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Have the Creeds Fallen From Power?

The Rev. Dr. George A. Gordon, pastor "Old South Church," Boston (quoted by Philip Mauro), says that the theology of Jonathan Edwards and his New England school has fallen from power. We will not delay now to speak of the great Bible doctrines taught by Jonathan Edwards, such as the sovereignty of God, the depravity of man, the atonement and the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, but we go at once to the alleged reasons why such theology "fell from power."

The intellectual sloth of the age is one reason assigned for the collapse of the old New England theology. "The age is characterized by a strong aversion to severe thinking. Immediacy has become a habit, perhaps a disease." Shallowness, superficiality and the hot pursuit of money and pleasure are unfavorable qualities for the consideration of the deep things taught by Jonathan Edwards and his rigid school.

The second reason assigned by Dr. Gordon is that the creed of Edwards and the rest is beneath the religious consciousness of the time. This "ancient creed," to quote the exact words of the Boston pastor, "fell from power because it was found beneath the best religious consciousness of the time. It was found to be outgrown in two fundamental ways, it was outgrown in knowledge and in ethical conceptions."

We have been familiar for a number of years with Dr. Newman Smythe's book, "The Passing Protestantism and the Coming Catholicism." Dr. Smythe thinks that the observations of Dr. Gordon on New England theology, of the Edward's type, are true of the whole of our Protestant theology. Indeed, the theology of Romanism is passing through the same ferment. "Modernism" threatens Roman theology quite as much as it does Protestant theology. The ancient creeds of both Protestantism and Romanism are threatened with a serious fall from power. "Modernism," says Dr. Smythe, "is not a schism, breaking off at a single point; it is laying broad foundations of religion in history, science and democracy."

Well, what shall we say to all this? That we must say something is imperative. A tremendous crisis is on the Church no less than on the State. The very foundations of both are being searched. Revolution is in the air. The iconoclast is at work and he is not now smashing images of stone and paintings of oil; he is hacking at things immeasurably more priceless—civil institutions, creeds, the Holy Scriptures and Christ's Church.

Concerning the cause of the alleged fall from power of the creeds, we can well afford to admit the intellectual sloth of our times. The multitudes are impatient of

anything which requires thought. Everything, whether in education or religion, must be made palatable and easy. The whole scheme of modern education is along the lines of least resistance. College students are looking for "snaps" and the underlying philosophy of the "elective" system in college, in part, is that the student may pursue studies which are agreeable and pleasant. The age is averse to grinding, whether in religion or education. The times are hard upon both the cultural studies in the colleges and the ancient creeds in the Churches.

It may be, too, that we can well afford to admit that there are accretions on Church creeds which this age of science and historical criticism has outgrown. And we can admit this without occasioning the slightest alarm. For surely it would be unreasonable to suppose that the superintending Spirit of God has had no new truths to teach the age in which we live. Moreover, creeds are not an end but only a means; creeds are of value only as they are Christian. Any creed, therefore, which is found to obscure Christ and misinterpret his teachings must go and ought to go.

Having said these things, however, we wish to say that we do not remember to have read anything shallower or more superficial than Dr. Gordon's and Dr. Smythe's alleged reasons for the fall from power of the great creeds of the Christian Church. These creeds have not fallen from power; rather, we have fallen from

the holy experiences of which these creeds were the transcript. The fall is in us; not in the creeds.

The great Christian creeds are based upon great Christian experiences. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," was Peter's description of Him who had transformed his life from a vacillating man to one of impregnable rock. The creed was born of a transforming experience and the creed "fell from power" only when Peter relapsed from Christ. The collapse of the creed came when Peter, for a short period, forfeited his experience by a denial of his Lord.

The creed of Paul was based on his experience on the Damascus road. To make Paul a Christian he must see Jesus not dead but living; not on the cross but on His throne. Such an experience was vouchsafed to him on the road to Damascus and his Christology is his explanation of this experience.

Creeds fall from power, we repeat, when Christians fall from the experiences of which the creeds are the rational explanations. Fallen from power was the creed of the Church of England when John Wesley came upon the scene; but Wesley again verified the doctrine of assurance and the rest in his own experience and restored the doctrines of the Establishment to their place of power. The lapse of experience explains the collapse of the creeds rather than our increased knowledge and heightened ethical conceptions. And the call of our times is for a return to the holy experiences of Wesley, Edwards and the rest through whose ministries whole continents have been redeemed.

The Address of Our Chief Pastors

This issue of the Advocate carries to its readers the admonition and exhortation of our chief pastors to the ministers and members of our Church. Both Church and Nation face the greatest crisis in their history and it is in view of this crisis that the Bishops have issued their address.

The address is a model of simplicity and earnestness. It reminds us of the patriotism of our fathers and exhorts to a like loyalty on our part. It admonishes us to put our trust not in man-power nor equipment, but in the living God.

The true basis of National greatness, say our chief pastors, is religion. Personal faith in God inspires heroism and is the true safeguard against the vices which make armies impotent and which have brought about the fall of empires. Our ministers are exhorted to preach the pure word of God, eschewing the vain philosophies of men. Our membership are ex-

horted to live the simple life and righteously in these trying days.

Our people are warned that the decay of both morals and religion follows in the wake of war. All are urged to keep their hearts free from hate and especially to be considerate of our friends in America who are of foreign birth. Sunday, May 27th, is designated as a season for special prayer for our President and those associated with him in government. Our own lives, too, should be examined whether we be in the faith. "Let an astonished world look upon a people whose courage rises above calamity, coming off from the conflict conquerors but without the smallest loss in Christian character."

We have here given but the most imperfect outline of the address. It is worthy of our College of Bishops and the Church whose chief shepherds they are. Let it be read in all our Churches and its admonitions and exhortations heeded in our own lives.

THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

THE DEITY OF JESUS

TO THE MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Dear Brethren: Moved by the sore distress which has come into our own land, as it has come into all the earth, we your brethren in Christ and chief pastors set to watch over the souls of those for whom we must give an account, address to you a message of admonition and exhortation, and we trust you will receive our words in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ whom we endeavor to serve with unfeigned faith and love.

With you we give ceaseless thanks unto God for the great grace with which He has at all times and in manifold ways blessed our Church. By many infallible signs He has set His seal upon the faith and labors of our fathers and upon our labors even until this day. Truly he has been pleased to make us a great people who were not a people, and we call on all our people to join with us in giving Him continual thanks for His marvelous mercies unto us and to our nation. With true repentance we make confession unto God of all our misdoings, out of our hearts acknowledging that we have been too prone to indulge a sense of self-sufficiency, not looking unto Him as the only giver of good gifts.

We are happy when we recall the record of our own Church in all the strains and burdens which hitherto have come to our nation. In every instance our people have illustrated patriotic devotion and faithful service to their country, and now that we are forced into war with a foreign nation we feel certain that they will follow the heroic example of their fathers.

Americans had vainly hoped that wars had ceased in the earth, but against all the efforts of our rulers we have been driven to take up arms. Out of the homes of our own people many sons will go into the military service of their country, and we have good hope that they will do well their duty to the nation. We exhort all our ministers and people that continual prayers be made unto God in behalf of these young soldiers and seamen as for all their companions in service that their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ fail not amid the temptations of the camp and perils of the field and the dangers of the deep. And likewise we commend to the earnest prayers of the Church the homes out of which these sons may go forth to the service of their country.

While it becomes us as Christian citizens to obey loyally our rulers, and render our service in the physical preparation for warfare, we wish to remind you that upon the Church of Christ rests the supreme duty of leadership in making that religious preparation without which no people is fitted for the ordeal of war. Some trust in horses and some trust in chariots, but our trust must be in the Lord our God. Yet there are many unmistakable proofs that our age is weakened by widespread worldliness and the unrestrained lusts of the flesh. Material prosperity and ease, we fear, have silenced the voice of God in the conscience of men and made them forgetful of God. The Holy Scriptures and the universal experience of mankind show that the sin of forgetting God has brought upon such sinning nations divine judgment.

Again we exhort you to labor with all diligence and prayer to bring not only our own people, but all the people of the land into the knowledge and reverent fear of God. We insist with all possible urgency that this is the supreme need of our nation at all times, whether in seasons of ease and prosperity, or in times of distress and warfare; and we call upon all our people to join us in constant and prayerful efforts to turn the thoughts of all men unto God. Let our people turn away from frivolity and worldliness and ungodliness, and let them live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ. Let all our homes become scenes of devout worship, fervent prayer and simple living; and let them be adorned with holiness that God may have mercy upon us and abundantly pardon us.

We remind you that a sound and vigorous faith in God is the one vital necessity in personal and national life; and that when it decays, every other force in a civilization must degenerate, and hence all the virtues which give solidity, strength and

steadfastness to individual and national character have their beginning in that type of evangelical faith which establishes a real and intimate fellowship with God. Nations are strongest when their faith in God is soundest.

Let us not forget that patriotism is not a political passion or a passing enthusiasm, but a virtue which grows out of a holy fear of God and a living faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Israel was strongest when David was on its throne and Nathan was the prophetic guide of the nation. When in captivity the remembrance of Mount Zion was the soul of their devotion to their deserted land.

As shepherds of the flock of Christ, we should exert ourselves with all faithfulness and diligence to preach the word of God in all plainness and sincerity, setting aside the vain philosophies of men and the empty wisdom of the world, and showing ourselves in all things true ensamples of faith and consecration.

We would remind you further that during a time of war, morality and religion decline more rapidly than at any other time. In such a day vice becomes bold and shameless; men and even women become degraded; the weak are overthrown and some of the strong are led astray. Let us therefore strive more earnestly, pray more importunately, warn more lovingly, yet more faithfully against drunkenness, gambling, licentiousness, and the whole black brood of sin which so often in the history of mankind have dishonored nations and defeated armies. Let us keep before our people and all our fellow-countrymen those wise words of our revolutionary fathers which were written in our fundamental laws and which are still retained therein: "No free government, nor the blessings of liberty, can be maintained by any people but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality and virtue, and by a frequent recurrence to fundamental principles." Let us keep our hearts free from hate; for hate blinds intellect, hardens sensibility, and deflects the will from paths of righteousness. Let us deal firmly but kindly, lovingly and unsuspectingly, with the multitudes of our fellow-Christians and fellow-citizens of foreign birth and descent. They should receive our sympathy and our brotherly kindness in this trying hour; for their hearts are torn by the woes that have fallen on their friends and kindred in other lands. Hate and passion do not inspire courage, but they nourish weakness and cowardice. In this dreadful war, our country can be victorious, our liberties can be defended, our civilization can be preserved, and our Christianity can be promoted only by the maintenance of the highest Christian manhood, whose crushing hand is reserved for all that is wrong, while its healing touch is given to those who are sorely wounded in spirit. Let us leave in our hearts no smallest place for unholy bitterness which would plague us at the end. Let an astonished world look upon a people whose courage rises above calamity, coming off from the conflict conquerors but without the smallest loss in Christian character.

For these reasons as your chief pastors we earnestly request our ministers and people to observe as a season of special prayer unto God, May 27th. On that day let us make special and fervent supplication for the President and all associated with him in the government and for all public servants of every relation and degree, that God may guide them with His unerring counsel in these days of perplexity and anxiety. At that time let us also examine our own hearts whether we be in the faith. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you, and love be with you all in Christ Jesus.

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The character of Jesus stands out before the world in majesty, beauty and perfection. "The Crystal Christ" is no dream of the poet, sage or idealist. He stands a fact, substantial, immeasurable. The weight of his flawless character is mighty as regards the proof of his essential divinity. Nothing less than perfection can be postulated in any consideration or exposition of the person of the world's redeemer. We have in the gospels the outlines of faultless character; only a faultless being can be divine; therefore the gospel writers have portrayed for us the lineaments of the divine Christ, not because they portrayed their ideal, but because they described a person, one "who went about doing good." That beautiful, matchless, faultless life must reach up into divinity.

Now the resurrection is complementary to, and essentially a part of, the perfect life of Jesus. In the deepest sense, one cannot conceive of that perfect life as measured by years and marked by temporal limitations. Granted the flawless character of Jesus, the truth of the resurrection becomes a necessary implication, for perfection is timeless. We cannot therefore consider the doctrine of his faultless life, but rather as confirmed and giving mighty witness to the same. Both great truths join in pointing unwaveringly to Jesus' essential deity.

But do both these proofs of Jesus' divinity, or either of them, present the greatest appeal to the modern mind? Are men won to Christian discipleship and a consequent faith in Jesus' deity by a masterly argument on the resurrection of Jesus or by a faithful presentation of the loveliness of that life? That these proofs have their place and a large one in any well-balanced mind, we all readily concede, but to me it is quite plain that the soundest argument for the deity of Jesus which has the largest appeal to the modern mind is the same today as it has ever been and calling for insistence now as ever, namely, the power of Jesus to transform character, to cleanse the heart from sin and fill it with grace and heavenly peace, to renew the life and strengthen it in the inner man.

The modern mind is more critical than ever before of the proofs submitted and the arguments employed, as it weighs opinions, theories or so-called facts. But what are the materials to be used in building up proofs of the deity of Jesus through the method of the argument for the perfection of his character? Is there anything new for the modern mind? Absolutely nothing can be added to the evidence of the gospels as to the exceeding beauty of Jesus. No touches have since been made to that portraiture, save possibly the human background against which Jesus stands has been more widely extended, and a new radiance has fallen upon it from the face of the Savior. Is the modern mind to be won through an appeal to evidence that is 1900 years old? He has not read aright the signs of the times who looks to the past for the most powerful appeal to men's minds today.

The same objection might well be

lodged against the doctrine of the resurrection in its bearing on winning modern thought to an acceptance of the truth of Jesus' deity. The evidence in the gospels is unassailable, impregnable. No fact of the past is more absolutely proven than that Jesus rose from the dead, and once proven the argument is overwhelming for his deity. But here we are again dealing with the past. Nineteen centuries have covered that evidence with their dust. Only—and here we begin to touch the greatest argument for the deity of Christ—that dust has been so disturbed by the evidences not of death but of life that it has become the potential enrichment of the doctrine of the resurrection. Jesus lives, not because the disciples alone saw him, but because others began to feel him, to experience the throb of a new life, to know the stirrings, impulses, movements of a force within, at first tender and gentle as the breath of an infant, but growing, enlarging, deepening, until men could begin to say, "It is no longer I who live but Christ liveth in me," and until they could affirm: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

I submit that the Christian consciousness furnishes the most powerful argument to the modern mind for our Lord's divinity. It reinforces the evidence of the moral beauty of that perfect life. It supplies a living and growing witness to his resurrection. It is historically true, and affords the only rational explanation of the new dynamic experienced by the disciples after his death, of the establishment, growth and unconquerable faith of the Christian Church, and finally of the sweet, deep and holy joy of countless millions of believers today, in every state of life, the poor and rich, the cultured and ignorant, in Christian or in heathen lands. What but a divine Christ can account for a Christian civilization and the ideals of a world-wide brotherhood? Who but a supernatural Lord can transform and empower human lives today?

This is modern material for the modern mind to handle. Should he have the choice of dealing with ancient or modern truths the average modern man would select the latter. It is his temper to seize the fresh and new in preference to the old and to him the stale and obsolete. And his neighbor's transformed life is right at hand, like the morning newspaper brought to his door. His neighbor had been blind and now he sees, he had been lost but now is found. This testimony is augmented by one, by ten, by a hundred that Jesus saves and keeps. Joy flows from heart to heart, sensibilities and emotions are made tender, life acquires a new meaning and in the holy hush of that hour the cry of penitence is answered by the forgiveness of sin and another soul is born into the new life in Christ Jesus. The living and witnessing Church must always bear the most powerful testimony to men that the Christ's name is Jesus, for he is saving his people from their sins and therefore he can be nothing less than divine.

S. W. KEMERER.

Kerrville, Texas.

Address of Dr. S. A. Steel on the Occasion of Breaking Dirt for Washington City Church

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: The impressive ceremony you have just performed in breaking dirt for the building of our Representative Church in our National Capital marks the actual beginning of a work that has long been on the mind and heart of Southern Methodism. The interesting address to which you have just listened recalls an heroic past, and the part assigned me in the program of this service justifies me in linking this occasion with the greater future which is before us. Two million Southern Methodists, and many millions of Southern people, are the real audience that celebrate this auspicious event in the history of our great Church.

Sixteen States have contributed to erect this great place of worship. Gifts, ranging from one dollar to twenty-five thousand dollars, from loyal Southern Methodists, have made possible the building of this Representative Church, and many more will have a part in the noble work before it is completed. It will be a splendid monument to the patriotic devotion and religious faith of our people. It is not a local enterprise, but an undertaking that had behind it the en-

dorsement of the whole Church through the official action of the General Conference. Some of our ablest men are directly and actively engaged in carrying it to a successful issue; and it is to be hoped that now the work has actually begun, the whole Church will feel a deeper interest in its accomplishment as soon as possible. Here a noble people, in gratitude to God for the past, and with strong faith in His truth as the only hope of man, will enshrine in monumental stone the spirit and aspiration of our great Church and fair Southland.

A visitor from some other planet, who in the course of his celestial rambles might come to see us, who was totally unacquainted with the thoughts of men and the institutions of human society, might at first be perplexed by the number and variety of churches he would find in any of our great communities. The perplexity might grow deeper when he reflected that all of these churches acknowledged the same Head, profess faith in the same fundamental truth, and seek to do the same kind of work. Why, he might ask, do they not all unite? But he would draw a very erroneous inference if he should con-

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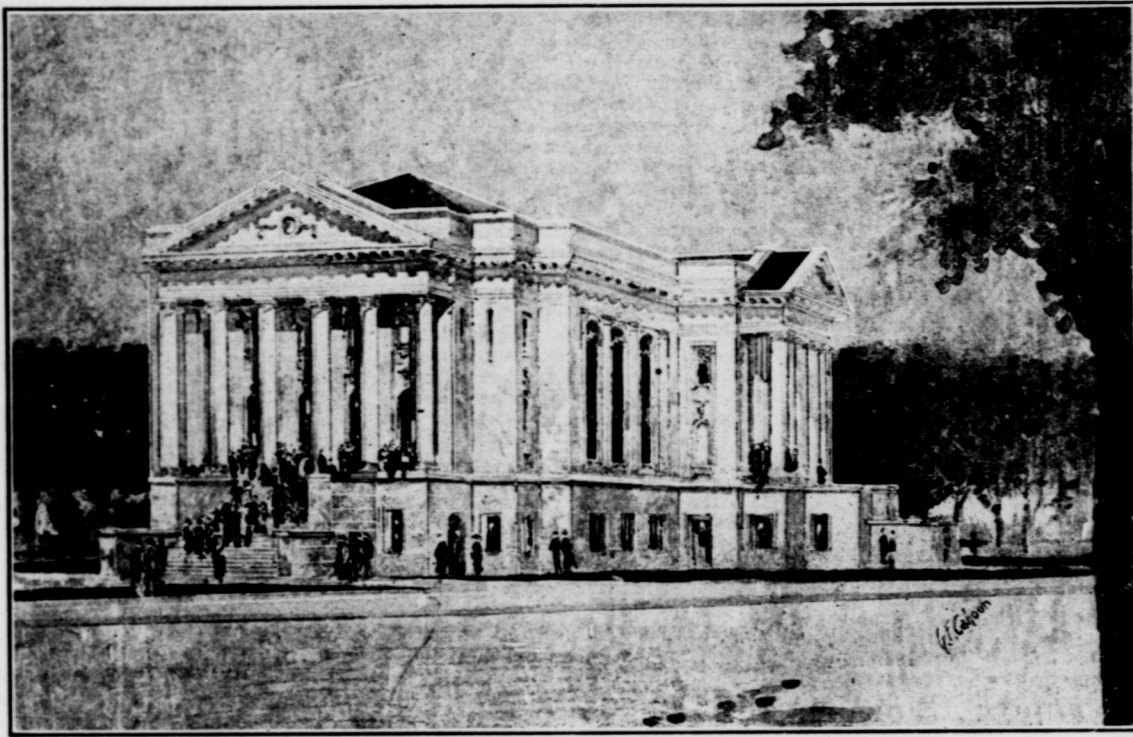
clude that this diversity of churches indicated any weakness in Christianity. The very opposite is true. It is evidence of the inexhaustible fullness of the life that is in Christ.

If you should go into a virgin forest, and note the great variety of trees, the sturdy oak, the tall and stately pine, the lofty poplar and wide branching walnut, you would exclaim, "How boundless must be the strength, how intense the life of nature that sends up from the same soil, fed by the same chemical elements, nourished by the same sunshine and rain, such widely diverse types of trees. And how admirably this variety is adapted to the manifold needs of man, the oak and poplar and pine, each filling a particular place better than the other in the building we call our home." This analogy applies to that vast spiritual temple which we call the Church. Each one of these great denominations is an integral part of a vaster whole, and the whole is stronger and more complete because of the variety in unity which this providential organization of truth affords. It is a fundamental fallacy that confounds unity of life with uniformity of organization. It is not an accident that we have different creeds and organizations of Christian truth, but a fact in harmony with the whole order of nature and promotive of the highest interests of the kingdom. Each denomination fulfills a special end in the plan of Providence. Of course, if the oak sill in the building were to begin to quarrel with the pine floor and the poplar beam to refuse to allow the walnut finish, the house would soon go to pieces. And so when these denominations antagonize each other, Christianity is sadly weakened. But when they work in harmony, and conform to the apostolic ideal, and maintain "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," Christianity becomes irresistible. This is the only kind of union possible because it is the only kind of union that is Scriptural.

This Church, therefore, does not represent any divisive or sectarian or selfish sentiment, but it is in perfect harmony with the fundamental principles of true Christianity. It seems to do here in Washington City its particular work, which it can do better than any other Church, and in doing which it makes a definite contribution to our national life and to the common welfare of mankind. It is not a vain denominational pride that builds this Church; but an honorable desire to do our part in the moral upbuilding of the life of the Nation, and to provide a congenial religious home for our own people who come here to live. This Church, ever true to the liberal spirit of Methodism, will seek to cooperate in fraternal relations with every other Church in this city, and rejoice in the prosperity of all, its only rivalry to excel in zeal and devotion to our common Lord.

It is pre-eminently a representative Church. It stands for a great denomination and for the high ideals of our Southern civilization. It represents the Methodism of the South; the Methodism that Asbury labored so abundantly to plant in our sunny land; the Methodism that has borne the banner of the Cross from the Atlantic to the Pacific along our Southern parallels; the Methodism that civilized the African and evangelized the Indians, that preached the same gospel of love to the slave in his cabin and his master in his mansion, that kindled the fires of salvation along the far-flung frontier in the beginning and keeps them burning bright today among the palaces of our surging cities; the Methodism that ministered to the sick and wounded in the hospital, or on the tented field, and preached the gospel in the camps of Confederate heroes battling in defense of liberty, and pointed the dying soldier's eyes, dim with the mists of death, to a crucified Christ; the Methodism which, though shaken to its base by the throes of war, stood its ground, resisted disintegration and defied decay, reorganized its forces and renewed its life, and sprang like the fabled Phoenix from the very ashes of its funeral pyre new fledged with power to pursue its shining way; the Methodism that gave us George F. Pierce and David S. Doggett and James A. Duncan and Holland N. McTyeire and Hubbard H. Kavanaugh and Enoch M. Marvin and John Christian Keener and A. G. Haygood and Charles B. Galloway and Alpheus W. Wilson and an illustrious rank and file who followed their flaming plumes.

Such a Methodism, sir, is worth perpetuating. Its doctrines, its ideals, its traditions, its family life, the subtle, yet powerful, spiritual affinities that resemble its members to each other and unite them in the mystic bonds of fellowship, its denominational at-



THE REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

On March 26th, with due form and ceremony, the dirt was broken for our Representative Church in Washington City. Immediately following the dirt-breaking the big steam shovel began excavating and actual construction was started.

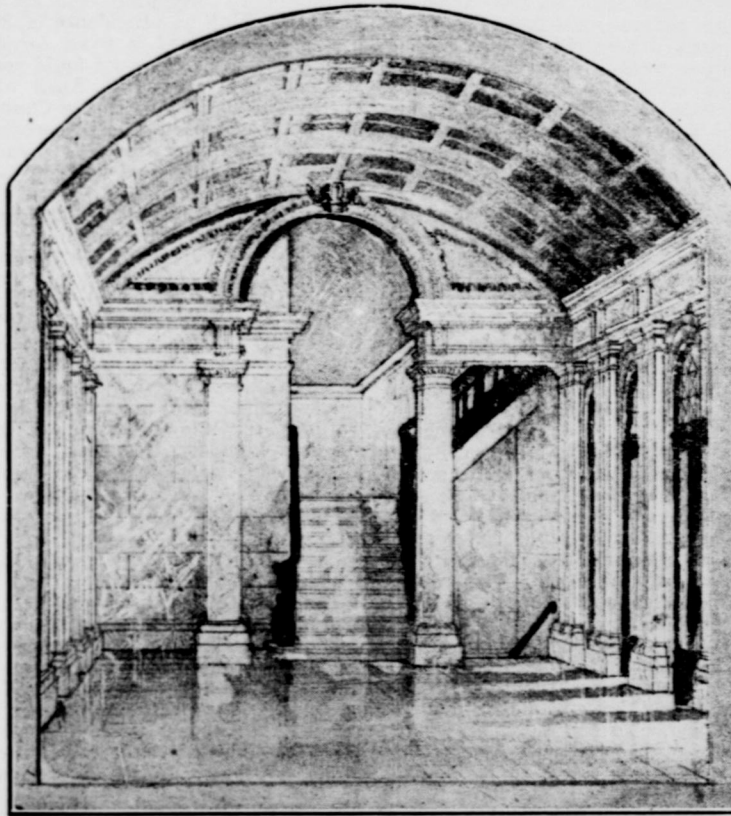
The plans for the building were drawn by Sanguinet & Staats, Architects, of Fort Worth, Texas, and the contract for construction was let to the Boyle-Robertson Construction Company of Washington City.

The type of architecture is pure Roman Doric, rather severe in detail, but carrying with it all of the dignity and impressiveness of this style of architecture. The building is to be absolutely fireproof and the design is in strict accordance with the building rules and regulations of Washington City. The general structure or frame is to be reinforced concrete and steel, and the mechanical equipment of the building will be up to the most modern standards.

The exterior dimensions of the building are approximately 112x172 feet over all. The first floor, which is to be on grade level, is to be used for the Sunday School room. In addition to this floor there will be large classrooms in the rear of the building, reached through the beautiful portico on the Massachusetts Avenue side. Besides the auditorium space for the Sunday School there will be thirty-four separate classrooms sufficiently large to accommodate from twenty to two hundred and fifty each. There will be additional rooms for library, the superintendent and secretary.

The main auditorium is on the second floor. This will be finished in sandstone effect, trimmed in polished mahogany. The auditorium will be lighted on the two main sides by large memorial windows extending practically the full height. There will be a balcony over the foyer extending a few feet over the auditorium. The auditorium and balcony will accommodate sixteen hundred people. The main entrance faces Ninth Street and Mt. Vernon Place Square, in which is located the public library. The entrance to the main auditorium will be artistic and impressive. Passing up the flight of marble steps and between the monolithic marble columns the entrance is into a large foyer extending clear across the front of the building. The entire foyer, both side walls and ceiling, will be finished in marble of different colors artistically blended. The balcony will be reached by two flights of marble steps from the foyer.

The entire building will be of Georgia marble, a fact made possible by the liberal gift of Col. Sam Tate, of Georgia. It is a matter worthy of note that this marble will come from the only Commonwealth of the Western World in which John Wesley lived and preached. When the building is completed it will be the most impressive and artistic church building in the National Capital. In material, architectural design and finish it will be equal to any building in the National Capital, excepting size only.



FOYER OF REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

mosphere—all these things are sacred, and essential elements of religion; and they are to be made concrete and enduring in the building you are to erect. There were various synagogues in Jerusalem; and synagogue of the Libertines, the Cyrenians, the Alexandrians. Each nation, all Jews, but having their own individual types and tastes, could worship amid congenial surroundings and feel at home in the capital of the nation. So here the Southern Methodist from the everglades of Florida or the mountains of Tennessee, from the sugar plantations of Louisiana or the prairies of Texas, from Mexico or Brazil, from China or Japan, when he comes to our Na-

other king, and break the scepter of oppression. What the world needs now is that the forces that make for righteousness shall guide the course of events and shape the future. And where else but in the Church will we find the forces of righteousness organized and active? But it must be the Church true to its mission, loyal to Jesus Christ, instinct with the presence of the Holy Spirit, putting supreme emphasis on the spiritual side of life, and bearing its testimony to the truth as truth is in Jesus.

Methodism from the beginning has been one of the most vital expressions of apostolic Christianity. In an age similar in many respects to this, when revolution was shaking the foundation of thrones, and a mad democracy was revolting mankind with its excesses and shocking immoralities, the great religious revival led by Wesley saved England from the destructive forces raging around her. We must look to the same spiritual agency to save America. Our country will not escape the reaction of the cyclonic agitation now going on in Europe. If our free democracy stands firm while the world is rocking with revolution, and we succeed in moulding the heterogeneous elements of our population to the ideals of republican liberty, we must create a national conscience that obeys the moral imperative that seeks and will be satisfied with nothing less than justice for all men, high and low, irrespective of race or creed.

Methodism must do its part in creating this national conscience. It can do it best in the future as it has done it in the past by preaching the gospel to the masses, by kindling and keeping warm and bright the fires of salvation in the hearts of the people. When a man is converted at the Methodist altar he must be a good husband to his wife, a good father to his children, an honest man with his neighbors, a loyal citizen of the States, and a true patriot. This Church stands for these simple and unostentatious, but elemental virtues, that constitute the Nation's real strength.

May I indulge a pleasing hope in connection with the great enterprise which you inaugurate today. May this great Church not only represent the

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Notes From the Field

CAMERON.

Yesterday was a great day at Cameron; 315 at Sunday School; \$35 for Children's Day; 4 infants baptized; one young man received on profession of faith.—Waller G. Harbin.

OLUSTEE, OKLA.

This is our second year at Olustee and it seems now as if we would be pleased to remain two years more. We are not taking things by storm, but we are moving along in a quiet way under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, doing about the best we can. Our congregations are very good and manifest the spirit of true worshippers. We haven't held our revival meeting yet, but contemplate doing so some time in August, and we look forward to that time as a time of ingathering. Our Sunday School is on the upgrade, and perhaps has never been better in the history of the Church. We have recently repapered and partially reshingled our church and contemplate making some other improvements soon. We are hoping and praying that repapering the church building may stimulate the Church as a body to greater action in winning the lost to Christ.—H. A. Stroud, P. C.

DEPEW, OKLA.

On Sunday night, the 6th of May, we closed the greatest revival that has ever been held in Dewey. Men came to Church and were converted that hadn't been inside of a church building for years. There were ninety-five conversions during the two weeks meeting. One life surrendered to the ministry and about fifty have joined the Methodist Church which more than doubles our membership. Several will join the Baptist Church. We took our conference collections during the meeting and got more than enough in cash and good subscriptions to cover our assessment. The little town of Dewey is not the same place. Surely God has been good to us and to Him we give the praise. Rev. J. E. Matlock certainly labored hard and well. He preaches an unadulterated gospel and hews close to the line. Our people showed their appreciation of his services by marching to the train with him on Monday morning and presenting him a nice little purse of \$77. We expect to bring up a full report at conference.—G. Edwin Ryan.

REVIVAL AT GRAPELAND.

The revival meeting conducted at the Methodist Church by Rev. B. C. Ansley, pastor at this place, and Rev. L. B. Saxon, pastor of Grace Church, came to a close with a downtown meeting, Friday morning, May 4, in one of the business houses. A number of confessions were made, and a number joined the Churches at this place. A great deal of interest was manifested in the meeting and was upon the hearts of all the Christian people of the town. Brother Saxon preached an able series of sermons and the entire town and community seem to have received a real blessing from the meeting. In the way of attendance, this meeting far excelled any that has ever been held here. The Church was filled to overflowing for the Sunday morning and night services, the morning business men's meetings down town were regularly attended by a big audience, and the Church was generally nearly filled for the afternoon services. At the men's Sunday afternoon services, nearly fifty men were present as well as a goodly number at all of the day and night services. The meeting ran from the fourth Sunday in April until the morning mentioned above.—M. E. Dorsey, Grapeland, Texas, May 12.

CARLTON.

We closed a great meeting at Carlton April 18th. The town was wonderfully stirred. The results were very gratifying. We had twenty-two conversions and reclamations and fifteen additions to the Church. The Church has been wonderfully strengthened and built up. Rev. J. Leon Bryant, of Fort Worth, did most all the preaching. Bro. Bryant is a pastor's friend—he does not try to bring the people to him, but unto the Lord. He hates sin but loves the sinner. His wife (Mrs. Dorothy Bryant) is a splendid soloist and choir leader. We are glad they came this way. We feel as a charge that we are making progress. Our Sunday Schools are growing in numbers and interest. We are to have a Sunday School rally at Spurlin Sunday. Other Sunday

Schools of the charge will be represented. Our prayer meetings are growing and taking on new life. Our second Quarterly Conference, which was held at Olin April 7th, was good. Our presiding elder, Rev. S. J. Vaughan, was at his best, and his message was a blessing to all. We have a fine lot of men as stewards—they work at their job and bring up good reports. They did the nice thing by the pastor. They raised his salary \$100 above last year. We serve one of the best people living. We have our new church at Chariton completed. It has cost over \$4000. The good people of Purves have repapered their church, with some other improvements. "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad."—J. D. Smoot, P. C.

LIVINGSTON STATION.

After so long we find the time and disposition to write a few lines that others may know we are still on the firing line. It was with a sense of sadness we turned from the people of the Naples and Omaha charge, among whom we spent four very pleasant and profitable years. But when we reached Livingston we found some of the true and tried at the depot to meet us. We were not ushered into the parsonage, since they had decided on the erection of a new one. After some delays we got started on the new house, and on April 30 Brother Elrod, our presiding elder, set apart for the use of God's servants our new house. It is built on the bungalow style; it has six rooms and a sleeping porch and is finished completely. We were in fine shape to appreciate it, as we had been moving around from place to place and living in rented houses since conference. The people have been mighty nice to us here, remembering us with some of those sausages and East Texas syrup Timmons has been talking about, but I don't object to pounds of other things, I tell you. We are expecting to launch our revival campaign right away and will have with us H. B. LeLaye and Pfaffenberger. We hope to have a great meeting and close out a fine year with this people. We are working and praying to this end and ask the prayers of others.—B. C. Anderson, P. C.

CRYSTAL CITY CHARGE.

After four most pleasant and profitable years at Palacios, the beautiful "City by the Sea," we were appointed to this charge, some 330 miles away. We arrived here the first of November and were greeted by the loyal people of this charge and made to feel at home. We found a great work to be done and made up our minds, by the help of God, who never fails, to do that work. So after planning and working for some months we launched a revival campaign the fourth Sunday in February. After one of the hardest fights of our lives we won a great victory, which really reached the whole town in its moral influence. The other Churches came into the meeting and rendered great service. The results were a revived Church and about twenty-five conversions and reclamations. Nineteen were received into the Church by vows. We went to Asherton the fourth Sunday in March and there we had another long, hard fight, but after two and a half weeks we had another great victory. Seventeen were received into the Church there by vows, a thing that had never been done there before. The people there showed their appreciation of the pastor's work by giving him a new car. The Lord has indeed been good to us. We have received fifty-seven into the Church for the six months of the year past. To the Lord be all the praise. We feel that it was a clear victory for the Lord, for there was nothing else that could have drawn the people to the Church that way on this charge. In addition to the spiritual victory we have been blessed by the salary being raised \$200 over what they had promised at conference for the preacher this year. We have some of as fine people on this charge as ever lived and they are showing their loyalty to their pastor in every fight for the salvation of the lost. And it is a fight sure enough. The devil is getting his hold on the Church in a way that it takes mighty power to shake him loose. If there ever was a time when the devil had gotten into the Church and "dug in" it's now. God give our pastors the grit and grace to deal with the matter as men dealing with life itself. Our prayer meetings have grown from eight or ten to fifty and more in attendance. Other lines of Church work are doing well.—B. A. Myers, P. C.

PONDER AND JUSTIN CHARGE.

Perhaps a few words from the Ponder and Justin charge would interest some. We, of course, had the pounding when we first came, in due and ancient form; in fact, it lasted all winter, and in token of our appreciation we have been trying to be helpful to all. We have painted one church and bought a piano for another. The good women here at Ponder have papered and furnished the parsonage, spending about two hundred dollars on the work. We had two Ladies' Aid Societies at conference, but they both have organized themselves into good Woman's Missionary Societies. We were ably assisted in organizing the one at Justin by our splendid District Secretary, Mrs. John, of Bridgeport. We began our revival here at Ponder on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in April and closed the fifth Sunday. We were ably assisted by Bro. W. E. Hassler, assistant pastor of Ervay Street, Dallas. Bro. Hassler led the song service and did part of the preaching in the morning service and what he does is done well. He is one of the promising young men of our Texas Methodism. In our meeting the pastor exhorted his people to repentance, as best he could, and victory crowned these efforts in several conversions, and the reception of fifteen members. We have received twenty-seven this year. Our Sunday Schools are doing excellent work, and the one here has doubled in attendance since conference. We have a fine set of men for our Official Board and no pastor serves a kinder, more loyal people than the Bishop assigned to your humble servant.—W. N. Vernon, P. C.

MART.

Mart Methodism is moving on in a splendid way. An excellent working body of believers. The Woman's Missionary Society has made three hundred dollars worth of improvement on the parsonage, which adds greatly to its comfort and beauty. We have a splendid missionary committee looking after the conference collections. They make monthly collections and will no doubt meet all the assessments. A more faithful Board of Stewards could hardly be found than this Church has. They do their work well and punctually. And they attend the monthly meetings with strict regularity. Mr. L. W. Hillman, the chairman, keeps in touch with his men and they work in great harmony. The Sunday School is thoroughly organized from infant to adult. With an attendance of 250, our one great need is room for the Sunday School. We must build soon. We held our meeting in April with twenty-eight additions to the Church. Rev. J. H. Stewart, of Hillsboro, did the preaching and Stewart's preaching is sane, sound and edifying and thoroughly evangelistic. Mr. C. R. LeBlond, of Waxahachie, led the singing. He is a fine spirit and has great services, especially with the children. We greatly enjoyed both of these brethren. Taken all in all, the Mart Church is a great congregation. With the Young Woman's Missionary Society recently organized and the Children's Auxiliary and the choir organized since the meeting and all working for the extension of the Master's kingdom, this must be one of the best charges in the conference. We thank God and take courage.—C. E. Lindsey, P. C.

OCHILTREE REVIVAL.

The most telling revival in the history of the town was closed last Sunday night. Time-worn phrases do not suffice to describe its power in the Church and the community. The eighty-seven professions of religion are only an incident to its greatness. The fifty additions to the two Churches do not begin to be an estimate of the new blood transfused into the Church life of the community. Among the conversions were gray-haired men and women, strong men who have been the leaders in wickedness and who will now lead in righteousness, young people and children the force of whose lives will be felt in the years to come. The whole Church was revived, the civic life was heightened, the moral tone of our society is bettered. Northwest Texas Conference Evangelist F. M. Neal was the leader of our forces. In many respects I have never seen his equal. He is the most scriptural, the most courageous, the most impartial preacher I have listened to. He wittingly scorns hypocrisy, he unscathingly rebukes sin both high and low, he uncompromisingly denounces "slackers" in the Church. But with all this his language is chaste and his good humor perennial. He

evidences a yearning heart after the sinner; at the same time he cries aloud against his sin. Frank Neal preaches a manly gospel. The "Sword of the Spirit" is a "Right Jerusalem Blade" in his hand. Fred H. Poulter, of Wichita, Kans., directed the singing. "Happy Fred!" He could conduct from three to five services per day and seem to be as fresh at its end as he was at the beginning. He is superb as singer, as teacher, as personal worker. May he never waver. They are a complementary team, each would be incomplete without the other. Ochiltree Station is forging to the front. Several splendid improvements have been made this year, others are contemplated soon. The pastor has been pounded and his salary raised and the people are considerate in every regard. I expect this to be the greatest year of my young pastorate. Brother Ira B. Sanford is doing a most splendid work on Ochiltree mission. God gives victory.—H. Bascom Watts, P. C.

BAY CITY.

Sunday night we closed a gracious revival in our Church. For two weeks we had pressed the battle, and the closing day was a great day for us. Twenty-seven people were received into the Church by ritual, and the day was one to be long remembered. At the morning hour we received a large class of children from some of the best homes in our town, and, as they stood before the congregation and answered the questions in our impressive service for the reception of children and dedicated their lives to God, it was a scene that will not soon be forgotten. In addition to the fine class received into the Church, our membership was very much revived, and our people are on a higher plane. We are rejoicing in the advancement and expect the balance of the year to show larger interest in all lines of Church work. Bro. M. N. Terrell, our pastor at Mt. Pleasant, was with us in the meeting and did the preaching, and did it well. The people grew to love him, and are very grateful for the faithful work that he did. Our prayers go with him back to his own field and we pray that God may bless his labors there and give him success in his great undertaking of building the new church. We labored under disadvantages, and the campaign was a strenuous one, but victory came; the unrest and disquiet over the war situation were among the great besetments, but out of it all we were delivered, and we came to the close of the meeting with abounding mercies. Our presiding elder, Bro. Lee, was with us two days and preached one good sermon. He is making good on the district, as we all expected he would. We are in good spirits and "happy on the way."—O. T. Hotchkiss.

LLANO.

We have just closed a fine meeting at Llano with Rev. Luther Roberts. More than 100 conversions and reclamations and a good deal of lead put into John Barleycorn during the two weeks' fight. Five saloons and one wholesale house are doing the death work for Llano and the surrounding country. Evidently more than \$225,000 worth of whiskey sold annually and possibly \$4000 would cover all paid the pastors of that beautiful city. Brother Roberts is a great preacher and his people are proud of him. When Oklahoma lost him she doubtless lost one of her greatest preachers. For the sake of the brother from Madisonville I wish to say our "window cards" were in evidence. Put in the show windows of self-respecting merchants and they seem to do nearly as good business as they did before and hundreds of earnest people passed daily by these pictures and did not seem to have produced a mortal scare. The Madisonville man seems to have his scalping knife out after not only these evangelistic rascals, but often the faithful pastors who observe "Decision Day," "Win-One" proposition and not only this, but the one who is induced to see religion must have his endorsement, must be on the step or something or he cannot pass. If all the evangelists lost as little sleep as I do about such attacks they would never die from loss of sleep. Let the Madisonville man jump on the Bishops for appointing such vile characters and jump on the committee for being dull enough to recommend them and jump on the General Conference for making provision for such irregular work to be done. I make a motion that the Madisonville man be appointed to the position of sanitary card inspector for all the Texas evangelists. If he takes the Advocate and reads this, I am gone up salt creek.—J. T. Bloodworth.

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CHINA, NOME AND GRAYBURG.

Since last writing all conference claims have been paid, cash in hands of conference treasurer, with a small special. Two Children's Day services were held with good offerings. The Woman's Missionary Auxiliary was recently organized at Nome and a few nights ago they "pounded" the parsonage. It was a sure enough surprise pounding and as liberal as surprising. Organize your missionary societies! "Centennial" exercises will be held at China, May 20. Twelve by certificate have been received into the Church. Three were received at the Children's Day service. We will hold our meeting the last of May at Grayburg and in July at China. At Nome we have a prayer meeting and teacher teaching class with an attendance of about 25. We are using "The Pupil, the Teacher and the School."—J. C. Marshall, P. C.

NOVICE CHARGE.

"Phew!" said the engine from the east, "they who work the most talk the least." I cannot give this as my reason for being silent for several months. First, we all had the measles in January and February, completely missing four or five weeks. Since then we have tried to do our best. Old Novice charge is still climbing. I held one of my meetings last week with nineteen conversions. Bro. Henry Francis (our boyhood neighbor, who stood by us when the pie-rooting committee turned us down at Temple) came to us only intending to preach Friday night and over Sunday, but God led the people and we ran until the next Sunday, and such preaching the people said they never heard. The fire came, the people worked as faithfully as Trojans. There was school going on in the schoolhouse, and we preached in the homes each morning, as in olden times, and the repentance was of the old type. Nineteen men and women, above fifteen years of age, were converted. We did not have access to the children because of school. This is a small Church. In the beginning of the year we found twelve members and we have received thirteen, mostly by vows. A very promising young man answered the call to the ministry and began his work by making an excellent talk Sunday night, using John 3:14-15. Eternity alone will reveal the great work of this meeting. Happy is the man who can get Bro. Francis to hold his meeting. This is the first of six meetings. We are praying for a great year for God. This is our third year on the Novice charge. We have not done any great thing, but we have tried to do our best, and God has blessed us with some degree of success. We have paid all the conference assessments the two previous years and, if we stay our fourth year, we are going to do our best to hand back a charge in the habit of doing things right, with never a shortage on conference assessments, just a slight deficit on salary the first year and an overplus of \$30 the second year. We are hoping for a greater overplus the third and fourth years. T. D. Ellis, P. C.

MASON CHARGE.

We have just closed one of the greatest revivals ever conducted in this town. Great not so much in the number of conversions and additions to the Church, but great in the amount of good accomplished among the membership of the Churches uniting in this revival. Rev. R. A. Waltrip, West Texas Conference Evangelist, did the preaching. It is impossible to find fault with the kind of revivals that follow such preaching as he does. His preaching is of a very different type altogether used by the average evangelist. He is clear and above all intensely spiritual. He has no foolishness. I now understand why the preachers of the German Mission Conference have so fully endorsed and used this man of God in our conference. It is a conceded fact that the preachers of the German Mission Conference are of the most conservative class, but yet it is doubtful if any man has held so many meetings in this conference in so short a time. This was a union meeting. Bro. Tracy and his people were found at their post. Bro. Tracy is a hard worker, and is loved by his people. My Church is stronger than before the meeting, the town is a better town and our people are more religious. Bro. Waltrip has a style of his own, but with all he follows the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We hope and trust that the revival will continue and abide. The drouth that struck our country last winter was very hard. The stockmen have lost many head of cattle, and some are still dying. Yet our people have a mind to work in Church affairs. The preacher's salary was raised \$150 this

year. For Waco Orphanage we raised \$140; for S. M. U., \$40; foreign mission special, \$80; for other purposes, \$529. The night before Easter Sunday our barn burned. No insurance. A heavy loss, not only to the charge, but also to the preacher. The members have already planned to rebuild it. We are working among good people, and expect to bring a good report to the conference. May God continue to bless his people.—W. D. Wiemers, P. C.

BAY CITY STATION.

On Sunday night, May 6th, we closed a two weeks' revival the results of which were encouraging, if not as great as we expected. Twenty-seven united with the Church on profession of faith, sixteen of whom were baptized in the good old Methodist way. These all came from the Sunday School, showing the benefits derived from the teaching of God's holy Word. Bro. M. N. Terrell, pastor of Mt. Pleasant, was with us and did most of the preaching. Bro. Jesse Lee, our "beloved," was with us two days and preached on Monday morning. His sermon was inspiring and uplifting. Bro. Hotchkiss, our beloved and consecrated pastor, opened the revival and preached the first three sermons. Those who have heard him know that they were of the right kind. Then when Bro. Terrell began on the first Tuesday morning he captured the hearts of all who heard him and such sermons, such entreaties, such exhortations, have seldom, if ever, been heard in Bay City. More true gospel, more earnest preaching containing the most beautiful illustrations and vivid pictures, could not have been excelled in the length of time. Bro. Terrell is a pastmaster when it comes to warning sinners of their doom, if they repent not, and of entreating and urging Church members to be loyal and consecrated soldiers of their captain, Christ. Bro. Terrell believes in the old-time Methodist way of preaching repentance and faith and of warning sinners that there is a literal hell to shun as well as a heaven to gain. He preaches the right kind of repentance, not just "quitting your meanness," but that kind which will bring forth the fruit of restitution. Bro. Terrell is powerful in presenting the Gospel, but does so in the most beautiful way, clothed in the most chaste language. He came a stranger; he left loved by all who heard him. Yes, we love him. He, truly, is a man of God. God bless him and preserve him that he may continue long as a laborer in God's vineyard. I cannot close without saying we love our faithful and consecrated pastor, Bro. O. T. Hotchkiss. O how much we love him!—Amos Lee.

HOUSTON, FIRST CHURCH.

I have been so busy I haven't had time to write about our various doings. In January we had a great revival meeting, with Bro. D. L. Coale helping us. There were 250 conversions and 115 accessions, mostly on profession. It was a meeting just for my Church and accomplished much for us besides the numerical results above mentioned. In February I began to subsoil for my big debt campaign. The Church owed about \$75,000 and for two years had borrowed money to pay the interest. We were paying about \$50 per month interest on interest. That means bankruptcy. A few devoted men were much concerned, but most of the membership contented themselves with a lullaby song whose chorus was, "They won't let the church be sold." It was a big job to change that "they" into "I" and get them to say "I won't let the church be sold." I put on a public debate with the question before the house, "Resolved that the best way out of our difficulties is to sell the church." Advertised that on that Sunday the membership would vote whether to sell out or not. It wasn't a bluff either. The first of April we had \$2000 to pay and nothing to "draw with" or "draw on." "They" voted not to sell the church. Then I went out amongst them getting them to sign little documents bearing the legend "For value received 'I' promise to pay," etc. I sweated blood and the folks sweated sweat and bichloride of gold. By and by, when I was ready, I got Sam Hay to come down and "hold while I skinned" at a big public function Sunday morning in the church. The function was an old-fashioned public collection. I put on a membership attendance contest to get the folks to come. Had 'em tagged "red" and "blue." Gave gold and platinum sapphire prizes. The folks came. Sam preached a great sermon. He had to. Look where he stood! I exhorted and started the collection with a fifteen thousand dollar subscription from one man and the golden key to the situa-

tion. I announced that it was \$50,000 or nothing. If I didn't get \$50,000 in cash and good subscription no subscription would be valid. Well, the money rolled in. At the psychological moment, or "words to that effect," my two little boys, Kenneth, aged 12, and Ronald, aged 8, came down the aisle staggering under a load of sacks of silver dollars, almost more than they could "tote." That was their pa's subscription—a thousand dollars in cash. Then the money and subscriptions rolled in some more. Beautiful girls (all Methodist girls are beautiful) handed silk flags to the subscribers as soon as they subscribed. By and by a man without a flag looked lonesome and felt lonesome. To close up the function I gave a gold watch to the last subscriber on this historic occasion. The watch went to little Edna Earl Brazelton. A remarkable feature of her subscription was that she represented the fourth generation of a noble family, every generation of which gave a handsome subscription. The first generation was Bro. August Behring, 93 years old, founder of a great business and of Behring Memorial Methodist Church, this city. He is a saint. Then other generations were Mrs. W. A. Cortes, Bro. Behring's

daughter; Mrs. L. E. Brazelton, his granddaughter, and Edna Earl Brazelton, his great-granddaughter, all in the "apostolic succession" of the Methodist faith and good works. At the close of the public collection we had about \$70,000 subscribed. We have since increased that to a margin sufficient to pay the whole debt. The enclosed check tells the rest of the story. (The check enclosed reads, "Houston, Texas, March 31, 1917. The Lumberman's National Bank, pay to J. T. Scott, Treasurer, or order, fifty thousand dollars for cash collected in one week on the First Methodist Church debt. Signed H. D. Knickerbocker, Debt Fund." Printed at the bottom of the fac simile of this check is the following: "This check is a souvenir of the climax of Hubert D. Knickerbocker's first year's ministry at the First Methodist Church of Houston, Texas. He began his pastorate in March, 1916. There were 500 conversions and 450 accessions to the Church up to March, 1917, and the Church debt of \$75,000 was raised in cash and good subscriptions. Let us give thanks to God for His goodness." So mote it be. "Everything is lovely and the goose honks high."—Hubert D. Knickerbocker.

War Relief For Missionaries

The soldiers in the trenches and the citizens in the battle areas are not alone in feeling the pinch of war. The soldiers of Christ on the missionary firing line are feeling it also. Theirs is not the suffering that comes of wounds and ruin of homes and other cruelties of war; nevertheless, they are just as real and as trying.

Since the war began exchange has gone against the missionaries. Their salaries are paid in American money. Before the war one American dollar was worth 25 per cent to 40 per cent more in the money of our various mission fields than it is today. In China, notably, our dollar went down from \$2.50 to \$1.50 in Mexican money. It is only a little better than that now. This means that the missionary is getting in the coin of the country only about 60 per cent of the salary he was getting before, and the salaries are barely sufficient at best for the necessities of life. Think of what it would mean to cut down your own income 40 per cent! The same has happened in Japan, Korea, Brazil and Mexico, only in a lesser degree.

If this were all it would not be so desperate but, unfortunately, the purchasing power of what the missionaries get is far less than it was before the war. What the missionary has to buy has gone up immensely. This puts the missionary between the nippers of a lowered income and higher prices, creating a situation that has become almost unendurable. They have stood it bravely and uncomplainingly. They should not be required to endure it longer.

When the Board at its annual meeting faced this, there was nothing to do but to ask the Church for a special of \$20,000 in order to bring relief. This fund is to be used to relieve the strain by bringing the salaries of the missionaries up to what the average rate of exchange would give them. It is to provide for the immediate present. The missionaries need the money and need it now.

This is a hurry call which cannot wait. If every one who reads this will put himself in the place of these missionaries and give as heart and conscience dictate, we shall be able to meet the need and meet it at once. These are our brethren and sisters. We have sent them to the front. They have taken their chances and have suffered in silence. What shall be our answer? Surely of all appeals, this one will not fall on deaf ears and unresponsive hearts. Men and women and children, our own, our representatives, are involved. The work that is dearer to them than life itself is involved. Our honor and our loyalty to our work and workers is involved in this trying hour. Shall we not each of us do our "bit?"

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The clouds but cover the sunshine,
 They can not banish the sun;
 And the earth shines out the brighter
 When the weary rain is done;
 We must stand in the deepest shadow
 To see the clearest light,
 And often from wrong's own darkness
 Comes the very strength of right.

We must live through the weary winter
 If we would value the spring;
 And the woods must be cold and silent
 Before the robins sing.
 The flowers must be buried in darkness
 Before they could bud and bloom;
 And the sweetest and warmest sunshine
 Comes after the storm and gloom.

So the heart from the hardest trial
 Gains the purest joy of all,
 And from lips that have tasted sadness
 The sweetest songs will fall.
 For as peace comes after suffering,
 And love is reward of pain,
 So after earth comes heaven—
 And out of our loss the gain.

—Selected.

"SAYINGS OF THE ORPHAN CHILDREN."

One peculiarity belonging exclusively to the home, is that the youngsters insist upon calling all the workers who are single women "Mrs." and all the married ones "Miss."

The third grade is one of the best in school, but like other children, they make mistakes some times. Earl was given the word "granite" and told to make a sentence showing the proper use. He handed in the following: "The man was praying, and the preacher said, God granite."

One of the girls found a piece of petrified wood and running to her teacher said, "Oh, look I found a piece of petrified rock!"

Maude was on the League program to say one of the "rules for having a good time." The last part of it was, "it is hard to have a good time, when a neglected duty is sticking fast in the consequence."

The children have little opportunity to learn slang and therefore are not as "up-to-date" as some others. Lately, in the midst of the second grade arithmetic lesson a little girl waved her hand frantically. Being given permission, she asked, "What does Ishkabibble mean?"

The little boys call the home the "Orkanay."

In an examination the question, "Give three ways in which the new government differed from the old?" was asked. One little fellow wrote, "The new government was rocky and level, and they didn't have any railroads in those days, but had to ride in stage coaches and put their trunks and things on the back and tie them on."

A little girl has just entered the Home. Her teacher asked her how much she had had in marking words, to which she replied, "We did not study marks at home, they just taught us fowls."

John had a sty on his eye. He went to his teacher and asked, "Won't you please go down to the doctor's office this afternoon so he can cut my spy?"

One of the girls had been going to the dentist, and did not enjoy the ordeal. As she started down town with one of the workers she remarked, "Hope that dentist will finish his occupation this time."

A fourth grader demonstrated the use of the word tier, in the sentence, "A tier rolled down the girl's cheek."

R. A. BURROUGHS.
Waco, Texas.

HABITS ARE FORCES.

Even without considering at all the common "bad habits," just think of the thousands and one little habits that largely determine one's every thought and act. In the commonest things every one is influenced by innumerable little habits that he seldom suspects. Hardly an impression, emotion, opinion, resolution or action is possible to us that is not influenced, directed and colored by fixed conditions within ourselves—habits.

Almost every move in the process of the morning's dressing, for example, is involuntary and calls for no conscious thought. Your mind is absorbed in mapping out the day's work while habit is wasting and dressing you.

Habit accustoms us to doing most of the every-day things in particular ways, and we consciously turn the mind to them only when they chance to be done differently. The dividing line between efficiency and inefficiency is largely right here. Any one who stops to think about it can easily see that innumerable little habits make up a very large part of our lives. It is indeed well worth while carefully to study the host of little habits that breed and hide in the most secret cells of brain and muscle. None of them is too small to be worth attention.

Bad habits are the little threads with which the weak Lilliputians bound the strong Gulliver in helplessness.

Good habits are like a well-made harness, enabling us to do our work in the world with less friction and waste of energy.

Habits we cannot avoid. Nor can we escape being greatly controlled by them. But we have free choice between the habits that are good and helpful and habits that are bad and harmful.—The Christian Herald.

DEPENDABLENESS.

Dependableness is the finest trait that one can have when it comes to the matter of one's relations to either God or man. It implies many other good traits, such as conscientiousness, faithfulness to one's word, intelligent perception of duty and obligation, constancy, oftentimes patience. As an asset in business and work it is the best capital a man can have. It is better than money, for it is that which, as a rule, furnishes the best means of making money. It adds untold value to all other assets, such as mental ability, facility in execution, good training. Without it the best intellect, culture, and promise amount to very little.—Presbyterian Journal.

TAKE TIME FOR THE BIBLE.

As we drift along the swift, relentless currents of time toward the end of life; as days and weeks and months and years follow each other in breathless haste, and we reflect now and then for a moment that, at any rate for us, much of this earthly career has passed irrevocably what are the interests, thoughts, aye, the books which really command our attention? What do we read and leave unread? What time do we give to the Bible? No other book, let us be sure of it, can equally avail to prepare us for that which lies before us; for the unknown anxieties and sorrows which are sooner or later the portion of most men and women; for the gradual approach of death; for the period, be it long or short, of waiting and preparing for the throne and the face of the Eternal Judge. Looking back from that world, how shall we desire to have made the most of our best guide to it! How shall we grudge the hours we have wasted on and—be they thoughts or books, or teachers—which only belong to the things of time!—Canon Lidden.

TWENTY-THIRD YEAR OF SAN ANTONIO FEMALE COLLEGE.

San Antonio Female College closed its twenty-third year with the largest graduating class in the history of the institution, and with a spirit of loyalty on the part of teachers, students and Alumnae most pleasing to those who have been at the head of the college from the very beginning of its work.

The President's plan for having Dr. J. W. Repass, for the past five years President of Logan Female College, become the active head of the departments has been loyally accepted by all interested in the making of a greater San Antonio Female College. As evidence of the intentions of last year's students, the Summer School, now being taught for the purpose of assisting students to become regular in their work for next year, has a larger attendance than there were in the Summer School of last year.

With the school year closed and the body of boarding pupils at home, we now have as boarding pupils in the Summer School a larger number than any other non-Catholic school for girls in this city has for the regular session.

The Alumnae banquet was great. Mr. Editor, did you ever look upon that body of Alumnae at their banquet? Well, sir, they are the salt of the earth.

After a delightful banquet, that body of women met in executive session and enthusiastically resolved to raise ten thousand dollars to put their Alma Mater to the front in all respects. Those Alumnae came from all parts of Texas and all Texas will hear from them. They will get the ten thousand. The series of commencement exercises take up a full week. Each one of these was well attended and each was up to the college standard. Among these exercises was the twenty-third annual concert given by the School of Piano Music, this time under the principalship of Miss Ruth Harrison, niece of the President.

It was pronounced by musicians to be one of the best ever heard by them in any school.

An interesting fact in connection with the graduating class is that the following daughters of Methodist preachers belonged to it: Miss Atkins, daughter of Rev. H. L. Atkins, formerly a presiding elder in North Carolina; Miss Crum, daughter of the late Rev. W. H. Crum, of the Texas Conference; Miss Liles, daughter of Rev. Z. V. Liles, of the West Texas Conference, and Miss Phillips, daughter of Rev. J. A. Phillips, of our Mexican Mission Work.

The commencement sermon was preached at Laurel Heights Methodist Church, this city, by the pastor, Rev. Felix R. Hill.

It was a strong and wholesome sermon and was highly appreciated by the student body.

Dr. Repass is closing his year at Logan College, and expects to be here and at work the first week in June. The people take to the place for making San Antonio Female College represent Southwest Texas in the training of young women to become teachers. It has no competition for that position in this section, among Church or private schools.

It proposes and offers its services to the State to become the one institution for women in Southwest Texas where young women may be trained with the State's approval for positions in the public schools of the State.
J. E. HARRISON.

EATING DIME MEALS.

"Diet Squads" Are Experimenting in Food Values in Many Cities—Ten Cents Will Buy a Good Meal Under Present High Prices.

The investigation of food values in many cities has taken the form of "diet squads." First there was the Chicago experiment, and it demonstrated that a good, husky policeman can get along very nicely and maintain top-notch strength on food that costs twenty-five cents a day. Then came the attack on the high cost of living in Fresno, California. The net result of the Fresno experiment, which was conducted under the direction of Mrs. Blanche Taft of the Household Arts Department of the State Normal School, is this: that one hundred and five wholesome meals, or three meals a day for seven days and for five persons can be served for the sum of \$10.60. This represents an average of approximately ten cents a meal for each person.

It should not have required the formation of "diet squads" to acquaint the housewife with the fact that most of the expensive foods have the least nutritive value. When it comes to calories, which is the chemist's name for the unit by which heat and energy are measured, it is found that a thousand calories in the shape of whole wheat cost at present prices from two to three cents, while the same number of calories in sirloin beef would cost twenty-four cents.

All of which shows that even at present prices of foods it is possible to get a good, nourishing meal for a few cents if one only knows something about food values.

When you buy a whole wheat food, however, it is important to have it prepared in the most digestible form. In shredded wheat biscuit you have all the body-building elements in the whole wheat grain steam-cooked, shredded and baked, which is without doubt the best process ever devised for preparing the whole wheat grain for the human stomach. These little loaves of baked wheat lend themselves to all sorts of delicious combinations with fruits or with creamed vegetables. Two or three of these biscuits with milk make a nourishing, strengthening meal on which to start the day's work at a cost of only a few cents. They are a better ration than meat, eggs, or potatoes, and being ready-cooked and ready-to-eat are so easy to serve without any kitchen worry or bother.

Hate is the reverse side to the shield of love, and necessary to it. "Ye that love good, hate evil," we are commanded.—Exchange.

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LAWS GOVERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAINS IN THE ARMY.

The attention of applicants for appointment as chaplain is directed to the following laws of the United States:

Sec. 1122, Revised Statutes—Chaplain * * * without command shall be on the same footing with other officers of the Army as to tenure of office, retirement and pension.

Sec. 1123, Revised Statutes—No person shall be appointed as Regimental or Post Chaplain until he shall furnish proof that he is a regularly ordained minister of some religious denomination, in good standing at the time of his appointment, together with a recommendation for such appointment from some authorized ecclesiastical body, or from not less than five accredited ministers of said denomination.

Sec. 1262, Revised Statutes—There shall be allowed and paid to each commissioned officer below the rank of brigadier general, including chaplains and others having assimilated rank or pay, ten per centum of their current yearly pay for each term of five years of service.

Act of Congress Approved March 2, 1899.

No person in civil life shall hereafter be appointed a judge advocate, paymaster, or chaplain until he shall have passed satisfactorily such examination as to his moral, mental and physical qualifications as may be prescribed by the President; * * * Provided, further, That in the case of the appointment of an officer who has served in a similar capacity during the war with Spain and has demonstrated his moral, mental and physical qualifications for the position, then such examination shall not be required.

Act of Congress Approved February 2, 1901.

Sec. 12. That the President is hereby authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, chaplains in the Army, at the rate of one for each regiment of cavalry and infantry in the United States service and twelve for the corps of artillery, with the rank, pay and allowances of captains of infantry; Provided, That no person shall be appointed a chaplain in the Regular Army who shall have passed the age of forty years, nor until he shall have established his fitness as required by existing law; And provided, That the office of post chaplain is abolished, and the officers now holding commissions as chaplains, or who may hereafter be appointed chaplains, shall be assigned to regiments or to the corps of artillery. Chaplains may be assigned to such stations as the Secretary of War shall direct, and they may be transferred as chaplains, from one branch of the service or from one regiment to another by the Secretary of War, without further commission. When serving in the field, chaplains shall be furnished with necessary means of transportation by the Quartermaster's Department.

Note—By an act of Congress approved June 12, 1906, one additional chaplain was authorized for the Corps of Engineers, and by act approved January 25, 1907, eight more were authorized, six for Field Artillery regiments, and two for the Coast Artillery Corps.

Act of Congress Approved April 21, 1904.

That hereafter the President may, from time to time, select among the chaplains of the Army any chaplains having not less than ten years' service, in the grade of captain, who shall have been commended as worthy of special distinction for exceptional efficiency by the regimental or district commanders with whose commands they may be serving as chaplains, approved through regular military channels, and may, with the advice and consent of the Senate, promote such regimental or artillery chaplains to be chaplains with the grade, pay and allowance of major; every such promotion being made with a view to active service until the statutory age for the compulsory relinquishment thereof, except in cases of physical disability incurred in the line of duty; Provided, That the total number in active service so promoted shall not at any time exceed fifteen, and that the remaining chaplains shall have the grade, pay and allowances of captain, mounted, after they shall have completed seven years of service; And provided further, That all persons who may hereafter be appointed as chaplains shall have the grade, pay and allowances of first lieutenant, mounted, until they shall have completed seven years of service.

Sec. 2. That all officers provided for

in this act shall have a uniform designation in official address as chaplains of their respective regiments or of the Artillery Corps.

Act of Congress Approved June 3, 1916—(National Defense Act)

Sec. 15. Chaplains—The President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, chaplains in the Army at the rate of not to exceed, including chaplains now in service, one for each regiment of Cavalry, Infantry, Field Artillery and Engineers, and one for each one thousand two hundred officers and men of the Coast Artillery Corps, with rank, pay and allowances as now authorized by law: Provided, That in the appointment of chaplains in the Regular Army, preference and priority shall be given to applicant veterans, if otherwise duly qualified and who shall not have passed the age of forty-one years at the time of application, who have rendered honorable war service in the Army of the United States or who have been honorably discharged from such Army.

Applications may be filed at any time and the names of applicants will be entered upon a list for the examination and consideration of the President whenever an appointment is to be made.

This office is unable to inform applicants either as to their chances for appointment, or as to the time the President may examine their papers or the list of candidates. An applicant selected for appointment will be promptly notified.

The only effect of the provisions of Section 15 of the Act approved June 3, 1916, is to increase the number of chaplains in the Army and to extend the age limit one year in the case of honorable discharged veterans (i. e., such veterans may make application for appointment before their forty-first birthday).

OFFICE ADJUTANT GENERAL, July, 1916.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

Time—The dates for the Summer School of Theology are June 18-27. The first lecture will be given at 8:15 p. m., Monday, June 18, and the final lecture at 11 a. m., Wednesday, June 27.

Place—The place is Southwestern University at Georgetown. The University places all of its splendid equipment, auditorium, class rooms, dormitories, etc., at the disposal of the Summer School of Theology.

Program—The program arranged for this session is in every respect one of the very best that has ever been offered to the preachers of Texas. This year we are to have four general lecturers instead of three as heretofore. They are all of them men of nationwide reputation and influence. Two of the strongest and most religious preachers of our Church have been secured to deliver series of devotional addresses at the chapel hour. The corps of instructors is composed of twenty-nine of the very best men in Texas Methodism.

General Lecturers.

June 18-20—Dr. Jas. W. Lee, Chaplain of Barnes Hospital, St. Louis.

June 21-23—Dr. Harris Franklin Rall, Professor of Christian Doctrine of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

June 24-26—Dr. Shailer Matthew, Dean of Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

June 26-27—Dr. S. A. Steel, Pastor of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, La.

Devotional Addresses at the Chapel Hour.

June 19-23—Dr. Hoyt M. Dobbs, Dean of the Theological Department of S. M. U.

June 25-27—Dr. A. L. Andrews, Pastor First Methodist Church, Fort Worth.

FACULTY.

Post-Graduate Department.

Christian View of God and the World (Orr), Dr. H. M. Dobbs. Fellowship in the Life Eternal (Finlay), Dr. O. E. Goddard. The Indwelling Spirit (Davidson), Dr. E. W. Solomon. Early Church History (Gwatkin), Rev. D. K. Porter.

Class for Admission on Trial.

Life of Christ (Stalker), Rev. J. Sam Barcus. Life of Paul (Stalker), Rev. P. T. Ramsey. Manual of Christian Doctrine (Banks), Rev. W. H. Howard. Wesley and His Century (Fitchett), Rev. Z. B. Pirtle. The Discipline, Rev. F. A. White.

Class of the First Year.

Handbook of the O. T. (Seay), Genesis to Esther, Rev. C. N. Morton. Wesley's Sermons 1-26 and Wesley's Journal, Rev. W. Y. Switzer. Life of McKendree (Hoss), Life of Soule

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Class of the Second Year.

Handbook of the O. T. (Seay), Genesis to Esther, and Wesley's Journal. Vols. III and IV, Rev. A. W. Hall. Wesley's Sermons 27-52 and Lecture on Preaching (Brooks), Rev. T. S. Barcus. Christian Doctrine (Dale), and Letters on Baptism (Fairfield), Rev. Joe F. Webb. History of Methodism (McTiere), Rev. T. N. Weeks. Elements of Deductive Logic (Davis), and Analysis of Davis' Logic (Denny) and Manual of Discipline, Rev. W. D. White.

Class of the Third Year.

Handbook of the O. T. (Seay), Genesis to Esther, Rev. Gaston Hartsfield. A General View of the History of the English Bible (Westcott), and Building the Kingdom (Chappell), Rev. A. L. Moore. The Christian Faith (Curtis), Dr. E. W. Alderson. A History of the Reformation, 2 volumes (Lindsay), and Life of Wm. Tyndale (Demaus), Rev. J. A. Ruffner. Elements of Psychology (Davis), with Analysis of Davis' Logic and Psychology (Denny), Rev. J. W. Mills.

Class of the Fourth Year.

Handbook of the O. T. (Seay), Genesis to Esther, and Life of Hugh Latimer, Rev. H. B. Smith. Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief (Fisher), and the Evidence of Christian Experience (Stearns), Rev. C. A. Spragins. The Elements of Ethics (Davis), and The Building of the Church (Jefferson), Rev. R. W. Nation. The Church and the Ministry in the Early Centuries (Lindsay), Rev. M. Phelan. Christianity and the Nations (Speer), Rev. H. T. Draper.

A Word of Explanation.

Much confusion seems to have arisen because of a recent announcement of a Summer School of Theology at S. M. U. As I understand it, what was meant by that announcement was that S. M. U. would offer a six weeks' summer course in the Theological Department for pastors and others who wished to avail themselves of it. There was no intention to duplicate there the

work that is being done by the Summer School of Theology at Georgetown. There can be no possible conflict between the two as their purposes are entirely different. Dr. Dobbs, the Dean at S. M. U., is one of our instructors and lecturers at Georgetown. What is offered at S. M. U. is a six weeks' summer course in the Theological Department. What we offer at Georgetown is a ten days' Preachers' Institute. The only place in Texas where our young preachers can secure instruction and examinations in the conference courses of study is at the Summer School of Theology at Georgetown. The new course of study is so very much more complicated and difficult that our young ministers are going to need the assistance offered them at the Summer School of Theology even more than formerly. We are sparing no labor and expense in our efforts to be of service to them. Those who wish to secure desirable rooms in the dormitories should write at once to Mr. Wilbur F. Wright, Registrar of Southwestern University. CULLOM H. BOOTH, Dean of the Summer School of Theology.

We are beginning a crusade against keeping our flowers for funerals. A bouquet would surprise some folks as much as the alabaster box stirred up the little company of Bethany.—The Christian Herald.

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Texas, Palestine, Bishop McCoy	Nov. 21

THE LYING LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

The liquor traffic of the country finds its greatest embarrassment just now in the published statements of its promoters. For years the boast of these promoters has been that the traffic is essential to the industrial progress of the country. They have countered the statements of prohibition advocates with their own statements concerning the number of men employed in their industry and the amount of grain brewed. They have said that vast numbers of men would be thrown out of employment should prohibition prevail; they have told the farmers that the traffic supplies them with a market for six hundred million bushels of grain. They have pictured the financial disaster which would speedily come to the country should prohibition fanatics have their way.

These statements now afford the traffic its greatest embarrassment. The whole world is at war; millions are starving in many lands; the great armies themselves are threatened with famine and the governments of the earth are calling upon their people to practice economy and to increase the food supply. World-wide prohibition now threatens the traffic in intoxicating liquors. The liquor lords are in panic and are now saying that their previous statements were all wrong. A delegation representing the brewers in this country recently told the Senate Agriculture Committee that the actual amount of grain used in brewing represents less than three-quarters of one per cent of all the grain produced in the United States! These terror-stricken representatives told the Senate Committee that the area of land required to raise all the grain used in brewing in the United States is less than seventy one-hundredths of the total agricultural land in the country! These brewer representatives told the committee that the brewing industry is too insignificant to be considered as a factor in the food conservation program!

The liquor traffic knows neither patriotism nor the truth. It is the firstborn of that old father of lies. It knows no law but its lust for gain; it salutes no flag and acknowledges allegiance to no government. It is the one business which has nothing to give in the Nation's distress. And this all men now know.

Perhaps the most exact figures of the amount of grain consumed by the liquor traffic are those given by the Committee on War Prohibition, of which Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale, is chairman. The committee says:

According to the report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the year ended June 30, 1916 (page 138), there were used during that year for the production of distilled spirits in the United States the following materials: Corn, 32,069,542 bushels; rye, 3,116,612 bushels; malt, 4,480,588; wheat, 3373 bushels; barley, 148 bushels; oats, 9807 bushels; other materials, 68,822 bushels; molasses, 152,142,232 gallons.

Omitting wheat, oats, barley and "other materials," and reducing corn, rye, malt and molasses to pounds, we get a total of 3,603,911,916 pounds of grain and molasses.

The census for 1900, vol. 9, page 602, gives the following figures as to materials used in the manufacture of fermented liquors:

Corn, 483,998,984 pounds; malt, 36,385,365 bushels; barley, 11,232,599 bushels. This amounts to a total of 2,260,266,146 pounds.

The committee sums up the enormous waste of the traffic as follows:

The minimum estimate places the waste at approximately 11,000,000 loaves of bread a day and it is probable that the waste is at least 15,000,000 loaves a day. There is no getting around that fact. The waste of grain in making liquor cannot be minimized. If the entire amount of food destroyed in making liquors each year were saved, the people would secure a ten per cent margin on the amount of food necessary to sustain life. That bare fact is all the people need on which to base opinion and action.

The liquor traffic may revise its figures to

whatever extent it will, but it cannot alter the fact that it is taking bread from millions of hungry mouths. It may plead for its life never so piteously, but the awakened conscience of mankind has already sealed its doom.

BOARDS REPORT PROGRESS.

The annual meetings of the Boards have been held. The report of the Board of Church Extension has not yet reached our office, but we feel sure that progress has been made in this department of the Church.

Dr. John R. Stewart reported that the total receipts of the Superannuate Endowment Fund for the year ending March 31 were \$109,267.10, representing a gain of nearly \$5000 in excess of that of the previous year. The cash assets of the fund are now \$421,767.90 and the total assets are \$489,356.43.

Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, reported the total enrollment of students in our schools to be 19,649 as against 18,201 for the previous year. Our schools are richer in endowment, equipment, buildings and real estate by \$778,568 than one year ago. The amount paid on the assessment for education last year was \$280,757 as against \$254,273 for the previous year. The ninety school have an indebtedness of \$1,840,101. The Board did not think it advisable to recommend to the General Conference, as suggested by the secretary, that a connectional campaign for \$10,000,000 be inaugurated for our institutions of learning.

Dr. W. W. Pinson, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, reported the total income from all sources last year to be \$1,408,638.85, an increase of \$94,052.13 over the previous year. This income was distributed as follows:

General work: Foreign, \$665,574.60; Home, \$129,159.52. Woman's work: Foreign, \$318,731.85; Home, \$295,172.98. Total: Foreign, \$984,306.45; Home, \$424,332.50. The increase indicated above is divided as follows: General work: Foreign, \$38,292.12; Home, \$13,671.53. Woman's work: Foreign, \$25,390.65; Home, \$16,697.83. Total: Foreign, \$63,682.77; Home, \$30,369.36.

For the foreign work the income was distributed as follows:

Africa (Congo Mission), \$6919.23; Brazil Mission Conference, \$44,049.95; South Brazil Mission Conference, \$23,087.55; China Mission Conference, \$56,057.24; Cuba Mission Conference, \$38,665.18; Central Mexico Mission Conference, \$9769.45; Mexican Border Mission Conference, \$22,362.58; Pacific Mexican Mission Conference, \$8,094.37; Japan Mission, \$80,087.29; Korea Mission, \$47,045.89; Contingent Fund, \$13,118.20; annual meeting \$1,099.51; Bishops' travel, \$327.88; expense of administration, \$40,864.02; interest account, \$15,915.78; reimburse account, \$6000; expense of Candidate Committee, \$431.06; Foreign Missions Conference of North America, \$500; Continuation Committee, Edinburgh Conference, \$600; Anglo-American Committee, \$200; post graduate work, medical candidates, \$150. Total, \$415,345.18.

The Board has reduced its debt from \$177,951.98 to \$113,246.98.

We rejoice that, despite the raging world war, the gifts of our people for the work of the Church have been enlarged. This is as it should be. The world's need was never so urgent. European countries are less able to give to the support of missions and the burden must increasingly fall upon the Churches in the United States.

THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN THE BALANCE.

We are not an alarmist, but we cannot stay the feeling that the war situation is very serious. The provisional government in Russia is in danger of collapse. The Council of Workmen and Soldiers has so stripped it of authority that the Russian Minister of War has resigned. The Minister of Justice, Sunday, May 13, spoke to the delegates from the front as follows:

I came to you because my strength is at an end. I no longer feel my former courage, nor have I my former conviction that we are conscientious citizens, not slaves in revolt. I am sorry I did not die two months ago when the dream of a new life was glowing in the hearts of the Russian people, when I was sure the country could govern itself without the whip.

As affairs are going now, it will be impossible to save the country. Perhaps the time is near when we will have to tell you that we can no longer give you the amount of bread you expect or other supplies on which you have a right to count. The process of the change from slavery to freedom is not going on properly. We have tasted freedom and are slightly intoxicated, but what we need is sobriety and discipline.

You could suffer and be silent for ten years and obey the orders of a hated Government. You could even fire upon your own people when commanded to do so. Can you now suffer no longer?

Germany is counting upon discontent in Russia as her most potent ally and already (as announced in Petrograd dispatches) has shifted

600,000 soldiers from the East front to battle lines in the West.

England and France are straining every nerve in their tremendous assaults, but it may be doubted whether they now have the preponderance in men and guns. The Germans are resisting desperately with every device known to modern war. The U-boats are taking tremendous toll of allied and neutral commerce and at the present rate of destruction will be master of the seas within twelve or fifteen months.

The duty of America is plain. We must awake from our ease; we must see through the eyes of our President and his associates in Government; every man must do his duty. We are in no unholy war; we fight for the preservation of human rights; we fight for the maintenance of a Christian civilization. Verily, we fight for God, home and native land. We fight without hate for our foes; we pray for them and will extend helping hands toward them so soon as they will allow.

THE SUMMER TERM OF THEOLOGY.

For years many of our Texas pastors have gone to Chicago and elsewhere to pursue their theological studies. They have gone to these places from necessity as well as from choice. For the South hitherto has not offered summer term work in her schools of theology.

Southern Methodist University and Emory University now offer summer terms in the work of theology. The full theological faculty of S. M. U. will continue its work from June 14 to August 1. Homiletics and Church Efficiency, the Psychology and Philosophy of Religion, Church History and Missions, New Testament Greek and Interpretation and Christian Doctrine may be studied under the direction of Professors Kern, Keen, Kilgore, Whaling, Seay and Dobbs from June 14 to August 1.

Special lectures will be delivered by Bishop Mouzon, Rev. C. S. Wright, Professors Keen, Holt and Seay.

We can think of nothing more profitable for our busy pastors than to turn aside for a few weeks through the summer for serious study under trained teachers. Habits of study will be cultivated, the best methods of study will be acquired, the intellectual furnishings replenished and all in an atmosphere conducive to the deepening of the spiritual life. Understand it, brethren, the future belongs to the minister who studies.

GENERAL M. M. CRANE SELECTED.

From Austin comes the information that General M. M. Crane, of Dallas, has been elected chairman of the temporary organization of the Texas Democratic Good Government League. John W. Robbins, of Austin, is secretary and the executive committee consists of Jesse Murrell, of Cooke County; Sam Sparks, of Austin, and Jeff Strickland, of Palestine.

It is to be sincerely hoped that General Crane will lend his counsel to this movement which is now in its initial stages. Wise direction above all things is needed just now. General Crane's friends will understand that he is a very busy man. No man among us would have to make a greater sacrifice than he, should he undertake the work of steering the movement to permanent organization. Nevertheless, we sincerely trust that he may see his way clear to do so. In both his wisdom and patriotism we have unbounded confidence.

The need for such an organization is patent to every lover of good government in Texas. For there has never been a day in our history when the liquor traffic sat upright and more brazenly in the affairs of Texas politics than today.

DISGUISED ANARCHY.

Our esteemed confrere, the Daily Times Herald, discussing the State Sunday law which prohibits the commercialized Sunday picture show, says:

Public sentiment is the law that governs these things and it will be the law that will govern Sunday amusements, especially moving pictures. Sentiment may have its difficulties, but in the long run it will triumph, because in the end the people do rule and their views will finally prevail. Neither pastor nor picture man can get around this primary principle of government.

"Public sentiment" is a word to conjure with, but as used here it means a very thinly disguised anarchy. Every crime is possible if this exposition of the doctrine of public sentiment stands. Gambling may run unashamed, if public sentiment tolerates it; the saloons may run in public parks and at annual fairs, if public sentiment condones them. And of these very things, if our memory is not at fault, the esteemed Times Herald was once a doughty champion. No, Mr. Editor, you

shall not commercialize the Sabbath day and rob men of their inalienable right to rest one day in seven. Dallas must bring public sentiment up to the law and not drag the law down to public sentiment.

PERSONALS

Rev. M. A. Turner, of Granger, called the past week. Church affairs in Granger are in fine shape and the pastor is happy.

Rev. M. S. Leveridge, of Paducah, preached the commencement sermon for the Paducah High School Sunday morning, May 6.

Rev. Thos. G. Whitten, of Electra, will preach the commencement sermon for the Electra High School, Sunday, May 20.

Rev. J. W. Hendrix, of the New Mexico Conference, reports: "Things go well at Hagerman." A live pastor and a good people.

We acknowledge with thanks an invitation from Miss Laura Belle McLennan to attend the graduating exercises of the San Antonio High School.

Evangelist Dow B. Beene is in a fine meeting at Archer City. The Archer Dispatch speaks in high praise of his sermons. Rev. I. S. Ashburn is pastor.

Rev. W. L. Nelms, of Cleburne District, brightened our office this week. He is looking after the Advocate on his district and other Church affairs are in good shape.

Rev. J. L. Rea, of Celeste, was in Dallas on business for S. M. U. and spent a few moments with us. He reports eighty additions to the Church and finances well up.

Rev. C. T. Tally, of Marshall, was rejoicing over his fine meeting when in our office this week. The Church is in a glow religiously and many have been added to the roll.

Dr. James W. Lee, of St. Louis, will preach the commencement sermon at Southwestern University, Sunday June 17, instead of June 27, as stated in our notes last week.

Rev. E. V. Cox, of Elm Street, Waco, called on the Advocate. He is hard at work, as usual, and is making progress. All the interests of the Church have his close attention.

Joe Z. Tower, of Athens, son of Rev. C. A. Tower, dropped in to see the Advocate last week. Mr. Tower came to Dallas to enter the navy. Rev. C. A. Tower has given two sons to Uncle Sam's Navy.

Mrs. W. E. Hawkins, of Austin, called during our absence from the office last week. She is the wife of Judge Hawkins, of the Supreme Court, and this editor has known no better friends.

Evangelist J. E. Brown is leading in a great union meeting at Mexia. Our pastor, Rev. T. E. Singleton, speaks of Brother Abe Mulkey's presence and says he preached with his old-time power.

Dr. A. J. Lamar, of our publishing interests at Nashville, delighted the Advocate force with a call while in Dallas the past week. Affable and lovable, a fine business man, he is the "right man in the right place."

The Faculty and Senior Class Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth, announce their Third Commencement Exercises Saturday morning, June the second, nineteen hundred and seventeen at ten o'clock, College Auditorium.

Rev. R. S. Satterfield, pastor of our Church at Lawton, Okla., is to preach the commencement sermon for the High School at Pauls Valley, Sunday, May 13. Brother Satterfield closed a four year's pastorate in Pauls Valley last fall.

Rev. W. N. Vernon, pastor at Ponder and Justin Charge, will deliver the annual address to the graduating class of the Ponder High School on Friday night, May 18, and will preach the commencement sermon for the Justin High School on Sunday, May 20.

Rev. Harry King is doing a fine work in our Wesley Bible Chair at the State University. We have spoken editorially of the importance of this chair a number of times and we hope to speak later of the courses which Professor King is giving his students.

Recent gifts of books have been received by the Library of the School of Theology of Southern Methodist University from the Reverend E. W. Potter, of Huntsville, Texas; the Reverend W. L. Pate, of Anderson, Texas, and from the Houston Post, through Mr. H. L. Millis, who is conducting with such remarkable skill the Church page of the Post. The Library has also received a diary of Reverend H.

W. South, familiarly known as "Parson South." This personal narrative runs from 1860 to the close of 1869, and gives a vivid picture of life in the Brazos Valley of Texas during the time of the Civil War. These gifts are greatly appreciated by the School of Theology.

We appreciate very much the following invitation: "The senior class of 1917, Peacock Military College, requests the honor of your presence at the exercises of commencement on Friday, May 11, at 4 o'clock, Wolff & Marx Auditorium, San Antonio, Texas."

Rev. O. P. Noble, superannuate member of the Pacific Conference, made us a pleasant visit this week. He is visiting relatives in Texas. Big Oak Flat, Kingsburg Station, Hanford, Orosa and Anderson were among his appointments in California.

The Oklahoma Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is to convene in Lawton, Okla., October 13th. Rev. Willmore Kendall, our pastor at Weatherford, Okla., is the fraternal delegate from the East Oklahoma Conference to this conference of the M. E. Church.

Rev. Eugene B. Hawk, of Polytechnic, has just closed a campaign in which the church debt of \$8100 was raised. Eighty members have been received since conference and salary paid in full to date. Polytechnic affords a fine field for work and Brother Hawk is meeting every expectation.

Rev. Cullum H. Booth sends us a statement concerning the Summer School of Theology at Southwestern University. The statement appears in this issue of the Advocate. This school has filled a large place in the lives of hundreds of our preachers for many years. The program this year is exceedingly inviting.

Rev. A. C. Sterling, our pastor of Elmo Mission, North Texas Conference, writes us that his mother died at Anna, Texas, on the morning of May 8. For forty years she had been a faithful member of our Church. We extend our deepest sympathy and yet rejoice that her life and death were triumphant.

Rev. George G. Smith, of Johnson City, is to be congratulated upon having successfully waged a prohibition campaign in Johnson City, the county seat of Blanco County. Johnson City and two additional school precincts voted dry. If the saloons could scare the preachers out of "politics," there would be few prohibition victories in Texas.

Rev. J. M. Perry, presiding elder San Angelo District writes: "Despite the long continued drouth and the excitement incident to the world war, our district is in good condition and our pastors and people are marching forward successfully in the work of establishing the kingdom of God upon earth." He serves an heroic people and himself is doing a noble work.

Evangelist D. L. Coale, of Dallas, is assisting Dr. S. H. Werlein and other pastors in New Orleans in a great union meeting. The meetings are being held at First Church. Nearly 500 conversions to date. Dr. Werlein pronounces the meeting the greatest which has been held in New Orleans for fifty years. This is cheering news.

We thank Miss Maria Layng Gibson for the following appreciated invitation: The Faculty and the Senior Class of the Scarritt Bible and Training School announce the twenty-fourth annual commencement exercises Tuesday evening, May fifteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen at eight o'clock. The Chapel, Kansas City, Missouri. Bishop Hendrix will preach the commencement sermon.

Rev. Hubert D. Knickerbocker was appointed to First Church, Houston, in March, 1916. One year later among the things to his credit were 500 conversions and 450 accessions to the Church and his \$75,000 church debt raised. He gave a single check for \$50,000. We doubt if this report has ever been excelled in Southern Methodism. Brother Knickerbocker, the hosts of Texas Methodists salute you.

Rev. H. W. Knickerbocker, pastor of the First Methodist Church, in Austin, will deliver the address before the literary societies of Coronado Institute on Monday night, May 21, and will deliver the commencement address in the graduating exercises on Tuesday, May 22, at 10 a. m. Dr. C. M. Bishop, president of Southwestern University, will preach the commencement sermon on Sunday morning, May 20.

Rev. Clovis G. Chappell and his people at Highland Park, Dallas, opened services in the temporary tabernacle last Sunday morning. The tabernacle will serve the congregation admirably until the erection of a permanent church building. The five hundred chairs were occupied and the pastor preached a stirring sermon on "Mother."

We have received the following announcement: "Mr. and Mrs. Edward Woodall request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Daisy Lee, to Mr. Spruill James Vaughan, Jr., on Saturday evening, June the second, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen at half after eight o'clock, four hundred and twelve Franklin Street, Hillsboro, Texas." They will make their home in McKinney, Texas. We wish for them a joyous voyage.

Rev. E. L. Silliman, pastor of our Church at Merit, gives the following interesting item: "At the home of the bride, Merit, Texas, 8:30 o'clock p. m., May 9, 1917, Rev. H. C. Minnis and Miss Flora Andrews were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Bro. Minnis is a son of Rev. J. B. Minnis, of Ben Franklin, Texas, and at present our pastor at Saltillo, Sulphur Springs District, having joined the North Texas Conference at its last session at Greenville. Miss Andrews comes of a well-known and highly respected family. May theirs ever be a happy parsonage home."

The School of Theology of Southern Methodist University announces the gift of \$100 a year, for a long term of years, from Mrs. W. M. Gunnell, of Marlin, Texas. The income from this gift is to be devoted to the purchase of books on Missionary Preparation. There are, in Southern Methodist University, a number of student volunteers, and this gift will enable the Department of Missions to put in the library, year by year, a considerable number of volumes dealing with the fields for which these volunteers are preparing. Mrs. Gunnell has the thanks of all Texas.

WESLEY CHAIR OF BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION.

Every year there gathers at the University of Texas, in Austin, a student body of approximately 2500 choice young men and women. Of this number about thirty per cent are either members of the Methodist Church, or prefer the Methodist Church to any other. This lays a tremendous responsibility upon, and also opens up to us a "great door and effectual" with most of the adversaries removed.

For several years past some of our pastors have been dreaming dreams of the day when we would have a well-equipped and well-qualified man to do religious work among our Methodist students at the State University. That dream has become a reality, for last fall at the opening of the school year Rev. Harry King—an ordained minister of our own denomination, an A. B. graduate of the University of Arkansas, and of Vanderbilt University before the days of the separation, entered into active service as professor in charge of our Bible Chair work at the State University. Regular classes have been held during the entire school year, and will continue during the first term of the Summer Session.

The State through the regularly appointed educational channels furnishes the needed instruction in all secular subjects. To us is left the task of giving religious and moral instruction. In order to enable us to meet this task laid upon us the University authorities allow us to maintain Mr. King in their midst, and offer Bible courses to the student body. These courses become a part of the University curriculum and are counted toward the student's degree as of equal value with all other courses offered. Students are anxious for these courses as is shown by the enrollment during this first year. Not only is the professor in charge of the work allowed to give courses to the student body, but he becomes in a very real sense the pastor of the student body and their adviser along many lines. During the critical period of their first years in college they need guidance and help and he stands ever ready to guide and help, and some of the stories he could tell would make the heart glow; in the mazes of physical science and worldly philosophy they need an interpreter, and this interpreter he tries to be; in the midst of the spiritual unrest of present-day University life they need safe counsel, and this he stands ready to attempt to give.

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Let every Methodist contemplating a course in the summer session of the University plan to include a Bible course in his schedule. Let every Methodist parent having children in the University urge them to include a Bible course in their schedule each year of their stay here. Let all interested in the work and desiring further information write either to the professor in charge or to some member of the board and inform himself concerning this great new undertaking of our Church. Let all rally to the support of the board and give them enough financial backing to keep the work in running shape, and in the near future give the Professor a building in which he may do his work unhampered.

The following brethren compose the Board having our Bible Chair Work in charge: R. W. Adams, Houston, Texas; Rev. W. L. Nelms, Cleburne, Texas; Rev. Sterling Fisher, Austin, Texas; Rev. C. M. Boyd, Uvalde, Texas; Rev. Geo. French, Dallas, Texas; Rev. A. J. Weeks, Stamford, Texas; Mr. R. E. Cofer, Austin, Texas. Rev. Harry King, 707 West 22½ St., Austin, Texas, is in charge and he, or any of the brethren mentioned above, would be glad to give detailed information to any desiring it concerning our work, plans, needs, etc.

RESPONSES.

We must have our Church paper. It is always a welcome visitor.
H. D. DUNLAP.
Azle, Texas.

Don't stop our Advocate. We cannot do without its weekly visits to our home.
W. R. SWAIN.
Lexington, Texas.

I have been taking the Advocate for over thirty years and of course I can't afford for it to stop coming.
M. C. ELLIS.
Sentinel, Okla.

The Advocate is in high favor over here and I am getting subscriptions at nearly all my Quarterly Conferences.
H. C. WILLIS,
Presiding Elder Marshall District.

I have read the Advocate for more than forty years and each week it brings a sweet message to me.
MRS. W. O. PIPKIN.
Beaumont, Texas.

Keep the Advocate coming. I would feel lost without it. I allowed my pastor to send my name as a life-time subscriber about thirty years ago.
J. F. DUNCAN.
Dublin, Texas.

I took a copy of the Advocate into the pulpit with me Sunday at 11 a. m., talked to my people about it, explaining each department, and saying to them that we had a paper worth their while; in fact assured them that it was one of the best of the Advocate family, if not the best. I urged the duty of every Methodist family to take and read the Advocate, and place it in the hands of their young people.
L. B. ELLIS.
Wagoner, Okla.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

REV. E. HIGHTOWER, Editor
Georgetown, Texas.

GOOD WORK AT BURKBURNETT.

A hiatus between District Conference dates enabled the Sunday School team to spend an evening with Bro. Huffstutler and his good people at Burkburnett, Texas. It is the last town south of Red River on the Wichita Falls and Northwestern Railway. Furthermore, it is one of the oiliest oil towns in Texas or elsewhere. Its citizenship are intelligent, energetic and progressive. A large and attentive audience greeted the workers on Wednesday night, and the interest was all that could be desired. The Sunday School is well organized and has one of the best men's Bible classes in the land, with a women's Bible class that is thoroughly alive and active. In the afternoon Miss Peterman had a long and profitable session with the Elementary Department and that end of the work will undergo radical reconstruction as a result of the visit. Brother Huffstutler is a good organizer and everybody's friend. Under his steady leadership our work at Burkburnett is in a prosperous condition.

IN WESTERN OKLAHOMA.

The conference of the Clinton District, West Oklahoma Conference, met at Elk City May 3, and the first afternoon was given to Sunday School work. This is our most western district in the State of Oklahoma; but Elk City, with its brick paved streets, modern business houses and comfortable homes, does not look like a town in a new country. In addition to pastors and lay delegates, a large number of Sunday School workers were present to attend the institute. We have yet to find a more earnest interest in the Sunday School cause. Presiding Elder Anderson and Pastor M. T. Allen know how to make visiting workers feel at home and then give them a free hand in their work, and their considerate treatment enabled the speakers to make the most of their opportunity. It was a very delightful visit. Our Methodism in Western Oklahoma is of the most vigorous type. All that is needed to enable Methodism to completely possess this goodly land is for the two Methodisms to get out of each other's way and combine their efforts. Let us hope that a workable plan of unification may achieve this much to be desired result.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

Rev. A. E. Rector, Field Secretary.

Three local institutes and three District Conferences cover the ground since last report. The three institutes held respectively at Clayton, Bertram and San Marcos, represent the three-fold classification of our Sunday School field—country, town and city. They all recognized the benefit of a get-together meeting, and the co-operation was hearty and general.

Clayton, like the large majority of our country schools, was behind on organization, but E. R. Craft, the superintendent, was not afraid of new things, and pledged his school to a decided addition in up-to-date features. He will have the help of a wide awake Sunday School pastor, J. P. Watson, of the Kempner Circuit. Many of our pastors are earnestly asking how they can keep in touch with a Sunday School that they can visit only once a month. I always answer, "Through the Worker's Council." Let it be held monthly, and at a time when the pastor can attend. If the superintendent is inexperienced, or has not yet caught the vision, let the pastor in a tactful way assume the initiative. Let him, if necessary, prepare the program, touch up the workers, and make his influence unobtrusively felt. The Council is the key.

It was good to find the Bertram school on somewhat higher ground since my visit two years ago. C. W. Rylander, the pastor, has a new superintendent and a good one in B. M. Laudan. He is young, enthusiastic and anxious to learn the best way. This he proved by ordering two good books on the superintendent's office. Watch the Bertram Sunday School grow.

A Sunday in San Marcos was a red letter day. The whole-hearted backing of the pastor, D. E. Hawk, and of the superintendent, C. C. Wade, along with the intelligent sympathy of many others, warmed and cheered the Field Secretary's heart. As it was my first visit in Sunday School work, I don't know how they have been growing, but they now lack but little of the standard grade. The mission-

ary spirit in this school is exceptional. Besides sending \$400 a year to China, they contribute \$30 a month to local missionary work among the Mexicans. In addition to this they are preparing to do something substantial for the new Mexican Training School to be opened next September in San Antonio. The young ladies' class taught by Dr. Combs has made unusual contribution to the working force in the mission field.

Now for the three District Conferences—Austin, San Antonio and San Marcos. Alas, the limits of our Sunday School column prevent any sort of justice to the subject. One thing is certain. It was a genuine pleasure to work under Presiding Elders Fisher, Groseclose and Curry. Liberty Hill with its old, new church supplying new Sunday School accommodations lent an atmosphere of inspiration to the Sunday School program. The program occupied an entire forenoon of the conference, and our Sunday School Board chairman, Rev. S. F. Goddard, ably presided, with Presiding Elder Fisher for a close side-partner. I hope the elder didn't regret the liberal allowance of time which he allotted the Sunday School program, and I don't think he did, for it was good to the use of edifying. A number of schools reported standard organization. An unusual feature was the number of Sunday School Board members present. Besides the Field Secretary, was Chairman Goddard, Secretary B. W. Allen and Rev. H. E. Draper.

As the Austin and San Antonio Conferences were held at the same time, I could not reach the latter until the Sunday School program was over. It was conducted by Presiding Elder Groseclose and District Superintendent J. W. Woodson, men who understand Sunday School work and know how to push it. I heard favorable echoes of the program.

At the San Marcos Conference in Seguin the Saturday night period was devoted to the Sunday School program. The attendance of Sunday School superintendents was unusually good. Why do so few superintendents attend the District Conference? They are members ex-officio, and they would find the exercises stimulating and suggestive for their Sunday School work.

An interesting feature of the Seguin Conference was the presence on the platform and participation in the program by three of the district officers. These were Judge J. T. Ellis, District Superintendent; Rev. W. F. Weeks, District Secretary, and Mrs. George F. Butler, Superintendent of the Home Department. These district officers have been specially faithful in the discharge of their duties. Dr. J. T. Curry, as presiding elder, has already shown himself to be a leader of wide and practical vision, and no point of Sunday School efficiency will be overlooked or neglected.

Let the pastors and superintendents or others drop the Field Secretary a line whenever anything of special progress transpires on the field. Such items will make these notes worth reading. In this connection I am glad to state from Rev. I. E. Wood, of Karnes City, that the Sunday School had added two new points of organization. Also Rev. S. J. Franks wrote that Pandora had grown three points since the Institute had been held.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE AT TOHOKA.

Tohoka enjoyed one of the greatest treats in its history when the Sunday School Institute for the north half of the Big Spring District was held here April 30 and May 1.

Every phase of the Sunday School and its work was thoroughly discussed by such able speakers as Rev. B. L. Nance, our Sunday School Secretary, from Clarendon; Rev. W. E. Lyon, our presiding elder; Rev. T. C. Wilbert, Chairman of the Sunday School Teachers' Training Class; Rev. J. T. Hicks, of Lubbock, and others.

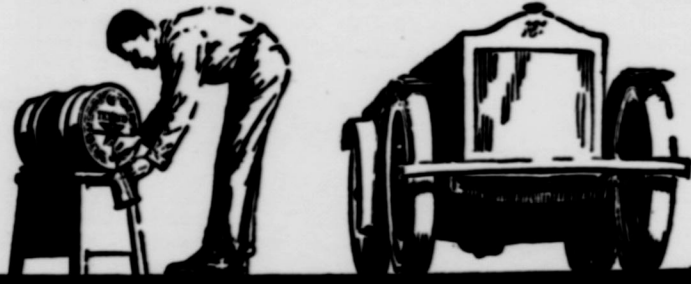
Out of the nine charges in this half of the district, only one was not represented. Seven were represented by their pastors. Six Sunday School Superintendents were present, and twenty-five other out-of-town representatives.

Every one was given a chance to take part in the discussions, either by questions or by giving information.

Quite a large crowd received a blessing from this splendid meeting. Over sixty were enrolled during the first morning service, the afternoon and evening services being more largely attended.

If all the good inspirations received from this Institute are put into practice the entire State will soon feel its uplifting influence.

During the session we had one con-



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version and requests for several special prayers.

The Institute was concluded by a splendid sermon by Rev. J. T. Hicks. If you wish to put new life and energy into your Sunday School just try a Sunday School Institute, and you will be more than satisfied with the result.

WILLIE SLOVER,
Secretary.

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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.)

DATES AND PLACES FOR THE SUMMER EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCES.

May 25-27—McKinney District Conference, at Richardson.

May 30-June 3—West Texas Conference, Gonzales.

June 4-7—Texas, Beaumont.
June 7-10—North Texas, Wichita Falls.
June 14-17—Northwest Texas, Clarendon.
June 15-17—Central Texas, Hamilton.
July 19-29—Epworth-by-the-Sea Encampment, Port O'Connor.

The General Board of the Epworth League has just closed a meeting in Dallas. We shall expectantly await their report.

West Texas Conference May 31 to June 3.

Mr. Thomasson says that the program at Epworth-by-the-Sea for this year has never been surpassed. He ought to know for he has helped plan many of them since the establishment of the Encampment. Mr. Thomasson is to give some of his reminiscences during the Encampment.

Married: Mr. Bernard J. Roemer to Miss Florence Babcock, on Wednesday evening, May 9, at the home of Mr. Gus W. Thomasson. Rev. George Sexton officiating. Mr. Roemer is one of the prominent members of the Trinity Chapter of First Church, Dallas, and Mrs. Roemer is one of the leading spirits of the Sunday School of the same Church. Congratulations and best wishes.

On Saturday, May 6, Trinity League of First Church, Dallas, celebrated its annual picnic. In spite of a showery,

wintery day about forty members were present.

MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENTS, ALL ABOARD FOR WICHITA FALLS!

A good work has been done in this department throughout North Texas. Please send me your reports and be at Wichita Falls prepared to discuss the topic, "How to Raise a Missionary Pledge in the Local Chapter." North Texas has long been known as the missionary conference of Southern Methodist Leaguedom, but there are many of our chapters who find it difficult to carry on the good work. There is in this as in everything else a good method, a better method, and a best method. Let us try to discover just what is the best method of meeting our missionary obligations in a money way and of bringing to the realization of our constituency just what their obligation toward the support of the missionary enterprise is.

JENNIE VICKERY,
Grand Prairie, Texas.

COOPER, TEXAS.

This chapter is preparing to have three delegates at the annual meeting at Wichita Falls. Our League observed the Africa Boat Special Day and our special offering amounted to thirty dollars. We have a good live League and are holding a series of young people's prayer meetings during the Ham-Ramsey meetings.

MISS BESS NANNEY.

Do you notice the fine reports of the African Boat Special Day meetings? They are coming in splendidly. Let us have more of them.

VAN ALSTYNE.

The Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues observed the African Boat Special Day. We rendered a special program that extended into the Church hour, and at our business meeting we pledged \$25 in all for the boat. Five dollars by the Junior League and \$25 by the Senior League. We gladly did this and feel that it is not only our duty but our privilege.

MISS GRAYSON PARKER,
Corresponding Secretary.

GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS.

The Epworth League of Grand Prairie, Texas, in keeping with its
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THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

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

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT MEETING

The district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society will meet in Seguin May 24-25.

Dr. Hawk will preach at 11 o'clock on the 25th. The District Secretary will give her Council report Thursday night.

We want to see all the old faces and many new ones. Come prepared for discussions, for in this way you take back to your society new ideas, plans and methods. MRS. ZEB HARLE.

ATTENTION, LADIES.

Please write us the train on which you will arrive in Chillicothe for the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Society, Northwest Texas Conference.

Time Table—Denver North, 6:20 a. m. and 4:40 p. m.; Denver South, 11:40 a. m. and 11:50 p. m.; Orient North, 5:25 a. m.; Orient South, 10:30 p. m. This is important for your comfort. Write, M. M. Beavers or Mrs. J. B. Wood, Chillicothe, Texas.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT MEETING.

The District meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Brownwood District, which convened in Bronte, Texas, on May 2 and 3, was highly successful and the delegates desire to

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written policy for the year which includes the Standard of Efficiency, has rendered its second fifth Sunday musical program, which is given at the Sunday night Church hour and concluded by a freewill offering.

This work has proven beneficial in preparation and pleasant and profitable in rendering.

Another feature that has been very effective is as follows: A list of twenty-five young men of Methodist parentage was made and to each our President, J. T. Yeager, wrote a letter of invitation to come to his home for an evening of games and pleasure.

On this happy occasion he told them how the Epworth League needed them and how they needed the Epworth League influence.

So he asked them, not because they were under obligations to him for the pleasures of the evening hour just spent, but because it was proper and right, and above all the biggest thing they could do to prepare and render a program at the Epworth League hour in the near future, and there was not a young man present who hesitated.

The subject, "The Saloon the Foe to Society," was selected and program arranged and after two weeks preparation, there was never anywhere a more enthusiastic program rendered. We almost had a prohibition rally at the close of this service.

In turn Mrs. Mary Krabbenschmidt, Superintendent of Third Department, entertained the young ladies in her home and gave them a challenge to respond to the program rendered by the young men, so their subject, "Character Sketches From the Bible," was selected, program arranged and rendered after two weeks preparation, and we challenge any League in the State to surpass the efficiency shown in rendering this program.

The next meeting, this being Easter, following the two specials just mentioned was a great service. At the close we received three new members, and our Superintendent of First Department decided to give her life to the mission work in Africa.

These meetings are of great spiritual value to our League and Church and we most heartily recommend this policy to all Epworth Leagues, as it has brought us in touch with our young life for which we have so long sought.

On April 22 the African Boat Special program was given under the supervision of our Superintendent of Fourth Department in the form of a cruise; with the subject, "The Gospel by Water," and a special collection of \$25 was raised, and a calf was donated for this special also. At the North Texas Conference Grand Prairie may not win the loving cup for the standard of efficiency but it expects to receive the model degree of the R. K. C. of Missions which means it had averaged for missions \$2.50 per member for the year.

thank the citizens of Bronte for their great hospitality.

The meeting opened with thirteen delegates, twenty visitors, one conference officer, Miss Posey of Indian Creek, three out-of-town pastors and other brethren as follows: W. S. Smith, Robert Lee; J. B. Curry, Ballinger; P. H. Gates, Wingate; Mr. Aubry Ashly, Robert Lee; J. D. Durham, Robert Lee.

After reports of delegates and other business attended to, adjourned to meet at Zypher, Texas, for our next meeting.

MRS. R. A. SMITH, Chairman.

MRS. T. H. LAVENDER, Sec.

NORTHWEST TEXAS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Ask your local agent concerning rates to the annual meeting at Chillicothe May 26-30. All roads not heard from, but the basis will be eighty per cent of double fare, on sale May 25 and 26, final limit May 31.

Come praying; send delegates who will remain until close of sessions. Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss will preach the annual sermon Sunday, May 27. His message will be "War and Missions." No need to say it will be a great one.

MRS. J. B. SMITH, President.

MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS, Corresponding Secretary.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM—CONFERENCE—MAY 31 TO JUNE 3, 1917.

Gonzales, Texas.

First Day, May 31.

8 to 8:30 p. m.—Song and Praise Service.

8:30 to 9 p. m.—Address, "The Evangelical Message of the Bible," Dr. D. Emory Hawk.

9 to 10 p. m.—Social hour at the home of Mrs. W. H. Matthews.

Second Day, June 1.

6:30 to 7:30 a. m.—Sunrise Session led by Dr. J. T. Curry, presiding elder San Marcos District.

9 to 9:15 a. m.—Praise Service led by Prof. J. B. Shanks.

9:15 to 10 a. m.—Bible Study conducted by Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, of S. M. U.

10 to 10:55 a. m.—Departmental Problems: First Department, Mr. Ralph E. Nollner; Second Department, Dr. Ivan Lee Holt; Third Department, Mrs. V. A. Godbey; Fourth Department, Miss Etta Lee Woolsey.

11 to 11:30 a. m.—Business Session.

11:30 to 12 m.—Address, "The Social Message of the Bible," Dr. Ivan Lee Holt.

Afternoon Session.

3 to 4 p. m.—The Junior League, Mr. William Hankla, Travis Park Church, S. A.

Evening Session.

8 to 8:15 p. m.—Praise Service led by Mr. W. H. Nollner.

8:15 to 8:45 p. m.—Address by Mr. J. A. Stockwell, our Missionary to Africa.

8:45 to 9:15 p. m.—The Standard of Efficiency, by Mr. W. H. Nollner.

Third Day, June 2—Sunrise Session.

6:30 to 7:30 a. m.—Testimony Service.

9 to 12—Morning Session.

9 to 9:15—Praise Service led by Miss Bessie League.

9:15 to 10—Bible Study led by Mr. H. H. Washington.

Departmental Problems, divided as on second day, into four sections.

3 to 4 p. m.—Afternoon Session: Business, election of officers and place of next meeting of conference.

8 to 9:30 Evening Session.

8 to 8:15 p. m.—Praise Service.

8:15 to 9 p. m.—Address by Bishop Walter R. Lambuth.

9 to 9:30 p. m.—Pledges for the African Special.

9:30 to 10 p. m.—Concentration Service.

Fourth Day, June 3.

10 to 10:45 a. m.—Junior League Demonstrations, led by Miss Mary Dawe.

5 to 6 p. m.—Social Hour.

6:30 to 7:30 p. m.—Model Epworth League Devotional Service, led by Mr. H. H. Washington.

8 p. m.—Address by Bishop Walter R. Lambuth.

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GENERAL BOARD IS ENTER-TAINED.

On Wednesday evening following the close of the sessions of the General Epworth League Board the Dallas District Epworth League Union tendered a banquet complimenting the General Epworth League Board, the Book Committee and the Publishing Agents of the Church. The occasion was much enjoyed and one long to be remembered. The addresses of the evening were offered by Rev. Wade Johnson, who welcomed the guests for the Dallas Leaguers, which welcome was responded to by Rev. Ralph E. Nollner, of the Central Office. Dr. Ivan Lee Holt spoke on the "Call of Today," and Dr. Parker responded to the subject, "Answering the Call." Judge Linebaugh, of Oklahoma, spoke most impressively on "Patriotism that Counts," and Dr. Paul B. Kern followed with an enlightening handling of "Our Silver Jubilee." Mr. Thomason in his usual impressive manner discussed, "A Made-in-Texas Vacation," referring, as every good Texas Leaguer knows, to the Encampment at Epworth-by-the-Sea. Musical numbers were rendered by Misses Beachum and Dowell and Mrs. Albert E. Smith.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT LEAGUE

The Georgetown District Epworth League convened at the M. E. Church at Taylor, Texas, May 8, 9.

Delegates present: W. F. Gay, of Belton; Rev. and Mrs. Z. Q. Kelton and Martha Waters, of Thrall; Mary Moody, Idell Johnson and Eva Holmes, of Taylor.

Others present at the morning session were: Bro. Stanford, Mrs. J. W. Inman, the First Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Society; the Superintendent of the Junior Missionary Society, and Mrs. Bowers, of Taylor. Guests present: Rev. J. J. Hamilton, of Hutto, and Miss Petway.

Program rendered May 8, 7:45 p. m. Song Service. Solo, Miss Cora B. Miller. Informal Opening, District Secretary.

Duet, Misses Georgia Hope and Idell Johnson.

Sermon, Rev. J. E. Crawford, Waco. Informal Reception for Everybody in League room.

May 9th: 9-9:30, Devotional, Mr. W. F. Gay, Belton.

9:30-10, Enrollment of Delegates. 10-10:30, Who's Who Meeting.

10:30-11, Business Meeting. 11-12, Problem Hour. Institute Work.

Noon, Adjournment.

Notes.

This League was organized and is to be known as the Georgetown District League.

Each of the local Leagues to contribute one dollar annually to the District League.

The following officers were appointed: Mary Moody, President; C. C. Countess, Vice-President; Martha Waters, Secretary; Q. G. Harkey, Treasurer; Elsie Chevalier, Epworth Era Agent.

The next meeting will be held at Belton, Texas, unless the Cabinet decides later to hold it at some town more centrally located.

MARTHA WATERS, Secretary.

"Better out than in"—that humor that you notice. To be sure it's out and all out, take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

ADDRESS OF DR. S. A. STEEL ON THE OCCASION OF BREAKING DIRT FOR WASHINGTON CITY CHURCH.

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historic past of Southern Methodism, of which we are so justly proud, but ever stand for that type of spiritual life which has made us great, and strong, and worthy to have our place among the allied forces of the Church universal; loyal to Jesus Christ the supreme Head; loyal to its own denominational banner; conservative and slow to modify its established methods to accommodate a restless and often reckless spirit of change, yet keeping step with all true progress; unaffected by the destructive liberalism that eats the heart out of Christianity and corrodes the truth; fraternal toward all of God's people; an evangelistic Church, full of the old-time religion, standing fast for the reality of that Christian experience which is the most distinctive badge of true Methodism; ever burning with revival fires; and justifying the faith and hope and liberality of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Here in the heart of our National Capitol may it be a far-shining beacon; and, as our people turn their eyes to its brightness, may they, like the ancient Israelite "pray for the peace of Jerusalem," and realize that, "they shall prosper that love thee."

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ATTENDANCE CONTEST IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The reports of the attendance last Sunday so far indicate that an unusual number was present at all the Sunday Schools. The day seems to have been fine and every school seems to have made an effort to make the best report. First Church, Temple, stands at the head of the list this week, with First Church, Dallas, and Marvin Sunday School, Tyler, Texas, second and third.

It was the pleasure of this scribe to present the banner to the West Dallas Sunday School last Sunday, promised for the largest increase in attendance over an average for the first four Sundays in April. They have a most interesting and promising Sunday School and seem to have made large plans for the future.

First Church, Hillsboro, is entitled to the banner for the largest attendance report on Children's Day and the banner will be sent down to the superintendent to present to the school next Sunday morning.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1917.

CLASS C.	
1 Temple, First	875
CLASS D.	
2 Dallas, First	747
3 Tyler, Texas, Marvin	736
CLASS E.	
4 Austin, University	685
5 Dallas, Tyler Street	632
CLASS F.	
6 Fort Worth, First Church	593
7 Beaumont, First Church	576
8 Sherman, Travis Street	569
9 Oklahoma City, St. Luke's	563
10 Bonham, First	536
11 San Antonio, Travis Park	530
12 Greenville, Wesley	507
13 Dallas, Ervay St.	506
14 San Angelo, First	504
*14 Dallas, Oak Cliff	504
CLASS G.	
15 Dallas, Grace	487
16 Muskogee, Okla., First	470
17 Hillsboro, First	456
18 Plainview	453
19 Cleburne, Main St.	447
20 Waco, Austin Ave.	435
21 Houston Heights, Grace	433
22 Denton	416
23 Palestine, Centenary	406
24 Okmulgee, Okla.	405
25 Clarendon	402
CLASS H.	
26 Amarillo, Polk St.	388
*27 Galveston, 33rd St.	387
*27 Port Arthur, Trinity	387
28 Honey Grove	359
29 Marshall, First	335
30 Corpus Christi	332
31 Beaumont, Roberts Ave.	316
32 Memphis	308
33 Altus, Okla.	300
CLASS I.	
34 Clarksville, McKenzie Mem.	279
35 Roswell, N. M.	270
36 Waco, Elm St.	266
37 Waco, Fifth St.	258
38 Chillicothe	243
39 Dallas, Munger Place	237
40 Oklahoma City, C. Ave.	235
41 Center	233
42 Fort Worth, Boulevard	230
43 Mexia	229
44 Wellington	224
45 Taylor	215
46 Coleman	214
*46 Corsicana, 11th Ave.	214
*47 Teague, First	205
*48 Arlington	200
*48 Tahlequah, Okla.	200
CLASS J.	
49 Bay City	197
50 Beeville	195
51 Burkburnett	186
52 Bryan	180
53 Groesbeck	178
54 Hubbard	176
55 Farmersville	175
*56 Madisonville	172
*56 Tyler, Cedar St.	172
57 Dallas, St. John's	164
58 Baird	163
59 Dallas, Brooklyn Ave.	161
60 Blooming Grove	160
61 Sonora	159
*62 Caldwell	154
*62 Checotah, Okla.	154
*63 Dublin	135
*63 Seguin	135
64 Carbon	131
65 Groveton	130
66 Cleburne, Brazos Ave.	125
67 Cement, Okla.	119
68 Elk City, Okla.	116
69 Sinton	112
*70 Dallas, Cole Ave.	109
*70 Tenaha	109
71 Luling	108
72 Raymondville	100
CLASS K.	
73 Dallas, West Dallas	95
74 Laveria	82
75 Sierra Blanca	81
76 Kiowa, Okla.	74

Schools marked with asterisks are numbered the same because they tie with other schools in attendance this week. Those that tie are arranged alphabetically.

W. C. EVERETT,
Secretary.

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R. A. GREGORY,
Weinert, Texas.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

This conference met at Cisco, Texas, May 8-10, 1917. The house was called to order by President E. P. Williams. Special music was rendered throughout the conference by the Cisco young people's choir. The devotional service was conducted by M. D. Council. There were seventy-five delegates from the district who attended the conference. G. F. Winfield was a visitor to our conference. He spoke in the interest of Meridian College, among other important facts he presented to us.

Emphasis was placed on better equipped and trained teachers for the Sunday Schools and the use of graded literature. Stress was placed upon the importance of our Epworth Leagues.

Wednesday afternoon, after the session of our conference, we spent a sociable hour. The Woman's Missionary Society and young ladies entertained the conference. We wish to express our appreciation of the hospitality of the good people of Cisco.

Our conference meets at Rising Star next year.
C. E. WILKINS, Secretary.

REVIVAL CAMPAIGN IN TEXAS.

The first of this conference year I received a call from three of our pastors for a tabernacle meeting in East Dallas. These pastors, W. J. Johnson, J. A. Old and C. D. Montgomery, agreed to unite their forces for a five weeks' revival campaign. They requested that I bring in extra workers and so I increased my party for that special meeting.

It has never been my pleasure to work with a more royal set of men. They met the party with open arms. Every detail of the preparatory work had been carried out and we found all the committees well organized and active. Every new suggestion was immediately put into practice. No expense was spared in providing for the comfort of the evangelistic party or the congregation. The pastors truly laid themselves out to their fullest extent and God rewarded their labors. Among other interesting features of the revival was the work of the autos. Owners of autos made several trips for each service and brought many who lived too far to attend the revival. Special attention was given those who were unsaved.

In a great meeting like this there are many occasions which try men's souls. These pastors were equal to every such occasion, and with cordial brotherly sympathy and enthusiasm they encouraged and made valuable suggestions. After five weeks close association with these pastors, I did not wonder that they were in high favor with their people. In the closing services it was an inspiration to see their members rush forward and pledge to them their co-operation and support in conserving the results of the meeting.

There is no more popular presiding elder than Dr. S. R. Hay, who was with us several times. His quiet, forceful presence was an inspiration to the whole congregation. Many other pastors in Dallas and from outside points visited the revival frequently. These were not curiosity seekers, but threw themselves into the services with spiritual power. Then there was our old friend, "Wild Bill Evans," who never missed a service—how would we have gotten along without his soul-stirring "amens," always spoken at the right moment and helping to drive home an important truth.

It was a great pleasure to renew my fellowship with the editor of the Texas Advocate, Dr. Bradford, who frequently attended the services. He is giving us a great paper.

After the Dallas meeting I went out on the Plains, 3000 feet above sea level, to Brother Cowan at Midland. Brother Cowan is a past master at organization. He manages to give each member something to do. His people love him and rally to him loyally. He is a strong preacher. In spite of an epidemic of measles in a malignant form, God gave us a fine meeting. The presiding elder, Brother Perry, ran over for a few days and added greatly to the meeting. Everyone was glad to see their old pastor. His fervent prayers stirred all hearts.

Although this is my first trip to Texas, I feel as though I had known these pastors always. Their free, open-hearted, cordial, Western hospitality and fellowship warm the heart. I have several other calls in Texas, which will hold me out here until into the summer.
G. A. KLEIN,
General Evangelist.

Now is the time to stand by your Church paper. Send your renewal to the Advocate today.

Annual Meeting Notes

By N. B. P.

THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held its Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting in the chapel of the Church Extension Building, 1115 Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, May 5th-7th.

TWENTY-EIGHT of the thirty-seven members of the Board were present at the Annual Meeting.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, immediately preceding the General Conference.

THE BOARD, by unanimous vote, declined to request the General Conference to change the date of the close of its fiscal year, which is March 31st.

THE REPORT of the Corresponding Secretary showed that about 7,000,000 pages of printed matter have been distributed during the year throughout the Church.

THE SECOND \$25,000 contribution of Mr. James B. Duke, of New York, for use in North Carolina, was recognized by the Board in the form of a suitable resolution.

REV. JOHN M. MOORE, D. D., Home Mission Secretary, while not a member of the Board, was present at all the sessions, participating in its business, having been granted, by vote, the privileges of the floor.

THE PULPITS of Louisville and neighboring towns were filled on Sunday by members of the Board and visitors, in the interest of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

DR. DANIEL MORTON, of St. Joseph, Missouri, presented to the Board a bound volume of the annual reports from 1882 to 1898, the period covered by his father's administration, the late Dr. David Morton.

THE BOARD considered the possibility of the need of tents for the use of Chaplains of the Army and Navy, and committed the work of providing same to the Executive Committee.

THE PLAN submitted for the development of the Department of Architecture was adopted by the Board, and the Executive Committee was authorized to employ a competent man to assist the Corresponding Secretary in this work.

THE BOARD completed its work in less than two days, adjourning Monday afternoon, May 7th, about 5:30 o'clock. Arrangement had been made for luncheons with the ladies of the Fourth Avenue Church, which enabled the brethren to economize time.

DR. W. F. BOGGESE, a prominent physician of Louisville, Kentucky, and the son of a Methodist preacher, was elected to membership in the Board and placed on the Executive Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Presley H. Tapp.

THE NEW \$60,000.00 church property in Oakland, California, will be ready for dedication by July 1st. The Board unanimously endorsed every step taken by the Executive Committee during the year looking to the completion of this property.

THE TOTAL receipts for Church Extension during the year is \$648,206.81, which exceeds the total receipts of last year by \$77,599.02; there being an increase in receipts on assessment, specials, contributions to the Loan Fund Capital, etc.

THE BOARD from the beginning in 1882 has aided 9,749 churches, with an average of \$489.53 to each; and 2,636 parsonages, with an average of \$202.76 to each, making a total investment in churches and parsonages of \$5,306,806.30.

WITH "GREAT GRATIFICATION" the Board noted the increase in the Loan Fund Capital for the year of \$171,832.91, and congratulated the Corresponding Secretary on the near attainment to the \$1,000,000.00 goal. The Loan Fund Capital at the close of the fiscal year was \$976,461.99.

THE SEVERAL SECTIONS of the Corresponding Secretary's report, which was printed in pamphlet form, 92 pages, were properly grouped and referred to seven committees, as follows: (1) Memoirs; (2) Loan Funds; (3) Special Publications; (4) Organization; (5) Pacific Coast; (6) Miscellaneous; (7) Washington City Representative Church.

AMONG THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS at the meeting were Rev. S. A. Neblett, of the Cuban Mission Conference; Rev. W. Asbury Christian, D. D., of the Virginia Conference; Rev. W. H. Beauchamp, D. D., of the Virginia Conference, the new Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and Rev. C. C. Seecman, D. D., of the Los Angeles Conference.

MRS. LYDIA CLARK, of Vinita, Oklahoma, a three-fourths blood Cherokee Indian, and a devout and influential member of our Church in Vinita, was a visitor. Her brief address to the Board touched the hearts of all present. A stenographic report of this address will appear in the Church Extension Hand Book of 1917.

THE PUBLICATION of a Bishop A. W. Wilson Memorial volume, which will contain a record of the Bishop's life and some of his greatest addresses and sermons, was authorized. The volume is to be prepared by Rev. C. D. Harris, D. D., of the Baltimore Conference, under the supervision of Bishop Collins Denny, Bishop John C. Kilgo and the Corresponding Secretary.

THE EXCHANGE of lots in San Francisco, California, to secure a better location for the new Fitzgerald Memorial Church, and the plan to retain the old Valencia Street lot for the use of the women about the Bay in the establishment of an institutional Church in San Francisco, were approved. It is expected that the San Francisco Church will be built this summer.

THE SESSIONS of the Board were presided over by Mr. T. L. Jefferson, of Louisville, Kentucky, who has filled the office of President since 1906. Mr. Jefferson is a most agreeable and efficient presiding officer. Under his guidance the business moved rapidly and harmoniously, and the four sessions were marked by the absence of all things not vital to the work in hand.

A REPORT was adopted that, with the beginning of the next quadrennium, the By-Laws of the Board be changed so as to provide for the consideration of applications by a Committee on Applications; this Committee to consist of the Executive Committee and two additional members, to be selected from the Board, and to meet for the consideration of applications in the months of January, April, July and October.

STRONG GROUND WAS TAKEN by the Board in the interest of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Executive Committee was authorized to place on the calendar from time to time, for consideration, such applications from that Church as it deemed particularly meritorious; and to accomplish this end, if it developed that any change in the Discipline is necessary thereto, the next General Conference was requested to make such change.

THE TOTAL NUMBER of applications before the Board was 512. The amount asked for in donations was \$288,407.61, which was \$81,072.83 more than last year; and the amount asked for in loans was \$385,256.93, which is an increase of \$106,838.33 over last year. The Board granted donations amounting to \$142,927.96, and loans aggregating \$260,025.00. It referred to the Executive Committee for further consideration urgent applications numbering sixty.

THE BOARD approved the plan of Rev. C. C. Seecman, D. D., pastor of Trinity Auditorium, Los Angeles, California, to raise a fund of \$100,000.00, to be known as the "Trinity Church Extension Endowment Fund," the income from which is to be used for paying rent on Trinity Auditorium for the time being, and ultimately, if such course becomes necessary, in building a church for the use of that congregation. The fund is to be handled by the Board of Church Extension.

TWO MEMBERS of the Board have died during the year: Bishop A. W. Wilson, the last of the charter members of the Board, on November 21st, 1916. Mr. Presley H. Tapp, Louisville, Kentucky, for twenty-two years a member of the Board and a member of its Executive Committee, on Friday, May 4th, 1917. The funeral services of Mr. Tapp were conducted from the Fourth Avenue Church on Saturday afternoon, May 5th, at 3:30 o'clock, and the Board adjourned to attend the service. Suitable memoirs of these faithful servants of the Church were adopted, and will appear in the 1917 Hand Book.

A MIXED LETTER.

H. G. H.

Z. V. Liles, of San Saba, is proud of his new marble church and of the visit and work of E. D. Mouzon.

A hundred years ago or more the old Franciscan fathers settled and built a mission house in that beautiful valley now possessed by the Methodists. They went to convert the Indians.

The red brother came upon them by the light of the moon and totally destroyed every one of them and their mission house.

Andrew Jackson Potter, William Monk, Homer S. Thrall, C. M. Carpenter in days long gone by preached a Methodist gospel where the Franciscan Fathers proved martyrs to their faith.

That was a live note from O. W. Benold, East Bernard. Down on the Bernard once preached Jesse Hord, Dr. O. Fisher, Homer S. Thrall and Abel Stevens, the great historian of Wesleyan and American Methodism.

Champ Traylor, Plemons, sketches vividly the passing of the frontier days. When he speaks of Alonzo Monk does he mean William Monk? for he was really talking about early pioneer preachers.

Am glad the Advocate circulates in Oklahoma, for Shawnee, Comanche, Choctaw and Chickasa refreshes my mind with the days when our itinerant nag distanced a band of Comanches just east of the present prosperous town of Sabinal in 1859.

While Texas is not what it "used to be" it is a grand place for a home. An old backwoodsman in Kansas got religion and sat in the straw shouting. Somebody said, "Don't you want to go to heaven?" "No," said he, "I don't want to go to heaven or hell—just stay right here in Kansas."

While you read the editorials, correspondence and notes from the field in Advocate don't overlook the obituaries.

L. H. I writes of the death at Los Angeles, Cal., of Mrs. Susan Clayton Kerr, widow of the late A. B. F. Kerr, one of the early itinerant preachers of Texas, brother-in-law of Homer S. Thrall. She was married to Bro. Kerr in Goliad by Jesse Hord in early days and lived many years in San Marcos. She was past eighty years of age. Her daughter, in writing of her, says: "Her last moments were so peaceful, and as dissolution approached all the lines from pain and age vanished from her face and she looked so young and care-free." I saw that in the face of Mrs. A. M. Ireland. Her dead face looked young and fresh. Her life had been saintly.

It was my pleasure to meet in San Antonio the other week Alma P. Norwood, of Florida, niece of Mrs. Ireland, widow of one of our early missionaries to Mexico, Joseph P. Norwood.

As I was talking to her Bro. Phillips told me of the death of A. H. Sutherland, one of the grandest missionaries Western Methodism ever produced. Dr. Winton says the history of the great work in Texas and Mexico among the Mexicans will be written. Sutherland and Norwood will figure largely in that history. Let it contain not only the general outlines but the lowly toils, sufferings, tragedies and triumphs of the gospel among that people of turmoil and patriotism.

As a matter of course we all read the sketchy articles of Horace Bishop, but sometimes he does not do justice to himself—as in the case where he wants to skip over the great and stirring events of '44. Why, those figures are "juicy."

And J. E. Harrison also seems to lose sight of justice to himself when he springs the question as to whether Andrew Johnson wrote the Constitution of the United States.

RESPONSES.

I love the Advocate.

Hobart, Okla.

LETT SMITH.

Sure I want my Advocate. Find inclosed check for another year.

Jacksboro, Texas.

S. J. OLIVER.

The Advocate is a great pleasure and inspiration to us.

Denton, Texas.

MRS. J. H. WHITFIELD.

I do not want the Advocate to stop. It is appreciated in our home.

Caddo, Texas.

MRS. S. C. SUTPHEN.

We enjoy the Advocate very much. I feel like we could not keep house without it. It has been in my home ever since I was a little girl.

Van Horn, Texas.

MRS. J. H. QUINN.

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 dates and locations: Stamford, at Haskell, May 17; Big Spring, at Lamesa, May 18; Navasota, at Conroe, May 22; Claremont, at Wellington, May 23; Abilene, at Clyde, May 24; Marshall, at Jefferson, May 28; Ardmore, at Vinita Ave., Sulphur, May 29; Pittsburg, at Hardy Memorial, May 29; Texarkana, May 29; Brenham, at Caldwell, May 29; San Angelo, at Midland, May 31; Vernon, at Odell, June 3; Amarillo, at Canadian, June 5; Chickasha, at Lindsay, June 5; Cleburne, at Glenrose, June 5; Marlin, at Reagan, June 5; Oklahoma City, at El Reno, June 5; Uvalde, at Yancey, June 5; Corsicana, at Groesbeck, June 6; Hooker, at Hooker, June 7; Holdenville, at Asher, June 14; Paris, at Blossom, June 14; Choctaw, at Maytubby Chapel, July 25; Tyler, at Winona, Aug. 27.

ARDMORE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

All pastors and delegates who expect to bring wives, please drop me a card. All are welcome. Will expect you 29th inst.

C. H. ARMSTRONG, P. C. Sulphur, Okla.

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

I ask all who are planning to attend District Conference to please notify me so I can provide entertainment.

MOSS WEAVER, 312 S. Macomb Avenue, El Reno, Ok.

CLEBURNE DISTRICT.

Delegates and members of the District Conference will help us greatly by advising us not later than May 30 if your wives are coming. Also please advise me when you expect to arrive, whether Monday evening or Tuesday morning. Come to the church on your arrival.

F. L. MEADOW.

REAGAN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

On account of crowded conditions we cannot possibly entertain the wives of the preachers and delegates. We have no hotel nor boarding house. Sorry, brethren, mighty sorry. We shall gladly pay for the extra expense attached to this short separation.

O. F. ZIMMERMAN.

VERNON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Who of former presiding elders or secretaries of District Conferences can furnish me with information of district conference records of past years? If you can do so, please answer at once.

Vernon, Texas.

M. PHELAN.

WILL OBSERVE CENTENARY.

The Sanger Methodist Church will observe the Centenary of Texas Methodism Sunday morning, May 27. All former pastors and members are invited, and urged to be present. It will be a home-coming time. All who plan to come, please write me.

T. W. LOVELL.

CHECK LOST.

Some time in March a check for \$2 was sent to us on a bank in Hedley, Texas. This check was lost in the mail between the banks and has not been paid. Will the sender of this check please communicate with us with reference to duplicate.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Dallas, Texas.

MARRIED

BATEMAN-POSEY.—At the parsonage in Quitman, Texas, at 4 p. m., May 6, 1917, Mr. Jesse Bateman and Miss Elton Posey, of Coke, Rev. J. C. Calhoun officiating.

KEENEY-CURRY.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Curry, of Carlton, Texas, Mr. G. C. Keeney and Miss Ila May Curry, May 6, 1917, Rev. J. D. Smoot officiating.

COVEY-WISEMAN.—In the parlors of Coronal Institute, on May 12, 1917, at 8:30 p. m., Mr. Walter Lee Covey, and Miss Grace Wiseman, both of Austin, Texas, were united in marriage, V. A. Godbey, President of Coronal Institute, performing the ceremony.

I have been taking the Advocate for forty years and can't do without it. I think it is the greatest paper published. I have three sons and a son-in-law preachers.

MRS. C. M. ADAMS, China Springs, Texas.

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EVANGELISTIC SINGER

HAVE vacant dates for latter half of June, also during July. Experienced choir director and soloist. G. H. GRIFFIN, Amarillo, Texas, Box 269.

EVANGELISTIC SINGER WANTED.

I WOULD like to secure the services of a competent evangelistic singer to assist me in a revival meeting at New Boston, beginning the third Sunday in June. JAS. L. RED, P. C.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

The church at Post Oak will be dedicated the fourth Sunday in May (May 27). Rev. W. F. Davis will preach and dedicate the church. All former pastors are cordially invited to be present. LEE SANDERS, P. C.

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

Dublin District—Third Round.

De Leon Cir., at New Hope, June 2, 3. De Leon Sta., 8 p. m., June 3; Q. C., 8 p. m., June 2. Comanche Cir., at Indian Creek, June 9, 10. Comanche Sta., 8 p. m., June 10; Q. C., 8 p. m., June 9. Proctor, at Hazel Dell, June 16, 17. Harbin and Green's Creek, at H. June 23, 24. Dublin, 8 p. m., June 25. Stephenville Cir., at Smith Springs, June 20, July 1. Stephenville Sta., July 1, 2. Carlton, at Spurlin, July 7, 8. Duffau, at Pleasant Hill, July 14, 15. Comanche Mis., at Harmony, July 21, 22. Tolar and Lipan, at T., July 28, 29. Iredell, at Fairview, Aug. 4, 5. Hico, Aug. 5, 6. Bluffdale, at Marvin Chapel, Aug. 11, 12. Huckabay, at Hannibal, Aug. 18, 19. Bunyan, Aug. 20, 11 a. m. Gustine, Aug. 25, 26. On most of the charges our financial condition is much better than last year. I ask each steward to ascertain just what will be due the pastor at the Quarterly Conference and endeavor to pay in full. Everything we buy is so much higher than ever before, this effort is an absolute necessity. Your pastor must look to you to represent his needs to all the membership. When

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Gatesville District—Third Round.

Moody, May 26, 27. Clifton, May 27, 28. Oglesby, at Stockton, June 2, 3. Crawford, at Evergreen, June 3, 4. McGregor, June 9, 10. Gatesville Sta., June 10. Coryell, at Coryell, June 16, 17. Gatesville Cir., at Brown's Creek, June 17, 18. Valley Mills, June 23, 24. Turnersville, at Prairie View, June 24, 25. Evant, at Evant, June 30, July 1. Jonesboro, at Sardis, July 1, 2. Meridian Cir., at Dyersville, July 7, 8. Meridian Sta., July 8, 9. Fairy, at Spring Creek Gap, July 11. Nolanville, at Brookhaven, July 14, 15. Killeen Sta., July 15, 16. Hamilton Cir., at Liberty, July 19. Hamilton Sta., July 21, 22. Killeen Cir., at Youngport, July 28, 29. Copperas Cove, at Topsy, July 29, 30. S. J. RUCKER, P. C.

Brownwood District—Third Round.

Zephyr, at Chapel Hill, May 19, 20. Blanket, at Green's Chapel, May 26, 27. Indian Creek, at Buffalo, June 2, 3. Santa Anna, June 10, 11. Valera, at Bethel, June 16, 17. Bangs, at Thrift, June 23, 24. Rockwood, at Gouldbusk, July 1, 2. Winchell, at Mt. View, July 7, 8. Talpa, at Crews, July 14, 15. Winters, July 21, 22. Novice, at Harmony, July 22, 23. Wingate, at Mazeland, July 28, 29. Ballinger, July 29, 30. Norton, at Maverick, Aug. 3, 4. Robert Lee, at Hayrick, Aug. 4, 5. Bronte, at Ft. Chadbourne, Aug. 5, 6. Coleman, Aug. 7. Brownwood, Aug. 8. SAM G. THOMPSON, P. E.

OBITUARIES

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines...

Resolutions of respect will not be inserted in the Obituary Department...

Poetry can in no case be inserted.

Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent.

LOWREY—Carl Lowrey, son of Rev. and Mrs. T. N. Lowrey, of 1621 Vermont Street, Waco, was born April 9, 1893...

H. L. MUNGER.

TERRY—There passed from our midst on the closing of the old year one of the noblest specimens of the Christ-like spirit that ever came to earth...

T. M. KIRK.

MERRIMAN—Hoyt, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tol Merriman, died at a local sanitarium Sunday morning, April 1, 1917.

E. E. WHITE, Pastor.

DOUGHTY—Mrs. Ida Doughty, wife of F. M. Doughty, daughter of J. J. and Catherine Edwards, was born in Kentucky in 1881.

PHILLIPS—Mr. B. M. Phillips was born December 18, 1859, near Marble Falls, Texas, and died in a sanitarium in San Antonio April 7, 1917.

JOHN M. LYNN.

BUSBY—Raymond Elbert, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Busby, was born December 6, 1916; departed this life March 23, 1917, aged 3 months and 24 days.

HIS GRANDMOTHER.

ROACH—Elizabeth Lee Valentine Roach, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Roach, was born October 17, 1916, and died at her home in Goodnight, Texas, April 5, 1917.

J. H. WATTS, P. C.

MARSHALL—One by one the old saints are going to their reward. On December 3, 1916, the sweet spirit of dear Grandmother Mrs. H. W. Marshall went back to God who gave it.

ANNIE FOSTER.

WOODARD—Eliza Bewley Spencer was born July 21, 1831, in Franklin Co., Missouri. She departed this life April 9, 1917, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Asa Levitt, at Snyder, Oklahoma.

M. F. SULLIVAN.

CALLIHAN—Mrs. I. A. Callihan, "Grandma Callihan," as she had been lovingly called for years, died in Lockhart, Texas, April 8, 1917, at the home of her son, Jeff D. Callihan.

McDUFFEE—Lou Ella Sierra Ceal was born in Nacogdoches County, Texas, on September 17, 1853.

LEWIS McVEA.

JONES—Mrs. Isabelle Jones was born in Scotland, July 15, 1843. Was 63 years old last July. Came from Scotland to Canada, then to the United States, settling in Denison, Texas, thirty or more years ago.

L. D. SHAWVER.

COTHREN—Maurice Eugene Cothren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cothren, was born in Lella Lake, Texas, August 7, 1914, and died March 6, 1917.

J. H. WATTS, P. C.

ROBINSON—Tuesday, April 10, 1917: God called home another one of his workers in the death of Sister P. T. B. Robinson. The Church will know Sister Robinson better as a daughter of Bro. George Fair.

E. E. WHITE, Pastor.

CALDWELL—Mrs. Mattie A. Caldwell was born at Newton, Dale County, Alabama, June 8, 1842. Her maiden name was Smisson. When quite a child she came to Texas with her parents and settled in Marion County.

SMITH—Mrs. Harriet Smith (nee White), wife of J. A. Smith, aged 64 years, was born in San Antonio, Texas. Nothing is known of her younger days. Married to J. A. Smith April 23, 1871.

L. D. SHAWVER, Pastor.

TERRELL—Howard L. Terrell, son of A. D. and Mrs. H. A. Terrell was born in Pike County, Georgia, November 7, 1881, and died at the home of his parents, near Corsicana, Texas, March 4, 1917.

SAMUEL C. BAIRD.

SIDDALL—On April 14, 1917, when Bro. J. H. Siddall went to his rest, Calvert, Texas, lost one of the very best men she had.

R. A. BURROUGHS.

CURRY—G. B. Curry was born in Tennessee, June 7, 1824; married to Miss Thompson, December 12, 1844; died Henrietta, Texas, April 21, 1917, at his daughter's near Henrietta.

M. P. HINES.

THOMPSON—Mrs. E. O. Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fagan, was born in Deport, Lamar County, Texas, June 15, 1817. Born of Christian parents and nurtured in a Christian home in which God was honored and worshipped.

S. H. MORGAN.

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future plans for her husband and children, that each might realize the fullest measure of happiness and attain to the highest degree of success. Her thoughtful kindness of her father and mother, near whom it was her privilege to live, and who are now growing old with the years, was tender and beautiful. She was possessed with a kindly and generous disposition, and her deeds of love and kindness were liberally bestowed and to know her was to love her. In addition to the care of her own children she has had that of the orphan. She brought them to her home and treated them as her own. She has done a noble part for them and they love her dearly. Sister Thompson loved the Lord and was a loyal member of the church, willing to give of her time and means to the point of sacrifice when necessary for the good of her Church. She was an active and useful member of the Woman's Missionary Society and took a special interest in this department of the Church's activities. While busy with the active duties of life, with many plans, all of which had been conceived in the goodness of God, and executed underneath His sheltering providence, little thinking that she would not be allowed to carry them forward to a final and successful termination, at noontide of life, she received the summons of death and went up to meet her Lord. Surely, "in the midst of life we are in death." Her sickness was of short duration—about thirty days—but her sufferings were intense. She bore them with becoming Christian patience and fortitude. Everything was done for her that could be done to arrest disease and alleviate suffering, but apparently all to little avail. A number of days before the end came she fully realized that she was near the crossing and she was not alarmed by fear and only asked her Savior, in whom she had trusted, to go with her through the valley of the shadow of death. For fully eight days she lingered at the crossing in sight of heaven. How her heart feasted as her eyes beheld the glory of God during all these days! While waiting she called her dear husband, her precious children and all her loved ones to her bedside and told them good-bye, leaving to each one a suitable message of love and comfort. And in the early morning of April 20, 1917, she quietly left them for the better world. So her chamber of death was filled with the light of Christ and was the ante-room of heaven. Thank God for giving such victory over death! Since her death heaven is nearer and Christ is more precious. While a golden link in the chain of this life is broken, one is added to that of heaven. A husband, two children, father and mother, brothers and sisters, and a host of loved ones and friends are left to mourn their loss. They sorrow not as those who have no hope. Their loss is her gain. May the Lord comfort and sustain each sorrowing heart and guide each of them to the gates of the city of God, where there may be a blessed and happy reunion. W. R. McCARTER.

JASPERSON — John E. Jasperson, aged 97 years, departed this life at Denison in a hospital, January 22, 1917. He was born in North Carolina in October, 1820. Moved to St. Louis, Mo. thereafter, 1849, he joined the rush to California, making the trip overland. Six years after he came to San Antonio, Texas. In 1866 he married Mrs. Mary Franke at San Antonio, Texas. Soon after marriage they moved to Sherman, then later settling on the site where Denison now stands. No children to this union, although Mrs. Jasperson had a daughter by a former marriage. Mrs. Jasperson was grandmother to Mrs. Flen G. Coleman, of Denison. Fred Muller, of Denison, is a nephew. This man was one of the "old frontiersmen." He professed faith in God and lived near his Savior. How often has he called on us while we were in his home to pray, and the "amens" from him were fervent and earnest. After religious services at Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, where he had been a faithful member, by the pastor, his body was laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery to await God's dealings. We pray that his loved ones prepare to meet him. L. D. SHAWVER, Pastor.

I concur in your statement as to promptness in sending renewal. These strenuous times demand promptness along all lines. We appreciate our Church paper. I was a reader of the St. Louis Christian Advocate for twenty years before coming to Texas, hence we have grown into the habit of reading a Church paper and strong in the opinion that good Methodists who desire to grow and keep in touch with the good old Methodist Church cannot do without their Church paper. SAM W. RHODES. Roaring Springs, Texas.

Look at the label on your Advocate and renew today.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. GLADYS OVERTON. To live is Christ and to die is gain. Such was the life of our friend and sister, Mrs. Gladys Overton, who passed away at her home in Abernathy, Texas, Friday, April 13, 1917. Whereas, It has pleased our Almighty Father to remove from our midst our beloved friend, she being one of the most enthusiastic and loyal members of the Abernathy Missionary Society, therefore, Resolved, 1. That while we bow with submission to the will of God, knowing that he doeth all things well, we feel keenly our bereavement in the loss of our friend. 2. That her husband and children have suffered an irreparable loss in that as a mother she was all that the word implies. That her children will rise up and call her blessed in that she ruled her household with love and tenderness and has left them a goodly heritage in the faith that she endeavored to follow Christ. MRS. J. C. ARNETT, MRS. L. H. CARLTON, Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF TEXAS CONFERENCE OF COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1917.

Table with columns for District Name, Name, and Amount. Includes districts like Beaumont, Brenham, Houston, Jacksonville, Marlin, Marshall, Navasota, Pittsburg, Tyler, Waco, and Abilene.

Marshall District—Last Part Second Round. Kilgore Cir., at Danville, May 9. Beckville Cir., at Pisgah, May 12, 13. Henderson Cir., at Good Springs, May 26, 27. Pritchett Cir., at Riley's, June 2, 3. Longview Sta., June 3, 4. Ogburn Cir., at Simpsonville, June 9, 10. Bethany Cir., at Bethany June 15. Marshall, First Church, June 17, a. m. Marshall, Summit Street, June 17, p. m. Hallyville Cir., at Lagrone's, June 23, 24. District Conference convenes at Jefferson, Monday night, May 28. Opening sermon by Rev. Chas. T. Tally. Committees: License.—J. C. Carr, H. H. McCain, J. M. Smith. Admission.—A. J. McCary, R. E. Beard, I. F. Pace. Orders.—W. D. White, A. G. Hall, B. L. Owens. Missions.—Chas. T. Tally, L. F. Brothers, W. S. Easterling. Records.—E. G. Downs, A. L. Conner, W. H. Earls, M. R. Turner. Evangelism.—W. D. White, C. T. Tally, R. E. Beard. H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

Brenham District—Third Round. Somerville, preaching, June 3. Lexington, at Early's Chapel, June 9, 10. Rockdale, June 17. Giddings, at Ledbetter, Thursday, June 28. Caldwell, July 1, 2. Somerville, Q. C., Monday night, July 2. Lyons, at Criesman, July 7, 8. Thorndale, at Pleas, Retreat, Wednesday, July 11. Tanglewood, at Porter's Chapel, 3 p. m., July 13. Richmond, July 15. Brookshire and Pattison, at E., Monday night, July 16. Waller, at New Hope, Wednesday, July 18. Wallis and Fulshear, at W., July 22. Rosenberg, at Beasley, July 22, 23. Sealy, at San Felipe, Wednesday, July 25. Brenham, July 29, 3 p. m. Chapel Hill, July 29, at night. Hempstead, at Courtney, Wednesday, August 1. Bay City, Aug. 5, 6. Matagorda, at Boggy, Wednesday, Aug. 8. Glen Flora, at Iago, Aug. 11, 12. Wharton, Aug. 12, 13. Bellville, at Buckhorn, Tuesday, Aug. 14. The district is in good condition. Let's keep it so. Let the stewards see to it that their preacher is cared for during the summer months. You will notice this is a short round. I am made out with reference to the protracted meetings on the circuits. I am giving the Sundays to the stations. I am doing this because they will not get any Sundays on the fourth round. I am also giving three full months to the last round. I certainly appreciate the co-operation of the preachers and their people. They have thus made possible the splendid condition of the district. May the Lord give us a great harvest of souls. Cut this out. JESSE LEE, P. E.

Decatur District—Third Round. Justin and Ponder, at Prairie Mound, May 19, 20. Sunset Miss., at Dry Valley, May 26, 27. Bowie Sta., May 27, 28. Bay Cir., at Anville, June 2, 3. Paradise Cir., at Onshield's Chapel, June 9, 10. Roanoke and Argyle, at Chinn's Chapel, June 16, 17. Krum and Slidell, at Slidell, June 23, 24. Greenwood Miss., at Rush Creek, June 24, 25. Decatur Cir., at Oak Grove, June 30. Decatur Sta., July 1. Decatur Miss., at Mt. Zion, July 7, 8. Alvord Sta., July 8, 9. Crafton Miss., at Cundiff, July 14, 15. Willow Miss., at Boonville, July 21, 22. Perrin and Barton, at Barton, July 28, 29. Chico Miss., at Sandifit, Aug. 4, 5. Bridgeport Sta., Aug. 5, 6. Jacksboro Miss., at Burwick, Aug. 11, 12. Jacksboro Sta., Aug. 12, 13. Bryson and Jermyn, at J., Aug. 18, 19. W. A. STUCKEY, P. E.

Waco District—Third Round. Riesel, at Riesel, May 13, 14. Mt. Calm, May 19, 20. Aquilla, at Ross, May 26, 27. West and Elm Mott, at West, June 3, 4. China Springs, at Cayote, June 9, 10. Bosqueville, at Mount Zion, June 16, 17. Hewitt and Spring Valley, at Hewitt, June 30, July 1. Mart, July 15, 16. Bruceville and Eddy, at B., July 22, 23. Lorena, at Mooreville, July 28, 29. Austin and Herring Ave., Fifth, Morrow, Elm and Clay Streets will have their Quarterly Conferences at the District Parsonage, 8 p. m., July 20. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

Abilene District—Third Round. Baird, June 10, 11. Eula, at Denton, June 16, 17. Tye, at Rock Crossing, June 23, 24. Clyde, at Hornby, June 30, July 1. Capps, at Capps, July 8, 9. Hawley, Truby, July 10, 11. Tuscola, at Shep, July 14, 15. Putman, at Cottonwood, July 17, 18. Ovallo, at Bradshaw, July 21, 22. Cowen, July 22, 23. Anson, July 28, 29. St. Paul, Aug. 5, 6. First Church, Aug. 12, 13. St. Luke's, Aug. 12, 13. Cross Plains, Aug. 18, 19. Moran, Aug. 19, 20. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Third Round. Linden, at Warren Springs, June 2, 3. Douglassville, at Cedar Grove, June 3, 4. Queen City, at Law's Chapel, June 9, 10. Atlanta Sta., June 10, 11. Winfield, at Bridges' Chapel, June 16, 17. Dalby Springs, Spring Hill, June 30, July 1. New Boston and DeKalb, at New Boston, July 1, 2. Boston Cir., at Red Bayou, July 7, 8. Texarkana, Hardy Memorial, July 8, 9. Redwater, at Concord, July 14, 15. Nash, at Red Springs, July 21, 22. Texarkana, First Church, July 22, 23. Cason Cir., at Alina, July 28, 29. Daingerfield, at Harris Chapel, July 29, 30. Pittsburg Cir., Aug. 4, 5. Pittsburg Sta., Aug. 5, 6. Naples and Omaha, at Dalton, Aug. 11, 12. Winstboro Cir., at Musgrove, Aug. 18, 19. Hughes Springs and Avinger, at Mims' Ch., Aug. 19, 20. Mt. Pleasant Sta., Aug. 25, 26. Ripley Cir., Aug. 26, 27. W. H. VANCE, P. E.

APPENDICITIS

According to Cabot's statistics of cases with pain on the right side above the navel there were out of 781 cases of GALLSTONES AND INFECTION OF THE GALL-BLADDER FURNISHED 648, Appendicitis 70. Cancer of the Liver 25, Kidney Stone 25. Thus it may be seen how mistaken the popular notion and in what great majority of cases abdominal pains and pains in the right side are due to liver-gall causes rather than Appendicitis. STOMACH SUFFERERS are also very often unconscious victims of Gallstones, for Indigestion, Gas, Colic, Sick Headache Spells and Stomach Distress are very common symptoms. Perhaps more than one in every ten persons has Gallstones and to them are due very much of the apparent Appendicitis trouble for which an operation is the very fashionable ordeal of modern civilization. Gallstone or Appendicitis operations should be undertaken with great caution as the necessity is much less urgent, the danger is much greater, the mortality much higher and the consequences much more dangerous than most people imagine. Our little LIVER-GALL Book will give you a lot of information and tell you fully of a remedy you can take at home, known as GALL-TONE, which innumerable sufferers claim has saved them great expense and suffering, avoided dangerous operations and saved their lives. This booklet will be sent free for the asking. Address Gallstone Remedy Co., Dept. E-91, 219 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. Sweetwater District—Third Round. Hermleigh, at Plainview, June 2, 3. Colorado Sta., June 8. Dunn Sta., June 9, 10. Blackwell, at Decker, June 23, 24. Camp Springs, at Fairview, June 30, July 1. Ira, at Bethel, July 6. Fluvanna, at Arab, July 7, 8. Blair, at White Church, July 13, 14. Merkel Sta., July 15, 16. Loraine, at Loraine, July 21, 22. Post Miss., at Graham Chapel, July 28, 29. Post Sta., July 29, 8:30 p. m. Sweetwater Miss., at Dora, Aug. 3. Roscoe Sta., Aug. 4, 5. Westbrook, at Spade, Aug. 10. Snyder Sta., Aug. 11, 12. Sylvester, at Sylvester, Aug. 18, 19. Trent, at Blair, Aug. 25, 26. Sweetwater Sta., Aug. 26, 8:30 p. m. J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E. Weatherford District—Third Round. Loving, at Markley, June 7, 11 a. m. Olney Miss., at Hunt's School House, June 9 and 10, 11 a. m. Olney, June 10, 8 p. m. Eliasville, at South Bend, June 13, 11 a. m. New Castle, July 17, preaching 11 a. m. Quarterly Conf., 3 p. m. Graford, at Lucile, June 22, 11 a. m. Graham Mission, at Upper Tank, June 23, 24, 11 a. m. Graham, June 24, 8 p. m. Pate Pinto, at Elm Grove, June 26, 11 a. m. Whitt, at Bethesda, June 30, July 1, 11 a. m. Azle, at Silver Creek, July 7, 8, 11 a. m. Aledo, at Aledo, July 14, 15, 11 a. m. Milsap, at Brock, July 18, 11 a. m. Springtown, July 22, preaching 11 a. m. Quarterly Conference, 3 p. m. Weatherford Cir., Buckner, July 25, 11 a. m. Weatherford, First Church, at Holland's Lake, 6 p. m., July 26. Mineral Wells, at Mt. Vernon, 6 p. m., July 27. Couts Memorial, July 29, 8 p. m. Hope to have reports from Sunday School Superintendents, Charge Leaders and Missionary Committees. Stewards will please make special effort to report in full for this quarter. L. A. WEBB, P. E. San Angelo District—Third Round. Miles, May 9, 8 p. m. Menard, at Melvin, May 12, 13. Sonora, May 16, 8 p. m. Junction, at Copperas, May 19, 20. Ozona, May 23, 8 p. m. Eldorado, at Kafir, May 26, 27. District Conference, Midland, May 31, June 3. Rochelle, at Lohn, June 9, 10, 11 a. m. Brady, June 10, 8 p. m. S. A. First Church, June 17, 11 a. m. S. A. Chadbourne St., June 17, 8 p. m. Water Valley, at Edith, June 23, 24. Sterling City, Fairview, July 1. Eola, Grape Creek, July 7, 8. Eden, Live Oak, July 14, 15, 11 a. m. Paint Rock, at P. K., July 15, 8 p. m. Sherwood, Knickerbocker, July 21, 22. Barnhart, Rankin, July 28, 29. Midland, Aug. 4, 5. J. M. PERRY, P. E. The man who makes the history for other men to record is rarely ever a book-worm. PAYABLE IN ADVANCE 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. WATCH YOUR LABEL ON PAPER AND RENEW IN TIME TO PREVENT LOSS OF A NUMBER.

THE CHURCH IN TIME OF WAR

Special Meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Washington, D. C., May 8, 9.

The forces of the Protestant Churches met in Washington, May 7, 8 and 9, to consider the duties and opportunities of the Churches of America growing out of the war, in a special meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

President Frank Mason North, in his address at the final session, asserted that this was the first time in the history of the Christian Church, either in countries whose Churches are free or established, when the Christian forces of a nation have been so mobilized for a great work of service upon a national and international scale.

The meeting was held in the Calvary Baptist Church. It was not a mass meeting. It was rather a conference of representative leaders of the Protestant Church of America. Of the 150 "Members" of the meeting 10 per cent were Bishops, representing several Church bodies. The personnel of the laity represented was equally impressive.

Important actions were taken, all relating immediately to questions affecting the war.

The Council declared for prohibition as an essential war measure, especially in view of the growing scarcity of food. A committee of the Council, whose Chairman was Gov. Carl E. Miliken, of Maine, presented arguments for prohibition, during the war at least, to the Agricultural Committee of the Senate.

The Committee of the Council appointed to present a report upon the duties of the Churches to aid in conserving the social, economic, moral and spiritual resources of the nation presented a really epoch-making paper, through its Chairman, Bishop F. J. McConnell.

This report dealt strongly with the question of the destructive effects of the social vice in war, and commended the action of the president and the joint efforts of the Federal Council and the International Y. M. C. A. in caring for the moral welfare of the Army and Navy. The local Churches are called upon to keep in intimate touch with their enlisted men by friendly letters and remembrances. Churches near training camps are urged to aid in providing wholesome social entertainment for the soldiers and to co-operate with other agencies in bringing them under the spiritual influence of the Church's life.

The Churches and Christian people are appealed to in the report of the Committee to Plan and Provide for Works of Mercy to support loyally the American Red Cross, especially in its campaign to increase its membership to two million and in its work of preparing hospital supplies. The Social Service Commission of the Federal Council is co-operating most effectively with the Red Cross. The absolute necessity for the continued and enlarged work for war relief abroad is stressed, and an appeal is made for the struggling and suffering Protestant Churches of Belgium and France.

The Churches of the country, through the Federal Council, will co-operate in a great work for the moral and religious welfare of the Army and Navy with the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Associations, the American Bible Society and other agencies. The number of the Chaplains in Army and Navy is being rapidly increased. The very choicest young ministers of the country are being called into this splendid and difficult service, largely through the co-operation with the Navy and War Departments by the Washington office of the Federal Council. Dr. John R. Mott announced that most of a fund of three million dollars being raised for religious work among the soldiers and sailors has already been pledged.

Most impressive were the services of worship which preceded each of the six sessions of the meeting.

With regard to the more formal addresses heard during the two days of the meeting, their character is clearly shown by saying that the speakers were Rev. President Henry Churchill King, of Oberlin College; Hon. Raymond Robins, Dr. John R. Mott, Dr. Robert E. Speer and Rev. John Henry Jowett.

President King's strong message insisted that, at a time like this, when there is so much to break down our moral and spiritual standards, these standards must be maintained by the Churches at whatever cost. If Christ's teachings are to prevail, we must mas-

ter the scientific forces of the age or these forces will destroy us. These terrible forces must be brought under the control of reason and religion. There is no safety for the world short of this. The Church must also strive for a new and real internationalism and a new democracy inspired by the ideals of Jesus.

Mr. Robins pleaded with great eloquence for the preservation and the consolidation of our dearly won democracy, political and industrial. Great as our country is, and much as we love it, it must be still more worth living and dying for.

Dr. Mott gave a moving account of what he had witnessed in the war-torn nations of Europe. With the vision of a statesman he told of the larger place the Church, with its spiritual forces, must fill in the new world into which we are entering if we are to have any civilization at all.

Dr. Speer, with marvelous eloquence, challenged the Church to undertake even larger plans for world evangelization during the war. He told of foreign mission progress during our own Civil War, both in North and South. He recited the forward march of the great foreign missionary enterprise in England and Canada during the past three years. It was not in an easy and comfortable age that Christ announced the Great Commission. Foreign missions, almost the only great supernatural force left today, must not have its resources and plans curtailed, but rather enlarged.

The sermon of Dr. Jowett was upon the text: "I fill up on my part that which is lacking of the sufferings of Christ." The sermon was worthy of a great preacher and a great occasion. "After agony the dawn" was the central thought of a sermon abounding in pathetic warning and appeal and yet replete with resolute optimism. It was a sermon for pastors especially. "If ever the gospel, the whole gospel and the whole Christ, was needed, it is now," said Christ's life, and without sacrifice and sympathy and suffering in such an age as this there can be no triumph of the gospel nor of the Church.

A message declaring what is the "Duty of the Church in This Hour of National Need" was presented by a committee of which President King was chairman. It will be widely distributed.

It includes the following as special duties:

- To purge our own hearts clean of arrogance and selfishness;
- To steady and inspire the nation;
- To keep ever before the eyes of ourselves and of our allies the ends for which we fight;
- To hold our own nation true to its professed aims of justice, liberty and brotherhood;
- To testify to our fellow-Christians in every land, most of all to those from whom for the time we are estranged, our consciousness of unbroken unity in Christ;
- To unite in the fellowship of service multitudes who love their enemies and are ready to join with them in rebuilding the waste places as soon as peace shall come;
- To be diligent in works of relief and mercy, not forgetting those ministries to the spirit, to which as Christians we are especially committed;
- To keep alive the spirit of prayer, that, in these times of strain and sorrow, men may be sustained by the consciousness of the presence and power of God;
- To hearten those who go to the front and to comfort their loved ones at home;
- To care for the welfare of our young men in the Army and Navy, that they may be fortified in character and made strong to resist temptation;
- To be vigilant against every attempt to arouse the spirit of vengeance and unjust suspicion toward those of foreign birth or sympathies;
- To protect the rights of conscience against every attempt to invade them;
- To maintain our Christian institutions and activities unimpaired, that the soul of our nation may be nourished and renewed through the worship and service of Almighty God;
- To guard the gains of education, of social progress and economic freedom, won at so great a cost, and to make full use of the occasion to set them still further

forward, even by and through the war;

To keep the open mind and the forward look, that the lessons learned in war may not be forgotten when comes that just and sacred peace for which we pray; Above all, to call men everywhere to new obedience to the will of our Father God, who in Christ has given Himself in supreme self-sacrifice for the redemption of the world, and who invites us to share with Him His ministry of reconciliation.

To such service we would summon our fellow-Christian of every name. In this spirit we would dedicate ourselves and all that we have to the nation's cause. With this hope we would join hands with all men of good-will of every land and race, to rebuild on this war-ridden and desolated earth the Commonwealth of mankind, and make of the kingdoms of the world the kingdom of the Christ.

A METHODIST HOSPITAL FOR TEXAS?

Texas Methodism has her educational institutions and her Orphanage. She needs a hospital and it is getting time that we were making preparation for the building of such an institution. The other great denominations of Texas have their hospitals, but Methodists have made no serious attempt thus far to establish anything of the kind. I believe that we ought to begin at once to make preparation for this much needed institution. The Orphanage at Waco is doing a great work. Our educational institutions are likewise helping to establish more firmly the kingdom of God in this great State. A hospital will likewise be of great service to the people and the building of one should be delayed no longer.

I do not mean that we should begin a campaign at the present time to secure the money for the hospital, but that the ensuing Annual Conferences should appoint a commission with authority to investigate the situation and, if found advisable, to establish such an institution at the most desirable place in the State. Southern Methodist University is now putting forth strenuous effort to collect subscriptions already made and to increase the subscriptions by large contributions in order that the institution may qualify as a university by the sitting of the General Conference in May, 1918. Nothing should be allowed to get in the way of this campaign, but immediately after the General Conference we should be ready to launch a vigorous and effective campaign to secure at least a million dollars for the establishment of a great hospital for Texas Methodism.

When I returned to the State, soon after going over the affairs of the Texas Woman's College with Vice-President Young, I suggested to him that it was in my heart and mind to propose to Texas Methodism that we build an institution to care for our sick. He informed me that he had had the same thought in his own mind. While Bishop Atkins was in Texas a few days since I had a brief visit with him and made a similar suggestion to him. He believes that Texas Methodism should make preparation at once for the accomplishment of this proposition. I have also conferred with Bishop Mouzon, Drs. H. M. Dobbs and Caspar Wright of Southern Methodist University, and find all of them favorable to the plan. The Fort Worth District Conference unanimously adopted resolutions asking the Annual Conference of Texas Methodism at their next session to appoint a commission looking toward the establishment of a hospital for Texas Methodism.

I should like an expression from the brethren through the Advocate as to whether this is wise or not. I believe it ought to be undertaken at the earliest possible date. There are many wealthy men in Texas who are not especially interested in other lines of Church work who can be enlisted in the establishment of an institution for the amelioration of human suffering. Shall we undertake it? Let us hear from you, brethren. H. A. BOAZ, Polytechnic, Texas.

I wouldn't be without the Advocate. It is read and enjoyed by my whole family. J. M. CUNNINGHAM, Mineral Wells, Texas.

Can't do without the Advocate. Could not keep house without it. We have no better Church paper. Long may it be our Church organ. W. S. GROVES, Oklahoma City, Ok.

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GEORGETOWN DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The thirty-seventh session of the Georgetown District Conference convened in the First Methodist Church, Temple, April 17, at 9 a. m., with Rev. W. B. Andrews, presiding elder, in the chair. All the pastors were present and all the charges excepting one or two showed a good representation of laymen.

The spirit of the occasion was fine and all the pastors seemed to be loaded with good reports from their respective charges, but only a few got to unload. There were so many brethren representing different boards and institutions of the Church present that time was not found for all the "minute" business. It is believed, however, that those reports will "keep" until the Annual Conference, and that Bishop Mouzon will give all the brethren a chance to relate facts and not mere "prospects."

Visitors present were: F. P. Culver, S. A. Ashburn, J. E. Crawford, W. J. Barcus, T. N. Lowry, D. L. Collie, Geo. F. Campbell and J. D. Young. Three of these seemed to have no official mission, but their presence was appreciated just the same. Culver, Crawford and J. F. Clark preached in the order named, and as might have been expected each did well.

The presiding elder was in fine trim every way and seemed to feel at home in the chair of a District Conference. His two years out did not make him lose the hang of things. He introduced two features into the conference that were well worth the time they consumed. One was the reading of a carefully prepared historic sketch of the Georgetown District, by Dr. C. C. Cody. Well, the author having been named, the reader knows that the sketch was pithy and rare. It was so much appreciated that a resolution was adopted by the body to the effect that it should be printed in pamphlet form and circulated by the pastors throughout the district.

The other new feature was an hour given up to the laymen. They were called to order by J. S. Fox, District Leader, who led in an informal, free-for-all discussion, which proved lively from the start to finish. It was fine. We all enjoyed it, but before the chair could ring them off we preachers learned that we were not the only "windys" in the conference. They talked about nearly everything else, and while the chair was trying to enforce the time limit, Brother B. H. Calhoun, of Temple, rose "to a point of personal privilege" and delivered a eulogy on the Texas Christian Advocate that would have tickled Blaylock and Bradford well nigh to death, and must indeed have evoked a smile from the shade of the departed Rankin. Calhoun may deny it, but I can prove that he said in that speech that a fellow who reads and digests the Methodist Discipline and the Texas Christian Advocate can get along pretty well without the Bible, provided he has a family altar.

Delegates elected to the Annual Conference are:

- C. C. CODY.
- O. LUSK.
- F. F. DOWNS.
- F. L. LEE.

Alternates:

- J. S. Fox.
- W. S. Rowland.

J. S. Fox was re-elected District Lay leader.

Brother E. E. Griffith was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

Carroll Pope, of Granger, and Miss Dorothea Stanlee, of Rogers, were elected to scholarships in Southwestern.

In addition to the visitors named above, we would not forget to mention J. J. Creed, of Winters, who represented the Conference Board of Church Extension and did it well.

To write of Temple's hospitality in the Advocate were a spererogation, but if it had not been that Bro. Bergin was much upset at the time on account of serious illness in his home the writer verily believes that she would have broken her own fine record. Bergin is a perfect fit in Temple, and, as to that, in the Central Texas Conference. Those coaxing brethren over in the Texas had as well hush up. We are going to keep John Bergin. Sabe!

The next session of the conference goes to Granger.

M. A. TURNER, Secretary.

I have been a reader of our Advocate since 1849, when it was called the Wesleyan Banner. I do not think I can dispense with it now.

MRS. E. M. COX, Temple, Texas.