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➤ Growing Power of the World Organized Upon a Pagan Base ➤

One of the most startling statements in Dr. P. T. Forsyth's discussion of "Theology in Church and State" is his assertion that the growing power of the world is more and more being organized upon a pagan base.

Paganism is only another word for heathenism. Early Christianity first attacked the cities of the Roman Empire; the evangelization of the village (pagus) came later. The inhabitants in these villages were called pagans. From the fourth century the word came to have a religious meaning and designated all unevangelized peoples as pagans, or heathen.

The present world-crisis, which threatens civilization itself with dissolution, is a challenge to serious minds to inspect afresh the foundations upon which the world's growing power is being organized. Such men cannot hope to escape the lot which has always befallen the true prophet in every age of the world. "Alarmist," "pessimist," "unpatriotic" and other equally comforting words, will assail their ears. The world, however, has suffered from shallow optimism worse things than it ever suffered from an offending pessimism. And it should comfort the critic of present-day civilization to know that the children sometimes build monuments to the prophets whom their fathers stoned.

We are not among those who believe that there is nothing good in the present-day civilization. On the contrary, we believe that there are tremendous forces which are making for righteousness. But that these forces are now in a desperate struggle with contrary forces we solemnly believe. That we now witness a death struggle between opposing ideals we do not doubt.

Paganism is now disputing the suprem-

acy of Christianity in the realm of education. The Christian Church is asked to surrender its place as the patron and promoter of the education of the youth of the world. Gigantic combinations of wealth threaten the destruction of the Church college. Huge foundations propose to disassociate the Church from its divinely-appointed task of teaching and training the world's youth. Even the United States Congress has perceived in the operations of these huge foundations a menace to true education as taught by both Church and State.

What education, which is not permeated with the teachings and spirit of Christ, will do for the world has been demonstrated in Germany. Professor's chairs have been the thrones from which both Friedrich Nietzsche and Heinrich von Treitschke corrupted Germany. The German universities have organized the German Empire upon the idea of a heathenish self-assertion and aggression. Better for Germany—far better—had her universities never have come in to being than that they should have been divorced from the spiritual values of Jesus Christ.

Paganism is disputing the supremacy of Christianity in the realm of political, social and business ethics. The double-standard of ethics menaces our whole civilization. By a strange mental legerdemain men persuade themselves that there is one standard of ethics for politics, society and business and another standard for the interior of one's personal life. In business combinations and political affiliations men dare to do things which they would not dream of doing in their individual capacity. Oppression, lying, stealing and treachery vast numbers of individuals practice and condone as politicians and as business men.

Heathenism itself never witnessed the art of lying and stealing and treachery so refined as it is among us today. Heathen vices stalk unashamed and unrebuked among twentieth century men and women and are softened and made tolerable under the euphonious names of "business acumen," "lapses," "weaknesses," etc. Vast segments of our political, social and commercial life are only veneered heathenism.

Paganism, too, is disputing the supremacy of Christianity in the realm of diversions or amusements or play. Six days in the week are too short a period for the pagan amusement companies of today. The seventh day, the holy Sabbath, must succumb to their cupidity. Scarcely a Legislature has assembled in this country for years without the presence of forces which demand of our legislators that God's holy day shall be converted into a holiday. Through such influences our own House of Representatives, for example, has engrossed a bill proposing to give towns of 5000 population in Texas the option of regulating Sunday amusements. The commercialized film corporations propose that an opportunity shall be given them to corrupt the towns of Texas by instituting holidays for the Lord's holy day.

Shall history have no voice for us in this crisis of the world? Shall we not learn that neither learning nor wealth nor power have ever afforded a foundation deep enough and broad enough upon which to rear an enduring civilization? Shall not the dead cities and States of the past teach us that pagan ideals have no promise of the future. And the superstructures which are reared upon such ideals, though they reach unto the heavens, shall be brought down to hell!

Dr. Robert E. Jones Speaks For His Race

We introduce to our readers this week Dr. Robert E. Jones, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Dr. Jones was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, February 19, 1872. He was graduated at Bennett College, Greensboro, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1895; in 1898 he received the Master's Degree from the same college. He received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, in 1897. Dr. Jones held pastorates in Lexington, Thomasville and Reidsville, North Carolina, and after holding other important positions was elected editor of the Southwestern in 1904. He is a member of the Joint Commission on Unification and is one of the most distinguished members of his race in this country. Dr. Jones is a credit to the Negro race and no race is to be despised

which can produce so worthy a representative.

His editorial, which we reproduce in this issue, is a reply to Dr. Edward Blake's suggestion that the Negro be organized into one of the jurisdictional conferences in the reorganized Church with limited representation in the General Conference. Dr. Blake even suggested that the Negro remove the supreme obstacle to union by voluntarily surrendering all representation in the supreme law-making body of the reorganized Church. The reply speaks for itself, for Dr. Jones certainly has the merit of having made himself understood.

It is difficult to say whether the distinguished editor is severer upon those who would make racial prejudice the ground of a separate organization for the Negroes or upon those who find such ground in racial

immaturity. For our part, we have never thought that either contention could be justified.

It cannot be justly claimed, we think, that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was actuated by a feeling of racial prejudice in setting up the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. The Central Christian Advocate, in its issue of February 28, eloquently recounts the devotion of the Southern Church to the Negroes. The most remarkable speech in the General Conference of 1844 was a plea in behalf of the Southern Negroes and that plea was made by a member of the Southern Conference, William Capers, afterwards a Bishop in the Southern Church and whose sublimest monument is that he was founder of our mission to the slaves.

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THE PLACE OF OUR UNIVERSITIES IN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF OUR CHURCH.

By Bishop W. A. Candler.

The educational system of our Church would be incomplete without our universities.

Some would have us believe that the Church does not need, should not own, and cannot control an institution of university grade, and they would exclude our Church from the field of university work. It is interesting to note, however, that they do not propose to exclude the Catholic Church from this field or to deny that a State may own and control a university. What infirmity inheres in a Protestant Church which makes it unable to do work allowed to the Catholic Church and undertaken by American States? Is it proposed that in the final line-up the contesting forces in this field shall be Romanism on the one side and secularism on the other?

Just as a State perfects its educational system by placing its university at the head of the system, so the Church needs its universities to complete its educational system. Our Methodist brethren of the Church North have about ten such institutions, among them being universities which rank high among the educational plants of our country. Surely our Church needs at least two—one for the region east of the Mississippi River and one for the region west of the river.

Our universities are necessary to our colleges; for, as the case now stands, our colleges must secure their faculties by engaging men and women who have received their postgraduate courses in Northern or European institutions. We could not adopt a method which would more surely transform our civilization than to build colleges in which the faculties are composed of teachers educated elsewhere than in our own section and trained under influences antagonistic to, or diverse from, our traditions. If there are those who wish to change our Southern type of life, they could hardly devise a better way to do it than to induce us to furnish the money to support colleges in the South while they supply the teachers. By such a process we pay others to change our civilization and conform it to their own.

We should have really great universities in which the best post-graduate work can be done, and in which teachers for the faculties of our colleges can be thoroughly prepared for their work. In the matter of education our Church is at present somewhat like Israel was with respect to agriculture in the days of Saul. We read: "Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel; for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears; but all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his ax, and his mattock." (1 Sam. 13:19, 20.) Can we afford to occupy longer a position so dependent and humiliating?

We must have at least two universities supplied with such libraries, laboratories, etc., that they may furnish instruments and opportunities for research work of the most thorough character. Southern students should have in our own section institutions at which they can make original investigations. We can scarcely hope to adequately equip at any early day more than two educational plants of this character; but we are abundantly able to provide for two without unreasonable delay. The South is prosperous as never before, and our people, during these days of their prosperity, ought to win their educational independence.

At present there is only one astronomical telescope in the South which is worthy to be compared with any of the great instruments which several Northern institutions own. Why should Southern students of astronomy be required to go elsewhere to study God's heavens above them?

This lack of means for the pursuit of the science of astronomy is an example of our educational destitution with reference to other sciences. The laboratories of the South are far from what they ought to be, and we no longer have any excuse for allowing them to remain thus inferior to the laboratories of institutions in other lands and in other sections of our own land.

Our universities should offer also professional courses to all Southern students who desire such advantages. Their schools of theology especially should be strong in their faculties, their libraries, endowments, and sustentation funds. If our Church is to fulfill its mission, it must have a min-

istry "thoroughly furnished unto every good work."

Our universities should have also schools of law and medicine and pedagogy. The last mentioned are of supreme importance. The Southern States are making increasingly large appropriations for the maintenance of the common schools and municipal high schools. But the civil government, under our political system, cannot impart to these schools any religious character whatsoever. Hence it behooves the Church to send forth thoroughly trained teachers, who are filled with the Spirit of Christ, in order that a saving influence may permeate these institutions of the State and thereby prevent them from becoming injurious to both Church and State. The increase of knowledge without a corresponding increase of piety is a perilous experiment to society.

Of course, our universities must and will maintain their collegiate departments; but these should not and will not compete with the colleges of the Church maintained by our Annual Conferences. The collegiate departments of the universities will serve the needs of students resident in the regions near them, as they ought to do. But the emphasis of our universities, when they have been fully equipped, will fall upon their post-graduate and professional schools.

The whole Church should unite in making these schools the equal of any in the land. There need be no fear upon the part of our colleges that they will suffer by reason of anything done for our universities. The colleges of the Churches North have not thus suffered on account of their universities; on the contrary, they have been benefited by the universities. We may confidently expect the same results to follow in the case of our own universities. Indeed, as has been indicated in a previous paragraph of this article, our colleges need our universities, and our whole system of education will be imperfect, and more or less ineffective, until we have at least two really great universities.

Surely among the more than two million members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, there are enough men and women of broad minds and generous hearts who will unite in supplying the funds to enable us to meet this urgent need. Such institutions will require millions of money for endowment and equipment; but it will cost us a great deal more if we fail to make these institutions what they ought to be. Already the South has expended millions of money on the education of its sons and daughters in institutions outside our section. And this financial expenditure is the least part of the loss sustained by us on account of our educational destitution.

To all of this some will say, "Education is not a sectional thing;" and in a sense this is quite true. But educational institutions reflect the spirit and propagate the traditions of the people who found and maintain them. The universities of Scotland are different from the universities of England, and in turn the English universities are different from those of Germany.

The greatness of any country is not promoted by effacing any of its sectional characteristics, but by raising the excellencies of each section to their highest power, and thus enabling each section to make its best contribution to the whole country. The glory of the United Kingdom would not be advanced by making the Irish, Scotch, Welsh, and English all alike; its glory arises from their combined excellencies. In like manner the welfare of our country would not be promoted by Southernizing New England, or New Englandizing the South.

The South has played a great part in the history of our country. The place it has occupied in the national life of the past has been very large and honorable, and it has a mission to the future of not less importance. But this mission cannot be fulfilled unless we make, without delay, our educational institutions equal to those of any other section.

These considerations are emphasized further by the fact that during the last two years the educational center of the world has been shifted to our country. Prior to the war now raging in Europe, the German universities drew to themselves students from all lands; but now these currents of student life have been turned to American institutions. At this moment more than fifty thousand students are attending the colleges and universities of the United States. If all these institutions were thoroughly evangelical in their character, these students would return to their own lands as an irresistible religious force. But, unfortunately, the wealthiest educational establishments in America

are permeated by liberalism. Foreigners coming to our land naturally go to the institutions which bulk most largely in a financial way. It is to be feared that most of the foreign students now in American institutions of learning will imbibe the spirit of liberalism and go forth opposed to evangelical Christianity.

Now, the Christianity of the South is pre-eminently evangelical; and if our evangelical Christianity were defended by strong educational bulwarks our section would be able to do at this time a missionary work of transcendent importance. Our educational institutions would be especially attractive to students from the warm countries of Latin America, Southern Japan, and Southern China.

Alas! how ill prepared are we to meet the vast opportunity which has been brought to us! Is it too late for us to awake to our duty and meet our opportunity?

A REVIEW OF DR. BLAKE'S ARTICLE ON THE UNIFICATION OF AMERICAN METHODISM.

(This utterance appeared in the Southwestern Christian Advocate of February 15, one of the official organs of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was written by Dr. Robert E. Jones, the editor, who is one of the leading colored ministers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a member of the Joint Commission on Unification.)

We could have wished that the discussion of all points of difficulty in the approach to organic union had been delayed for a while. We believe a delay would have been conducive to the movement under way. The subject, however, is now up in all of its phases, and lest there be a crystallization of sentiment which shall jeopardize the interests of one-tenth of the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, it is best that we have a frank discussion. Moreover, the silence on the part of the colored people may be misinterpreted. It certainly may leave room for concluding that we have no set convictions on this whole question of organic union. Without our choosing, and certainly not to our liking, we have been made the crux of the approach to a united Church.

We Desire Union.

We have not encountered among our people, anywhere, sentiment antagonistic to union. We are to the man in favor of a union that would safeguard our self-respect and that which would not require us to relinquish our constitutional rights in the Church and our divine rights in the Kingdom of God. We know at the same time that a union of Methodist forces, North and South, would retard for a half a century or more our progress for full and equal rights within the Church of our choice in America. We constitute one-tenth of the membership of our Church, to which we have given a full measure of loyalty and devotion. We are perfectly willing to stick a peg in our progress and mark time. We are unwilling, however, to make a step backward.

We repeat, we favor union. We need it for what seems to be America's providential program for the world. The moment America breaks the shell of her provincialism she will be ready for world leadership. America has been growing during the recent years for this task. Not many years ago the United States presented in its statistics the Chinese, Japanese, and Negro peoples, under our flag, under the general heading of "Colored." Japan forced the issue and has become "white," without raising the social question or the question of the intermixture of the races. America cannot be the schoolmaster of the world with its narrow and self-conceited prejudices. We cannot teach France religion if we withhold the right hand of fellowship from any race. France has in her army today six hundred thousand Negro soldiers, some of whom wear shoulder straps. We need a union of Methodist forces for the sake of Methodism's world-wide program. We think we comprehend all the fundamental reasons for union, but we want a Church "of the people, for the people, and by the people." We are absolutely sure that there will be a reunion of the Methodist forces; if not today, tomorrow.

An Important Contribution.

Dr. Blake's address is an important contribution to the discussion of the question of organic union in that it frankly approaches nearly all the difficulties involved. It is unusually clear. The propositions are all in the open. It is an able address and coming as it does from one of the foremost men of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a recognized leader, a member of four General Conferences, the Correspond-

ing Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools and a member of the Joint Commission on the Unification of American Methodism—it is of unusual significance. We propose to be as frank as Dr. Blake has been, for we shall not approach anything like a satisfactory and permanent agreement if we are not frank.

Slavery a Memory.

In the discussion of preliminary facts, Dr. Blake calls attention to the fact, which we should never forget, that the Churches were once one. He further says that "the issue that divided the Church has disappeared, slavery having been dead for half a century and there is nothing to divide the present generation of Methodists but a memory." There is a controversy as to whether the Church was divided on slavery. But we accept the inference of Dr. Blake that it was. Slavery is dead and the white and the colored people have made great progress, for which we are devoutly thankful. But slavery has many lineal, legitimate and logical descendants (or fruits), the family marks of which are so plain that they cannot be denied. The legitimate heirs of slavery insist on destroying the fundamental principles of freedom as applied to the Negro, hence we have many phases of the old question that are just as entangling and difficult as was slavery. The position and condition of the Negro and the attitude toward him in slavery was logical and in the code of slavery was correct. But the position and condition of the Negro and the attitude toward him in freedom (in a democracy, shall we say in a Christian (?) democracy (?) is not correct. Slavery may be a memory but its fruits of disfranchisement, segregation, lack of school facilities, lynching, intimidation, unfair court decisions, aloofness on the part of the Christian Church and the like, fearfully remind us of the once reigning king. Slavery and its relation to the Negro was logical. It segregated him and kept him in his place and reduced him to chattel and disavowed that he was a man. But this same position cannot obtain in the days of freedom—in a wide-open democracy. Here is where the trouble comes in. Oh, for a leader of the Lincoln type who is big enough and brave enough to treat the Negro fair and at the same time preserve every legitimate claim of civilization, North and South!

A World Church.

Dr. Blake, in his address, says that he does not "want to see the time come when the Methodist Episcopal Church shall cease to be a world enterprise;" that it was a mistake to grant the Japanese an independent relation. We have not been able to reconcile the contention for a world-Church and the methods suggested for operating the world-Church. Is it to be, according to Dr. Blake's plan, a world-Church in which all races of the world shall participate, or is it to be a white Church of America, controlling religious affairs of that part of the world that wills to come under? Is this the Church seeking ecclesiastical world imperialism? If so, it is a peril. We are heartily in favor of a world-Church, a Church that is big enough to include all the world. Not a Church to govern the world, but to include the world. The biggest part of the world today is not the white part of it; it is the colored part of it. The colored part is not the biggest in intelligence, in leadership, and in constructive force, but it is the biggest part in numbers, in souls to be saved and in the opportunities for the extension of the Kingdom. If there is any blame to be attached, and if there is any embarrassment because of the existence of so many colored peoples, who are objectionable to the white minority, do not blame these poor people who are not responsible for their presence in the world; blame the Creator of men. He made them.

Discusses Colored Men's Relations Frankly.

Dr. Blake admits that "the colored membership is as much a part of the Methodist Episcopal Church as any group of our membership and possesses the same rights and privileges." It is the irresistible logic of this fact that brings on the difficulty. The Doctor is opposed to an independent relation of the Negro because he is incapable of handling large financial problems. He must not forget that the Negroes have \$55,000,000 invested in church property, all of which was accumulated and is securely handled by the colored people except the percentage held in trust by the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Negroes control and manage four or five denominations that carry forward large educational programs and foreign missionary work in various parts of the

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world. Next to our own story of the development of a Book Concern stands the building of the National Baptist Publishing House at Nashville, Tennessee, the result of the constructive leadership of a Negro. We simply throw this in parenthetically because Dr. Blake pulls down so hard upon "racial immaturity." He says in discussing our representation on a parity in the General Conference that many friends think that it was the greatest blunder the Government ever made in dealing with the Negro when it enfranchised him. There was no mistake at all in enfranchising the Negro. Mistakes were made during the reconstruction period, but the mistakes were not because the Negro was enfranchised. Had he not been enfranchised at that time, we would have written caste in the American Constitution and it would have been years before the Negro would have been made a citizen. The Doctor says it is doubtful if the Church, facing the question, would now give the Negro full representation in the General Conference. It would do so or it would have no Negroes in the Church. Doctor Blake favors the holding of the Negro in the Methodist Episcopal Church, but he would not grant him parity representation in the General Conference. He would have him have some such relation as would be accorded to the foreign conferences. He puts the foreign membership and the Negro membership in this country on the same basis. He says the reasons for not giving the foreign conferences the same ratio of representation as the white American conferences are, first, "The limited membership," and second, "The cost is practically prohibitive." There is no doubt that the Negro membership would be as large as one or more of the proposed Regional Conferences. On the matter of expense, it costs the Church \$33,050 to bring 56 foreign delegates to the General Conference. Toward meeting this expense the foreign conferences contributed \$2887.93. It cost the Church approximately \$10,000 to bring to the General Conference at Saratoga Springs 90 Negro delegates and toward this amount these Negro conferences contributed \$6734.55. Both in numbers and the matter of cost, the comparison falls flat. The Negro is a part of the home Church. We are beneficiaries, it is true. So are a number of other conferences beneficiaries. We spend as much on our white conferences in the South as is spent on the Negro conferences. Would we offer them the same relation as is now proposed for the Negro? We are sending missionary money to New England. Would we reduce its representation in proportion to the money we are sending into that section?

A Suggested Solution.

Dr. Blake suggests a little speech for the Negro to commit to memory, rise before the Church, make a very low bow (it would be better if on his knees), declaim the speech, make another bow and take his seat. This is the speech: "We recognize the embarrassment in the way of the union of the two Methodisms and we are willing to do our part to relieve it. We do not want to leave the Church. We want to remain a part of it. But, brethren, give us a Regional Conference of our own, with the same powers as other Regional Conferences. Let us elect our own Bishops and control our own local affairs, as other Regional Conferences do. Give us a representation upon the Connectional Boards and societies of the Church, safeguard our powers and privileges by constitutional provision, and we will not ask to sit in your General Conference to legislate for you."

We might just as well be frank. We will do no such thing, not until the crack of doom. Dr. Blake says if we make this speech (Negro graphophone) the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, would rise up and call us blessed. We would not want the blessing of a Church that would accept such an attitude, much less a Church that would demand it. But what of our children? They would curse the ground upon which we walked and disown our name. For us to surrender our right in the General Conference and then to permit others to transact such business for us as Dr. Blake proposes for the General Conference would certainly make us unworthy of a place in the General Conference. The Doctor should have gone one step further and asked us to relinquish our right to vote on all questions which would be sent down by the General Conference for approval or for non-approval by the Lay Electoral Conferences and the Annual Conferences. This would be surrender, gone mad. Abraham Lincoln once said: "No man is good enough to govern

another man without the other man's consent." And then, too, we would reluctantly place all our interests in the hands of another race. However good their intent may be, we are too familiar with the attitude of the strong nations of Europe toward the weaker, for this.

But all too much is being made of the legislative power of the proposed reorganized Church. In the General Conference of the reorganized Church we will not legislate upon civic, political or social matters. We will legislate purely upon things spiritual, things that concern the Kingdom of God. If the gospel cannot bring us to this, can it ultimately save the world?

Moreover, the reorganized Church cannot lag behind the Ecumenical Conference, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ, the Congregational Churches of America, the Southern Sociological Congress and a dozen other movements we might mention. The Negro enjoys membership in these bodies on a parity with any other race.

Is This a Threat?

If we make the little speech which Dr. Blake has composed for us, he says the Church will give large sums of money for our schools, our Churches and our ministry such as never have been known before. We have a very fine example of what a Church will do for a people when they are isolated in the actual contributions of the Church, South, to their foster child, the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. It is not human nature to provide for dependents when they are far removed. While we are devoutly grateful for all that the Church has done and is doing for the uplift of our people, and whatever the future may hold for us, we will always love her for past favors—nevertheless, the offer of positions and monetary considerations give us no concern. These are not of sufficient consequence to cause us to surrender our manhood. Dr. Blake says if we do not make the speech and "unification fails, the effect upon the Negro and his interests in the Church will be most unfortunate." He reiterates this statement, saying: "If the union should now fail because of the presence of the colored membership, it would mean a severe blow to their interests in the Methodist Episcopal Church." This leads us to say that there are two kinds of philanthropy, one that is given with the hope of developing those we seek to help in the largest possible way; the other is a species of bribery or slavery that develops weaklings and often reminds the beneficiary that "you wear our collar and, therefore, you must do as we suggest." The latter method of helping the Negro is the way of some of our would-be friends, and in this way they are continually sapping the manhood out of the race, and they are the first to shout "immature race" and "baby race." The method forces an almost impossible task on the leaders of the race to bring the rank and file up to real manhood. But back to the point. If our interests are to be threatened, if the helping hand of a strong brother is to be withdrawn, if we are to sell ourselves, the sooner we know it the better. The great Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation once, which was later ratified by two-thirds of the Union, that made it forever impossible for any man or set of men to purchase other men. The Negro is not on the auction block. He is not for sale. He cannot be bought.

The Question in the Large.

We will vote for every proposition for organic union that does not seek to destroy manhood rights and then we will leave it to history as to who is responsible for the failure of unification. In God's name, we sincerely trust that there will be no defeat, but that there shall be an early cementing of our great American Methodism. The Negro must not be asked to give up all. There are others who could give up some of their prejudices and then it would not be necessary for any one to give up manhood rights.

This is a large question. Dealing with supreme courts and Regional Conferences is an entirely different matter from that of dealing with a segment of humanity. Supreme courts and Regional Conferences are human contrivances, to be altered, set aside, abolished as human needs demand. They have no soul to save; no God-given rights to protect. The greatest difficulty in the way of union admittedly is the Negro, but unfortunately, this great difficulty cannot easily be brushed aside. This difficulty is a human being, God-made, God-placed, God-owned, with certain inalienable rights in our common country and in the world and most of all in the Church of Jesus Christ. We can revise courts and conferences to suit

our whims, our social prejudices, but we cannot reverse human rights "to suit." If the question of the comfort and convenience of the 350,000 Negroes in the Methodist Episcopal Church were alone involved it would be an entirely different matter. We are a part of a race that is contending for a status in this nation and in the world. As the Methodist Episcopal Church goes, so will go the nation. As the American nation goes, so will the world go. The eyes of the world are upon the 350,000 Negroes in the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have been placed in this critical and strategic position through no planning of their own. The serious situation of today, they did not make it and it is not of their choice. But for them to surrender now is to bring the condemnation of their kith and kin in this country and throughout the world. If the Negroes in the Methodist Episcopal Church lowered their status it might be a small matter, but by so doing they would lower the status of other races similarly situated throughout the world. Shall they do it?

The world is watching America and American Methodism. To quote the words of the late Booker T. Washington, that master of his time in race relationship: "The whole world is looking to the United States to set the example in the solution of racial problems so far as concerns the relationship between black man and white man. There is scarcely a country in Europe that in some way is not concerned with the destiny of the black, brown, or yellow people. This is especially true regarding black races in Africa. These European countries are studying our policy toward black people in the United States, and what is done here in a very large degree is likely to influence the treatment of our race throughout the world."

The Rights of the Kingdom.

Dr. Blake, in his closing remarks, asks the question: "After all, are not personal rights greater than the interests of a race? Has not the Kingdom of Christ rights also?" This query is something of a blasphemy on the Kingdom of Christ. Is the Kingdom of Christ to be lily white? And are we to write over the door of the Kingdom, "For whites only?" That is not an unfamiliar sign to the writer. We have seen it frequently. We have opposed lily whiteness in other matters and why should we not oppose lily whiteness in the Church? If this propaganda succeeds we ought to label our Bible "For whites only," and then we somehow think our Christ would hurry up his second coming to earth to drive into shame those who misinterpreted both his Spirit and his Word. He would have us be brethren. He would have us be one. For there is no respect of persons in the Kingdom of Christ.

MEXICAN DAY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Rev. F. S. Onderdonk.

The Church at large has come to realize the importance of the work among the Mexican people of Texas. The latest statistics place these people at about six hundred thousand, with more than eighty thousand children of school age. The vast majority of these are as much a fixture here as are the American-born citizens. Furthermore, they are a necessity now.

The authorities of the Church have set apart Sunday, March 25, as Mexican Day in the Sunday Schools. Some of the Conference Secretaries of Missions are pushing this work. I have been asked for further information regarding the purpose of this special. Our greatest need at present is an increase in our ministerial forces. God is calling our young men to the work, but we have had no way to educate these. A beginning has been made. We have purchased the Marshall Training School property in San Antonio, and this gives us ample facilities for general educational purposes and more especially for educating our preacher boys.

What we must have for this work is money. We calculate that a scholarship of \$75 will carry a boy through the year so far as actual cost of living is concerned. Then we must have money for paying our teachers, etc. The boys will work their way through as far as this help may be secured, but it will be limited. I suggest that those who have a mind to help at this critical time communicate with Dr. Jno. M. Moore, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee, regarding the matter. This is our supreme opportunity and we must take advantage of it.

The Puffed Wheat Hour



With some it comes at breakfast. These toasted titbits are served with sugar and cream, or mixed with any fruit.

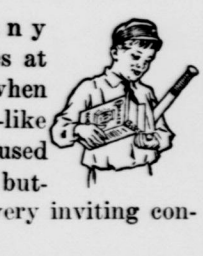
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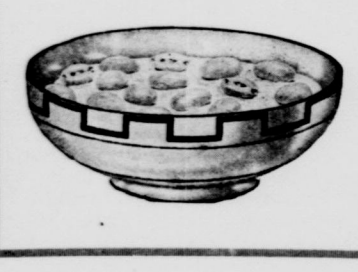


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Notes From the Field

BUENA VISTA.

Our parsonage burned here on the morning of February 28. Nearly a total loss. Rev. Douglas lost all his personal property. Hard blow for us, as we just had it about paid for. We will build again at once. Can't some of our better charges in New Mexico Conference help us? Pray for us.—Rev. Argus Hamilton, L. P.

PATTONVILLE.

I am now at this place with Rev. A. P. Hightower in a revival. Quite a number have professed conversion and we have had some shouts in the camp, but it has rained us out for several days now and the snow came, and this black land is mighty muddy today. Yet we hope to see many more saved before we close out. God is good and I am still happy in his love. To him be all praise forever.—W. H. Brown.

VALLIANT, OKLA.

We are engaged in what promises to be one of the most far-reaching revivals in the history of Valliant. Quite a number of professions, and we are expecting great things this week. Rev. W. M. Grose is the popular pastor. Evangelist Mike A. Cassidy, of Ada, Ok., is leading in the revival campaign. He's strong, safe and sane. I never knew him to fail to "deliver the goods," and there's nothing shoddy about "the goods" either.—Geo. P. Bledsoe, Singer.

ALVIN.

We began our work here, praying for a great revival. We are glad to report that on the first Sunday in April we will begin our revival meeting. We have secured Rev. E. N. Parrish for the meeting. He is the greatest in the land. Our work here is progressing. Congregations are large, and every interest of the Church is progressing. The conference collections are more than provided for, and being paid now. Our Church has a fine opportunity here to go forward. We are abundantly able and should occupy the land. We shall spend the entire month of March planning, praying and preparing for a great meeting. Brethren, pray for us.—C. M. Myers, March 2.

HOLDENVILLE, OKLA.

A great revival meeting is in progress in Holdenville under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. D. H. Aston. The meeting is now entering upon its fourth week and will continue indefinitely. Bro. Aston is a strong preacher, scholarly, cultured, refined and yet he is simple in the delivery of his sermons, being easily understood by all of his hearers. He is also courageous and fearless. He makes no compromises with sin. His two sermons on Repentance were the best we ever heard on that subject. As a result things are happening in the Church here. The membership has been greatly revived, also some twenty-five or thirty conversions. God is undoubtedly leading in this meeting. We are expecting a great ingathering of souls before it closes.—A. T. Winn.

BRITTON CIRCUIT.

Horace Bishop ranks with the best. Well, last Saturday, March 3, was the day our presiding elder was to come and hold our second Quarterly Conference, but the weather was so rainy and the roads so muddy no one could come out. On Saturday morning the presiding elder called us over the phone and said: "I will come up Sunday morning and preach for you." This we agreed to. Sunday morning about the break of day we raised our window shade, looked out and discovered the ground was covered with snow. We just covered our heads and said: "No elder today." But he arrived on the 9:50 train and said: "Are you ready to go?" We replied promptly: "Yes, sir." After he had warmed a few minutes we made a dash across the country. We had present two men, one lady and six children. I just wondered what the man of God would preach about on such an occasion. He began and talked one hour on the "Power of Christ." After he had finished his discourse I said if that had been me I don't know whether I could have preached at all under such circumstances. After eating dinner with one of our loyal members we started for home. The north wind whistled around the corners of the hills, cutting our noses as if it were right off of an iceberg. As we rode along I looked at that man's hands and they



MISSIONARY COMMITTEE, PILOT POINT STATION. REV. E. V. COLE, PASTOR.

Rev. E. V. Cole, our efficient pastor at Pilot Point, Texas, broke the record when, on January 24, he sent to the Teller of the North Texas Conference a check for \$463. This paid in full all the conference assessments made against Pilot Point Station for the year 1917. No wonder he accomplished this great feat, for he had behind him the above Missionary Committee, who collected the entire amount. They are: Sitting (left to right)—G. Fisk, L. Cecil, Dr. W. E. Atkins. Standing (left to right)—J. R. Luck, P. E. Blake. Why should not strong laymen like these throughout our Methodism catch the same spirit?

showed the marks of many years of toil. I then viewed his face, which showed the marks of many summers. I then cast my eyes on his hair, which has become gray from age. Then as I studied his character, what I heard him say a few months ago came to my memory. He said: "I have gone through life without a college degree." I then thought of an article I read in the Advocate a few months ago about his degree. I just said to myself: "It don't take A. B. Ph.D. and D.D. degrees to make a preacher. It takes grit and the love for God and man. As I sat in my study, thinking over all this and how good my Church had been to me, I just wished I could be a good and useful man. We have got one of the very best presiding elders, and he won't disappoint you no way.—G. G. Mitcheell, P. C.

CHANNING.

A long time resident of Channing rejoices in being able to report religious matters at high water mark for this little town. Faithful preaching for many years, personal afflictions, business reverses in some instances, have had a very marked effect upon the spirit of our people. They are turning to God as never before. Yesterday full houses greeted the pastor, Rev. W. H. Strong, and for the first time since I have been in the West I saw men go forward at a regular preaching service, asking the prayers of the people. At Sunday School fifty-four were present with no special effort being exerted. A very fine religious spirit pervaded as we worshiped God. An Epworth League moves on without friction or any forced pushing. The collections for the support of the ministry are up to date. One class in the Sabbath School contributed \$43 in its regular penny offerings for the year. May the kingdom keep spreading in our midst!—J. R. Mood, P. C.

CROSBY AND MONT BELVIEU.

We are coming to the front. Our presiding elder's first official visit to us was an inspiration, both because of his good sermons and his wise counsel. At a Quarterly Conference at another point he was heard to make a remark very complimentary to the enterprising spirit of our folks. It was a compliment which, taking into consideration his habitual deliberate thought before his every speech, may well be gratifying to them. No preacher ever found among his congregation a more princely people than we have found. Hospitality still has her doors wide open. We spend first and third Sundays at Mont Belvieu, where we find some very appreciative people, and certainly a very much appreciated people. They are now getting up money with which to pay for a splendid new church organ that we shall put in right away. Crosby is putting two double airoilites, which light up the church beautifully. We have paid off the \$167 indebtedness on the one-year-old six-room bungalow, parsonage which we found upon our arrival. Our people seem to have an eye to making their preacher comfortable. No organized pounding met us at the door, but they do it in a way quite as well to our liking—a continuous dropping in of good things. Then no good preacher would object to a three hundred dollar raise in the assessment. I use the word assessment significantly, because of its local ap-

plication, because of the meaning our folks here have given it. Crosby and Mont Belvieu vied with each other in their liberal assessment of themselves this year. We had O. W. Hooper with us at Crosby in a week's meeting which closed Sunday night, February 25. God blessed the word and made our Church here responsible for the spiritual life of twenty more souls. Four of these were adults who had previously authorized the pastor to get their Church letters. The remaining fourteen came in on profession of faith. Two others (children) presented themselves for membership in the Baptist Church. The people gladly responded to an opportunity to pay the evangelist. Their response was characteristic. I know something else but I shall keep it to myself, lest some of you preachers should take the presiding elder to one side and begin whispering in his ear. I would not have that happen for anything.—J. C. Lanier, P. C.

CRAFTON.

We are told that it has been quite awhile since Crafton has been heard from through the Advocate and we write to let you know we are still "on the map." Of course the preachers know how we felt when we were read out to Crafton, it being our first appointment, but you don't know how we felt when upon arriving we found so many good people, better people are hard to find, and in the language of the old German, "I am glad I was to Crafton sent." Everything is moving along nicely and if there is any friction we have not found it. Have four Sunday Schools, three midweek prayer meetings, one Epworth League with twenty-five charter members and will organize another one next Sunday. At our service at Crafton last Wednesday night we had an old-fashioned Methodist prayer meeting. We are trying to increase the circulation of the Advocate in our charge and extend to Dr. Bradford an invitation to visit us at any time. We are looking forward to a great year; are working toward it, are praying for it, are expecting it. Pray for us.—Robert H. Jarrell, P. C.

TEXHOMA, OKLA.

Methodism out in "No-Man's-Land" is not dead, but very much alive. We have been very busy since moving here last November and so has the devil, but we feel that we have grounds for rejoicing. First, our good people have been very kind to us. Neither have they forgotten a material manifestation of such kindness. A generous pounding and an hour of good-fellowship came the first week, with fifty present. Next came a beautiful set of dishes to the parsonage and a nice suit of clothes for the "Parson." Our good country folks have been pounding us all the year—fresh meats, Christmas turkey, real separated cow-cream (by the quart) and—well, we are living high. "Nuff sed." Another asset that we are proud of is our big, new presiding elder, who has already made good so far as Texhoma is concerned. A six-room parsonage has been bought recently, ninety dollar's worth of furniture bought and paid for since conference, 97 per cent of conference collections subscribed, and more than 50 per cent in hands of teller. A Junior League starts off encouragingly and the Senior League, with new officers, has a bright outlook. The Sunday School has an aver-

age attendance of about 100 and is doing real Christian work. The W. M. Society is a spiritual force that is really being felt in the town. Our prayer-meeting now has an attendance of from twenty to thirty, even with the cold and the snow. Have received thirteen into the Church since conference. We have just closed a week's meeting at a country schoolhouse, where Rev. R. E. Meigs did the preaching. Had a great revival in the Church. Bro. Meigs is one of the most consecrated characters I have ever met. He did both the pastor and people untold good. Our prayers shall follow him in his work. Our revival will begin here Sunday, March 11. The pastor will do the preaching, while Bro. J. H. Bridges, of Grandfield, Oklahoma, will lead the singing. If you are interested in the souls of men pray for us. I covet an interest in your secret devotions, for truly we are battling against the "Powers of Darkness."—T. Edgar Neal, Pastor.

MARATHON.

Marathon is an appointment on the Fort Davis charge in the New Mexico Conference, and we want the world to know that we are waking up. Sixteen months ago Rev. J. W. Campbell was sent to us as a pastor and he found us spiritually dead, our Church in debt, our people discouraged and this field an unpromising one. Today our church is paid for and has been dedicated, our membership is growing and our congregations are the largest we have ever had in this town. We have our finances on the budget plan and every month the money comes easily. No trouble to raise the finances with Brother Campbell as our leader. To date we have paid in full every dollar assessed against us. Bro. Campbell is a fine preacher and his sermons are not only instructive, but spiritual also. He is a good business man, and under his leadership we are hoping to be able to have a resident minister and take half time instead of having but one Sunday each month as at present. We are thankful for what has been accomplished during the past sixteen months and we feel sure there are good things ahead for us.—Miss Kate Blakey.

CEMENT (OKLA.) REVIVAL A SUCCESS.

For the first time in ten years the devil was stretched for the count of nine. Conversions and reclamations in the altar of straw under a large tent, which at times failed to accommodate the crowds. Facing blinding snow storms and blizzards they kept coming. The evangelist was as much at home with his beautiful heart-melting solos and sermons in a pool hall as in the pulpit. Often the pool halls would close up and attend services. Infidels, bootleggers, gamblers and all classes attended the meeting. One old skeptic who always took a front seat boasted that he would stay the meeting out, but left weeping, and wouldn't come back. No man can hit harder than Bro. Bowden, yet his blows are backed up with his tears. Families erected family altars. At the close of the meeting Bro. Bowden raised a purse of \$70 in cash and subscription for pastor; he also raised \$50 additional and paid for a new typewriter and at the tabernacle presented it to the pastor. Many joined different Churches, and others will come in. Bro. Bowden, with his tears, prayers and sermons did some fine work. He is ripe for heaven and a blessing to any meeting.—L. D. Hawkins, P. C.

DUMAS.

Well, after some months of watchful waiting, I will write a few lines to the dear old Advocate. We are moving along very well on the Dumas charge. We have as fine a class of people as I have ever known. We have three organized Churches and a Methodist Sunday School at each place. One of the schools is supporting a missionary in China, another one is educating a Chinese boy, and the other is educating a young lady to go as a missionary to China and my Missionary Society is supporting a boy in our Methodist Orphanage at Waco. I doubt if there is another charge in the conference that equals the Dumas charge in its missionary spirit. We have been most kindly received and the pounding has never ceased since our arrival. We are glad to have the privilege of serving such a noble people. Yet it is nothing new to me to find good people here. I find them everywhere I go, for I try to always see the best there is in men—men that are men are not machines. I do not know men as such, but I know them as the handywork of God and that is the

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AS I WAS ABOUT TO SAY.

We were returned to the Mt. Calm charge and were glad. Were pounded more abundantly than ever before, our salary (or support) raised \$200 above last year and are glad again. Now as I was going to say, if we just had enough men in our rural districts, as good as the ones we have, the rural problem would be solved. The majority of our country preachers are strong men in every respect. What has become of the old-fashioned preacher who yelled as loud as he could in preaching a funeral sermon? Some of our brethren think that there is too much difference in the amount of money received by preachers. May be so, but I don't know of any way on earth to change the plan. Water finds its level unless a force pump is used, and as a rule preachers get their dues. I knew seven boys who grew up with equal opportunities, and in the beginning they seemed to be about equal in intelligence. One of them became a fine business man, another a splendid lawyer, another just an ordinary preacher, two of them doctors, one of them was elected Constable and the last I heard of the other one he had put up a little tent down on a creek and was trapping for mud turtles and possums. Lawson James says he don't think it's right to serve yourself at an airship, automobile and self-binder rate, while we try to serve the Lord at an ox wagon, bull tongue plow and home-made tobacco rate. "The King's business requireth haste." The Lord wants his people to be a peculiar people. Does he mean that we should be peculiar in the kind of clothes we wear? When I was a small boy I knew a good old preacher who seemed to think that there was a vital relation between grease and grace, or rags and righteousness. Are you planning for a spring meeting? We are going to have one in April. There is one thing about those fellows who sleep while we are preaching—it shows that they have a clear conscience. About our spring meetings, you know I just believe in them. During our meeting last year it was while working, praying and preaching that our soul went up the shining way and stood face to face with God. O to live with the Savior, it will form character as sublime and lofty as the stars under which our precious children play at night. A great many people know about Jesus but the main thing is to know him. To know him is to love him, and to live with him is to love him supremely.—W. T. Kinslow, P. C.

VINITA DISTRICT.

We have just closed our first round of Quarterly Conferences. With little exception the preachers are in favor with their people and we have promise of a successful year. Not only the stewards but the leaders of the various departments of the Church have attended the conferences and represented their needs and work. With only three or four exceptions we have had from ten to fifty visitors in attendance at the business sessions. We are making our quarterly meetings times of prayer and spiritual communion with God. During the round we have baptized some children, had several additions to the Church and have had eighteen conversions. There is one cause for constant sorrow: Many of our preachers receive such a meager support that they can neither be happy nor as useful as they would like to be. They are always embarrassed and never, under such circumstances, will they be able to render full service to the Church. This is true not only of this but of many of our districts. Here and now I wish to make a plea for the underpaid preachers. If the people of any community would wake up and divide among them the necessary amount to support a preacher well the burden would not fall heavy on any one person and the well-paid preacher could render a service that would feed the spiritual nature of the people and result in temporal blessings worth many times the keep of their preacher. We think our Church at Ketchum will be dedicated by the first Sunday in May. Our people are building a nice church

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WAYNESVILLE, MO.

The Rev. Sam S. Holcomb, of Ada, Okla., one of our evangelists, has just closed a splendid meeting here in my Church. My Official Board highly endorses this brother and his methods of conducting revivals. He has a very pleasing way of presenting the gospel, a thorough Bible student, a commanding memory of the Scriptures, full of illustrations, quotations from the Word; he is efficient and effective; above all, Spirit-filled, a real pastor's friend. I commend this brother to any pastor desiring efficient help for spring or summer meetings. He has a few open dates. Write him.—Mil- lard S. Sockley, P. C.

BROOKSTON AND HIGH.

As there has been nothing written from this charge since conference thought I would write to let you know that we are still here, and that might be the biggest thing that could be said for us. We are serving our second year on this charge and we have some of the best people on earth here and then some of the other sort. The people seemed to be glad of our return and, in token of that fact, raised the salary from \$800 to \$1000. The Church has made advancement along all lines during the fifteen months we have been here. Had splendid revivals last year; received about eighty into the Church on profession of faith. Our Sunday Schools have held up remarkably well through the winter months considering an epidemic of measles and pneumonia. The Sunday School attendance is larger all the time than our Church membership. We have raised and sent to the Orphanage nearly nine times as much this year as the year before last—\$84.50. We think that does pretty well for a country charge. We are starting a campaign now to secure all our conference collections. Did some one say pounding? Well, I reckon they did. They have been at it ever since conference in the usual and the unusual way. A good lady just the other day brought a fourth pound ham, but I don't want Dr. Alderson to know it; he can eat more ham than any man I ever saw. There are not as many of my people taking the Advocate as ought and as I think shall be soon. I want it in every Methodist home on my work. Brethren, pray for us that we may glorify the name of our Master and bring many to Christ this year.—H. B. Chambers, P. C.

BROOKSHIRE AND PATTERSON.

Just a few words of the many good things that ought to be said about this fine little charge, one of the best in the conference of its size. Two half-time places three miles apart. This is a beautiful prairie country, dotted here and there with lanes and groves of post oak. We have an excellent climate and splendid water. Brookshire is on the noted Katy Flyer line, thirty-six miles west of Houston. Patterson is three miles off the railroad. Both are small towns of about five hundred white population each, giving Brookshire the advantage by a few. Our work, however, extends into the country and includes about two thousand people. We are serving our second year on this work. These are good folk, some of the best we ever knew. The membership of our Church is surprisingly small. We found a membership role of three hundred and thirty at the two places, with a few death marks and a few removals. We, how-

Decision Day And Easter

DECISION DAY, Sunday, April 1st (Palm Sunday), will be generally observed. A successful Decision Day depends upon careful preparation in advance.

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ever, have been able to find only one hundred and eight of this large number. To this number we have been able to add sixty. Now, with a membership of less than two hundred on a work with more than two thousand people, many of whom are not members of any Church, is a sad condemning report. Our meeting at Patterson last year was a gratifying success. We yielded to the people's demand that the pastor do the preaching, and the people responded to our call for help. God graciously blessed our efforts, and to him and the people we give the praise and credit for the results, which were a general revival of the membership and the adding of twenty-five to the membership. Our meeting at Brookshire was indeed a revival, the kind in which good seed are sown and then a continued reaping of the harvest. Brother J. W. Cullen did the preaching, and it was good preaching; the people said it was. We were all lifted to a higher plane of living by Brother Cullen's deep spiritual persuasion. We were hindered in our work very much by sickness in our immediate family, and also father's family in Ruston, La., so much so that we would have failed but for the faithfulness of the Church. With their help we were able to keep both of the Sunday Schools and both of the prayer meetings going. From these we have gotten much help. It was not that we were out of the pulpit so much, but that we were unable to visit our people that hurt us most, but the people waited patiently with love and sympathy. Pounding? Yes, a continual dropping from the fountain of choice eats blessed our table and gladdened our hearts. From both places they brought us many, many tokens of kindness, love and appreciation. I wish we could mention them with the giver separately, but they are too many. When our family was sick and we needed help, our people proved friends indeed. They came, not only the members of our Church, but many others with them, and did work at the parsonage that they never thought of doing at home, such as ironing, cooking, cleaning house, in fact, anything that needed to be done. Often different ones would slip into the dining room about noon with a hot, steaming roasted chicken and all the other things to go with it, to take the place of the little cold lunch we had prepared to eat. Such things not only satisfy the physical hunger, but fill the heart and soul of a man. Some came and gave their entire time to our needs. Forget them and these acts of kindness, no! They hold a sacred place in our memory. The end of the conference year came. Our last Quarterly Conference was held. Our presiding elder, Bro. Thomas, said it was one of the best he ever saw. There was six hundred and forty dollars in cash represented. The house was half full of people, and we reported everything out in full. It was our good fortune to hear the folks ask the presiding elder to please send us back for another year. Then, without a promise, the men raised at Patterson \$25 to pay for us a suit to wear to conference and on their work this another year. Well, our good Bishop

McCoy and his Cabinet saw fit to let us come back. We were anxious to come and were indeed glad when they said we could. Not only because the people had been so good, but because we wanted to try to give such a deserving people better service than we had. You know how one feels when he feels like he wants to try it over. Well, that was us. We were very pleasantly met and kindly received back by all. And were soon settled down to work. We had Brother Harbin with us in a two weeks' meeting that was of much help to us in the starting off for the new year. Brother Harbin is fine help. He is a good preacher. His illustrative ability is wonderful. His soul-stirring message is made simple and interesting by this valuable gift. On January 1 we were called to Ruston, La., where
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WHERE THE DAY IS LONGER.

Every earnest man is subject at times to moods of depression caused by the fact that he has not had time or opportunity enough to finish certain attractive and important tasks which, it seems to him, he simply must perform. There is that unwritten book, that unmade tour of visitation, that unfinished course of study, those unread volumes, that painting for which the outline only has been sketched, that summer cottage not yet finished, that field not yet sown—how many and how tantalizing are these hauntings of melancholy suggested by the unachievable plans of life! But mingled with this feeling of depression there comes to a Christian believer the consoling thought that in the next world he may complete the unfinished tasks of this life. There in eternity he will find time for perfecting action, and be brave enough to do and dare all duties. A hint of this is given in the familiar song:

"Somewhere the day is longer,
Somewhere the task is done;
Somewhere the heart is stronger,
Somewhere the guerdon won."

God never meant that any human life should run its entire course and be fully glorified in this world. This life is probation, introduction, experiment, and a moral training school. Here the great choices are made, the big plans laid, and the far goals are sighted—the consummation of human history, and the glorious rounding out of the cycle of human effort, lies in the blessed beyond.—Zion's Herald.

STRIKE DEEP TO SOAR ALOFT.

There is a phrase occurring in the good old Book of Isaiah which is very helpfully suggestive, since it speaks of "taking root downward and bearing fruit upward." The way to grow is to grip—the path to power is often a subway. The root must strike down in order that the stem may rise upward, and the branches finally bend beneath the weight of the waving fruit. The soul of a Christian man must grip the elemental spiritual forces of the world, must join on vitally to the person and word of Jesus, if it would develop and enlarge and fructify, as a tree full of sap and a bearer of the finest intellectual and spiritual fruit. Many so-called Christians wither away, in times of persecution, or when surrounded by the hot airs of worldliness, because they have no deep rootage. Soon their inner life evaporates under the scorching sun of prosperity, or, when the storms of temptation beat upon them, they are easily overthrown. Bear fruit upward by taking root downward.—Zion's Herald.

OUR TRUST IN GOD.

What a vast portion of our lives is spent in anxious and useless forebodings concerning the future, either our own or that of our dear ones. Present blessings slip by, and we miss half their sweet flavor, and all for want of faith in him who provides for the tiniest insect in the sunbeam. O, when shall we learn the sweet trust in God that our little children teach us every day by their confiding faith in us? We, who are so mutable, so faulty, so irritable, so unjust; and he, who is so watchful, so pitiful, so loving, so forgiving! Why cannot we, slipping our hand in his each day, walk trustingly over that day's appointed path, thorny or flowery, crooked or straight, knowing that evening will bring us sleep, peace and home?—Phillips Brooks.

ARE YOU A BORE?

Do you monopolize the conversation wherever you go with a breathless account of your own affairs?
Do you live over some trip you have taken with a friend until those around you never want to visit the regions you discuss?
Do you tell pointless jokes?
Do you talk round and round a subject before you finally get up to the point you want to emphasize?
Do you interrupt another's conversation with "That reminds me"—or "By the way"—
Do you insist on pointing out every place of interest, which is interesting to you, but not to a stranger?
Do you talk about mutual acquaintances and then ask your hearer's opinion upon them?
Do you chatter on for the sake of filling up a silence?
Do you take delight in explaining the why, wherefore, and when of

something in which your companion may take slight interest?

Do you fill up conversation with stories of people whom your audience does not know, never will know, nor has any desire to know?

Do you jump at every opportunity to trace a person's family connections and ancestry to the fourth generation?

Do you read the letters at the movies for the benefit of the entire theater?

Do you annoy a concert by beating time to the music or humming with the singer?

Do you talk shop out of shop hours?

Do you laugh at your own jokes before any one else has a chance to do so?

Do you tell the point of another's story before he has a chance to emphasize it?

Do you say, "Oh, yes, I've heard that before," and take away the pleasure of another's story?—Irish World.

HELP A LITTLE.

The parents of little Willie were not Christians. They were respectable. His mother taught him the Lord's Prayer. She also taught him this appropriate little verse to say as he retired for the night:

"Now I lay me down to sleep—"
Then the boy would repeat after his mother:

"God bless papa."
"God bless mamma."
"God bless Willie and make me a good little boy."

One evening, as he was kissing his mother good-night, he looked up into her face and said:

"Do you pray, mamma?"
"No, darling."

"Does papa pray?"
"I never heard him pray."

"Why do you make me pray?"
"That you may be good."
"Don't you want to be good, mamma?"

"Oh, yes; I want to be good."
"Then why don't you pray, and papa pray?"

"We've gotten out of the spirit, I guess."
"Well, mamma, maybe God will

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hear my prayer. But don't you think you and papa are expecting too much of a little fellow like me? Do you believe that God wants me to do all the praying for this whole family? Seems to me you and papa might help me a little."

These words sank deep into the mother's heart, and it was not long before that house was a house of prayer unto the living God.—Christian Tribune.

In the Name of God the Father

Let Us Stop the Slow Starvation of One Million Belgian Children

After two years and a half beneath the upper and nether millstones of war, the Belgian people find themselves facing a new peril—the slow starvation of more than one million children. The meager rations that have barely sufficed for adults have proved insufficient for growing children. there are 1,250,000 of these children who are directly dependent upon the food supplied by the Commission for Relief in Belgium. The ration which that Commission has been able to supply is less than that provided to British prisoners in Germany, less than that provided German prisoners in England, and *about two-thirds that supplied to poorhouses of England by the British Government.* It is enough to keep body and soul together in an adult. It is not enough to do even that for the growing children. It consists of "a hunk of bread and a bowl of broth each day," and it costs about six cents.

One Million Belgian Children Must Have an Extra Ration Each Day or They are Going to Die of Slow Starvation

This extra ration consists of a biscuit made with lard or fat, and a cup of cocoa. *That is all;* but it is enough to arrest the degeneration of the growing child. *That is all;* but it is enough to check the ravages of tuberculosis, rickets, and other diseases that have begun to develop with appalling rapidity among the under-nourished children. *That is all;* but it means the difference between life and death, between continued vitality and slow starvation. One biscuit a day! "A little more, and oh, how much it is!"

One Dollar a Month Will Supply This Extra Ration and Save a Child

The appeal comes to the United States to furnish that money and save these children. It comes from Herbert Hoover, Chairman of the Commission for Relief in Belgium. It comes from the heads of churches. It comes from American physicians (Dr. Lucas, of the University of California, is one of them) who have made examinations of these children for the Commission. It is an appeal that comes from the most distressed nation on earth to the wealthiest nation the sun ever shone upon.

How In God's Name Can Such An Appeal Be Disregarded?

Think of it, you Americans who read this, you fathers and mothers of growing children! The Controller of the Currency, in Washington, a few days ago proclaimed the wealth of the United States as 220 billions of dollars. On the first day of this new year, one single industry—the railways—had \$412,000,000 to be paid out as interest due that day on railway bonds. For two and one-half years (nearly) Belgium, formerly "the beehive of Europe," has been rescued from destruction at a cost of over \$200,000,000, and the United States has contributed less than \$9,000,000 of this sum. Yet the Commission for Relief in Belgium is composed almost entirely of Americans. It works under the American flag. That flag has protected its workers, protected the trucks that carried the provisions, protected the ships that brought them. All through the towns and villages of Belgium, the people in gratitude took bits of yarn and cotton and made small American flags, colored them with paints and dyes, pinned or sewed them to their ragged garments, and wore them proudly week after week. It is to America that their hearts have gone out. Yet while

France and England have been between them providing \$7,000,000 a month for the support of Belgium, the people of the United States have contributed less than \$9,000,000 in more than two years. While scores of Americans have been devoting their whole time to the work of relief, without a dollar of recompense—some of them were capable of earning the highest salaries paid—winning for their country and their flag imperishable honor and gratitude, the support they have received from their own countrymen has been pitifully inadequate. For all the distressed people of Europe, Asia, and Africa, according to the Controller of the Currency, we have contributed, since the war began, less than one-twentieth of one per cent. of our aggregate income. That is to say, we have diverted one dollar out of \$2,000 of income to the relief of such distress as the world has never before seen. And in this same time, provisions for the Belgians alone have been purchased from this country to the amount of over \$100,000,000, according to the official documents of the Relief Commission.

Read These Letters from Children of Belgium in the Light of the Facts Just Presented

The following letters are printed by Edward Eyre Hunt, who was agent of the Commission in charge of the Province of Antwerp, in his recently published book, "War-Bread."

FROM A BOY OF NINE

Good People of America:—If I had a flying-machine I would fly to America to thank the brave people there. I haven't one, so I write a little letter and I tell you that I shall pray very much for you and never forget you.

JOSEF SEGLERAS.

FROM A LITTLE GIRL OF TEN

I often saw mother weep when we came downstairs in the morning because she could not give us the bread we asked for, because there was no flour. But you have dried her tears with the good flour which you have sent.

FROM A BOY OF EIGHT

Dear America:—I thank you because you sent great big boats over the great sea—cat-boats—rice, corn, bacon, stockings, clothing, and shoes. I know that you like the little Belgians, and I like you too.

ACHIEL MAES.

FROM A GRATEFUL LITTLE GIRL

Oh, dear Americans, I am still small. My words can not tell you very well how I want to thank you, but, dear Americans, you must feel my heart. I pray every day to the good God that He shall bless your lives and that He shall spare you from war, hunger, and all other horrors. Take, then, loving and noble gentlemen, with my deepest feelings the thanksgiving of my elder brothers and sisters.

GERALDINA VAN DER VOORDT.

Letters like the above have come to the Commission not only by hundreds and by thousands, but by hundreds of thousands.

What Will "Brave America" Do to Merit This Gratitude of Belgian Children?

It is not generally understood that, even in times of peace, Belgium has to import 78 per cent. of her breadstuffs. Even in normal conditions she produces but 22 per cent. The harvest of 1914 was never reaped. The American commissioners all testify that those Belgians who have means have done and are doing

their utmost in relief-work. It is "up to" America to save these million slowly starving children, if they are to be saved—to give Alfons, and Josef, and Geraldina, and Achiel, and the rest, a biscuit a day as a supplementary meal, in addition to the less than poorhouse rations they are now getting.

CLERGYMEN:—Will you not initiate this work in your church by special collections? Get your societies, your congregation, and its friends to solicit help, for humanity's sake.

Twelve Dollars Will Give That Extra Meal to One Child for a Year

The Belgian Children's Fund appeals for contributions in \$12 units. If you can't contribute that sum, get friends to help make it up. Few can refuse such an appeal. All sums of \$12 or more will be acknowledged in the columns of *The Literary Digest*. Every cent of every dollar will go to the feeding of a Belgian child. Not a cent will be deducted anywhere along the line for postage or clerical help or transportation or administrative expenses. All the money will be applied to the purpose for which it is given, through the Commission for Relief in Belgium. Let the response be quick and prompt and generous. *The Literary Digest* will start the list by taking care of five hundred

children for one year—\$6,000. Remember, \$12 will save a Belgian child from slow starvation. HELP TO RAISE ONE MILLION DOLLARS How many children will YOU save from slow starvation during the year 1917? One thousand? One hundred? Ten? It is a time for Americans to show to the whole world the size of their hearts. Make checks, money orders, or other remittances payable to BELGIAN CHILDREN'S FUND, and make them as large as possible, and address all letters to Belgian Children's Fund, care of *The Literary Digest*, 354-360 Fourth Avenue New York.

WHY I SHOULD SUBSCRIBE FOR THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Rev. D. B. Boddie, of Waller Circuit, has been putting in some yeoman service in securing subscribers for the Texas Christian Advocate. He has gone to the trouble and expense of procuring a fine batch of excellent reasons "Why I should subscribe for the Texas Christian Advocate." We are taking the liberty of printing these testimonials. They will prove of value to other agents in their canvass for subscribers.

The Texas Christian Advocate should be in every Methodist home in Texas, because (1) a man is not the best parent who buys food and clothes for his family and makes no provision for feeding their minds and hearts with Christian literature; (2) a man cannot be an intelligent Methodist without his Church paper. How can he know what the Church is doing; how can he catch the currents of Christian world thought without it? (3) the Advocate is one of the institutions of the Church every member vows to support on coming into the Church. The Advocate is an indispensable support on coming into the Church, and should have the support of all our members.—J. H. McCoy, Bishop, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The key problem of the Church today lies in the Sunday School. The Advocate gives the Sunday School news of all our Church in the great Southwest. Every Sunday School worker must have the Advocate to keep abreast of the rapid advance in Sunday School methods and efforts.—WALTER G. HARBIN, Sunday School Field Secretary, Texas Conference.

I want to be an intelligent Methodist; to know about the great enterprises of my Church in Texas and out of it; to know something of the men who are most influential and who are doing the work of leadership in the Church; to hear the news from the field where the brethren labor and thus know how Methodism and Christianity are progressing. I want to know of the great movements of the Church, like that of Unification, for instance. I want to know what Dr. Bradfield is thinking and saying about all important Church interests and other matters that are of importance to the religious and social life of the State and Nation. He is one of our most intelligent and strongest leaders. He belongs to Texas and Texans, especially Methodists, who should know him and keep up with him.—C. M. BISHOP, President, Southwestern University.

Fifty-two times a year the good ship "Christian Advocate" will come to the home freighted with the best thought of the best men in Methodism. To deny oneself this weekly feast of brain, heart and soul feed is to deliberately stunt Christian growth and impair one's usefulness to the world and to the Church.—A. RUSSELL, Galveston Tribune.

CISCO DISTRICT MEETING. The Pastors' Conference and Missionary Institute of the Cisco District, Central Texas Conference, met at Scranton February 13, 14, Rev. E. P. Williams, presiding elder, Rev. M. D. Council, host.

There was not a full attendance on account of bad weather and some sickness. Scranton is a small country village, but it is big when it comes to entertaining an institute. They did their part well. They are fine people, and they have on of the most up-to-date and wide-awake preachers in the conference, Rev. M. D. Council.

The presiding elder had a splendid program arranged, and all on the program were at their best, showing that they came with prayerful and careful preparation. Bad weather did not affect the spirit of the meeting in the least.

Rev. John G. Pollard, of Strawn, read a fine paper on "Tithing," urging all the preachers to keep this subject more and more before their people.

The last night of the meeting Rev. J. E. Crawford delivered one of his fine missionary addresses, which met with a hearty response from all who heard it.

E. M. WISDOM, Secretary, Rising Star, Texas.

To the presiding elder and members of the Pastors' Conference and Missionary Institute, Cisco, District,

No man can be an all-round intelligent Church member who does not take his Church paper. Every Methodist family is entitled to the good, wholesome reading furnished by the Conference Organ. Every man who loves his children, who loves his Church, who loves his Lord, should take the Advocate. Hope you may succeed in placing it in every home.—O. E. GODDARD, Pastor First Methodist Church, Galveston.

As a pastor of fifty years' experience, I wish to say that I regard a Methodist paper in the home as the most influential ally the preacher has. It means an intelligent interest in the work of the Church. The laymen cannot more effectually promote their own religious welfare, or the welfare of the Church at large, than to give a cordial support to our Church press. The Texas Christian Advocate is one of our best papers—clean, true to Methodism, high in tone, rich in variety and importance of its contents, and in every way worthy of the patronage of our people.—S. A. STEEL, First Methodist Church, Shreveport.

I think one ought to subscribe for the Advocate, because it is a partial fulfillment of their vow to help "support the Church and its institutions," and at the same time will furnish them with the best reading matter that they can possibly put into their homes, bearing to them rewards of inestimable value in the formation of character and the growth of spirituality.—D. S. HOTCHKISS, Hempstead Methodist Church.

A Methodist should take the Texas Christian Advocate, because "a man cannot live by bread alone." We are told by the best of medical men that pellagra is caused by an unbalanced ration. What we eat makes us physically what we are. What we read spiritually, mentally, and therefore morally, what we are and what we are becoming. The man who reads nothing but the daily papers sees nothing but murder, graft, social degeneration, and the like. He naturally comes to believe that the whole world is going to the Devil. In one week there were in Texas seven murders. They were published in flaming headlines in the daily press. The "reports from the field" (in the Advocate) that week showed that more than five hundred had given their hearts and lives to God. I saw both. We need to know what is being done in every realm of life.—JESSE LEE, Presiding Elder, Brenham District.

Central Texas Conference, convened at Scranton, February 13, 14. Dear Brethren:

We, your committee on resolutions, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Sunday School.

Resolved, That we recognize the great influence of the Sunday School in the work of our Church. That we urge all of our pastors to keep themselves informed in modern Sunday School methods, and look carefully after all interests of the Sunday School work in their charges. That we commend the formation of Teacher Training Classes and the organization of the Workers' Council, and that we urge our people to attend the District Sunday School and League Conference to be held at Cisco May 8-10.

Evangelism.

Believing that our greatest need is a genuine revival throughout the district,

Resolved, That we make the revival a special object of prayer, and that revival campaigns be inaugurated at the earliest favorable opportunity.

2. That the pastors be urged to secure the co-operation of the local preachers in working out a plan of evangelism so as to arrange for a meeting in every community where there is no organized Methodist Church.

3. That a special effort be made to conserve the results of the revival by seeking to induce every one converted to join some Church, and if Metho-

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dist by all means the Methodist Church. 4. That we urge all our pastors and charge lay leaders to attend the inspirational meeting at Fort Worth February 27-28.

Missions. Resolved, That we make an earnest effort to arouse in our people a vital interest in the cause of missions and a recognition of our missionary obligation. That for the purpose of accomplishing this object we recommend the thorough circulation of missionary leaflets and the "Missionary Voice." The use of the missionary literature in the Sunday Schools, the frequent preaching on missions and the every-member canvass at an early date in every charge.

The Texas Christian Advocate. Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the Texas Christian Advocate. That we commend the editor, Dr. Bradfield, for his recent editorials concerning submission. That we designate the month of May as Advocate month and that each pastor be requested to secure at least ten new subscribers.

Southern Methodist University. Resolved, That we give our hearty co-operation to the representatives of the Southern Methodist University in the present campaign to secure payment of notes given to the university. That we designate the second Sunday in April as the day on which we shall all present the interests of S. M. U. to our congregations.

Respectfully, submitted, E. L. LLOYD, Chairman, J. O. GORE, C. E. WILKINS, Secretary.

Patriotism consists not in waving a flag, but in striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong.—James Bryce.

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DR. ROBERT E. JONES SPEAKS FOR HIS RACE.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.)

In 1860 the Southern Church had some two hundred thousand colored members in its communion with more than 180,000 children of colored people in its Sunday Schools. Good Bishop Thirkield, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, quotes our Bishops as having said of this work among the colored people: "We regard these missions as the crowning glory of the Church."

At the conclusion of the Civil War the South was in ashes, the Southern Church was prostrate and its Negro membership was scattered. Only some eighty thousand Negroes remained in our fold. In 1870 the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church was organized. Our own Bishops ordained its first Bishops and from that day the two Churches have been the fastest of friends. There has been little evidence of race prejudice on either side. The two Churches have co-operated in saving the South. It is true that the Southern white Church has not poured into the colored work of the South the vast sums of money which have come from the North. This difference, however, has not been because of any lack of interest on our part, but because of a lack of means. No! racial prejudice did not inspire the action of the Church, South, in organizing the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, and racial prejudice should not now be the ground for the proposed separation of colored Methodists into an independent Church.

Nor can any one successfully defend racial immaturity as the ground for the organization of the Negroes into an independent Church. Dr. I. Garland Penn, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, in the Western Christian Advocate (February 21), shows the remarkable maturity of the Negro members of the Saratoga General Conference. Of the eighty delegates twenty-one were graduates of Gammon Theological Seminary, ten were college presidents, twelve were professors or school teachers, etc. Dr. Jones himself shows the large capacity of the Negroes for managing large financial interests. The Negroes in the Methodist Episcopal Church have accumulated and handled church property valued at some \$55,000,000. In the light of these facts, racial immaturity cannot be successfully defended as the ground for a separate organization for Negro Methodists.

What, then, is the ground for the separate organization of the Negroes? Not racial prejudice, nor racial immaturity, but **racial development and self-realization**. The Negro is entitled to his own Bishops and his own independent ecclesiastical government. He cannot attain unto his highest development as an ecclesiastical serf. Such a position is incompatible with his own racial aspirations and sentiments. Again and again he has asked the Methodist Episcopal Church for Negro Bishops. Again and again, says Dr. Jones, he has asked "for full and equal rights in the Church." And having not secured these, some fifteen hundred thousand Negro Methodists are now in independent Negro Methodist Churches. Only a small minority of Negroes remain in the white Church.

Have these independent Churches not done well? Have they not reached and evangelized a far greater number of their race than those who have remained in the white Church? Has not the statesmanship of McTyeire and others been abundantly justified in accepting the proposal of our own Negroes for a separate ecclesiastical organization? And has not Southern Methodism shown that a separate organization of the Negroes is consistent with the highest reaches of fraternity and brotherhood?

This, then, is our justification of the position of the Oklahoma City General Conference for a separate organization of the Negroes, which shall maintain fraternal relations with the reorganized Church. Not racial prejudice nor racial immaturity, but **racial development and self-realization** are the basis of our plea.

How many copies of the Conference Organ and of the General Organ are taken, and what is being done to increase their circulation? (Discip. par. 91, and to be answered at the second Quarterly Conference.)

PRESIDENT WILSON'S INAUGURATION.

President Wilson was formally inaugurated President of the United States in the presence of a brilliant patriotic assemblage, in Washington, March 5. He is the tenth President of the United States to be inaugurated for the second term. Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Lincoln, Grant, Cleveland, McKinley, Wilson—these are the distinguished men who for a second term have occupied the exalted place of President of the greatest people upon whom the sun shines.

In this list of distinguished men no name shines brighter than that of Woodrow Wilson. In culture, in calm self-mastery, in intimate acquaintance with the governments of the earth, in courage and in devout trust in Almighty God Woodrow Wilson is second to no man who ever presided over the destiny of this or any other people.

No living man is happier in the use of the English tongue than is Woodrow Wilson and no man has ever been able to pack into a few sentences more than he.

The aspirations and purposes of this servant of the people are admirably summed up in the following brief sentences:

These, therefore, are the things we stand for, whether in war or in peace;

That all Nations are equally interested in the peace of the world and in the political stability of free peoples, and equally responsible for their maintenance.

That the essential principle of peace is the actual equality of Nations in all matters of right or privilege.

That peace cannot securely or justly rest upon an armed balance of power.

That Governments derive all their just powers from the consent of the governed, and that no other powers should be supported by the common thought, purpose or power of the family of nations.

That the seas should be equally free and safe for the use of all peoples, under rules set up by common agreement and consent, and that, so far as practicable, they should be accessible to all upon equal terms.

That national armaments should be limited to the necessities of national order and domestic safety.

That the community of interest and of power upon which peace must henceforth depend imposes upon each nation the duty of seeing to it that all influences proceeding from its own citizens meant to encourage or assist revolution in other States should be sternly and effectually suppressed and prevented.

God grant that President Wilson may be instrumental in the firm establishment of these principles and ideals throughout the whole earth!

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THE NATION'S CUP OF HUMILIATION FULL

On January 31 Germany practically declared war against the world. She announced her campaign of ruthless submarine slaughter against neutrals as well as belligerents. On February 3 President Wilson maintained the dignity of the Nation by withdrawing diplomatic intercourse with the European outlaw. On February 28, after repeated aggressions upon the rights and lives of our people by Germany, President Wilson requested of Congress the power to arm our merchant vessels and otherwise to protect our interests.

In the midst of the discussion of the request in the House of Representatives came revelations of Germany's plot to involve both Mexico and Japan against us in war. The House, profoundly stirred, by the overwhelming vote of 403 to 13 gave the President the power to arm our merchant vessels.

Deaf to every appeal of patriotism a group of "wifful men" in the Senate, taking advantage of Senate rules for unlimited debate, filibustered the measure to its death. These Senators are:

Republicans—Clapp, Minnesota; Cummins, Iowa; Gronna, North Dakota; Kenyon, Iowa; La Follette, Wisconsin; Norris, Nebraska; Works, California.

Democrats—Kirby, Arkansas; Lane, Oregon; O'Gorman, New York; Stone, Missouri; Vardaman, Mississippi.

Seventy-six Senators had the following manifesto written into the Senate record:

The majority of the United States Senators favored the passage of the Senate bill authorizing the President of the United States to arm American merchant vessels, a similar bill having been already passed by the House by a vote of 403 to 13. Under the rules of the Senate allowing unlimited debate it appears to be impossible to obtain a vote previous to noon March 4, 1917, when this session of Congress expires. We desire to have the statement entered on the record to establish the fact that the Senate favored the legislation and would pass it if a vote could be obtained.

We doubt if in the annals of civilized government an event so humiliating was ever anywhere recorded. Such slavery to parliamentary prece-

dent was never before recorded. The Nation is astounded and its bewilderment is only equalled by its humiliation. "Helpless and contemptible" the proudest Nation of earth has been rendered by the wilfulness of unpatriotic men. No marvel that the German international outlaw has a contempt for our Government and continues to defy its rights and flout its warnings. Surely, the Nation's cup of humiliation is full.

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A JUST INDICTMENT.

In the midst of the debate in the House of Representatives on submission (February 28) Representative Cope said:

This Legislature has passed railroad legislation, oil legislation, raised salaries, created new jobs, allowed outlaws to come back to Texas, and now some members attempt to prevent the express demand of the people, submission, from being complied with. If you allow that record to stand, I ask you seriously, would not the whole State of Texas be better off had this Legislature never met?

Mr. Cope, in these words, divines accurately the feelings of an outraged people. The refusal of instructed members of the House to support the submission resolution is nothing short of an outrage. It is a base betrayal of a solemn trust. That the whisky power has made allies of the special interests is now clear to the people of Texas. That our instructed representatives have shown a subservience to these powers rather than to the voice of the people is also perfectly clear. Instructed by the people as to a single issue and having attended to the affairs of pernicious interests—such is the record of the House of Representatives.

In this connection, we desire to pay tribute to the men who have earnestly sought to carry out the will of the people. There are such in the House of Representatives, but in the future such men will not find satisfaction in saying that they were members of the Thirty-Fifth Legislature.

BISHOP CANDLER'S APPEAL FOR OUR UNIVERSITIES.

It is always a pleasure to have Bishop Candler appear in our columns. He speaks well upon every subject, but at no time does he impress us quite so much as when making his appeals for Christian education. In this issue he sets forth with singular clearness the indispensable place of our new universities in our educational system. It is especially fitting that we should hear from the President of the Educational Commission at this time. The Commission itself will assemble in Dallas April 4, 5, and it is hoped that hundreds of laymen and pastors will be present to counsel and to give in the interest of Southern Methodist University. The General Conference is little more than twelve months' distant and the great task of founding our new universities should occupy first place in our educational program until the date of its meeting. The quadrennium of 1914-18 promises to be the greatest quadrennium in the educational history of our Church. Let every member of the Church do his full duty.

CAPTAIN B. D. ORGAIN DEAD.

The death of Captain B. D. Orgain at his home in Bastrop, Sunday morning, February 18, removes one of the most familiar figures from the councils of our Texas Methodism. We have personally known Captain Orgain for twenty-one years. We were a guest at his table during the session of the Texas Conference in 1896. From that day we have often met him at Annual and District Conferences; especially at the Board meetings of Southwestern University have we often met. We personally mourn the loss of this noble man. He had his convictions and stood for them. He loved his Church and made sacrifices for it. Whether as a giver or as a lender Southwestern University had no better friend. For many years Captain Orgain was superintendent of the Sunday School and president of the Board of Stewards of our Church at Bastrop. His home was ever open to the pastors of our Church and he and his good wife were host and hostess for many of our Bishops. Now at the age of more than three-score and ten Captain Orgain is dead. Dead? No, not dead. He lives in the hearts of his devoted family and in the memory of countless friends. His spirit has gone to the God who gave it. The Advocate extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

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The terms of subscription to the Texas Christian Advocate have always been payable in advance. But because of the responsibility of our constituency we have the past few years relaxed the rule and have given our patrons all the time required by them for payment. But owing to the present stringency of the paper market and the material advancement of every article entering into the production of a newspaper it becomes imperative that we return to the rule of advance payment. It is not our wish that we do this, but NECESSITY requires it. We believe our patrons will at once see the importance of this move on our part and will cordially cooperate with us. The importance of the Advocate to Methodism in the Southwest is well known to all our readers, and we feel sure that no subscriber to the Texas Christian Advocate will let it suffer because advance payment in subscription is now made necessary. Thus far we have not lowered the standard of the paper either editorially or mechanically.

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DEATH OF BROTHER WALLACE.

At the ripe old age of seventy-seven years, Rev. J. M. Wallace passed through the gates and received his crown. He died in the sanitarium in Dallas, Friday, March 2, in great and conscious triumph. While the silent chariot waited for his translation, he died while the devoted nurses and family sang the old songs he loved—for he asked them to sing as he crossed the river of death.

For some years he was an itinerant in Arkansas; came to Texas in 1867—a half century ago; licensed to preach in 1887; ordained in 1892. Hundreds were converted under his ministry. He maintained a regular appointment, rain or shine, at the Dallas County Poor Farm, and the Main Street Business Men's Mission. Rarely did he ever fail to assist in the administration of the Lord's Supper at Oak Lawn Church, of which he was a devout member. In 1911-12 he was Grand Chaplain of the I. O. O. F. of Texas. His brethren, in large numbers, attended his funeral service at Oak Lawn last Sunday afternoon, and, in the presence of a large congregation Revs. C. M. Simpson and S. H. C. Burgin conducted the services. The floral offerings were profuse—and he loved flowers.

He leaves a wife, three sons and four daughters. One of his daughters, Pearl, is the wife of Frank Chappell, son of our Sunday School editor. Everybody loved Brother Wallace. A man of deeper consecration and more helpful sympathy we have never known. We are sure he made his way safely to the home of the good. We shall clasp his dear old hand again in the land of cloudless day.

PERSONALS

Bishop W. R. Lambuth cordially endorses Dr. Anet in this issue. Read his thrilling words.

Rev. Dow B. Beene, of Floresville, called on the Advocate the past week. Bro. Beene is in evangelistic work.

Rev. H. E. Snodgrass and his people at Purcell are to be congratulated upon having broken dirt for their new \$15,000 church building.

Rev. F. A. White, of Smithville, has added sixteen members to his Church since conference. Brother White is one of our most faithful pastors.

Rev. W. H. Matthews, presiding elder Corsicana District, who was operated on some two weeks ago, is now able to be up. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Rev. J. W. Sims, presiding elder of the Mangum District, will hold his District Conference at Eldorado April 17-19. The editor appreciates an invitation to be present.

Rev. C. C. Barnhardt, of Stillwater, is meeting with great success in his work. A contract for a new church will be let in 20 days. Twenty-nine accessions since conference. Fine!

Mrs. E. W. Bridges, wife of our pastor on the Penelope charge, has undergone a second operation recently and is reported to be doing well. We wish for her a complete recovery.

Rev. E. F. Brown, of Chico, passed through Dallas last Monday en route to Larue for the burial of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. C. Brown,

who died at Graham, March 5. The Advocate extends sincerest sympathy to the stricken husband and the three motherless children. Can a greater sorrow come to any one in life?

Dr. J. W. Torbett, of Marlin, pays a high tribute to the Christian fortitude of Dr. W. F. Packard when this noble pastor realized that the end had come. Truly, God's people die well.

Rev. R. C. Armstrong is doing a great work through his Lord's Day Commission. He deserves the support of every pastor in Texas. We greatly enjoyed a recent visit from him.

Rev. G. A. Klein and party, of Nashville, arrived in Dallas today to conduct a tent meeting for Grace, Munger and St. John's Churches. We pray for gracious results from the meeting.

Rev. O. T. Cooper, of Denison, writes us that the Wesley Adult Bible Class Federation will meet in Waples' Memorial Church, April 18-20. The editor appreciates an invitation to be present.

Rev. C. O. Shugart, of Tyler Street, Dallas, has had 76 accessions to his Church since conference. He has made 600 pastoral visits since conference. Is there a better record in the Dallas District?

Dr. Charles W. Dabney, president of the University of Cincinnati, delivered an inspiring address on "The Problem of Saving the City" to a group of ministers and laymen in Dallas last week.

Rev. J. M. Cantrell, presiding elder Vinita District, will hold his District Conference at Waggoner, beginning April 27 and continuing till Monday May 1. The editor acknowledges an invitation to be present.

Rev. W. L. Nelms, of Cleburne District, is taking great interest in the circulation of the Advocate. He has asked for sample copies to be sent for distribution on his second round and will make the Advocate the main question.

Mrs. S. V. Wall, of Honey Grove, was buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Honey Grove, Texas, Feb. 23. Sister Wall was a noble woman and her family and Church will sorely miss her. The Advocate extends sincerest sympathy.

Rev. Alonzo Monk and his people at Gatesville had a great banquet on Friday evening, February 23. More than 400 were in attendance. Professor Paul B. Kern, of Southern Methodist University, was among the distinguished guests.

Rev. George S. Slover, president of Clarendon College, says the material is now on the ground for a new \$25,000 boys' dormitory. We rejoice in this evidence of progress at this splendid college. Bro. Slover delighted us with a visit this week.

Judge W. H. Gross, president of the Board of Trustees of our Church at Mineral Wells, is in a local sanitarium in Dallas, having undergone an operation for appendicitis. Judge Gross is one of our most useful men and we wish for him a speedy recovery.

Rev. J. H. Overstreet, of Grand Prairie, delighted us with a call this week. He served as a supply in the Northwest and North Texas Conferences and, though not in the pastorate now, he is keeping religious and growing old gracefully and sweetly.

Dr. H. A. Boaz, president Texas Woman's College, will complete his work in Columbia University in time to be at home about May 1. This will enable him to meet the usual demand made on him for high school commencement occasions. Dr. Boaz is indeed a popular speaker.

Dr. W. D. Jones, of First Church, Dallas, brings the editor and wife under obligations for his cordial invitation to them to be in the receiving line at the First Church reception next Friday evening. We appreciate this thoughtfulness upon the part of this live member of First Church.

Rev. N. A. Phillips, of Clinton, sends us the following note: "Walt Holcomb evangelistic party, of Nashville, Tenn., is now engaged in a revival in our Church. Mr. Holcomb is getting hold of the town, and Mr. Swagerty is organizing the forces. We are expecting a great victory." Bro. Holcomb is one of our best evangelists.

Rev. J. D. Young, Vice-President and Acting President of Texas Woman's College, was a visitor to the Advocate office last week. Bro. "Jim Dandy" was en route home from Waco where he had been in Conference with the College brethren who were meeting there. Bro. Young is elated over the fact that Texas Woman's College has an enrollment this session of 410 of the "prettiest and sweetest" girls in Texas and twenty-six of them are

of the senior class. Brother Young was too full of the achievements of Texas Woman's College to even think of Alaska or Yellowstone—no not for a minute. He is always an appreciated visitor to the Advocate office.

Dr. H. F. Brooks, of Mineral Wells, was among our visitors this week. He has had 51 accessions to his Church since conference and reports conversions at his regular services. He gave a glowing account of the defeat of the antis in the recent local option election in his county. Mineral Wells herself gave a majority for prohibition of 241, the county 440.

In the obituary of Rev. W. H. Crum, which appeared on page 14 of our issue of March 1, Brother Manly asks us to say that Brother Crum's appointments, while living in Missouri, were not in the Missouri Conference as stated, but in the South-west Missouri Conference, where he was received on trial. It was an oversight on his part and we gladly make the correction.

Brother J. L. Ross, of Lindale, sends us the following sad news: "My father died Friday morning at 10 o'clock at Madisonville, Texas. He was eighty-seven years old, an ex-Confederate soldier and a life-long Cumberland Presbyterian preacher. He closed out a long and useful life." The Advocate extends deepest sympathy, but cannot refrain from saying that happy is the son who remembers such a father.

Dr. O. F. Sensabaugh, presiding elder Abilene District, sends us the following sad lines: "Please make note of the death of Mrs. J. A. Lane, wife of Rev. J. S. Lane, formerly a member of the old Northwest Texas Conference. She fell asleep in our home February 21 and was buried in the family burial ground in Brownwood. Dr. McLean will be asked to write an obituary." The Advocate extends condolence to Bro. Lane and his family.

We are glad to receive the following note from Rev. W. B. Andrews, presiding elder of the Georgetown District. His many friends will rejoice with us over the good news: "It will be interesting news to my friends to know that the physical trouble from which I have suffered so much in recent years was removed this week without the use of the knife. Modern surgery is certainly a boon to suffering humanity. Three days in a sanitarium and I was dismissed sound and well, with the renal stone in my pocket. I did the usual amount of work last Sunday, and am ready for the full quota next Saturday and Sunday. The presiding elder of the Georgetown District has made very few tracks the past three months, because he has been 'flying' most of the time. The preachers are bringing up 'good and square work,' and everything is lovely. We expect to give special emphasis to the Advocate next round."

CHURCH NEWS.

Bishop J. C. Kilgo, the revivalist of our College of Bishops, will begin a revival at Wesley Memorial, High Point, N. C., next Sunday, March 11.

Colored ministers and laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church were invited to meet in Washington, D. C., March 5 and 6 to consider the question of Methodist unification.

Our Baptist brethren at Denton, Texas, lost the First Baptist Church by fire last Monday. The Sunday School annex was badly damaged. The loss is estimated at \$7,500, with \$4,000 insurance.

Dr. George R. Stuart, pastor of First Church, Birmingham, has lately been giving good service to the prohibition cause in Pennsylvania. He is known throughout the country as one of the most effective prohibition campaigners.

The Leaguers throughout Texas, and his many friends will be pained to learn of the death of the wife of Rev. J. M. Culbreth, formerly assistant Epworth League Secretary. Brother Culbreth is now pastor of our University Church in St. Louis.

In a revival just closed, First Church, Houston, Texas, in which Rev. D. L. Coale was the evangelist, a woman one hundred and ten years of age and her daughter ninety years of age were received into the Church. We gather this news from the Central Methodist.

At about 12:30 last Sunday, March 4, our brethren at Pittsburg, Texas, came very near losing their beautiful church building. The fire broke out in

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the upper story which was used by the Primary Department. The heroic efforts of the firemen confined the loss to about \$500.

The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church has 3,072 itinerant preachers, 2,786 local preachers, and 240,798 Church members. In the Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church made up of its colored members are 2,171 itinerant preachers, 3,805 local preachers, and 339,783 Church members.

The Christian Church suffered a heavy loss in the burning of their splendid edifice at Ladonia, Texas, last Sunday morning. The building was packed to its full capacity when the fire broke out, but fortunately no one was injured. It was erected in 1905 at a cost of \$15,000, and they carried \$10,000 insurance.

A MATTER OF GREAT MOMENT!

I desire to emphasize the admonition of Dr. John R. Nelson in the Advocate of February 8. It is a timely utterance and should result in immediate action on the part of ministers and people. That our Lord's Day is imperiled no one can deny. The absence of Sabbath sentiment is manifest on every hand; reversion and not advancement in devotion to this great interest is the trend.

It would be a great misfortune to have our Sunday law weakened. It is much too weak and should be strengthened. The Doctor called attention to the Parks' Sunday Bill, which provides for a referendum vote on the question of Sunday amusements in cities of 5000 and above. This bill, or one similar, has been before the Legislature twice before. It originated with the show people, who are not content with making money six days in the week, but would commercialize our Lord's Day. The Doctor very properly concludes that the passage of this bill would virtually amount to a wide open Sunday in all of our centers of population.

He also calls attention to the Johnson Sunday Bill introduced in the Senate, which proposes to amend Article 186 or 303 of the Criminal Code of the State as to make the law prohibiting Sunday amusements effective. This is a very important measure and should be passed. But he failed to mention the Nichols Bill, which proposes to so amend the above mentioned article as to permit the sale of tobacco, cigars, cold drinks, fruit, flowers and gasoline on the Lord's Day. This bill has been engrossed in the House by a large majority, which indicates its final passage. The only way that it can be defeated is in the Senate. By slow stages, but surely, the Legislature of this State is taking our Sabbath from us. But in Tennessee the Legislature passed a law to eliminate Sunday baseball games.

It is high time to sound the tocsin to gather the hosts of Israel to do battle for our Lord. I heartily join the Doctor in his efforts to awaken a sleeping multitude. We may supinely repose and with askance view the situation until the bulwark of Christianity and civilization is swept from us. Heaven forbid! I know that mass meetings, telegrams, petitions, letters to Senators and members of the House have much influence at Austin. So that it is possible for all to help preserve our Lord's Day. The Inter-denominational Lord's Day Commission has been at work doing all possible with its limitations.

R. C. ARMSTRONG.

It does not seem that I could get along without my Church paper. MRS. D. C. MCCONNELL. Winstboro, Texas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

REV. E. HIGHTOWER Editor
Georgetown, Texas.

NEWS AND NOTES.

At the close of the Fort Worth District Institute on Friday evening, February 23, the following were elected District Sunday School officers for that district: President, Marvin D. Evans; Secretary, Rev. E. R. Stanford; Elementary Superintendent, Mrs. S. W. Wray; Wesley Bible Class Superintendent, N. T. Ladd; Teacher Training Superintendent, W. E. Hawkins; Home Department Superintendent, Rev. H. B. Henry. These officers constitute the Executive Committee, of which the presiding elder is chairman.

The Fort Worth District Institute, which opened February 18 and closed February 23, was pronounced by many as the most successful of the three District Institutes so far held in that district under the supervision of the Divisional Secretary. The Institute was opened Sunday afternoon with a mass meeting, which was addressed by Drs. C. D. Bulla and Ivan Lee Holt. This was followed by five days of real institute work, the faculty being Misses Kennedy and Peterman and Drs. Holt and Kern, of Southern Methodist University, with the Secretary as Dean. Miss Peterman conducted the Elementary Division, Miss Kennedy the Secondary Division, Dr. Holt the Adult Division and Dr. Kern the Department of Administration. In addition Dr. Kern lectured each evening on "Church Efficiency," and Dr. Holt on "Religion and the Man of Today." This editor hereby extends his personal thanks to those gentlemen for their generous and important contribution to the interest and profit of the institute. We hope it may be possible for these and other men of like mind to enter the Sunday School field often.

Miss Minnie E. Kennedy, Elementary Superintendent for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, came to Texas for the first time to attend the Dallas and Fort Worth District Institutes. She showed her fine spirit by taking the secondary work in both those meetings, just to accommodate the Divisional Secretary, and thereby she won his gratitude. Miss Kennedy won the admiration of her classes, and when she comes that way again she will be welcomed by personal friends.

While in Dallas recently it was the privilege of the Sunday School "team," to-wit: Drs. Chappell and Bulla and Miss Kennedy and this editor, to lunch with the Building Committee of First Church, and to talk with them concerning the architectural needs of the Sunday School. This committee is made up of men of faith and vision, and when they finish their task they will have wrought a work that will insure the primacy of Methodism among the Dallas Churches, and Dallas will have a plant to which other builders may be referred when seeking a model of a church beehive as well as a place of worship.

We record with deep regret the fact that Rev. Walter G. Harbin, Field Secretary of the Texas Conference, is in the care of his physician on account of a nervous breakdown, and has been ordered to desist from all field work for a time at least. Brother Harbin and his good wife have recently passed through an unusual strain on account of an operation on their little son. We trust that the disability of this well-equipped worker is very temporary, and that he may be able to meet his engagements without serious loss to himself or the cause.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

Rev. A. E. Rector, Field Secretary, Lytle, Devine, Moore and Pearsall made a good string of institutes. Since my former visit every one of these schools had made definite progress in Sunday School organization. At Lytle and Pearsall there had been a very decided advance. At each place the attendance was considerably larger than during the first round. While the whole of this progress cannot be credited to the work of the Field Secretary, the inference certainly lies in that direction, especially since we find that those schools which are being visited for the first time about as backward in organization as these were when first visited. Pledges

of improvement are always sought, and in nearly every case a second visit shows that pledges have been kept; and not infrequently more has been done than was promised. This statement is no idle boast, but seems necessary on account of some who still doubt whether the field work in our conference is worth while. The spiritual life of our Sunday Schools cannot be set down in figures, but I believe there is a growing seriousness of purpose and a deepening of the evangelistic conscience. Along every line there is ground for thanking God and taking courage.

Pastors Biggs, Hull and Alexander, and Superintendents Hester, Gossett and Carter, brought the Secretary under obligations by kind and most courteous co-operation. Superintendent O'Brien, of Moore, was unavoidably absent from the community when his institute was held.

For several years Miss Alma Pugh, the efficient Secretary at Lytle, has maintained a record of attendance broken only once, and that by a death in the family circle. Of all our Sunday School workers the Secretary seems to receive the least recognition. Let us show these important officers more honor and help them to magnify the office.

Some special days: How thick they stand ahead of us. March 11 brings the offering for our Southern Methodist University Chair of Religious Pedagogy. Our dearth of trained leaders ought to emphasize the need of special liberality in this offering. March 25 is the day for our Mexican Mission Special. The Board of Missions has not only given the Sunday Schools of our entire Church the opportunity of choosing between China and our Texas Mexican Mission, but is urging us Texans especially to magnify the latter. From intimate personal acquaintance with our Mexican work and missionaries I can conscientiously press this claim. The statistics prove that in no part of our world-wide missionary enterprise has the investment yielded better returns. Let each school fix upon some definite amount and let the offering of March 25 go to the account of the Mexican Special.

Then come Decision Day, Vocation Day, Easter and Children's Day. But more of those hereafter. Let us gird up our loins for these special occasions. They will tell in the spirit and progress of the school observing them. If you can't give equal emphasis to all, do not let that discourage you into doing nothing. An elaborate program is not necessary in every or any case. Still, any observance that is worth while will cost some toil and pains. It always takes a tug to pull the wheels out of an old rut. The waters of our Sunday School Bethesda must be stirred at certain seasons to make them healing to those who step in.

PLANS FOR CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Executive Committee of the Central Texas Conference Board met at the Herring Avenue Methodist Church February 22, 1917, at the call of the President of the Board, Rev. J. C. Mimms. Those present were: J. C. Mimms, A. D. Porter, R. F. Brown, T. E. Bowman, Rev. E. Hightower, Divisional Field Secretary of the Southwestern Division, was also present and deliberated with the body.

Several matters of importance were discussed, but the matter of district organization was doubtless the most important matter under consideration. It is hoped that every district will effect a thorough organization of its Sunday School forces according to the plans of the General Sunday School Board, and that at least one Sunday School Institute be held in each district and not in conjunction with any other meeting. You can get plans for district organization from the General Sunday School Board, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. This organization may be effected at the District Conference, at a mass meeting of the Sunday School Workers, or by the presiding elder in consultation with the Chairman of the Conference Sunday School Board. It is hoped that the presiding elders will enter heartily and sympathetically into the plan.

In the absence of a Field Secretary it was decided to have some member of the Conference Board visit the District Conferences and represent the work. A list of assignments was made out as follows:

- Brownwood District—J. F. Tyson.
- Cisco District—W. F. Hawkins.
- Cleburne District—A. D. Porter.
- Corsicana District—J. F. Adams.
- Dublin District—C. E. Wilkins.
- Fort Worth District—A. D. Porter.
- Gatesville District—J. U. McAfee.
- Georgetown District—J. C. Mimms.
- Hillsboro District—E. Hightower.
- Waco District—T. E. Bowman.

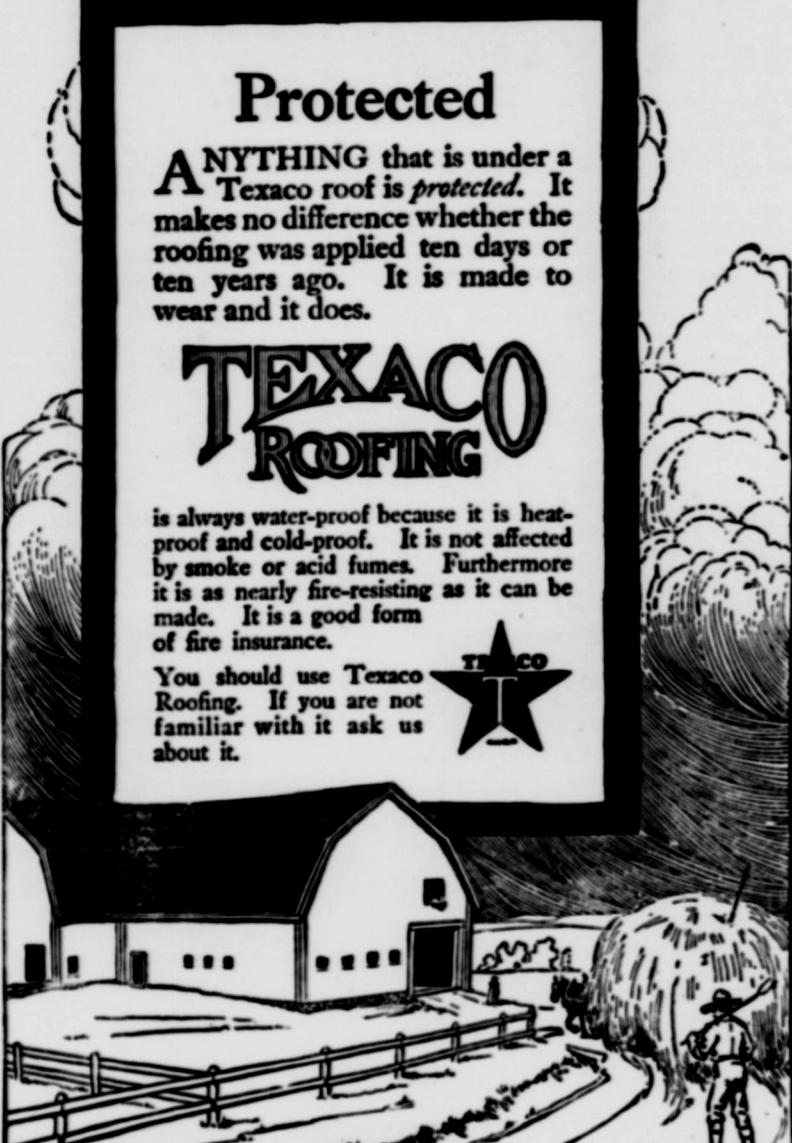
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We especially urge the observance of Children's Day in every Church in the conference. We ought to do this, because the Discipline commands it, and for the educational and inspirational value to the children. Mr. W. E. Hawkins, Fort Worth, Texas, who has had charge of the Children's Day work in the past, generously tendered his services again, and the Board thought it could do no better than to turn the work over to him. He will be glad to give you any information you need.
T. E. BOWMAN,
Secretary.

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

TWO DAYS AT EPWORTH.
Rev. F. S. Onderdonk.

I took a run down to Port O'Connor the last of February to see how things were getting on at Epworth-by-the-Sea, our new Texas Methodist Assembly Encampment site. Kitten and I drove right out to the grounds and set up housekeeping in one of the lovely new cottages, of which there are 20. They have one room 12x12 and another 8x12, with a nice screened porch the entire length of the cottage. It is some comfort, sure.

We were delighted with the progress made. Brother Hagy is doing a great work. I could hardly believe that in this short time that fine stretch could have been so well cleaned up and sodded in grass. The walks are laid out, and I had the honor of planting more than 100 fine, rooted oleander bushes on the grounds. We hope a little later to supplement this with some palms. The auditorium is spacious and attractive. My, but what a treat we have in store for us under that great roof this summer!
The bathhouse was just being completed when we were there, and timber on the ground for extending the wharf a thousand feet into the bay.

The sand is the cleanest and prettiest I ever saw.

One thing that annoyed me no little was the fact that right there on the beach flocks of mallard ducks paraded around and were under the protection of the game law. But the fish and oysters! Surely there were never seen finer specimens. Within a short distance of the cottages one can wade out and get his own oysters.

The building program will continue and the roads will be shelled from town to our gate and within the grounds. The shell road from Victoria down to Port O'Connor is a perfect delight to the motorist.

Let the Methodist hosts be planning to be down there next summer—July 19-29. It will be ten days of intellectual and spiritual fasting.

THAT BOAT IN AFRICA.
Rev. Paul B. Kern, of Southern Methodist University.

There is something romantic and alluring about this whole boat enterprise of the Texas Leaguers. It appeals not only to cold reason, but also to Christian imagination. Young people dream dreams and also see visions, and if the Methodist young people of Texas could only see in their mind's eye this proud vessel as she sails the waters of the Dark Continent their enthusiasm would grow beyond bounds, realizing that they have a no-

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

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

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER.

Friday, April 5, is to be observed as a day of special prayer for our Council meeting to be held in New Orleans, April 12 to 20.

MRS. J. B. SMITH, Conf. Pres. W. M. S., N. W. Tex. Conf. Sagerton, Texas.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTS OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE, ATTENTION!

Please send to my address your full list of Auxiliary officers. Our Master's business requires haste, so please do not delay. Thanking you, I am yours in love, MRS. A. A. KIDD, Conf. 2nd Vice-Pres. 919 E. Chaffin St., Sherman, Tex.

BYERS AUXILIARY.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Byers have elected the following officers for the year: President, Mrs. G. B. Carter; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. A. Lynn; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. T. Dunn; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. T. H. Wright; Superintendent Supplies, Mrs. Ped Yarbrough; Superintendent Study and Publicity, Mrs. Claude Harding; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frank Holaday; Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie Kerr; Membership Superintendent, Mrs. E. W. Grogan.

LORENA AUXILIARY.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Lorena Auxiliary elected the following officers for 1917: Mrs. W. B. Stanford, President; Mrs. Peeler Williams, First Vice-President; Mrs. E. I. Jones, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Lon Bowers, Treasurer; Mrs. W. T. Rucker, Local Treasurer; Mrs. W. Y. Mayhew, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Chapman Rucker, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Luke Williams, Superintendent of Publicity; Mrs. Fred Stewart, Agent for the Voice.

We are pressing for a good year both spiritually and financially. MRS. W. Y. MAYHEW, Corresponding Secretary.

TYLER STREET, DALLAS.

The Dallas District Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, will meet in Tyler Street Church on Thursday morning, March 15. Representatives from all Auxiliaries in the district are expected to attend. There will be a good program and lunch will be served at noon.

At the recent Annual Conference of the W. M. S., held at Gainesville, Mrs. J. L. Chandler, of Tyler Street, was made Secretary of the Dallas District.

The work at Tyler Street is going on in a very satisfactory manner, under the direction of Mrs. B. F. Talbot, President, and her efficient corps of officers. The Maud Bettis Memorial Missionary Society, composed of girls of the 'teen age, has been organized under the leadership of Mrs. J. L. Chandler. A Junior Society, with Mrs. F. V. La Bountie as director, has also been organized. Both are starting off nicely.

The budget plan for raising money for all purposes has been put in operation and bids fair to prove a success.

At the meeting on February 19 we heard splendid reports from the Annual Conference by Mesdames Talbot, Chandler, La Bountie and Shugart. After which the Mission Study was conducted by Mrs. Hall Wilmans. Several new members have recently been added to the Society.

MRS. J. H. BENNETT, 208 S. Clinton Ave. Phone C. 2772.

EAST OKLAHOMA W. M. S.

Mrs. C. H. Buchanan, Henryetta, Okla. The East Oklahoma Conference is expected to subscribe for 200 copies of the Council Daily. Owing to advance in price of paper the Council Daily cannot be gotten out without a deficit, unless our members come to the rescue by subscribing for same. The price, however, has not advanced—25c, and names with money should be sent to Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, 7926 Elm Street, New Orleans, La. We cannot afford to have the Council Daily discontinued. It is a record of the meeting and a reference sheet. We get the addresses and legislation and so much of the Council meeting in detail that never comes out in official report. Every officer of every Auxiliary ought to subscribe for this paper

and keep informed about the latest developments of our work.

Will every new Superintendent of Mission Study and Publicity please send me her name and address? This is absolutely necessary if you are to receive the bulletins. Where there are no Superintendents yet elected, will the Presidents get busy at once and appoint one and have her write me immediately?

One District Secretary writes: "I want to be able to report a Mission Study Class in every Auxiliary this year." That has the right ring. The loving cup will go to that district if her ambition is realized. We hope the other Secretaries will follow such a laudable example. "Let the whole line advance!"

Mrs. Geo. S. Wyatt, assistant Superintendent of Publicity of the Northwest Texas Conference, has sent an exhortation as to Council Daily similar to Mrs. C. H. Buchan's which applies above.

Mrs. R. F. Brown, Superintendent of Mission Study and Publicity of Central Texas Conference, has also sent in an appeal for 100 copies to be taken in that conference. We deem it unnecessary to print all in full. Orders should be sent at once.

Mrs. C. L. Canter, of West Oklahoma Conference, also urges the reading of the Council Daily.

JUNCTION AUXILIARY.

The Junction Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society has elected officers for the new year as follows: President, Mrs. Roy Blackburn; Vice-President, Mrs. Jim Ragland; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Essie Willis; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Campbell; Treasurer, Mrs. F. M. Chase; Local Treasurer, Mrs. T. B. Phillips; Press Reporter and Agent for the Voice, Mrs. Homer Livingston. Our installation service was conducted by our pastor. We have a live and enthusiastic auxiliary. We are striving to have every lady member of the Church a member of the auxiliary.

We have made our pledge (\$12) and paid it. Last year we raised and expended on church and parsonage \$150 outside of our dues and pledge. One of our dear faithful members gave the church a handsome oak pulpit stand in memory of her deceased husband. We appreciate it very much. We have just purchased a piano for the church, and are furnishing the Sunday School room. We expect to accomplish great things under the leadership of our efficient and devoted president.

MRS. J. C. CAMPBELL, Corresponding Secretary. Junction, Texas.

ANNUAL MEETING TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Texas Conference held its annual meeting in Palestine with Centenary Church Woman's Missionary Society as hostess. The attendance was splendid. There were about fifty delegates who had never been to an annual meeting before. This speaks well for the spreading of the work.

All the old officers were present except Mrs. Paris Smith, who was absent on account of illness. The secretaries from Beaumont, Navasota, Pittsburg and Timpson Districts were unable to attend on account of illness or absence from the State.

One of our most honored attendants on the conference was Mrs. Sallie Philpott, honorary president of the conference. Her smiling face was a benediction, as also were the prayers and devotional services conducted by her during the sessions.

Miss Ellen Gainey, Head Resident of the Girls' Co-Operative Home, Houston, conducted the noon hour devotionals throughout the conference. These periods were very helpful to the workers, who expressed full appreciation of Miss Gainey's work.

Mrs. Purdon, of V. K. Johnson Home, was another visitor and presented the work of the Home to the conference.

Mrs. Hume P. Steele, Educational Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council, was in attendance throughout the sessions, and was very helpful in conducting institutes on all lines of the work. She delivered a masterful and inspiring missionary address Wednesday night.

All the department reports came up well, showing a complete advance in all lines of work over the previous year.

The pledge of \$9500 was paid in full with about \$150 over. This is of great encouragement to the conference, and the representatives to the Council were instructed to pledge \$10,000 for 1917.

It would be impossible to write an account of the conference meeting

without mentioning especially the continuous and able efforts of the Church pastor, Brother DeWitt Hotchkiss, and his wife, for the comfort of the delegates and the great help they were to us in every way. It was with sorrow we had to give him up the last days of the meeting, when he was called to the deathbed of his sister.

The women of Palestine were indefatigable in their efforts of entertainment, and suitable resolutions were adopted by the conference thanking them for their hospitality.

The next place of meeting will be Huntsville, Texas. A number of places presented invitations, but Huntsville had so many good arguments why the meeting should be there that it received the vote.

The following new officers were elected. Those officers not mentioned here were selected to serve this year: First Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Spivey, Marlin, Texas; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Harlock, Hearne, Texas; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. W. T. Spencer, Marshall, Texas; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. L. Wommack, Beaumont, Texas.

New District Secretaries: Beaumont District, Mrs. Chas. B. Sheeks, Beaumont, 1592 Broadway; Pittsburg District, Mrs. C. B. Garrett, Pittsburg, Texas; Navasota District, Mrs. N. M. Wycoff, Madisonville, Texas; Timpson District, Mrs. W. A. Bridges, San Augustine, Texas.

ALTHEA JONES, Supt. Study and Publicity. Palestine, Texas.

HASKELL AUXILIARY.

The year of 1916 was a very successful one for the Haskell Missionary Society. Still we are not content and past success only strengthens our optimism for even greater things this year.

We have thirty-five members in the Woman's Auxiliary and a Girls' Auxiliary of fifteen members organized by our first vice-president.

Last year we paid \$500 on our church. Paid the pledge promised by our delegates to the State meeting. The girls also paid their pledge. We are being wonderfully blessed this winter by the study of Revelation under the leadership of Mrs. Turrentine.

Mrs. Fields, our Mission Study leader, has made the lessons on "South American Neighbors" very interesting and instructive.

One Monday in each month is reserved for a Missionary Voice lesson, and we thoroughly enjoy them.

Mrs. R. C. Montgomery, our District Secretary, conducted a very impressive installation service, at which the following officers were installed for this year: President, Mrs. P. D. Sanders; First Vice-President, Mrs. R. J. Turrentine; Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. E. Gilbert; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Fred Sanders; Recording Secretary, Mrs. O. E. Patterson; Connectional Treasurer, Mrs. C. D. Long; Local Treasurer, Mrs. O. F. Kolb; Superintendent Mission Study, Mrs. J. V. Fields; Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. A. J. Jones; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. Alice Nolen; Agent for the Voice, Mrs. Hugh Smith; Superintendent of Publicity, Mrs. O. M. Guest.

MRS. O. M. GUEST, Superintendent Publicity.

TRAVIS PARK YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

"For we are saved by hope." (Rom. 8:24.) The Young People's Missionary Society of Travis Park Methodist Church, San Antonio, closed a most successful year December 31, 1916.

It was our privilege and pleasure to organize the first Young People's Missionary Society in Travis Park Church (the Golden Links of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.) It was our privilege also to organize the present Young People's Missionary Society, and to direct and superintend it during the two short years of its history. These have been years of happy endeavor for the cause of missions and sincerity of purpose in behalf of the young people of our Church. At our last conference meeting, as Chairman of the Committee on Young People's Work, we recommended the boys and young men be admitted in our Young People's Missionary Society. The recommendation was adopted, and we have found it works beautifully in our Travis Park organization. We now have as many boys enlisted as we have girls, real live members, and splendid wide-awake officers.


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consecrated leader. We are praying some from our midst may give themselves to do His service in furthering His kingdom among the nations that know Him not. We met our pledge in full and raised during the year for mission and local relief \$90.95. We are glad to report this money was given by the membership and not raised by entertainment. We have at all times tried to make it a vital fact to our young people that God cares for our treasury and that our care for it means open opportunity to many a girl and boy whose future lies in our hands.

MRS. JAMES CRIDER, San Antonio, Texas.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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we waited three weeks at the death bedside of a dear sister. January 18 she went to sleep as calmly and quietly as a babe in its mother's arms, never to wake again in this world of pain. We stayed another few days more with mamma and daddy. We hated to leave them. Weak and feeble from illness and trouble they kissed us good-by, and said, "Go, son, to your work." It is hard to tear weak, feeble arms from around your neck when you know they have grown weak caring for you, and leave a mother. We returned home with a sad and heavy heart, yet hopeful and thankful to find our good people waiting patiently to receive us with love and sympathy. Our new and good presiding elder, Brother Jesse Lee (and I am not handing flowers for future favors when I say good presiding elder, for he treated me with the kindness of a good man and I love him) had held our first Quarterly Conference in our absence and wouldn't take any of the money that had been raised. He told the stewards that he knew we would need it all, after so much expense, and he was willing to wait. Good man? Of course, Brother Lee is a good man. A few days after we got home one evening, just as the day was fading away, a call came from the front gate. Wife went to answer, and when she opened the door she was told to make room on the table for some packages. Then the shower, a pounding, like a tropical storm, began. Room on the table? Not near enough—all on the floor and some out in the hall. Well, I—er—I just didn't know what to do, and the wife didn't, either. She said afterwards she wasn't scared. Well, I just said let's pray. All of the folks were gone and we were there to look after it all. What was it? It was Sister Adams, Sister Garrett, Lila Garrett and Downman Adams and the car. They had gathered up an expression of the good people's kindness and appreciation and brought it to us. We wish again we could mention each with the giver, but they are too many. Our stewards are fine men, religious and faithful. Our Sunday School superintendents are good and efficient. All of the people have stood by us in our trouble. This is a good place. These are fine people. We love all of them. All is well with us. This is one preacher that has no kick coming. Don't believe I was ever ill-treated on purpose or otherwise. The people, preachers, elders nor Bishops have imposed on me. Brethren, I have received better at your hands than I deserved. My appointments have always been better than I had hope of getting. We are satisfied and at work. Pray for us. How can any good thing be at Brookshire and Patterson? Well, after we have had our four years, you may come and see.—T. W. St. John, P. C.

A NEW TOWN AND A NEW CHURCH.

(Goose Creek Oilfield.)

The newest and perhaps the largest city in Texas, for its age, is Middletown in the new oilfield, near old Goose Creek, Texas.

The postoffice is delivering mail to about 3000 people. Our new church, the "Methodist Tabernacle," stands in front of a business row nearly one-half of a mile long.

It was erected the first week in March, 1917, and is a gift from Mr. Charles T. Rucker and wife. I shall never know how to thank these benevolent friends for their most worthy gift. The generations to come will reap a blessing through these modest friends of the Church.

We were the first here. By the help of our God we will do our best.

It is said that once a Methodist preacher, anxious to be the first Church worker in a new town, rode in on the engine's cow-catcher. But when the new town at Goose Creek oilfield was "a-comin'," I was in the middle of the prairie in an automobile, watching it come and trying to help the people.

Today, I almost get lost in that prairie, which has been turned into a bustling little city, three months old.

If the oilfield continues to grow, in one year we will have to build a much larger house and one of permanence.

We have the only church in the place and the only Sunday School.

Let the Texas Conference keep its eye on this situation, and by its help we will "hold the fort!"

IRVIN B. MANLY.
Cedar Bayou, Texas.

"Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the dumb understand."

ATTENTION, PRESIDING ELDERS AND PASTORS!

Missionary Matters An Appeal.

After issuing draft for the salary of our Conference Missionary Secretary there remains a balance of less than \$300 to the credit of Home and Conference Missions. The salaries of the seventy-nine missionaries in the conference field, which will be due March 15, will call for \$3312.50. Other expenses of the Board will call for \$600 or more during the quarter. Your Board is dependent on you to supply the funds to meet these obligations. Under the law of the Discipline and the policy of the Board, our appropriations are made to the charges and not to the men. It is therefore the mature conclusion of your Board that when we supplement their ability to pay their salaries by the gift of from \$100 to \$300 per year every such charge should come to the help of the Board by early contribution to the missionary cause. No charge should ask the Board to borrow money to pay its part on the salary when the charge and pastor turns a deaf ear to the appeals of the Board. When no effort is made to respond, the Board will delay payment of checks. Your Board believes we have the best pastors and people in the world and it is only necessary that these facts be known that punctual and hearty results be secured.

The mid-year meeting will be held at Hillsboro, March 12, 7:45, and March 13. Your Secretary hopes to be able to place all drafts in the hands of the presiding elders on Tuesday, March 13. In order that he may do so, send at once to Geo. E. Jester, Corsicana, whatever amount you can. Our missionaries greatly need their checks and you must make it possible for your Board to issue them punctually.
M. S. HOTCHKISS,
Sec. Board Miss., C. T. Conference.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY—WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

To the Pastors and Superintendents of West Oklahoma Conference:

Dear Brethren.—You doubtless remember that our Conference by resolution set apart March 11, or a Sunday as near thereto as possible, as "Religious Education Sunday" and a collection was to be taken in each school for the endowment of a Chair of Religious Education in S. M. U. Further more a sermon on "The Need of Better Trained Workers in the Church and Sunday School" is to be preached at the 11 o'clock hour and the open collection is to be applied to the same fund.

Apart from our obligation because of the resolution, let us remember that this is our own S. M. U. and this department is imperative at this time. We beg that West Oklahoma Methodists will do their dead level best. The charge will be given proper credit in the proper way. Send all collections to Frank Reedy, Bursar, S. M. U., Dallas, Texas.
E. R. WELCH,
Chairman Sunday School Board,
Norman, Okla.

REV. J. W. BOWDEN—AGAIN.

Two weeks ago I called attention to the debt on the home of Rev. J. W. Bowden, of Meridian. The following amounts have been sent in to me:

Hamilton Church	\$6.05
Rev. R. B. Bonner, Dallas	5.00
A friend	50.00
J. G. Mayhew, Bradshaw	1.00
W. H. Cardwell, Marfa	10.00
Total	\$72.05

This is the third time Bro. Bonner has responded. God bless him. The \$50 above was sent by the widow of a Methodist preacher, who asks that her name be withheld. Her name is known on high, and her deed will be rewarded. Thousands could pay more readily than this good woman, yet she sends \$50, while others are silent. Bro. Cardwell never knew Bro. Bowden, but is prompted solely by the merit of the cause. We thank each of those who have given.

But, brethren, that full \$400 on Bro. Bowden's little home must be paid. Think of it: Twenty-nine years of service in the ministry, 3000 conversions, 2500 additions, seventeen churches built, and now at seventy-five, no income but \$16 a month, a \$400 debt on his home, and debarred from receiving help from the fund for superannuates, having always been only a supply. Let individuals send me their checks today. "Do it now." Let Churches take collections and remit next Sunday. Had Bro. Bowden been a member of the confer-

A Wise Benefaction

By REV. W. F. McMURRY, D. D.

The \$50,000 contributed to the Loan Fund Capital of the Board of Church Extension recently by a citizen of Shreveport, Louisiana, the income from which is to go perpetually to the support of the superannuated preachers of the Louisiana Conference, is a benefaction that will accomplish great good.

First. The \$50,000 will be used perpetually as a loan fund to aid church and parsonage building. It will be administered in such way as to enable congregations who cannot build without aid to use this money at a reasonable rate of interest, and be permitted to pay their loans in convenient installments. This will result in the building of several churches every year.

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S. J. RUCKER,
His Presiding Elder.

THE ORPHANS' CALL.

Our friends have been liberal in their contributions for the new building, which is practically completed, and very generous in their response to our call for little beds and chairs for the new building. But our needs are not yet met. The kitchen and diningroom are to be furnished. This must be done before the building can be occupied. A new stove is needed. This will cost \$250. Who will give it? The other needed articles for the kitchen can be had for \$150. Who will give it? The furnishings for the dining-room are much more expensive. We need to have the old tables and chairs revarnished at a cost of \$25; fifteen new tables, cost per table, \$5.50; chairs for the new tables, cost per table, \$15; these tables should have heavy glass tops on them, linen is too expensive, cost per table, \$29.35; knives, forks, spoons, cost per table, \$16.35; the old dishes are well worn and broken up, new dishes should be bought for all the tables, cost per table, \$11.15.

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MRS. VIRGINIA K. JOHNSON,
Financial Commissioner.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

The District Missionary Institutes of the New Mexico Conference will be held in connection with the District Conferences at the following places: El Paso District at Deming, April 12; Roswell District at Artesia, April 19; Albuquerque District at Albuquerque, April 27.

Programs have already been sent out and topics assigned to at least six persons in each district, but it is earnestly requested that all preachers and laymen shall come prepared to take an active part in the discussion of all missionary questions that may come before the Institutes.

GEO. H. GIVAN,
Missionary Secretary.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

(The presiding elders will greatly help us to make this list accurate if they will promptly make any changes in the following list, or send in date and place where their conference is to be held.)

Table listing district conferences with locations and dates, such as Beeville, at Kingsville, March 26; Sulphur Springs, at Ben Franklin, March 27; Hillsboro, at Brandon, March 29.

ATTENDANCE CONTEST IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Every kind of mean weather prevailed last Sunday and played havoc with Sunday School attendance. Under the circumstances the reports are very fine.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

DECISION DAY, Sunday, April 1st. A successful Decision Day requires preparation and careful, prayerful planning. Begin in time.

CHILDREN'S DAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 29th. Two Pennants will be offered on that day. One to the Sunday School having the largest attendance on that day.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MARCH 4th, 1917.

Table showing attendance for Sunday, March 4th, 1917, categorized by CLASS G, CLASS H, and CLASS I, listing various churches and their attendance figures.

BIG SPRING DISTRICT.

Let All Concerned Take Notice: For sufficient reasons, I am changing the date of our District Conference from May 25-26 to May 18-19, Sunday included.

The examining committees are as follows: License.—M. L. Moody, W. C. Harte and J. W. Cole. Admission and Readmission on Trial.—D. B. Doak, J. Watt Fulton and J. P. Calloway.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Brownwood District Conference will meet in Ballinger, Texas, April 10 at 3 p. m. Rev. J. J. Creed will preach the opening sermon at 7:45 p. m.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD, EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

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MARRIED.

FLEEMSTER-BROOKS. — Ernest Fleemster and Miss Vivian Brooks, of Daingerfield, were happily married at W. O. Lineramas' home, Feb. 28, 1917.

OUR CHURCH STATISTICS FOR 1916.

Table showing church statistics for 1916, including Church membership (2,145,300), Traveling preachers (47,633), Local preachers (5,314), and other metrics.

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THE DOCTRINAL ARTICLES published in the Asbury Memorial Number of the Christian Advocate (Nashville) last year have been printed in pamphlet form and already about 15,000 copies have been put in circulation.

Let those interested clip these Quarterly Conference rounds, as they will appear but twice in the Advocate.

Table listing Muskegee District—Second Round, including churches like Checotah, Feb. 28; Sallisaw, March 3, 4; Vian, March 4, 5.

Cleburne District—Second Round. Joshua, church dedication, March 4. Anglin Street, 11 a. m., March 11.

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Corsicana District—Second Round.

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UPTON—Thomas B. Upton was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, March 20, 1862. He came to Texas in 1871; professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church, South, at about fifteen years of age. He was a steward. He attended his Sunday School and Church on Sunday as usual. Held family prayers in his home and retired to bed at night. He woke at about 12 o'clock in the night sick. At 7 a. m. he went to his home above to meet his companion. His last words were: "O, I am trusting, trying to get ready!" Funeral services were held by his pastor at his home. May God bless the three little boys left. J. H. WATTS, P. C.

CLARK—Bro. J. B. Clark departed this life January 26, 1917. Bro. Clark was a true Christian man and was one of our faithful members of our Church. I have worked with him as a steward. He leaves a wife, three sons and four daughters and many friends to grieve the loss of a man like him. The writer certainly does sympathize with the bereaved family. All the family left behind are Christians, except the youngest one of the boys. We ask the prayers of all who read this for this young man. Bro. Clark has gone to his home not made with hands in the beautiful city of God, there to sing praises to God and the Lamb forever and forever. I am sure he is beckoning to all to come up higher. We will see him again. W. M. JONES.

HAZLEWOOD—Laura Clide Hazlewood (nee Brooks), the wife of R. B. Hazlewood, was born at Cross Plains, Callahan County, Texas, on May 31, 1882, and departed this life at Slaton, Texas, February 14, 1917. She was married to R. B. Hazlewood, June 30, 1901. To this union God gave five precious children, four boys and one girl. She was converted about two years ago, but never united with any Church. But since her conversion has lived a good Christian life. The community has lost a good and true member, the home a loving and tender mother and wife. She leaves one little boy only five hours old. Loving hands laid her body to rest in the Slaton Cemetery to await the resurrection morning. Besides her husband and children she leaves an aged father and three sisters and two brothers to mourn her departure. May the inspiration of her life be a means of grace to the father and children. Look up, dear ones, mother has gone on before and she will be waiting and watching for you. T. C. WILLETT, P. C.

CUNNINGHAM—Sarah E. Cunningham was born May 12, 1853, in McNairy County, Tennessee. She died January 26, 1917, in a hospital in Paris, Texas, after a brief illness. Spinal meningitis and pneumonia were the immediate cause. On November 18, 1875, she was married to D. M. Cunningham. To this union were born nine children, eight boys and one girl. The husband, five children—James, Andy, Elver, Marvin and May—also the father, J. A. Smith, two brothers and three sisters survive her. In her home she was the embodiment of Christian patience. The heart of her husband did safely trust in her. To her children she was all that the word, "mother," implies. Sister Cunningham was converted when a child and joined the Methodist Church. For her there was no turning back. Her Christian life was an ever-growing and constantly enlarging reality. She grew in grace and in the knowledge of her Lord. A good woman, full of faith and the Holy Ghost. Like her Lord, she was in the world not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give her life in constant unselfish ministries to others. Heaven is real and she is there. She rests from her labors, but her works follow her. Lonely husband and sorrowing children, you were and are precious to her. You know where to find her. She and the others departed are waiting and watching for your coming. She was buried at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Funeral service at White-rock Church, conducted by her pastor, A. T. Bridges, assisted by the writer. T. W. LOVELL.



HARCASTLE—On Sunday evening at the close of the holy Sabbath day, January 9, 1916, the sweet spirit of Mrs. L. P. Harcastle (nee McLain) left its earthly habitation and winged its flight to the home above. Mrs. Harcastle was born January 21, 1846, at Due West, South Carolina; moved with her parents to Baldwin, Mississippi, in 1858, where she was happily married to John Wesley Harcastle on March 8, 1866. In December, 1867, the family moved to Lexington, Texas, where she lived the remainder of her life. At the early age of eleven she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and for over half a century, though frail in body, was pre-eminently a faithful, earnest Christian of rare zeal and character. She loved her Church, its institutions and its servants, who always found a welcome in her home. How beautiful the piety of that home! Her life was so filled with the Master's spirit that one entering her home need not be told the Master abides there. To the world she always gave her best, and richly it came back to her in the love and esteem of all who knew her, for surely the heart grows rich in giving. Time with our dear friend is no more. And to us who so loved and valued her in life only precious memories remain; but the sweet fragrance of that Christlike life will linger through the years to come. She is with her loved ones gone before who are now waiting for those left behind. She leaves a devoted husband, a son, G. L. Harcastle, and a grandson, Connor Porter. Surely passing through life they will find her footprints leading to the Savior's side. A FRIEND. Lexington, Texas.

TRUITT—Mrs. Sallie Truitt (nee Logan) was born in Kentucky, August 9, 1840; died July 2, 1916. She was married to E. R. Truitt, September 13, 1860, who died in 1869. From that date she remained a widow. She was the mother of four children who are still living and have large families. They are: Mrs. Jas. High, Mrs. Arch Campbell, Mrs. Doc Harris and Ed Truitt. She came to Texas when a child and joined the Methodist Church at Harris Chapel when a young lady. She gave every evidence of being deeply consecrated and full of the spirit of the Lord. She was at Church not long before she passed away and became so happy that she shouted aloud the praise of God. She was one of the charter members of Allina Church and one of the best it ever had. The old guard of Allina Church are nearly all gone. Perhaps they have reunions up yonder in the "land that is fairer than day." M. I. B.

CHAMPION—Mrs. Mary E. Champion (nee Hotchkiss) was born in Travis County, Texas, January 28, 1847, and died at Leander, Texas, January 15, 1917, being near seventy years of age. Rev. Dukes, of Liberty Hill, conducted funeral services at the home. She was buried in the Leander burying ground. She was the second daughter of the late Judge Wm. S. Hotchkiss; raised and educated in Austin; gave her life to God at the early age of twelve years and joined the Methodist Church. April 20, 1865, she became the second wife of John Champion, of Williamson County, who preceded her to the other shore seven years ago. Twelve children were born to this union, nine of whom survive to mourn her departure. In the year 1865 she joined the Christian Church with her husband and lived a devout Christian life until the day of her death, discharging her duty faithfully, lending a helping hand whenever and wherever the opportunity presented itself, and many are the families who

will rise up and call her blessed for her many deeds of kindness in sickness and distress. Hers was a life of gentleness, long-suffering, devotion and sacrifice, always giving more than receiving. We were again called upon to bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father when he saw fit to remove from our midst our dearly beloved mother; but we do not mourn as those who have no hope, for we know she has gone to be with Jesus and to join the many loved ones gone before in that "home not made with hands eternal in the heavens." Though an intense sufferer for ten long months, she remained patient, never complaining. She said: "Tell the children I'm better in several ways." Sister turned to the table to write it. She heard a noise, looked and mother had fallen lifeless to the floor! She never spoke again. Relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were: Her only surviving sister, Mrs. M. E. Whitten, of Austin, who followed her sister a few days later; three brothers, Rev. O. T., M. S. and D. H. Hotchkiss, of Bay City, Fort Worth and Palestine, respectively; her sons, J. H. and L. D. Champion, of Austin and San Antonio, and grandson, Lawrence Champion, of Austin, and the writer, her daughter, Mrs. Fannie B. Robertson, of Bangs, Texas. HER DAUGHTER.

WALKER—Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Walker (nee Tollison) was born in Monroe County, Georgia, October 14, 1843, and died at her home in Pruitt, Texas, February 13, 1917. She was married to J. S. Walker April 6, 1862. To this union twelve children were born, eight of whom have preceded her to the glory land. She is survived by her husband, three boys and one daughter. Sister Walker was converted in 1859 and joined the Methodist Church in 1862, in which she lived a consistent Christian life. For nearly fifty-five years this happy union was undisturbed. Sister Walker was a true, devoted companion and affectionate mother and kind neighbor. To know her was to love her. This is indeed a sad dispensation of God's providence, but he is too wise to err, too good to be unkind. Truly he doeth all things well. For three years I had the good fortune of being her pastor. Her house was the preacher's home, her presence was a benediction to any one. On February 14, her funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. H. Mathison, of Daingerfield, Texas, amidst a concourse of weeping friends. We know this mortal life simply fadeth out into the life beyond. Beyond the sorrows and pains of this life she awaiteth the coming of her loved ones. We said good-by to her lifeless form in home, Sunday School and Church, but not forever. Hope sets a light in the silent tomb that bids all dry their weeping eyes and take courage, because of the responsibilities and opportunities of life, we do not understand the mysteries of life or death, but we commit the bereaved ones to Him who hath said, "Sorrow not as those who have no hope." A FRIEND.

JOHNSON—Vesta Ann Johnson (nee Miller), wife of S. T. Johnson, was born in Delta County, Texas, April 25, 1875, and departed this life at Lubbock, Texas, February 14, 1917. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Miller, and was married to S. T. Johnson October 21, 1894. She was the mother of eleven children, nine of whom are still living. We laid her body to rest beside the body of her little baby who had preceded her only a few months. She was converted in early childhood and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which Church she remained a faithful and loyal member to her death. Dear ones, I know that it is hard to have to give her up, but she is gone now and you can't call her back, but by the grace of God you can go to her. Be faithful and true and follow in her footsteps as she followed in the footsteps of Christ, and some of these days you will see and know her again. May the God of all grace, the father of mercies and the God of all comfort, keep your hearts in this great sorrow. T. C. WILLETT, P. C.

THORN—Little Orborn Leon Thorn, son of Brother and Sister W. H. Thorn, was born at Cuthand, Red River County, Texas, on January 11, 1913, and departed this life at Slaton, Texas, February 10, 1917. Little Orborn never knew what it was to be strong and well, having been sick all his life. But despite this he was always cheerful and bright. He, with the rest of the family, except the mother, took the measles and his little body was too frail to stand the suffering incident to the disease. He leaves six brothers and sisters, besides his

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parents, to mourn his departure. Father and mother, do not grieve too much for little Orborn. You have not lost him. He is only taken for a while. Live right and you shall see him again in that land where there is no sickness and neither sorrow nor tears. Trust God and he will help you to bear your sorrow. T. C. WILLETT, P. C.

WELBORN—Rev. R. W. Welborn was born in Lawrence County, Mississippi, August 20, 1850; died February 4, 1916. Of these nearly 66 years, almost half a century was given to the Lord, for he became a Christian in early manhood. He came to Comanche County, Texas, about the year 1870. On December 25, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Hiloa Jane Creamer, of this county. To this union were born eleven children, four of whom preceded the father in death. Seven are still living, four boys and three girls, all of whom were present to pay the last fond tribute to a loving father, save one boy, far out on the plains, who could not be found by wire. About 1878 or 1879 he began preaching and joined the old Northwest Texas Conference, serving most of the time in the sparsely settled West. These were some of the circuits served by him: Comanche, DeLeon, Round Mt., Blanket, Glen Cove and Cottonwood. He served this Church two years, 1891 to 1893, going from here to Cottonwood Circuit, where he served two years to 1895. At this time he took the superannuate relation, which he has held for 21 years. As a student of the Methodist doctrine he has no peer. He knew and loved his Church, and was dreaded by those who would speak evil of our doctrine. The writer has been his pastor for a little over two years, and often went to him for advice, and always found him solid, though his body was feeble, yet his mind was clear and active. T. D. ELLIS, P. C.

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The spirit of self-sacrifice must take hold on the Church before it

THE NEED.

We need twenty new missionaries for the foreign field and five for

THE TIME.

Easter week. We shall be thinking of the agony, the shame, the be-

THE OBJECTIVE.

Twenty new missionaries for our seven foreign fields. They are

The Home Department needs teachers and equipment for Wilson In-

KELLEY—Mrs. Dorcas Margaretta Kelley (nee Bengé) was born in War-

HARRIS.—Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Captain A. B. and Sarah E. White, was born in Jo Daviess County,

EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPT.

Means of intercommunication are highways of the Kingdom. Waterways and railways

VAN ALSTYNE ORGANIZE A LEAGUE.

There is a live little town in North Texas, Van Alstyne by name, that once had a very strong Epworth League.

could hardly be called reorganization, as the former League has been dis-

REQUIRED FOR HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

It is surprising that it is necessary to repeat again and again that the health and beauty

The indications are very clear that Hood's Sarsaparilla is the most successful medicine

Let those interested clip these Quarterly Conference rounds, as they will appear but twice in the Advocate.

- Holdenville District—Second Round. Wewoka, March 3, 4.

- Brenham District—Second Round. Thorndale, at Pleasant Retreat, Feb. 24, 25.

- Timpson District—Second Round. Carthage Sta., Wed., March 7.

Constipation.

Don't use harsh, irritating, drastic purgatives or habit-forming laxatives.

Dallas District—Second Round.

- Brooklyn Ave., March 12, 8:30 p. m.

McAlester District—Second Round.

- Caddo, 11 a. m., March 4.

Houston District—Second Round.

- Cedar Bayou, March 11.

Amarillo District—Second Round.

- Dalhart, March 3, 4.

Albuquerque District—Third Round.

- McAlister Cir., at Planview, April 1.

You should not feel tired all the time—healthy people don't—you won't if you take Hood's Sarsaparilla for a while.

"The three W's is my maxim: plenty of work, plenty of wittles, and plenty of wages."—Thackeray.

Stomach Sufferers! DR. TINKLES' WONDERFUL STOMACH REMEDY

"NEARER TO GOD OR FURTHER FROM HIM."

Bishop Walter R. Lambuth.

In an interview granted by King Albert to Mr. Henri Anet, of Brussels, a few months ago, the King made the significant remark: "This war is a dreadful trial; either it brings us nearer to God or further from him." These words indicate, upon the part of the courageous ruler of Belgium, an insight into the appalling situation confronting him and his people, and the spiritual forces involved which compel attention. Never, perhaps, have a people been more severely tested. Will they stand the strain? Will they come through it purified? Or will they go down under it physically and spiritually? Much depends—in some sense everything depends—upon the sympathetic attitude of Christian people. Are we ready to make good our profession of brotherhood? Will we lend a helping hand?

Much has been written concerning the Belgian sufferers. It is hardly necessary to add one word—the world knows the facts. It is difficult, however, to realize how the very people who opened their homes to our first party of missionaries to Africa—Mumpower, Stockwell, Bush and their wives—have had their homes destroyed, their personal property plundered, and are now enduring the severest privations; having no meat to eat, their only food rice and potatoes, and some obliged to live on boiled potato peelings. Despite this, and the loss of churches and mission halls, religious work is being carried on by the pastors who are giving consolation and hope to their own people, to Roman Catholics, and to unbelievers who are turning to Jesus Christ as their only hope. Surely this is the hour of supreme need, and one in which succor will count for most.

Rev. Henri Anet, L.L.D., is in the United States under the direction of the American Huguenot Committee. He has been for years the distinguished pastor of an evangelical Church in Belgium, is an eminent scholar, and one of the Board of Directors of the Missionary Society which, prior to the European War, projected a mission in the Belgian Congo, some 300 miles south of our own mission at Wembo Niama. He made a pioneer journey just before Prof. Gilbert and I entered the Kasai District, and wrote an interesting book in French, giving an account of his travels and observations.

The doctor stands high in Belgium with the government authorities, and as the official representative of several of the American Missions in the Congo has been of invaluable help in their relations to the Belgian Government. He was instrumental in securing, through the Colonial Office, concessions of land for the Southern Presbyterians, and ourselves. Our Church, therefore, is profoundly indebted to his efforts, and his colleagues in Brussels, who generously seconded his efforts, and extend their hospitality to our missionaries while studying French.

The evangelical Churches in France, as well as in Belgium, within the war zone, are represented by Dr. Anet. In some cases the congregations are absolutely without shelter, and in all they face financial conditions which may compel them to close their doors. And yet the attendance is larger than before the war. "Never have hearts been opened as now," says the doctor, "to the preaching of the Gospel. Belgians and Frenchmen are being brought closer to God." * * * The patience, the faith and also the liberality of our Church members are astounding. * * * France has found her soul," he continues, "in the struggle for international justice and freedom, but the soul of both nations must still be saved; redeemed by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"May many Belgians and Frenchmen make the discovery of a Belgian lady refuge in England, where she was converted: 'I have lost everything,' she exclaimed. 'My house is burned down, all my belongings have been taken away. I am here in exile, but I do not regret all these losses, for I have found a greater treasure—the Gospel of Christ.'"

Dr. Anet is making the tour of the Southern States in the interest of these Churches. They must be helped until they can return to normal conditions. I commend this brother and the cause he represents to the sympathy and liberality of our preachers and people. If we do our duty this war may, in the providence of God, bring the Belgian people nearer to him. If we fail to measure up to the standards of Christian brotherhood, we shall not only be found wanting ourselves, but may be held responsible

for a distressed and broken-hearted people drifting away from God.

By request of Dr. Anet's committee contributions should be sent to Edmond E. Robert, Treasurer, 3 Maiden Lane, New York City.

PROHIBITION VICTORIES IN 1917.

The year 1917 will be ever memorable in prohibition annals. The Supreme Court's decision January 8, sustaining the Webb-Kenyon Act, was a veritable challenge to the Nation to destroy the liquor traffic as a menace to the public welfare. Congress immediately responded, and, notwithstanding calendars were crowded with vital legislation, enacted prohibition laws for Porto Rico, Alaska, the District of Columbia, the Anti-Liquor Advertising and so-called Bone-Dry Acts. Additional prohibition legislation for Indians provided ten thousand dollars extra for the Anti-Alcohol Congress and adopted other legislation of minor importance. Nothing but the congestion of legislation caused by threatening war prevented a vote on the resolution for victories were made possible by the loyalty of the Churches, which gave united support to the prohibition leaders in and out of Congress. We now call with confidence for a united drive to secure the passage of the resolution to submit national prohibition and other prohibition legislation. Final victory is in sight.

JAMES CANNON, JR.,
A. J. BARTON,
WAYNE B. WHEELER,
Legislative Committee.
EDWIN C. DINWIDDIE,
Legislative Supt.

RESPONSES.

Times are hard and money is scarce with us, but we cannot invest the price of the Advocate in anything that will do us the good that the Advocate does us. We look forward with pleasure to its weekly visits. D. D. PETTITT.
Lexington, Texas.

I have been on your list 33 years and consider the investment one of the very best. No better dividends can come to any home than the Texas Christian Advocate's weekly visits.
JOHN R. SMITH.
Hillsboro, Texas.

Have been a reader of the Advocate for over 40 years and cannot do without it. We have a fine editor.
W. E. DICKARD.
Ruston, La.

Been taking the Advocate 40 years. Inclosed find check for 1917.
MRS. ANNIE K. JONES.
Glenrose, Texas.

I do enjoy the Advocate and feel that I cannot do without it.
(MISS) JENNIE GAWTNEY.
Nocona, Texas.

The Advocate is a splendid paper and we enjoy reading it.
MRS. ELLA KINDRED.
Waelder, Texas.

I esteem the Advocate very highly.
MRS. W. O. JORDAN.
Alvord, Texas.

I think each member of the Church should take the Advocate and I am going to try to get a few subscriptions for it.
MRS. J. B. WILLIAMS.
Stephenville, Texas.

You are publishing a fine paper. I have been taking it for 36 years and could hardly do without it.
J. A. BOYLES.
Chillicothe, Texas.

I am glad to be a subscriber and thus to be a member of the many households whom you visit. I want you to continue to make your regular visits, bringing your weekly messages of good cheer, which I hardly expect to find on the tongue of other messengers.
S. R. STANDIFER.
Prosper, Texas.

We could not do without the Advocate. My wife says she would do without a dress rather than be without the Advocate.
W. P. ROBERTS.
Decatur, Texas.

While my time is not up till June 25, I am inclosing my check for \$2 for renewal as I have the money now. Wife and I just cannot think of doing without it. We expect to read the Advocate as long as we live. Aunt Mollie can see to read but little, but I read aloud for us both and we do enjoy it so much.
R. R. JENKINS.
Springtown, Texas.

Inclosed find \$2 to pay subscription of Mrs. M. L. Gephart to March, 1918. She loves the Advocate and wants it



In the Shadow of the Dome

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UNIVERSITY PARK



VISITOR to the Southern Methodist University recently said, "Isn't this the Homesite Beautiful?" He was looking out on University Park which adjoins the Campus of S. M. U. and is so close as to be in the shadow of the big dome. University Park enjoys all the advantages of Dallas, as to gas, electric lights, sewage, well paved streets, wide boulevards, plus restrictions that do not prevail in other sections of the city. It is included in the great boulevard system now being built under the direction of Kessler. In carrying out his plans Turtle Creek Boulevard, the "scenic route," leads up to the University. Less than two years ago S. M. U. stood as a lone sentinel on the high ground overlooking Dallas. Today twenty-four fine homes are being occupied by owners and more are in course of construction. J. V. Wright, who recently purchased the lot at Hillcrest and University Boulevard, has accepted plans for a \$10,000 home and has let the contract and work will commence at once.

A lot in UNIVERSITY PARK is a good buy, either for a home or an investment, and advantage in location, environment and restrictions considered, is the cheapest in price of any of Dallas' exclusive sections.

Buy Now While the Buying is Good. Ask for our MR. M. M. GARRETT.

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Dallas, Texas.

as long as she lives. It is a great help to her. M. F. GEPHART.
Llano, Texas.

I am sixty-seven years old and have been taking and reading the Advocate 30 years.
J. A. JONES.
Bellevue, Texas.

A GOOD PLAN.

I take a copy of Advocate often into the pulpit and when I make announcements I call attention to the Advocate. I also speak of it in the homes where I visit.
R. G. FLUMMER.
Hallettsville, Texas.

Rev. B. C. Perry, of Franklin Circuit, Oklahoma District, has sent ten new subscribers and is still at work.

Pastors, are your Sunday School Superintendents readers of the Advocate and keeping up with the Sunday School contest?

I do not feel that I can get along without the Advocate as I can hardly remember when the Advocate did not make its weekly visits to our home.
JOHN W. JONES.
Palestine, Texas.

I have been a weekly reader of the Advocate since childhood. For twenty-six years it has come into my own home and we do not feel that we could ever get along without it.
MRS. ED. HARGRAVE.
Fort Worth, Texas.

KIND HEARTS.

Our appeal for some one to send the Advocate to a Confederate soldier's wife was promptly responded to by the following:
B. E. Anderson, Hamlin, Texas.
Mrs. P. T. Talbot, San Marcos, Texas, \$6.
W. W. Campbell, Alba, Texas.

M. E. Warren, Exeter, Calif. Wesley Bible Class, Tulia, Texas. As previously announced, other parties equally worthy will be found to whom the Advocate will be sent till the fund is exhausted.

DURANT DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

The pastors and Leaguers of Durant District will please take notice of the League District Conference at Madill March 30-April 1, 1917. An excellent program has been prepared and we are expecting every pastor to come and bring some of his young people, whether he has a League or not. There will be many talks on "Epworth League Methods," and "How to Make Your League Go." Is your League dead or alive? Come, let us help you make it a better League. Write Bro. Johnson at Madill that you will be there. Pray that great good may come from the meeting.
VALLIE PRICE,
Conference President.
Ada, Okla.

RESOLUTION, J. W. WALKER.

Whereas, it has pleased God in his infinite wisdom, on the second day of February, 1917, to remove from our association the spirit of our beloved Brother J. W. Walker; be it Resolved, first, That we bow submissively to His will and try to emulate his example so that eventually we may meet him on the shores of sweet deliverance.
Second, That we furnish the bereft family with a copy of these resolutions, record a copy in our Quarterly Conference record, and send a copy to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

H. C. PARK.
W. S. ROBERTS.
C. R. McCLURE.

Committee appointed by Secretary Quarterly Conference, Brookston and High Charge, Bonham District, North Texas Conference.