: "I am just convalescing from a spell of pneumonia with other complications which came dangerously near carrying me away. Doctors, nurse and family held out small hope for me for several days, but good care, skilled attention and many earnest prayers have me well on the road to recovery."

DISTRESSING DEATH.

Tuesday, December 20, I held the funeral service for Marvin, the twelve-year-old son of Brother W. R. Kirkpatrick, our pastor on the Dumont charge, Northwest Texas Conference. He was buried at Paducah, Texas.

Paul was an unusually bright and promising boy. Had been a member of the Church since he was seven, and was always consistent in his Christian life. His death is a great sorrow to Brother and Sister Kirkpatrick.

W. H. TERRY.

A NEW YEAR'S WISH FOR THE ADVOCATE FAMILY.

Rev. C. L. Browning.

That you may have good health. That you may have enough of this world's goods for your own necessities and some to spare for those who are less fortunate. That you may live close enough to humanity to hear its heart beat, to see its tears and to feel its sorrows.

KIND WORDS.

I take great pleasure in sending congratulations and felicitations to Bro. Louis Blaylock, who has labored so long and faithfully to help build up the splendid paper that we now enjoy.

THE LAY MOVEMENT.

The lay movement is the master movement of modern missions. It did not originate with the masses, but was God's movement among men who stood next to him in world-wide missions.

It remains to be seen just what the masses of pastors and laymen will do to conserve the facts, factors and forces of this eminently wise movement of strongest, wisest, best men under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

This movement contemplates wiser methods of finance for the kingdom of God and larger and more forceful efforts for world-wide evangelization. It proposes to set the layman of the Church to the task of solving these problems and sharing these labors with the pastors.

I do not discount the ministry when I say they are not best fitted to solve large problems of finance. We had as well face the fact that large finance is one of the grave problems of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Wise methods of finance is an imperial and imperative need of the cause of Christ. Never has the Church needed money so badly and in large sums as now. God has given large sums of money to the Church, She is the richest institution known to men.

flowing. He has a great gospel to preach, a great salvation to offer and must address himself to his masterful task with a devotion that knows no parallel. He must "study to be a workman approved of God."

I know some preachers have developed large ability for finance and I have known a few that developed it to such an extent as to lose desire for other work and go to seed in money-getting.

Jesus Christ knew what was best for his Church and I am sure the early apostle had his mind on this matter. They recognized the preachers should give themselves wholly to the "Word" and laymen should "serve tables."

This movement would set our captains of finance to the wise solution of our financial problems and put the support of God's cause on equitable basis. It must be settled and can be settled that God's claim is a preferred claim and the first and best of our offerings must go to his cause among men.

Be it far from me to criticize the leadership of our strong, wise, good pastors and laymen, but as I see it our asking and methods of securing money is not commensurate with our cause. I would not advocate large asking unless large schemes of finance accompany the asking, but I would urge putting the cause of God on a basis commensurate with its imperial character and consummate needs.

Ask large things of God, ask large things for God. Expect large answers from God. Expect large response from our people who have been honored by adequate asking.

It's a growing shame, the disposition of the Churches to set their pastors to banker's jobs. It's a refection on the wisdom and loyalty of the laymen to set idly by and see men inexperienced in finance trying to solve problems of finance that calls for wisdom mature.

May the good God raise us from among our laymen many who will lay their ability to devise ways and means on the altar of his Church and bless them in their labors of faith and love. It's not a question of \$400 or \$1400 or \$2400, but it is a question of enough money to do God's work and do it for his glory and the good of men.

It's poor economy for a Church to put its finances on a squalor basis. It's a fact that I have observed that God never sets into motion a movement among men that he does not supply men and money with the men to carry forward his cause to successful success. It's as bad for laymen to lay down on their jobs as it is for preachers to lay down on theirs.

Secondly. This masterful movement puts emphasis on evangelism—personal evangelism. I would set our lawyers, merchants, physicians, drummers and all classes of laymen to the gracious work of winning souls for Christ. Some of the very best men I have ever known have been lawyers and merchants, etc.

The Gideons and Wesley Bible Classes have set this great aim before them and many are the souls brought into the kingdom of God by these men who are moved by the spirit of world-wide missions. The pastor is one—the laymen are many, and many of them have influence above and beyond the pastor.

I covet for our laymen the blessings that are involved in their doing the

best they can in their "corner." I must say the cold, if not to say the cruel indifference of pastors many and laymen not a few amazes me. How can we sit by and see God's work suffer for lack of money and manhood that we possess and could give without loss to our purse or person?

I would not be personal, but I have known conference, district and Church leaders estopped in their work by the lack of pastoral co-operation. My brethren, the least any pastor can do is give this movement his hearty indorsement. The least any laymen can do is to co-operate this wise movement to conserve the facts, factors and forces of the Church of the living God.

God calls on every pastor and laymen, too, "Quit ye like men!" Think like men, talk like men, act like men. Be a man, just a plain man, but be a man of God among men!

Let's thank God for what the lay movement has achieved with the few. Let's take courage and pray for the many to line up with God and do mighty works of salvation and put the cause of our God beyond the power of penury.

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Let's thank God for what the lay movement has achieved with the few. Let's take courage and pray for the many to line up with God and do mighty works of salvation and put the cause of our God beyond the power of penury. It can be done, it is being done and will be done everywhere if our hosts of valuable laymen will join heads and hearts and persons and purses with our brave leaders.

W. M. P. RIPPEY.

Plainview, Texas.

BISHOP HENDRIX'S NEW BOOK.

There has recently appeared from the press a new volume of charming essays by the Senior Bishop of the Church under the suggestive title, "If I Had Not Come." One recognizes these words at once as the beginning of a very striking utterance of our Lord given in the Fourth Gospel.

The themes discussed as given in the chapter headings are: I. The Literature of Saints, or, The Realism of Good; II. Christ's Pardoning Prerogative; III. Man All Immortal; The Human Body in the Light of Christianity; IV. Justification by Words; V. The Perfecting of the Saints, and in addition a "Supplementary Chapter" on The Catholicity of American Methodism.

The relation between the first of these chapters and the general title of the book seems at first sight a little remote, but the point intended becomes clear, as we proceed, that it was after all Christ who gave us our Bible. No theory of its inspiration can hold which does not finally rest upon the inspiration, the saintliness, of the character which it portrays; and it is Christ's perfect character, typed in some measure by those who preceded him in the Old Testament and imitated in their degree by those who followed in the New Testament, which establishes beyond all quibble the permanent moral validity and authority of the Book of books.

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proven baseless and vain. If he had not come in his very person the Word of God made flesh, himself therefore the Gospel of God, there could have been no Gospels.

The second, third and fifth of the essays in this volume are expositions in Bishop Hendrix's characteristic style of three central doctrines of the teaching of Christ. They illumine the truths which constitute the very heart of the Gospel. The forgiveness of sin, human immortality and human perfection are among the most fascinating subjects in the world. They have to do with the deepest yearnings of the soul of man. Only religion can deal with the questionings which arise concerning them, and the marvel of Jesus' teachings in answer to these questions is that in every case his clear, confident utterances are exactly what the heart demands. Without him the deep wounds of sin would fester on incurable; without him we could not even think of death except in utter despair; without him the consciousness of our foibles and our feebleness would hold the soul irritated in perpetual despondency.

The fourth chapter, Justification by Words, has little if any logical relation to the others, but is included under the general title of the book as having to do with Jesus' quite original insight into the spiritual significance and values of man's unique gift of language. No other teacher among the sons of men has shown so clearly the moral weight and the moral power of words; and this teaching our author brings out very forcibly under three heads: Speech as a badge of rank; Speech as an index of character, and, Speech as determining destiny.

This is a very notable little volume which gives expression to the reflections of his later life upon primary Christian themes of this leader of our Church who since the death of Bishop Wilson is the Senior Bishop of American Methodism. It is, therefore, beautifully fitting—and it adds to the value of the book—that the introduction to it should have been written by Bishop Earl Cranston, who was until the last General Conference the Senior Active Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. And it increases one's interest to note that Bishop Cranston in this Introduction has but little to say about the general subject of the book, but makes it the occasion to utter in glowing and precious words the joy of his heart in the re-approachment of the two branches of Episcopal Methodism, of which this volume which bears the joint imprint of the Publishing Houses of both Churches, is a kind of first fruits. While the paragraphs which he writes do not, of course, take the form of argument, nowhere has the urgency of the reasons for the unification of Methodism been more feelingly and persuasively expressed than here where the saintly statesman of the Northern Church speaks in sentences luminous with spiritual passion of the great desire of his noble heart.

It is to be hoped that many of our Texas preachers will purchase this book and read it both for the pleasure it will be sure to give them and because each separate essay furnishes a worthy example in topic and treatment of a method of sermonizing by which our preaching can be kept fresh and convincing and at the same time doctrinal and scriptural.

C. M. BISHOP.

A WISH.

To work under constant thwarting, but to work without bitterness; to live each day with kindness when our strength is exhausted and there is little sweetness in our lot; to keep hold of sure values when the individual effort has gone awry; to know that we are misplaced, and yet that the eternal order is undisturbed; to know that justice may be delayed for a century and still arrive in ample time.—Arthur H. Gleason.

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.

AVOCA MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Avoca recently elected the following officers for the new conference year: President, Mrs. Reynolds; Vice-President, Miss H. Caton; Second Vice-President, Mrs. S. Culwell; Superintendent Mission Study, Mrs. Mat Caton; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. H. E. Culwell; Superintendent Supplies, Mrs. H. B. Clark; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. B. Woodruff; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Copeland; Agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. Ella Culwell.

Our Bible Study is very helpful. We also study "The King's Highway," which we hope to make useful and encouraging to us we try to go on doing our best—though that be little—for our King's cause in the world.

MRS. W. B. WOODRUFF.

LINDEN SOCIETY.

I read so many good reports from the societies until it makes me wish that I could be present when the work is going on. I'm going to give a receipt that one of our ladies used in her talent of twenty-five cents. She didn't bury it by any means. She bought a bucket of peaches for 10 cents; sugar, 15 cents; made two quarts of preserves, 25 cents, which sold for 80 cents; took the 80 cents and bought two quarts of vinegar, 20 cents; two cabbage heads, 20 cents; sugar, spice and onions, 40 cents; made six quarts chow-chow, which sold for \$1.50; took the \$1.50 and bought 50 cents' worth of pears and \$1 worth sugar and made five quarts preserves, which at 40 cents a quart, brought \$2. I donated tomatoes and onions enough (and I had some sugar left from pear preserves) to make three small jars of chili sauce, which sold for 40 cents; also donated tomatoes for two jars of catsup sold for 25 cents donated beets enough to fill two jars (pickled), 50 cents; kept some of the pear preserves myself and sent their value in huckleberries (canned), 60 cents; made apple jelly that sold for 60 cents; total, \$7.45.

If any of the sisters can beat this or tell us something that will help us to think we would be so glad.

We have a fine President and we are all proud of her, and we think that we are moving along all O. K.; but, of course, we could do better and we expect to do better. We are praying for our preacher, no matter if conference sees fit to send us a new one, but we all love the one that we have. We think him a good shepherd and willing to follow him.

PUBLICITY SUPT.

DISTRICT MEETING W. M. S.

The District Meeting of the W. M. S. of the Cleburne District met at Alvarado, October 24-25, with Mrs. Menefee, the Secretary, presiding.

Brother Braswell, pastor of the Alvarado Church, opened the meeting at 2:30 p. m. with a few appropriate remarks. The delegates were next enrolled and made their reports. These reports showed Cleburne District doing a great work, notwithstanding the difficulties under which they have labored the past year.

After the brief business session the visitors and delegates enjoyed a delightful auto ride over Johnson County's fine ride, a courtesy of Alvarado Auxiliary.

Mrs. Menefee led the devotional for the evening service, then Mrs. Joe Ligon extended a hearty welcome to the visitors and delegates, which was responded to by Miss Cora Lilly, of Glen Rose, and Mrs. Menefee, of Cleburne. We were indeed fortunate in having so many of our conference officers present in these meetings, and each in their turn gave much helpful instruction.

Mrs. E. A. Milam, of Glen Rose, Second Vice-President of the Conference, presented the Children's Work in a most unique way. In her address, as she named the different places the children's money went to support, a child dressed to represent those people, took her place beside her on the rostrum, which made a most impressive scene. She was followed by the First Conference Vice-President, Mrs. Beeler, of Mineral Wells. She spoke very feelingly of the needs of the young people, and how the Missionary Society was shouldering this responsibility to a certain extent. Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the young people's work, and Mrs. Beeler stressed the advantages for training to be gained at their Summer Encampment at Glen Rose.

The evening's program closed with

the beautiful legend of "The Blind Prince," read by Mrs. Myers, with musical accompaniment.

The morning session of the following day opened with devotional, led by Mrs. Gid Bryan, of Grandview, followed by Mrs. W. H. Matthews, of Corsicana, Conference Secretary. Her topic was, "The Scope of Woman's Work," and her message was very instructive.

At the noon hour another happy surprise was given the visitors. The Alvarado ladies had prepared a lovely lunch, which was served in the church.

The afternoon's devotional was led by Miss Lizzie Turner, of Cleburne, and Mrs. J. H. Stewart, of Hillsboro, Conference Secretary, made such an inspiring talk concerning every phase of the Woman's Work. She exhibited a number of posters, showing the wonderful possibilities of the education of the masses in the missionary cause along the poster route.

A brief Round Table discussion, conducted by Mrs. Menefee, followed, after which Grandview was unanimously selected as the place for the next meeting.

CORA LILLY.

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. L. Canter, Martha, Superintendent Study-Publicity.

Christmas Greeting and good wishes to the women of the West Oklahoma Conference.

Our Pledge Again.

Our conference is, as yet, behind with our pledge. To the extent that we fail to pay our part to that extent we cripple the Council in their work and fail to live up to the privilege He has given us to advance his cause.

It is almost the time when we celebrate the birthday of our Lord. Could we not give fewer presents to our friends and make a larger offering to our Lord and Master? Let us make Him happy on his birthday by a contribution to this fund. Sister, ask your Treasurer what your auxiliary pledged and help pay it out. If you did not make a pledge do so yet. Our Conference Treasurer will greatly appreciate a check from your auxiliary. Or if you are not a member of the Missionary Society and want to help in this good cause, send a check to Mrs. M. H. Dodson, Mangum, Oklahoma, and she will receipt you with thanks.

Get Acquainted.

This is the month for the election of officers, and we presume all live, wide-awake auxiliaries have elected officers for the coming year. Now we hope each auxiliary officer who reads this will write at once to her corresponding conference officer and give her her name and address, and if you need any assistance in your work tell her and she will be glad to serve you. Do not wait for her to write you. There are many of you. She is but one. Get acquainted with her by correspondence and begin your year's work right on January, 1917.

HOLDING INSTITUTE APPEAL.

Dr. J. M. Skinner, president, writes from Holding Institute, Laredo, Texas: "We have twenty-five children entirely dependent. Some of them were cared for by Miss Holding in the same way. It makes too much for the school, especially under such hard conditions. They are bright, worthy children, victims of the turbulence in Mexico that has cost many lives and the destruction of much property. These children must be fed, housed, clothed and taught, or turned out to the mercy of the world. Peculiar circumstances and heart-touching appeals have induced us to take them in. We have satisfied ourselves that each child is worthy. But our hearts are bigger than the purse to which we have access. What shall we do? We cannot turn them out. We have been compelled to turn away almost as many children as we have in school, but these have father and mother, and a home of some sort. The twenty-five have not." In these times of distress, could our great Church, so blessed of God, find a more fitting time or place to help the helpless on our borderland?

We have a mission to perform. Are we living true to that mission? Some day God will call the laborers to give them their reward. But it will not be until the end of "our life's little day." Then we may lay down our tools and rest. But not now and here. In this present life, the work in God's vineyard is forever calling unto us to work, for the night is coming, when no man can work.—Rev. E. E. Fisher.

In Ceylon there is a tree frog that takes on the hue of the leaf nearest him. In society there is a law that makes us like our fellows.

To Our Subscribers

With much regret we are compelled to announce the suspension of the list of one-dollar subscribers. It has been the custom for many years to send the paper to destitute families for half price. It will now be necessary for the friends of such families to make up the difference. Every subscriber, including preachers, must now pay the full price—\$2 per annum; six months \$1.00; three months 50 cents—the only exception being the superannuates of our patronizing conferences.

We are by every available means trying to keep the paper up to its usual standard at \$2 per year. It may become necessary later, if conditions do not change, to raise the price to \$2.50 per annum. If this should be done it will not affect the subscription of any one who has paid in advance.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

A GOOD TIME TO SAVE.

The reason men succeed in finance, in banking, in business and indeed throughout life is that from beginning to end they are observant gatherers of facts which they digest.

The prosperity of the present is laying the foundations for investment and business disaster for very many. It seems so easy now to get good wages, to gather profits in business, to get large returns upon investments and make profitable overtures in speculations, both in merchandise and securities, that many thousands will be lured into confidence in themselves, their judgment on their "luck," and after it is too late will find themselves overloaded in life with no sure anchor hold upon the facts.

Two admonitions are now going forth in financial circles. The first is "thrift." If this country is to be permanently great and prosperous, it will be from accumulated savings which alone can command the tools for future industrial competition. It is the vast savings machinery of the people invested in railroad bonds and shares, and in municipal and state loans, and industrial organization that have given this country the machinery of transportation and many commanding industries.

When "thrift" and investment savings cease, the country goes backward.

Very few people realize that the prosperity of the present should be that greatest incentive to thrift and savings. The dollar can now be invested to return almost twice as much interest per annum as in ordinary times. Only a few years ago there was loud complaint of the lowering rate of interest upon investment return. The rate was between three and four per cent, and there were predictions that it would fall below three per cent.

Today it is not difficult to invest money in the preferred shares of industrial enterprises and even in sound transportation companies where the return for the future should average well towards seven per cent.

Could there be any greater incentive to savings and sound investment? Wall Street Journal.

You have cramped your life; you have made it small and narrow. But never dare to think that this was God's plan for your life. He drew its architects on a lordly scale. He built you to be temples of the Holy Spirit.—Phillips Brooks.

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.

BAKER.—Grover Baker was born September 7, 1888, died December 13, 1916. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church last summer at the great revival held at Copperas Cove. He was practically a good boy all his life. He leaves a young wife as widow to mourn her loss and many kindred and friends. He was a member of both Odd Fellows and Woodmen of the World. We commend the many friends and loved ones to the Christ he accepted and was so nobly following.

MAC M. SMITH.

PAYNE.—Mrs. Bashey W. Payne was born on April 3, 1840, and departed this life on December 11, 1916. Mrs. Payne was converted and joined the Methodist Church at the age of twelve years. In 1859 she was married to Josiah F. Payne, deceased. She was the mother of eleven children, seven living and four dead. She was 76 years, 7 months and 8 days old. She was the oldest member of the Weimar Methodist Church, being a member of the Church for 64 years. Mrs. Payne was a true Christian, her contribution to the Church being one of her sons dedicated to the ministry—also her other children are Christians. The reason of her success in her family and among her many friends was the love of her Bible. The last chapter she read was Mark 5, "Hope in hopelessness," "Be not afraid, only believe." There was one page in her Bible much worn from constant use. The page is Mark 9, "The Transfiguration." Her pastor, ROY G. RADER.

KING.—William Calvin King, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. King, was born at Russellville, Oklahoma, August 14, 1901, and departed this life December 10, 1916, at his home near Featherston, Oklahoma; was converted at the age of eleven years and joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a useful, consistent life up to his death which came so suddenly, taking sick on Monday morning and death came on the following Sunday. So ends a noble young life and was a great loss to the community as well as to father and mother who loved him so dearly, but God does all things well. Services were conducted by the writer in the Methodist Church at Featherston and were attended by a large, sympathetic congregation. We laid him to rest in the Featherston Cemetery and we await the resurrection. We shall miss him but do not weep as those who do not have hope for we shall meet him again. His pastor, J. B. RICHIE, P. C. Canadian, Okla.

RICHARDSON.—Capt. J. T. Richardson was born in Newbern, N. C., March 29, 1845, age 72 years, 8 months and 16 days; died October 16, 1916. For quite a while he suffered with leakage of the heart, bearing this affliction with a patience only found in a real man of God until death released him of his suffering. He was brightly converted and joined the Methodist Church and lived a true, devout Christian life, always ready and willing to do his Master's bidding. He was married to Miss Annie E. Green December 28, 1890. To this union were born four children, Margaret, Clara, Grady and Tull. All survive the deceased. Services were held at the Methodist Church, Olinian, Texas. Bro. Russell, assisted by W. E. Dale, conducted the services, after which the remains were laid to rest in the mound banked with beautiful flowers. We invoke special blessings upon the bereaved wife and children who so much needed his love and care. May God's grace sustain the broken hearts and make them an unbroken family in heaven. PEARL DAVIES.

MALEY.—Mrs. W. B. Maley (nee Eliza Williams) was born in Mississippi, March 31, 1846. Her parents moved to Texas when she was three years old. She was married to W. B. Maley on Christmas day, 1865. To them were born eleven children, four boys and seven girls. Four of the girls preceded her to the better world. Those surviving her are her husband and sons, J. W. and A. L., of Ingleside; Mrs. Katie Burwell, of Aransas Pass; Mrs. Alice Gray and A. V. Maley, San Angelo; Mrs. Edith Ogden, Sterling City, and Ralph Maley, Port Arthur. Sister Maley was converted in early life and lived a consecrated life; was a member of the Methodist Church. She passed away at her home in San Angelo, September 28, 1916. Her death was peaceful. All the children were present when the end came, except Mrs. Burwell, of Aransas Pass. Her body was laid to rest at Aransas Pass, Texas. She has left the home circle of this world and joined the loved ones in the heavenly home above. JOE F. WEBB.

ELROD.—Abraham Wesley Elrod was born in Anderson District, South Carolina, September 13, 1830; came to Texas in 1854 and settled in Anderson County, where he lived for 62 years, loved and respected by all who knew him. Uncle Abe, as every one called him, was a good man. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life and remained steadfast to the end of life, which sad event occurred at his son's, Oscar, December 13, 1916, age 86 years and 3 months, thus closing a long and useful life. Uncle Abe was happily married to Miss Emely Register in 1860. To this union were born four sons, the oldest being L. B. Elrod, residing elder of Timpson District. He often said to me: "I prayed to the Lord that he would call one of my boys to the ministry, and he was good and called my oldest son." Uncle Abe spent four years in the war between the States and he said to me, "I think I was more religious these four years than any other four of my life." Men who were with him in the service were made better by being associated with him. He was for a number of years a steward, until age and feebleness kept him from serving any longer, and was faithful to every trust committed to his care. I have known Uncle Abe for thirty years and have often visited him at the old home place and never did I feel more at home than under his roof. We laid his worn and tired body to rest at Olive Branch, where many of his friends sleep, till the resurrection morn. Farewell, dear brother, it will not be long till I shall meet you again. I. M. MILLS.

HAY.—Herschel Webster Hay was born at New Goshen, Vigo County, Indiana, March 27, 1896. He was converted and joined the United Brethren Church at the age of ten. He came with his parents to Vigo Park, Texas, in 1908, and entered the M. E. Church, South, at this place by letter. He was a charter member of the Epworth League and has held several offices in the League. At the time of his death he was Vice-President. Herschel met death as he was returning from Church, November 12, 1916. He had been in Kansas City two days. He was there to enter school. The first Sunday he was in that strange city he identified himself with the Y. M. C. A. and there reconsecrated himself to Jesus and told of his intention to live a true life. Herschel leaves a father, mother, three brothers and one sister and many other relatives and friends to mourn his going. All who were intimate with Herschel knew him to be a splendid character. I never knew a more exemplary boy. May his life be a means of leading us all to a better life. His pastor, J. A. BELL.

BLAKEY.—Mrs. Cunnie Rebecca Blakey (nee Burks) was born July 13, 1861; married in 1878 to G. T. Egbert, of whom she was bereft January 5, 1899. She was married to E. E. Blakey January 29, 1902. She was the mother of seven children, five of whom are living. She also leaves six step-children who mourn for her as for their own mother. Sister Blakey was for forty years a faithful and consistent Methodist. It is the testimony of all who knew her that the Church has lost one of its most faithful and loyal supporters. She always received her pastor in the spirit of a true Methodist and co-operated with him in his efforts to advance the kingdom of Christ. She was a regular attendant upon the services of the Church and the Woman's Missionary Society, of which she was a member. After a lingering illness of more than a year she passed to her reward December 3, 1916. She will be greatly missed by her family and in the social and religious circles in which she moved. Her funeral was held at the home where she moves in the company of angels in the land of the redeemed. JNO. W. GOODWIN.

OLIVER.—James Newton Oliver was born in the year 1859. He was the son of William and Margarite Oliver, who were pioneer settlers of McLennan County, moving here from Missouri in 1852. Bro. Oliver was converted at the old Evergreen camp-meeting, McLennan County, in 1880, and led a consecrated Christian life on to the hour of his death, October 11, 1916. A greater part of the time was a steward and for twelve years he was Sunday School Superintendent of the Evergreen Sunday School. He loved his Church and all that the Church stood for; was regular and punctual in attendance as long as his health would permit, and was interested in all the affairs of the Church while confined to his bed. He gave positive and unquestioned testimony as to his prospects for heaven—bright and clear. He was a sufferer for some months with the awful disease, cancer of the stomach, but through all his sufferings not one complaint escaped his lips. He was ready and could say, "Thy will be done." We laid him to rest in Evergreen Cemetery October 12, 1916. He was married to Miss Mary A. Bilbo, November 16, 1881, and his wife and seven children, Mrs. Eugene Clark, Mrs. Fred Withrow, Earnest, Luther and Roy Oliver, Mrs. Frank Connally and Miss Nell Oliver survive him. May the Heavenly Father comfort the bereaved ones, and guide them safely into the heavenly port, where partings will be no more. His pastor, JNO. M. NEAL. McGregor, Texas.

SIMMONS.—W. J. Simmons was born in Panola County, Miss., March 11, 1845, and died November 27, 1916, at his home near Rio Vista, Texas. He married Miss Susan C. Ralph May 11, 1873. They moved to Kossuth, Miss., where they resided twenty years, then moved to Texas. He was the father of seven children, four girls and three boys. One girl died in infancy. The other six children, his wife and an orphan, Geo. Kirkham, whom he reared, are left to mourn their loss. He was converted in early life and united with the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived a faithful and consistent life till death claimed him. He was a great lover of the Church and his home was the preacher's home. One daughter married a Methodist preacher, Rev. M. C. Chaffee. For many years he had been a constant reader of the Texas Christian Advocate. He was conscientious and reserved in his manner but numbered his friends by his acquaintances. The day before he died he regained consciousness and prayed an earnest prayer, committing his loved ones to God. The Church has lost a faithful member, the home a devoted loved one and the community a beloved citizen. He has entered into the rest that remaineth for the faithful. The writer assisted by the Masonic Lodge, of which he was a member, conducted the funeral services from the Methodist Church at Rio Vista. In the presence of his loved ones and a host of friends, his body was laid to rest to await the general resurrection. C. A. BICKLEY. Cleburne, Texas.

ROOT.—Thos. Jefferson Root was born in Pontotoc, Miss., January 5, 1838, and died November 22, 1916, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Will Asher, with whom he was living at the time of his death. His age was 78 years, 10 months and 17 days. On May 17, 1860, he was united in marriage to Miss Moller Bolton, and to this union were born fourteen children. Only four boys and two girls survive him. They are married, and were present at his funeral, except Mrs. Charley E. Ramsey, of Davis, Okla. Since early childhood Bro. Root has been a member of the M. E. Church, South. For about thirty years he has been a member of the Mt. Horeb Church in Williamson County, Texas. For the past three years I have been his pastor. I do not think that I ever knew a more consecrated Christian and loyal member of the Church than Bro. Root. His pastor always knew that in him he had a friend, and that he would co-operate with him in everything that would help to build the Church up. All who knew Bro. Root loved him and was his friend. Brother Root will be greatly missed in the Mt. Horeb Church and community, but the influence of his earnest prayers and consecrated Christian life will continue to abide and bless the Church in the years to come. His body was laid to rest in the White House Cemetery by the side of his wife's, who preceded him twenty-eight years ago, to a place in the Father's house of many mansions. Bereaved children, loved ones and friends, we all know where to find Bro. Root. Let us meet him in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, whose builder and maker is God. W. D. GASKINS.

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CHILDERS.—Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Childers (nee Moore) was born in Northern Arkansas April 10, 1850. She was the daughter of George Washington and Charity Moore. Her parents moved to Hopkins County, Texas, when she was a small child. She lived there until after her marriage to James J. Childers, January 11, 1871. In 1875 she, with her husband and two sons, moved to Erath County, where they raised their family of five boys and one girl. In November, 1911, she and father moved to Oklahoma where they remained until March, 1916. They then moved to Seminole, Texas, where she fell asleep in Jesus October 29, 1916. Mother was converted in early life and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which Church she lived a consistent Christian until death. She was a devout Christian and her prayers and godly counsel will be an inspiration to her children as long as life shall last. She was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She suffered a great deal for several months before the release came. Today while our hearts are sad, yet we rejoice in the fact that mother is enjoying a reunion with friends and loved ones over on the other shore. To our grief-stricken father, brothers and sister, I would say, let us press on in the faith of our mother's God and it will not be long until we shall join her again in the land of the "unclouded day." Her son, J. W. CHILDERS, Pastor Bandera-Medina Charge, West Texas Conference.

WE FIGHT NO LOSING BATTLE.
We fight no losing battle, because it is prophesied that He that leads the van "shall never fail nor be discouraged." "The heathen shall be given unto the Son for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession." So shall it be of all nations, the knowledge of God "shall cover the earth as the waters cover the seas."
Time would fail me to tell of Gideon, of Samson, of Jephthah, of David, and the prophets. All having obtained good report through faith received not the promise—all of it—God having reserved some "better thing" for us, that they without us should not do the perfect work.
But "some better thing" is reserved for us. That roll-call of heroes, surpassing all the heroisms and glories of achievement in all the rest of the world, is yet to be itself surpassed, God having reserved some better thing for us. We are set for a world conquest. Our King that rides the white horse of glory, followed by the saints of all the ages, knows no defeat and is sure to conquer.
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CLEGG-BUTLER.—On December 15, 1916, at 6:30 p. m., at the parsonage, Mr. Pintes Clegg and Miss Mae Butler, near Black Jack, Texas, Rev. L. M. Manning officiating.

TERRY-VARDIMAN.—Mr. Roy W. Terry and Miss Bennie L. Vardiman, of Topsy Village, were solemnized in the rite of matrimony at the bride's home, Dec. 18, 1916, in the presence of a large number of friends and kindred, Rev. Mac M. Smith, pastor, officiating.

SEALS-TAYLOR.—At the Methodist parsonage, Kempner, Texas, December 24, 1916, Mr. Harry Seals and Miss Wilma Taylor, Rev. J. P. Watson officiating.

HINES-GOODWIN.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Oalalla, Texas, December 24, 1916, Mr. W. C. Hines and Miss Anice Goodwin, Rev. J. P. Watson officiating.

STORY-MALLET.—At the Waldorf Hotel, Lampasas, Texas, December 16, 1916, Mr. W. P. Story and Mrs. I. L. Mallet, Rev. J. P. Watson, of Kempner, officiating.

ATTENTION, FOURTH YEAR MEN.

At Georgetown last summer I was elected Secretary of the Class of the Fourth Year for the 1917 Summer School of Theology. All fourth year men who contemplate attending S. S. T. this summer please write me and I will furnish them with outlines and questions on each book in the course of study.

B. Y. DICKINSON, Abernathy, Texas.

WICHITA FALLS DISTRICT.

The District Stewards and District Trustees of the Wichita Falls District are called to meet at the district parsonage in Wichita Falls, Thursday, January 4, at 2:30 p. m.

The Preachers' and Laymen's District Institute will meet February 16, following the great inspirational meeting to be held in Wichita Falls by the State Evangelistic Committee, February 14, 15.

J. SAM BARCUS.

TO THE CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Brothers and Sisters.—As the agent for the Texas Conference Endowment Fund I desire to get into communication with each one who is a claimant of the Texas Conference.

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A. A. WAGNON.

Agent for Texas Conference Superannuate Endowment Fund, Denton, Texas.

HUGO DISTRICT.

The meeting of the pastors and District Stewards called to meet in Hugo, Oklahoma, January 2, 3, is hereby called off.

An inspirational meeting is to be held in Poteau, January 22-24, Choctaw, Hugo and McAlester Districts participating. The District Stewards of the Hugo District are hereby called to meet at the same time and place. It is hoped that Bishop E. D. Mouton and Dr. Bradford will be with us.

R. T. BLACKBURN,

Presiding Elder Hugo District.

DEDICATION NOTICE.

We will dedicate our Church at Rush Springs, Oklahoma, first Sunday in January.

Rev. L. L. Cohen, Jr., of Chickasha, will preach the sermon at 11 o'clock. All former pastors are invited. J. W. CANNON, P. E.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To the Preachers of the Northwest Texas Conference: I have sent a copy of the Minutes to Mr. J. E. Hannagan, St. Louis, Mo. A. L. MOORE, Secretary.

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Albuquerque District—Second Round.

Gallup, Jan. 13, 14. McAlister Cir., Prairie Flower, Jan. 20, 21. Melrose Cir., Taiban, Jan. 24. Grady Cir., Cap Rock, Jan. 27, 28. Murdock Cir., Stockton, Jan. 27, 28. Clayton Cir., Creed's Chapel, Feb. 3, 4. Vaughn Cir., Vaughn, Feb. 10, 11. Carrizozo, Feb. 17, 18. San Jon Cir., Bard, Feb. 24, 25. Tucumcari, Feb. 24, 25. San Marcial, March 3, 4. Magdalena and Kelley, March 10, 11. Watrous Cir., Madrid, March 17, 18. Albuquerque, March 24, 25. Capitán Mis., Capitán, March 31. GEO. H. GIVAN, P. E.

Hamlin District—First Round.

Roby, at Roby, Jan. 1. Rotan Sta., Jan. 2. Matador, Jan. 6, 7. Rearing Springs, at R. S., Jan. 7, 8. Spur, Jan. 10. Aspermont Mission, at Mt. Olive, Jan. 13, 14. Aspermont Sta., Jan. 14, 15. Clairemont, at Girard, Jan. 20, 21. Jayton, at Jayton, Jan. 21, 22. Rochester, at Rochester, Jan. 27, 28. Knox City, at Knox City, Jan. 28, 29. Tuxedo, at Tuxedo, Feb. 3, 4. McCaulley, at McCaulley, Feb. 4, 5. I hope that every steward will do his dead level best to bring up a fine financial report at this first Quarterly Conference of the year. If we get a good start it will make the year's work much easier. B. W. DODSON, P. E.

Paris District—First Round.

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.

Mangum District—First Round.

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 Goud, Jan. 20, 21. Dryden, at Dryden, Jan. 21, 22. Pr. Hill, at Pr. Hill, Jan. 27, 28. J. W. SIMS, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round.

Kelleyville Cir., at Kelleyville, Dec. 16. Jefferson, Dec. 17. Hallsville Cir., at Hallsville, Dec. 23, 24. Beckville Cir., at Ebenezer, Dec. 30, 31. Harleton Cir., at Harleton, Jan. 6, 7. Rosewood Cir., at Hopewell, Jan. 13. Gilmer, Jan. 14. Ogburn Cir., at Marvin's Chapel, Jan. 16. Bethany Cir., at Bethel, Jan. 20. Church Hill Cir., at Church Hill, Jan. 27. Henderson Sta., Jan. 28. Longview, Jan. 31. Harrison Cir., at First Church, Marshall, Feb. 3. Kilgore Cir., at Kilgore, Feb. 10, 11. Marshall, Summit St., Feb. 14. Laneville Cir., at Laneville, Feb. 17. Corsicana Cir., at Carlisle, Feb. 20. Pritchett Cir., at Summerfield, Feb. 24. Marshall, First Church, Feb. 28. F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round.

Harmony, preaching at Harmony, Dec. 17; Quarterly Conference, in Dawson, 2 p. m., Dec. 18. Dawson, Dec. 17, 18. First Church, Dec. 24. Eleventh Avenue, Dec. 31. Corsicana Cir., at Zion's Rest, Jan. 6, 7. Rice, Jan. 7, 8. Kerens, at Kerens, Jan. 13, 14. Barry and Emhouse, at Emhouse, Jan. 20, 21. Horn Hill, at Cedar Island, Jan. 27, 28. Mexia, Jan. 28, 29. Kirvin, at Kirvin, Feb. 3, 4. Chatfield, at Tupelo, Feb. 10, 12. Wortham, at Wortham, Feb. 11, 12. Emmett, at Jones' Chapel, Feb. 17, 18. Frost, Feb. 18, 19. Groesbeck, Feb. 24, 25. Thornton, Feb. 25, 26. Purdon, at Dresden, March 3, 4. Blooming Grove 4, 5. The District Stewards will meet at the district parsonage at 10 a. m., Dec. 20. Stewards are urged to organize and begin their work at once so that their pastors may have some Christmas money. W. H. MATTHEWS, P. E.

Durant District—First Round.

Milburn, Jan. 1. Fishomingo, Jan. 3. Ada, First Church, Jan. 7. Ada, Asbury, Jan. 7. Vanoss, Jan. 9. Madill, Jan. 14. Kingston, Jan. 15. Woodville, Jan. 17. Pontotoc, Jan. 21. Colbert, Jan. 24. Rolf, Jan. 28. Ravia, Jan. 29. Konawa, Feb. 4. Lebanon, Feb. 11. S. H. BABCOCK, P. E.

Houston District—First Round.

Seabrook, Dec. 24. McKee Street, Dec. 24, night. Katy, Dec. 31. Gract, Dec. 31, night. Alvin, Jan. 3, night. Brazoria, Jan. 7. Angleton, Jan. 7, night. Trinity, Jan. 8, night. McAshan, Jan. 10, night. Cedar Bayou, Jan. 14. Washington Street, Jan. 14, night. Woodland Heights, Jan. 16, night. Tabernacle, Jan. 17, night. Freeport, Jan. 21. First Church, Galveston, Jan. 22, night. Thirty-Third Street, Jan. 23, night. Pasadena, Jan. 24, night. Texas City, Jan. 28. League City, Jan. 28, night. Harrisburg, Feb. 4. West End, Feb. 4, night. Humble, Feb. 11. First Church, Houston, Feb. 12, night. St. Paul's, Feb. 13, night.

To all the pastors of Houston District: Please clip this round for future reference, as it will not appear again in the Advocate. R. W. ADAMS, P. E.

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Beaumont District—First Round.

Port Arthur, Dec. 24. Orange, Jan. 7. Roberts Ave., Jan. 9. North End, Jan. 11. First Church, Jan. 14. Sour Lake, Jan. 14. Kountze, Jan. 17. Silsbee, Jan. 18. Anahuac, Jan. 21. Liberty, Jan. 27. Crosby and Mt. B., Jan. 28. Dayton, Jan. 31. Jasper, Feb. 3, 4. Brookland, Feb. 4, 5. Stowell and Deweyville, Feb. 11. China, Nome and Grayberg, Feb. 11. Kirbyville, Feb. 18. Call, Feb. 18. Woodville, Feb. 25.

CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E. N. B.—To the Stewards: For the most part the work in the stations is organized and the stewards are at work. The circuits are not so well organized. If on the circuits, the stewards will begin now to make collection it will be well. Don't wait for your Quarterly Conference. The preacher may be in need, especially if he has recently had the expense of a move. Begin now, brethren. C. F. S.

San Antonio District—First Round in Part.

Jan. 3, 8 p. m., Los Angeles Heights. Jan. 6, 7, Center Point. Jan. 7, 8, Kerrville. Jan. 10, 8 p. m., Laurel Heights. Jan. 12, 8 p. m., Pleasanton. Jan. 13, 14, Jourdanon. Jan. 14, Poteet. Jan. 17, Alamo Heights. Jan. 18, South Side. Jan. 21, S. A. Ct., Fairview. J. H. GROSCLOSE, P. E.

Vinita District—First Round.

Centralia Circuit, at Centralia, Dec. 30, 31. Chapel and Salina, at Chapel, Jan. 6, 7. Wagoner Station, Jan. 12. Choteau and Locust Grove, at Choteau, Jan. 13, 14. Pryor Station, Jan. 14, 15. Fairland Circuit, at Aurora, Jan. 19. Fairland and Wyandotte, at Fairland, Jan. 20, 21. Ketchum and Strang, at Strang, Jan. 21, 22. Welch Station, Jan. 27, 28. Welch Circuit, at Grand View, Jan. 28, 29. Blue Jacket and Big Cabin, at Blue Jacket, Feb. 3, 4. Adair and Pensacola, at Adair, Feb. 4, 5. Peggs Circuit, at Peggs, Feb. 10, 11. Kansas and Jay, at Jay, Feb. 10. Grove Circuit, at Zena, Feb. 17, 18. Grove and Bernice, at Grove, Feb. 18, 19. Cherokee Circuit, at Timson Chapel, Feb. 24, 25. The District Stewards will meet in Vinita, Okla., December 28, at 1:30 p. m. We will welcome as many of the pastors as can conveniently come. J. M. CANTRELL, P. E.

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(In Part.) Main Street, Dec. 3. Brazos Avenue, Dec. 10. Anglin Street, Dec. 10. Venus, Dec. 17. Alvarado, Dec. 17. Joshua, Dec. 20. Burleson, Dec. 24. Godley and Cresson, Dec. 27. Barnesville, Dec. 30, 31. Grandview, Dec. 31. W. L. NELMS, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round.

Part Two. Canton, at Canton, Jan. 6. Wills Point Sta., Jan. 7. Mineola Cir., at Olive Branch, Jan. 9. Mineola Sta., Jan. 10. Colfax, at Colfax, Jan. 13, 14. Grand Saline, Jan. 14. Lindale Cir., at Red Springs, Jan. 20, 21. Lindale Sta., Jan. 21. Edom, at Edom, Jan. 24. Tyler Cir., at East Tyler, Jan. 27. Cedar Street, Jan. 28. Marvin, Jan. 29.

A Statement.

About one week after conference I contracted one of the most persistent and deep-seated colds I ever had. I had five light chills in as many days, with slight fevers for about ten days, and in the meantime symptoms of the gripe, bronchitis and other troubles developed until I was completely floored. My preachers in Tyler came promptly to my relief, and bade me stay in and let them and others of the boys hold my quarterly meetings. The doctor said amen to this, and I obeyed. Then Ed Barcus, than whom no more capable man or kinder-hearted man lives, hit the road. Then E. P. Swindell, who is a big bundle of consecrated energy and good sense, followed suit, then J. R. Ritchie, always reliable as a family horse, who always lifts his foot at the right time and puts it down in the right place, took his part. Then Frank Luker and Murray Bass, two of the most promising and best boys to be found, lent their friendly aid, and much has been done by them to the district, and by the doctor to me. Thanks, thanks, boys!

An Exhortation.

Let our stewards and people take notice of the times and places of these meetings. Seven of the places named have new preachers this year, and they had a move, and are dead broke. Don't fail to make good collections for this first quarter. And those who did not move are all married, and all big eaters, and I think possibly some of them, for lack of cash, are wearing their low-quartered, last summer shoes, and maybe their fall suits of clothes. Brethren, please do your dead level best. Everybody help this time.

An Announcement.

The Pastors' Conference and Missionary Institute of the Tyler District will meet in Mineola, Tuesday evening, January 9. Rev. J. W. Campbell will preach the opening sermon. The Institute will continue through Wednesday and Thursday. All brethren having real business with us will be heard. It is not now my purpose to have a set program, but we will discuss the spiritual interest of the Church, the prayer-meeting, the Sunday service, the Sunday School, Epworth League, evangelism and revival times and plans. We will discuss Finance. The Support of the Ministry, Missions and Missionary Collections, Church Extension, Education, Building of Churches and Parsonages and the Care of Both. Let every pastor "pint his business" so as to be on hand. We also want the local preachers. Now that's all for this time. I am better, thank the good Lord. J. T. SMITH, P. E.

AN UNUSUAL "STUDENT ACTIVITY."

To most people, the term "student activity" connotes athletics, literary societies and social club work. At this season of the year, it means foot ball. But in the University of Texas there is an activity, very active, of a nature entirely different from the usually accepted student interest. This is the missionary work of the Methodist students. Believing that the story of this work will interest Advocate readers, we give it briefly.

While a student in the University of Texas in 1910, J. W. Daniel consecrated his life to special Church work. He took his academic degree in this university in 1911. The next year he went to Vanderbilt, graduating there in 1914.

In the spring of 1914, Mr. Daniel asked to go to the foreign field, preferably to Brazil or Africa. The Board of Missions wrote to Miss Mary Decherd, instructor in mathematics in the University of Texas, asking if she would recommend Mr. Daniel for foreign work. Miss Decherd could heartily endorse Mr. Daniel; at the same time, she felt that the Methodist students of the University of Texas should send him out. She talked with Miss Lizzie Blaisdell, a student, about the undertaking and received encouragement. She next went to the pastor, R. P. Shuler. He told her the Church was under a load, but, ever ready to attempt great things for the Master, he told her to enlist Mr. Wiggins, an instructor in English, and see what they could do.

Mr. Wiggins knew Bishop Lambuth, personally, and had some of the Bishop's enthusiasm. He had also had practical experience in collecting money. Under his leadership, they took a collection in the church one Sunday in April and secured \$500 in pledges. The amount soon grew to \$800, and Mr. Daniel went to Brazil.

During the first fourteen months, the young people collected only \$615 of their pledges. They saw that if they were to keep faith with Mr. Daniel and the Mission Board they must have an organization. It was then that the Daniel Fund Committee came into existence, and no more active committee has been connected with the University of Texas. Within nine months after its organization the committee paid their arrears, provided \$750 for salary in 1915-16, and \$100 over to go toward another year's salary.

In April, 1916, a letter came from Mr. Daniel, telling of the need of a church building at Passo Fundo. There was no hint that the people supporting him should build the church—just a plain statement of the need. The committee felt the call. Again Brother Shuler was consulted, and again he said, "Go ahead." This time there was a desire to get all the Methodist students in Texas to cooperate. "A common interest in Brazil will help unite the Methodist student life, and all student life in Texas," said the committee. Mr. J. M. Reeves and Mr. George F. Howard visited several schools before commencement, and they received encouragement.

The amount needed to secure both church and parsonage is \$4000. It is the purpose of the committee to have every dollar in hand before work is begun, and the slogan of the campaign is, "Dirt broken, January 1, 1917."

To date, \$1750 have been forwarded to Nashville, \$1600 of which have been given by the students of the university and their friends over the country. The word that S. M. U. will raise \$500 has heartened the workers, and shown that our great sister institution is ready for "every good word and work." Soon S. M. U. will be putting a missionary on the field.

In sending a missionary to the field, the University of Texas has led the other State universities of the South. Virginia has followed her good example. Dr. Pinson gives instances of a missionary's influence going further toward the settlement of international difficulties than the speeches of diplomats. May not Mr. Daniel's work in Brazil, and that church, built in Passo Fundo, speak more for peace and for social uplift and right living than sixteen-inch guns or diplomacy?

The committee would bar no one from giving in this cause. But "what thou doest, do quickly." The announcement comes from Brazil that Mr. Daniel and Miss Maggie Lee Kenney, one of our missionaries already there, are to be married the first of January. The church is to be a Christmas gift and bridal present.

This article would hardly be complete without reference to the other members of the splendid trio who serve the student life of the University Methodist Church. J. W. Daniel, Harry King and A. Frank Smith were classmates and boon companions in

Vanderbilt, graduating together. With Mr. King, professor of the Bible Chair, and A. Frank Smith serving as pastor, these men serve the same people; and, with such leaders to direct them, and the love of God in their hearts, what may not these young people do? **BESSIE SHOOK.**

AN APPEAL.

Austin, Texas, December 25, 1916.

An appeal to all Methodist college students and alumni in Texas. Our interests is yours. Rely upon your active co-operation. The Methodist student bodies of the University of Texas, together with other Methodist student bodies in the State, have undertaken to raise four thousand dollars by January 1, 1917, to build a church in Passo Fundo, Brazil, where Rev. J. W. Daniel is pastor. We have sent to Nashville \$2750 in the present pledges, and if some additional contributions come in at once, the necessary amount will be secured by the date set. Hence, this appeal to you. Unless this amount is forthcoming the local committee will be forced to borrow the money necessary to complete the pledge. Pastors, we labor for the interest of the students you send to us. In return read this from your pulpits. Our appeal is to you, reader. Be one of the many to send a contribution at once to Miss Mary E. Decherd, Austin, Texas.

A. FRANK SMITH,
Pastor University Methodist Church.
MARY E. DECHERD,
Treasurer of the Passo Fundo Fund.
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THE TWO SONS, OR, A NEW YEAR'S MEDITATION.
(Matt. 21:28-32.)

Rev. S. Stephen McKenney.

Evidently our Lord intended to teach "the chief priests and elders of the people" the lesson of his authority and of their duty by the parable of the two sons. The time had come for him to make a public manifestation of his life and character. He had ridden triumphantly into Jerusalem and received the honor and praise of the multitude. He had cursed the fruitless fig tree as if by an acted parable to show the doom of a fruitless nation, and now he openly taught in the temple. When they questioned his authority he plainly pointed out their deed passing from a general query concerning John's baptism to a more specific investigation of their action. "What think ye?" gives way before the more important question of the parable, "What do ye?" And he further impresses this twofold truth: "That God's call to service is universal, yet man's response to this call is optional."

The story in brief is this: "A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first and said: Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said: I will not; but afterward he repented and went. And he came to the second and said likewise, and he said: I go, sir, and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, the first." From this familiar story there comes to us a twofold message today as we have come to the parting of the ways and stand at the dividing of the years.

First: Our sins and disobedience of the past need not discourage us. Both sons in the parable did wrong. One disregarded his father's claims, while the other disobeyed his father's command. These two sons type for us the whole human race. "All have sinned," yet all may repent. "Afterward he repented and went." Perhaps he could not forget the sad look on his father's face as he refused to go. Perhaps he saw the weakened and wearied form of the old man as he was bending under the task designed for younger shoulders. Perhaps he recalled the days of his own helpless and dependent condition when that same father uncomplainingly and joyfully ministered to him. Did such tender memories break his stubborn heart? We cannot tell. "But afterward he repented and went!" So your past may have been wasted; it may lie in ruins along your path. The ghosts of murdered opportunities may assail you, or the rush of tender memories may subdue you. Yet duty calls and opportunity offers, while a patient, indulgent Father still whispers: "Son, go work today!" You never can repair the past, yet you may repent of it. Thank God, you may thus go back for a new start! Go then, in self-abhorrence and penitence, in prayers and tears, back

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Second: Our resolves and promises for the future cannot justify us. To have said, "I go, sir," is not enough. Even a good resolution will not of itself avail. You may pride yourself on your moral integrity and your religious devotion. So did the "chief priests and elders" to whom our Lord said: "The publicans and the harlots go into the Kingdom of God before you!" In many things they were active, yet in the work of God they were idle. For to them, and to us, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." To believe and receive him, to live and labor for him, is the supreme work of life for us all. Do we ask, "Why should I labor for him?" The answer lies in the fact of his Fatherhood: "My son, go!" Do we inquire where? The reply is, "My vineyard!" Would we know when to begin? The answer is, "Today!" Here is the secret of it all: We must find a time and a place to begin. Your place and time are here and now. No doubt the second son consoled himself with the thought that his intentions were good. Perhaps he even said to his father and friends: "I am not as other men are; even as my brother. I did, at least, promise to work!" But he did not go that day, nor the next, nor has he ever gone! O, in these days of meditation and reflection, let his example teach our hearts wisdom! "The path to hell is paved with good intentions." Let us not be discouraged by the mistakes of the past; let us not be contented with our plans for the future, but let us so be taught "to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Port Arthur, Texas.

MINUTES OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS' CONFERENCE OF THE EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

The presiding elders of the several districts of the East Oklahoma Conference met at the District Parsonage in McAlester, on call of Rev. J. M. Peterson, December 19, 1916, at 11:30 o'clock a. m. The following were present: J. M. Peterson, J. S. Ball, R. T. Blackburn, J. M. Cantrell, J. E. Tiger, R. C. Taylor and A. C. Pickens. Dr. Peterson conducted the devotional exercises, reading from Psalms 139th chapter. The presiding elders effected an organization by electing J. M. Peterson, President, and J. E. Tiger, Secretary. R. T. Blackburn gave an outline of the plan by which the several districts may be divided into groups and inspirational meetings held at such times most convenient to those groups, and also the plan by which two districts may come together in the District Conference.

The President, at this point, called attention to the fact that the great progress made by the North Texas Conference was due to such inspirational meetings being held, and the presiding elders taking the lead in these movements. This matter was discussed by J. S. Ball, R. C. Taylor, J. E. Tiger, J. M. Cantrell and A. C. Pickens, each speaking favorably to the plan.

A motion was made by Rev. Cantrell that the presiding elders recommend the holding of such inspirational meetings of the several districts by dividing them into groups; the same to be held at such times and places best suited to the groups so arranged by the presiding elders in the groups. Rev. J. S. Ball, offered a motion amending the motion of Rev. Cantrell, as follows:

That the following districts be grouped in this manner:

Group One—McAlester, Choctaw and Hugo Districts.

Group Two—Holdenville, Creek and Durant Districts.

Group Three—Muskogee, Vinita and Tulsa Districts.

The amendatory motion, as well as the original motion, was adopted.

Motion that Bishop E. D. Mouzon, and editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, be invited to attend these inspirational meetings, carried.

Motion that the Conference Missionary Secretary be requested to attend the proposed group meetings, carried.

Motion by R. T. Blackburn carried that the proposed group meetings begin as follows:

Monday night, January 22, 1917, with Group One.

Tuesday night, January 23, 1917, with Group Two.

Wednesday night, January 24, 1917, with Group Three.

J. S. Ball introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the presiding elders, desire to call attention of our pastors to the action of our Annual Conference held at Muskogee, relative to the collection of missionary assessments by March 15, and urge an early compliance with said action by our pastors.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

A motion that J. M. Peterson, J. S. Ball and R. C. Taylor be the committee to arrange a suggestive program for the inspirational meetings, carried. **J. E. TIGER, Secretary.**

ANY IN HEAVEN, TOO?

Little Mary was sitting with her Uncle George one afternoon. Uncle had told her to keep quiet, as he had some accounts to go over; so Mary busied herself with a picture book. For an hour all was still, then Mary heard her uncle say: "There! I have quite a nice little sum laid up against a time of need."

"What are you talking about, Uncle George?" asked Mary.

"About my treasures, little girl, that I have laid up."

"Up in heaven?" asked Mary, who had heard her father that morning read about laying up treasures in heaven.

"Oh, no, Mary! My treasures are all on earth, some in banks and some in other places," answered Uncle George.

"But haven't you any in heaven, too?" asked Mary.

"Well, I don't believe I have," said Uncle George, thoughtfully. "But run away to your mother now, for I am going out."

Uncle George went out and was gone a good while; but all the time he was thinking that, after all, perhaps he was not so well off if he had no treasures laid up in heaven to be ready for him when he left this world and his money behind him. He was so impressed with the thought that he wisely determined to lay up treasures in heaven. He did so. Little Mary never knew until years after that it was her childish question that started Uncle George on a generous, active, Christian life.—Exchange.

"Christian faith is a grand cathedral, with divinely-pictured windows. Standing without, you see no glory, nor can possibly imagine any. Nothing is visible but the merest outline of dusky shapes. Standing within, all is clear and defined; every ray of light reveals an army of unspeakable splendors."—John Ruskin.