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## *A Moral Equivalent Of War*

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The passion for war is not new. It is as old as the race. The present European conflict presents war upon a larger scale than ever before seen, but the compelling passion is not different from that of which historians in every age have written. The heroisms of the present contest are not greater than those recorded in the past struggles of nations.

The passion for war since the beginning of history has been able to call to the same colors men of different races, different nationalities and different religions. War ever has been the hot flame that melts together and fuses men of different tongues and different national ideals, impelling them to the pursuit of common aims and the accomplishment of common tasks. In the present conflict in Europe England, France, Russia, Belgium, Servia, Montenegro and Japan stand or fall together. The passion for war has fused together Anglo-Protestantism, Greek orthodoxy, French atheism, Belgium Catholicism, Shintoism, Brahmanism and Buddhism. The melting pot for them all is the impelling passion of war. Everything is subordinated to this controlling passion.

The magnitude of the European war does not impress us more than the intensity with which it is being prosecuted. The undaunted heroism of the Belgian army will make a new chapter in the annals of military history. Men fighting to the death in water-filled trenches amid the rigors of winter; armies clambering up snow-covered mountains amid the blasts of penetrating, icy winds; garrisons submitting to be done to death rather than surrender; aviators braving misty heights amid the perils of unfriendly currents; men crawling like sea-serpents beneath the water—these and countless other like things attest the mightiness of the passion for war.

The question we are asking ourselves at this moment is this: Is there a "moral equivalent" of war? It has been said that the need of the Church today in her inner life and outward activities is for just such an equivalent. The need is for a mighty dynamic that will do for men in the pursuit of character what the dynamic of war has done for men in the pursuit of territory. The need today is for a passion that will make men as invincible in the moral conquest of the world as the passion for war has made them invincible in the military conquest of the world. The need today is for an impelling principle that will make men as great in the victories of peace as the impelling principle of war has made them great in the victories of arms. The need today is for a constraining motive which will lead to as great heroisms in the religious life as the constraining motive of war has led to heroisms in army life.

The need today plainly is for a "moral equivalent" of war. Is there such an equivalent?

The bottom question in moral character and conduct ever has been the question of power. The quest ever has been for a moral dynamic. The world has grown old in its search for a source of power which will enable it to translate its ideals and precepts into character. Sometimes such dynamic was thought to be found in knowledge, and men became proficient in literature, science, art and government. Sometimes men looked to habit for the secret of such power, and stoically sought to fix themselves in certain modes and molds of conduct. Sometimes the simple idea of duty was sought as the source of such power. And yet again, the principle of self-interest was thought to supply the power. Everywhere the thinkers of the race, through all the ages, have searched high and low for a great moral dynamic, for a mighty "moral equivalent" of war.

The futility of such search fills the longest chapter in human history. The humblest man among us is aware that it is one thing to know and quite another thing to convert that knowledge into conduct and character. The most intellectually untrained among us knows that the idea of duty is a very different thing from the power needed to translate that idea into ethical action. Where shall we find the power? A mighty moral dynamic? A tremendous compelling passion that is worthy to be described as a "moral equivalent" of war?

The very need for such equivalent is the highest proof that somewhere it may be found. The great Maker of men has not inspired them with lofty ideals of character and then mocked them by leaving them powerless to give some adequate translation of these ideals in their own lives. The eye does not more certainly argue the existence of the light than the yearning of the morally impotent soul presages the existence of a mighty moral dynamic. The reasonableness of God's world inspires hope.

The supreme compensation for the carnage of the world-struggle now going on will be the rediscovery of the great moral equivalent. Having tried learning and art and science, having tested ideas of duty and principles of self-interest, men will now turn to the source and secret of better living. And the power to convert their better ideas into character and their better impulses into heroic endeavor will be found in Jesus Christ.

"It is devotion to Jesus," exclaimed Canon Gore, "which has been the source of the enduring forms of Christian heroism." The passion for Jesus has produced heroism as resplendent as ever did the passion for

war. A personal devotion to Jesus Christ explains as many conquests as the passion for war. It was this that sent the early disciples to the ends of the earth in the ardor of a deathless enthusiasm. It was this that withstood Jewish persecutions and Roman tortures. It was this that compelled the Roman army to capitulate and the Roman throne to surrender. It was this that inspired the martyrdom of Polycarp and the messages of Chrysostom. It was this that sustained the labors of St. Francis of Assisi and the ministries of the Wesleys in England. It was this that explains the messages of Lid-don in St. Paul's and Brooks at Trinity. It was this that gave power to Moody and sent Carey and Judson and the rest to the ends of the earth. It was this that made martyrs of Chinese Christians and patriots of Korean citizens. Without a parallel in history in its heroism and martyrdom and enthusiasm is the passion for Christ.

The passion for Jesus displays the same sublime indifference to language or nationality as does the passion for war. It fuses into one body men of every kindred and tongue. It breaks down the castes of the race. It is humanizing, liberalizing and equalizing in its power. It constructs a new brotherhood of the race. It fashions the most enduring society known among men. And this passion is the Church's spiritual dynamic and its "moral equivalent" of war.

It scarcely needs to be said that such mastering devotion to Jesus does not grow out of a mere intellectual admiration of Jesus. In every case it finds its inspiration in an experience of the forgiveness of sins. The forgiven man loves. And the height of his love is usually measured by the depth of his forgiveness. He loves much to whom much hath been forgiven. Peter, forgiven, turned to flight the authorities he once feared. Saul of Tarsus, forgiven, became the mighty apostle of service and of love. Wesley, forgiven, set a new mark for the ministers of his day in devoted service to his Lord. Jerry McCauley, forgiven, became the apostle of love for the "bums" of his generation. No passion equals the passion for Christ, and this passion is bottomed upon a conscious experience of sins forgiven in and through his name.

The task of the Christian Church is appalling in its magnitude. Hosts of sin are drawn up in battle array. Evils hoary with age are to be destroyed. The whole race must be subjected to a moral and spiritual reconstruction. But the Church's task is sure to be done if the multitude of her members are impelled by a personal devotion to Christ—the mighty spiritual dynamic of the ages and a veritable "moral equivalent" of war.

# Why Should I Take My Church Paper?

REV. J. A. PHILLIPS

No one who thinks at all will deny that information brought through human channels is indispensable to a rational life. Those who may be reasonably expected to read this article need not be reminded that all of us need instruction in order to know how to live a Christian life. It is impossible to do right if one does not know what is right, and it is impossible to know always what is right from simple instinct or intuition.

The underlying question is as to whether one can pick up casually what he needs to know about the Christian life or whether he must have the help of living men whose business it is to give special attention to the moral and spiritual aspects of present day movements.

The temper of those who refuse to take their Church paper is usually a patronizing temper. It is due to the fact that the voice of the Church is to them feeble, uncertain, without authority and that her message is not vital but has a secondary place. It is precisely the same spirit which one often meets in modern men who would have their pastors preach what they are pleased to call simple, gospel sermons. The argument is that the business man, the lawyer, the doctor, the editor, the man of affairs, the scientist, the teacher is busy with vexing problems all the week, and therefore has no desire to be led out into any fields of thought on Sunday morning. I make bold to say that such a line of reasoning is either an affront to the ministry and to the Church or it is a legitimate inference from the effeminate preaching which these men are in the habit of hearing. In either case something is mortally wrong. Bishop Mouzon will not object if I quote him here. He said that in a certain city where he was pastor he was sorely tempted to cheapen his preaching. The people wanted something light. I say that Bishop Mouzon did not commit the sin of cheapening his preaching and I am sure the Church agrees with me. The notion that one can grapple with the problems of life without the help of men who have given their time and thought to the careful study of moral and of religious duties and privileges is almost as untenable as that one can be his own teacher in science, law or medicine.

There is still more in the indifference or opposition of this class of people to their Church paper. If Christianity be true, God has certainly set apart some men as seers, prophets, apostles, whose task is to discern the will of God to large bodies of men. Men easily forget. Seers

have saved nations and parts of nations times without number and yet so-called great men do not learn. The wise man said, "There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it. Now there was found in it a wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man." Eccles. 9:14-15. It is well known that the cause of prohibition and that of general education have been largely fostered by the circuit preacher. But the Church paper was indispensable in order to unify the efforts of the pastors. The editor and contributors often see things in the large, in a way impossible to the average pastor busy with his daily round of duties. Great perils are foreseen and great opportunities discerned by the men at the helm of the Church paper. Some great pastors speak to Christendom through their pulpits and, in a measure, through the secular press, but the most of the great messages which come bursting and shining and burning into the hearts of men reach us through the Church periodical. And yet the Church editor and the circuit preachers are alike forgotten.

There is an aspect of the Church press which has been largely lost sight of; that is, that every sincere Christian can find in his Church organ a means by which he can help the Church to speak to the world. Secular papers sell as commodities. They seldom dare to stand against an evil if it means to cut off their bread and butter. The Church paper must represent the cause of righteousness at all cost. Hurtful advertisements must be refused. They are not even to be thought of. No paper can make a clean cut campaign against entrenched wrong unless it is endowed or unless it has the net loyalty of those who have committed themselves against said wrong. Those directors of secular papers who have enough intelligence to come in out of a shower of rain are lining up on the side of prohibition, but the Church press did the fighting when it was unpopular. Other evils needing correction are all about us. The religious paper will have to stand alone for awhile in opposition to many of these sins and crimes. One by one the enemies of man are checked in their madness, not always but usually, under the guidance of the Church press.

Now such conflicts require the loyalty of some people. Must it be said that the Church membership will not stand with their Christian leaders? Is

there no duty of loyalty on the part of those who belong to the Church? Can one excuse himself on the ground that the Church paper does not interest him or that it is too high priced or that he has not the time to read it? Does one pay his preacher simply for what he gets out of it himself? Is there no thought of supporting the pastor because he gives the gospel to the unconverted? Shall we not invest in propaganda? Do we not believe that our religion should be given to others?

This same lack of respect for the greatness of the religion of Christ explains the neglect of the Church as an organization. If Christianity is a bundle of antiquated dogma, or if it is a certain brand of emotion, or if it is mainly superstition, then it does not need organization and statesmanship. But if it is the remedy for national ills, the panacea for human sin and woes, it is certainly destined for the human race. If it must be given to the world, it will require the fullest organized effort.

But why argue a matter to which every Church member assented when he joined the Church? We all have promised to support the institutions of the Church. Will we support them when we do not have fresh news as to what they are and what they are doing? It is the most ridiculous pedantry to maintain that our Church people are complying even reasonably well with their obligations without taking the Church organ. Dr. W. W. Pinson has shown us that only a very small proportion of our people have the cause of foreign missions at heart. My recollection is that he states that the proportion is no greater now than it was a half century ago. This condition would be impossible if our people took the Church paper.

What I am about to say may seem hard, but be it so. The man who deliberately refuses to take his Church paper is, in most cases, putting himself in a position in which it is almost certain that he will not do his duty in supporting the institutions of the Church. He is weakening the cause of Christianity and seriously retarding the progress of right. Until there is a substitute for the Church as a co-serving institution and as a motor force for good, no Church member should hesitate a half-minute to take at least one Church paper.

Can this be remedied? Of course it can. I should like to ask the so-called

success as a soul winner what he has saved the people from and what he has saved them to. I should also like to ask him if he believes that people will always live the Christian life just because they were converted. Is there no need of human agency after as well as before conversion? We practice self deceit in a most childish way when we boast of great ingatherings if we ignore the fact that these great multitudes as a rule are going on in the Church with about as much loyalty to the institutions of the Church as they had before they experienced what we call regeneration. The pastor who yearns for the continued salvation of people will strenuously strive to get this means of grace into the hands of his people just as he labors to get them to repent of sin and believe the gospel. What is the use of saving folks from the sin of staying out of the Church if we never give a rebuke to them for despising or ignoring the vital demands of the Church after they get into it? Some of the Sunday School specialists use this illustration: "A boy was suspected of being half-witted. He was tested thus; a tub, with a hole in the bottom of it, was placed before him and he was given a bucket and a supply of water and asked to fill the tub. If he tried to fill it without stopping the hole he was to be regarded as an idiot." Now our new converts may not literally leak out of the Church but they have leaked out of the kingdom of God in all probability if they reach the stage in which they do not care to help in the propagation of the gospel. When this is the case it is the fault of the pastors generally. It is marvelous how any man of God can fail to see that the Church paper is indispensable as an organizing agency, as an avenue through which the prophets of God speak to the Church, as an interpreter of the will of God to the world in the present age. The pastor who neglects this agency of divine power is as culpable as he who neglects his duties as a preacher of sermons. If the pastor is as deeply moved to do this as he is moved to preach the gospel he can accomplish the task. But the pastors who will do this shall find it hard when their predecessors had no conscience on it.

If our people feel that Christianity is an incidental affair, we shall do well to blame ourselves. If they do not wish to put their money and thought and co-operation into its propagation it is, at least in part, because they have been entertained by the rattle of the machinery and we have been entertaining them. Both we and our laymen would be better occupied firing up the engine and studying its make-up. The pastors can correct this evil if they will. Will they do it?

San Antonio, Texas.

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## Notes From the Field

## DEL RIO.

A union revival has just begun here. Mr. William Bradford has resigned his place with the Anti-Saloon League and is devoting himself to evangelistic singing. He has organized a large choir and is making the musical part of the meeting go. Rev. John C. O'Hair is to be here in a few days to do the preaching. In the meantime Rev. J. T. Renfro is doing the preaching until Bro. O'Hair gets here and is doing it well. The meeting is giving great promise of success.—E. E. Swanson, Pastor Methodist Church.

## GAUSE.

Sunday, May 27, was a great day in the history of the Methodist Church at Gause, Texas. The Children's Day service was very fine. The collection was \$4.85. As a climax to the program, three babies were baptized and ten members received into the Church, namely, Homer Arrendell, Viola Gause, O. L. Gause, Clide Spraggins, Gladys Spraggins, Beatrice Harris, Lucile Ashcraft, Jewel Gaston, Geraldine Varner and Elsie Hauptfleisch. Brother O. O. Gaston is our superintendent. We will begin our protracted meeting June 27.—John W. Wardlaw.

## QUINTON CHARGE.

Have held two of my meetings. At Kinta I was assisted by Orlando Shay. Brother Shay is good help and a good preacher. Assisted at Quinton by Brother J. C. Curry. Brother Curry is good help in a meeting. He won the people by his good preaching and singing. In all we have had good meetings. Have received since conference about thirty members into our Church. Will begin a meeting at McCurtain June 3. Dr. J. M. Peterson was with us yesterday and held our second Quarterly Conference. He gave us two great sermons. We are always glad to have Dr. Peterson with us. The Advocate is a helpful visitor in our home, and has been for twenty-six years.—J. A. Grimes, P. C., May 28.

## HARLINGEN CHARGE.

A note from one of the several charges in the Rio Grande Valley will help keep the outside world informed as to what is being done for the Master's cause in war times. Brother J. C. Granbery, of Georgetown, has given a write-up of his recent visit on the border, but he did not mention but one point in the "magic" valley (Brownsville). All honor to the Brownsville bunch for their energy and push to get out of debt, but they are not alone. Harlingen is working with an equal amount of energy and push, with the help of the presiding elder, to lift \$750 of church debt this year. That's going some in war time, when we are losing not less than fifteen of our membership. The attendance at Sunday School May 27 was 102. Our regular attendance has been most excellent this year. Raymondville shows up 106 in their Sunday School. Things must be moving up in that direction. From what we can learn all the valley points are making progress. Just wait until we land Abe Mulkey, the noted evangelist, down in the "magic" valley for a season, then look for a write-up about good things.—J. H. Stuckey.

## A FAKE RUMOR ABOUT FIRST CHURCH, HOUSTON.

The other day I got this inquiry by mail: "Is it true that on account of your recent big debt campaign and the consequent poverty of the members that your Board of Stewards have cut your salary down?" The writer stated he had heard that the above was a fact. The truth of the matter reminds me of one of Bishop Hendrix's stories. A Frenchman at about 7 a. m. was standing by the rail of the tossing ship looking very sick, when an Englishman gaily inquired of him, "Monsieur, have you breakfasted?" "O, non non, Monsieur," replied the Frenchman, "quite zee contrary, quite zee contrary." So instead of cutting down my salary my Board did "quite zee contrary." They unanimously and heartily granted me a six weeks' vacation to be taken whenever I pleased and presented me with a purse of five hundred dollars to pay my expenses. So far from the Church being impoverished by the great collection on the debt, all bills are paid to May 15th and there is over \$1500 in the treasury. So everything is lovely and the goose honks high. Ten conversions the last two Sundays.—Hubert D. Knickerbocker.

## CENTER.

We have just had the pleasure of entertaining two very prominent bodies in our district. The Woman's Missionary Society met the first of this month, and a more intelligent body of women cannot be found anywhere. They do their work with system. All the departments are in a healthy condition. The Timpson District Conference convened here May 15. The opening sermon was preached by Brother Fuller, of Mt. Enterprise, and a great sermon it was. The Hon. J. P. Anderson, one of the leading lawyers of the Center bar, and also a member of our Church, delivered the welcome address. It was well delivered and highly received. The work of the district seems to be in fine shape. There were quite a number of visitors—Doctors H. M. Whaling, Jr., of S. M. U.; W. K. Strother, of A. C. I.; Dean White, of Longview; C. F. Smith, presiding elder of Beaumont District; L. H. Mathison, pastor at Daingerfield; R. B. Jones, Pittsburg Circuit. The preaching and the discussions were of a very high order. Old Timpson District is coming right to the front, and no wonder, we have one of the strongest men in Texas Methodism leading us in this district—L. B. Elrod. Brother A. G. Carnahan, from this Church, was elected on the first ballot as a delegate to the Annual Conference. We made preparation for you, Mr. Editor, but you did not come. This Church is moving right along. We serve a fine people. Our protracted meeting begins next Sunday. My brother, J. F. Adams, of Covington, will do the preaching. I ask each one that reads this to offer a prayer in our behalf that the Lord may give us a gracious revival.—C. H. Adams.

## LOCKHART CHURCH DEDICATED.

Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon officiated in the dedication of Lockhart Methodist Church on May 20, after preaching a great sermon. He preached again at night another great sermon. This Church was started in Lockhart somewhere between 1840 and 1845, it is believed locally, but if anyone knows the exact date or by whom we do not here. In 1855 the first church building was erected under the pastorate of W. T. Thornberry, we believe. The old house was of concrete and still stands, used now as a business house in the solid street business district. In 1893 J. A. Baker, being the preacher in charge, that old church was sold and a second building erected. In 1912, during the pastorate of Theophilus Lee, that second building was sold and the Church bought a ready-made building, known locally as "Blanks Memorial Hall," and entered it as a church in 1914. Within recent months a debt against the building has been paid off, as stated, the house is now dedicated as God's house, the home of the Methodist Church in Lockhart. A new roof has been put on, a Sunday School Annex has been added, some renovating has been done, necessitating withal the raising of something over \$4000. While I am writing, I am reminded to report that in April of this spring Brother W. G. Callihan held a good meeting for us. The Church is now in harmony and peace, and all departments are working and showing evidences of interest which we have not seen so good as now. Among the physical evidences of interest is that the parsonage has received some first-class furniture and renovation. Lockhart is a Church with a goodly number of most excellent Methodists, and we shall be disappointed if this Church's history is not better in the future than ever. In her age of threescore years and ten please God may she renew her strength and begin afresh her dedication to Christ, her Master and Lord.—A. L. Scarborough.

## J. E. MATLOCK AT DAVIDSON, OKLA.

It is a wonderful thing for a young man endowed with a strong mind and a strong body, equipped with the very best training in our great Church schools, experienced in the work of soul-winning, filled with the spirit of God, fearless in the denunciation of sin, with a heart filled with sublime tenderness, yearning to lead some one from the dark shadows of sin to the marvelous light of the gospel, working, praying, pleading, with wonderful energy, zeal and power for the building up of God's kingdom on earth. Such is Matlock and more. He was with us just one Sunday and eleven days in all, was rained out one night, did not get to be at the beginning or at the close of the revival. Neither did he take it away with

## TYLER—CEDAR STREET.

We began our meeting at Cedar Street on the fifth Sunday in April and continued seventeen days. Rev. W. B. Moon, of Jacksonville, did the preaching. He is powerful and entertaining in his efforts to present the gospel, studying and planning his sermons in such a manner as to convey the truth. There were a number of conversions and reclamations, with twenty-one accessions to the Church. The singing by our large choir, directed by Mr. Henry Shelton, was an



REV. W. B. MOON

important factor in the meeting. Every department of the Church was revived. The Sunday School, superintended by Brother B. E. Moore, is growing constantly. Miss L. U. Baird is our League President. She is a live wire and knows how to make things go. Another feature of the meeting was the pounding of our pastor, Rev. J. R. Ritchie, which proves the confidence and esteem in which he is held by our people in general. During his administration of eighteen months, the Church has made considerable advancement. A new brick veneer church has been built, modern in design, with ample Sunday School equipments.—Reporter.

him, but left things in the hands of the pastor with his people drawn to him. We cannot measure the wide and sweeping victories we have had for the Lord. Sixty-nine conversions, forty added to our Church roll, several to Baptists and Christian, the pastor awakened and given a new vision, people encouraged, attendance of Sunday School now more than doubled, a splendid gospel team of men of our own Church organized. Conference collections raised and an overplus of \$25 voted to pastor, piano bought for the church, poor family in town helped by collection, \$180 raised for Brother Matlock, \$609 in all raised. Evangelist did not take all the money raised during the meeting with him, part of this sum is in subscriptions. We have a great battle on yet, even since the meeting closed. W. E. Edmiston, our faithful singer, was assaulted on our streets, guns have been drawn on Christian people, the devil is doing his best, but if our folks will only stand by us, and they say they will, we will soon have him entirely whipped; he is already on the run! To God be all the glory.—M. F. Sullivan, P. C.

## SNYDER (TEXAS) METHODISM.

We were appointed to Snyder Station last November. Snyder is a live, growing town of 4000 population. Our Church has over 500 members. We have one of the most handsome church buildings I have seen. It was built four years ago at a cost of about \$30,000 under the efficient ministry of Rev. J. W. Hunt, who is now president of Stamford College. Brother Hunt did a magnificent work here, a work that was accomplished under huge difficulties. Since conference we started to raise \$8000 with which to pay off all indebtedness on church building, which was only \$1900, and pay for hot-air furnaces, put in pews, lay cork covering on the floor and lay cement sidewalks, also give to Stamford College \$1500. We have a generous-hearted layman, who gave the church pews at a cost of \$1350. Two good women of our Church laid the cement sidewalk at a cost of over \$300. Two big-hearted laymen gave together \$500 on the church debt and our Woman's Missionary Society paid about \$700 for the floor covering. Many other liberal donations were made. We have already given Brother Hunt a check for \$1000 for Stamford College debt. The next thing we will undertake will be the finishing of the basement, which is al-

ready in use by our Sunday School Primary and Junior Departments. The pastor's salary has been increased to \$1800, and is paid monthly. Brother Thrane is chairman of the Official Board and is a wide-awake, progressive and consecrated layman. Judge Adamson is our Sunday School superintendent and is greatly loved by all. We have recently had W. E. Hawkins here in the Sweetwater Sunday School Institute; also we had a District League Institute, at which time Brother Stockwell, of Africa, was with us. Mrs. Walter Curry is president of our Woman's Missionary Society, and the society is doing a great work under her presidency. Professor Black is our excellent Lay Leader and wisely plans this important work. Judge Higgins is chairman of our Trustees and Improvement Committee and he has rendered valuable aid in our financial campaign. Brother Robinson is our League president. He has had years of valuable experience in this department of the Church and is doing good work. Time and space forbid mentioning many others just as useful and consecrated to the Church. Snyder expects to have Bishop McCoy here this fall to dedicate our church. We also expect to invite the Annual Conference this fall to hold its next session in Snyder. Our good presiding elder, Rev. J. T. Griswold, is looking carefully after every interest of our Methodism in the Sweetwater District. The entire district is doing a great work under his supervision. In August we will have our revival led by Bob Shuler, of Paris, or rather I should say of Texas for he belongs to us all and we love him for his great work in Texas. We are praying for a genuine revival of religion, which is the greatest need of the Church everywhere.—J. W. Mayne, P. C.

## MARTHA, OKLAHOMA.

Sunday, May 20th, was a good day for the Methodist Church at Martha. Special programs were rendered at both morning and evening hours. Congregations were large and interest splendid. We have one of the best Sunday Schools in the Mangum District. Mr. S. L. Doughty is our efficient superintendent. We have an enrollment of 225 with a Church membership of about 200. We had 188 present last Sunday. Offering \$5.10, with five birthday offerings. At the 11 o'clock hour a Sunday School rally service was held consisting of specially prepared talks and papers on vital subjects. Everyone seemed to be deeply moved and anxious to do more efficient service in this the greatest character building institution in the world. We think we have a just cause for being proud of our school and we are striving for greater efficiency and service. The Senior League met in the afternoon with forty-five present for the devotional service. We have been trying to hold regular devotional, literary and social meetings. We have just recently finished with good interest "Daybreak in the Dark Continent." The League recently occupied the evening hour with a missionary program. We have an excellent body of young people. Mr. Horace Doughty is our President. Out of twelve graduates from the High School this year, eleven of them were from our Church and Sunday School. At the evening hour on Sunday we had an excellent laymen's program under charge of our Lay Leader, Bro. Ronie Hartsfield. Several splendid talks and papers were given on carefully selected subjects. We feel sure programs like these will result in much good to the Church and we are becoming more convinced than ever that we should give our people a larger part in all the services of the Church. Rev. J. W. Sims, presiding elder, held our third Quarterly Conference May 13, 14. He preached two excellent sermons for us and during the conference he inquired carefully into the various departments of the work of the Church. He remarked after the pastor had made his reports to the conference, "That is a fine report." Some encouragement. Mrs. Sims, District Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, was present and met with the women on Monday afternoon. A good program was carried out and Mrs. Sims spoke freely and encouragingly of the work of the society over the district. Her presence was greatly appreciated. Some improvement on church property has been made this quarter, a few members have been received, finances are in good condition on account of well organized Boards and the liberality of the people. We are making plans for our revival. We are trying to look well after the interests of the Advocate. In all, we feel we are making some little progress.—Chas. L. Canter.

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GIDDINGS.

We are not idle in this part of "the moral vineyard." We are moving along nicely on the Giddings Charge and making some progress on this work. We have increased our congregations almost fourfold since we began our work in November, and the people seem to enjoy the preaching of the Word very much indeed. On the benevolent claims we have collected as follows: Home Missions, \$37; Foreign Missions, \$35; conference claims, \$9; Orphanage, \$9; special for missions by Sunday Schools, \$6, and we hope to pay out in full on all these claims. We are working hard and making preparations to begin our revival meeting here June 10, and our people have very kindly asked me to hold my own meeting and do the preaching. But we are glad to say that Bro. Lee, our very efficient presiding elder, has kindly promised to assist us a few days during the meeting. We most earnestly ask all our dear friends over the State to pray constantly for us that we may have a gracious and successful revival of "pure and undefiled religion" in this town where Satan is so strongly entrenched. I am glad to say that our good Baptist brethren have just recently had a fine revival here, and they receiving twenty-three new members into their Church. The Baptists have very kindly promised to co-operate with us in our meeting, and we believe that they will do so. Sunday, the 13th, was a very strenuous day with us at Burton, Texas. We had with us on that day Judge W. J. Bale, of Columbus, Ohio, and he delivered one of the most powerful and eloquent addresses on National prohibition that I have ever heard in my life. He showed the absolute wickedness of the whisky crowd, and gave some very important facts and statistics that were convincing and overwhelming. Judge Bale was the Judge of the Juvenile Court in Columbus, Ohio, for four years, and he brought out the fact that there were several thousand children under seventeen years of age that were criminals, and that over forty per cent of them were defectives in mind and body, and all that was the result of alcoholism in their parents. How can honest men who are in the possession of their right minds vote any longer for the continuance of the infamous liquor traffic, when they know that such awful results follow from the sale and use of drink? After the address of Judge Bale we had a sermon on "Practical Christianity," in our church in the afternoon, and then at night I preached another sermon on "The Good Samaritan." At two-thirty the Boy Scouts of Burton had a service consisting of patriotic songs and the raising of the American flag, and an able address by Dr. Moore of that town on Americanism, which was well received by the people. Thus you see we had a strenuous day indeed, and I trust that much good was done on that day. Now, before closing I wish to call attention to our splendid High School of Giddings, which closed its session for this term a few nights ago. The program for the commencement exercises was the very best that I have ever seen in my life. All the children from the little tots up to the grown young men and women acquitted themselves in a remarkable manner, and reflected great credit upon their parents, the splendid faculty and themselves. The graduating class of eleven young men and women evinced much talent and wide research in their essays, and they would have done credit to a junior college. The music was just simply magnificent, and in fact all the exercises were decidedly the very best I ever witnessed, and I have attended such occasions for fifty years. Our splendid superintendent, Prof. M. A. Cannon, and his most excellent assistants deserve much credit for the good and efficient work they have done, and we are glad that the trustees have elected him for another year. The enrollment in this school for this year was 366 and the attendance was real good. The enrollment in the High School Department was 70. The standing of this school in September, 1916, was that it was affiliated with the State University with only eight credits. They have gained nine and one-half credits this year under the management of our able and efficient superintendent, Prof. Cannon. Here are the things accomplished this year: 1. They have put in a good library; 2. physics and laboratory; 3. physiology laboratory; 4. physical geography and laboratory. They have raised the school from the third class to the first class High school, and now they are affiliated and have eighteen credits. They have also organized an Athletic Council, a Mothers Club, bought and paid for a \$425 piano, and have about

\$80 in the treasury of the Athletic Council for next year. They have organized a foot ball, baseball and basket ball teams, with captains already elected for next year. In addition they have a co-operative citizenship, and have planned to have a \$450 lyceum course for the school for next year. I would suggest to the people living in contiguous territory that it would be a capital idea to move to Giddings for the sake of their children, in order to avail themselves of the splendid educational advantages of this wide-awake town. We also expect to have good roads also soon here, as it is right on the highway route from Austin to Houston, and this will give them still more advantages. But I must close for this time as this letter is perhaps already too long.—W. W. Horner.

RELIGION IN THE UNIVERSITY.

Southern Methodist University has during the past two weeks experienced a gracious revival of religion. On Sunday morning, May 13, the new Highland Park Church was opened to the public for the first time with a memorable service conducted by the pastor, Rev. Clovis G. Chappell. The day was a glorious one from the beginning. The new building, erected at the corner of Bishop Boulevard and Mockingbird Lane, is spacious and attractive, having a seating capacity of nearly one thousand, and affords accommodations for a modern Sunday School as well. It has been constructed with care and foresight by a competent committee, and is a fortunate and suitable meeting place for the good people of Highland Park and the great student body of the University. Happily "the town and the gown" have harmony and the life of both has been conserved by this happy arrangement made possible by the wise leadership of Methodism. More than six hundred persons were present in the first service. It was a great hearing. Among those present were visitors from five or six of the great cities of the Southwest, a noble representation from the student body; large numbers of the membership from Highland Park; business and professional men of more than Statewide reputation; the President of the University; the editor of a great religious paper, and one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The rich and poor, the high and the lowly, with no line of artificial distinction between them, sat together as a Christian family and with prayers and tears listened to the sermon of the pastor, which was worthy in every way of the great occasion. It marked the opening service of a series which lasted from Sunday to Sunday. The President of the University asked that the 11 o'clock hour each morning be designated as the hour for worship in the University Chapel, and the evening service was held at the church. It was an inspiration to note the large numbers in attendance both morning and evening. More than eight hundred students have been enrolled to date, and the meeting had right of way among them, and their response was marked from the beginning. The Gospel was preached with power, and God's spirit was manifestly present throughout the week. The preacher brought a great message—one that gripped the mind and heart of all. He is a man of deep piety, of scholarly attainments and profound spiritual insight. More than one hundred young men and women were converted and reclaimed and came forward to the altar night after night to make public profession of faith in Christ as Lord and Master of their lives. On Wednesday evening after the meeting it was worthy of note that some seventy-five people were in attendance upon the mid-week prayer service. In the testimony service which followed, the young men and women testified that the meeting had "brought a new atmosphere." The strong, sane, evangelistic message has been honored of God. At times there were three and four who stood at once to speak. We are grateful to God for these marks of his divine approval. From the campus rises now a tall flag pole from which floats the Stars and Stripes. A goodly number of our boys have already been accepted at the training camps. On every hand are indications that religion and patriotism characterize the life of the University. "Above all nations is humanity," and above humanity is God. The question of education is for the modern world a question of life or death on which depends the future. The principles taught by Jesus Christ must have and will have a place in the curriculum of every educated man and woman. More than 200 people have been received into the Church by letter and on profession of faith to date.

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The Rabbit and Terrapin

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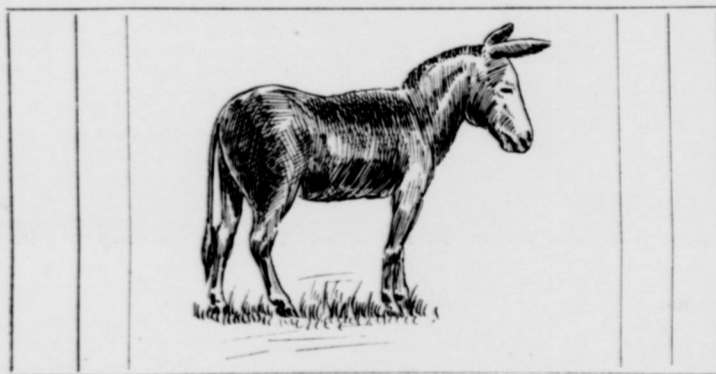
THE RABBIT.

By H. D. KNICKERBOCKER.

Old-time readers of the Advocate will remember that about a half decade ago I was running the Knickerbocker Special, a symbolic train with fare fixed at \$1000 per ticket. All passengers were also enrolled in the Knickerbocker Club. Did you notice I said a half decade ago? Well, so it was. Nearly five years ago. So that all who blithely signed up for tickets then and fixed their payments "on or before July 31, 1917," are now at the putting up place. Those who made it "before" and have paid up are to be congratulated. So are we. One good turn deserves another. I'm sure they are now in position to give some more. Those who have had the use of their money all these years and know how much good it's done 'em ought to be ready to blithely turn over that money to us now and let us use it awhile. Turn about is fair play. So mote it be.

OUR GOAL.

We have got to raise \$147,555.55 by July 31, 1917. Did you get that? We are "bleeged" to raise One Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-Five Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents!! If the rest of you will raise the balance I'll give the fifty-five cents out of my own pocket. The above sum is divided into two parts. We owe \$102,000.00 and we lack \$45,555.55 of having enough to complete the endowment fund of \$500,000.00.



THE DONKEY ET AL.

By H. D. KNICKERBOCKER AND FRANK REEDY.

N. B. (The bright things are by H. D. K.)—H. D. K.

This third animule is my own invention. Aesop invented the race between the terrapin and the rabbit. Frank Reedy stole the race and put it on the S. M. U. track and now I've invented the donkey and put him in the race. A donkey is the symbol of the Democratic party, therefore it stands for the people. Second, the donkey's observations are going to be so self-evident that even members of his own tribe and genus, viz., a four-legged quadruped, or a two-legged biped of the genus asinus, can't fail to take them in. Et al means "all the rest," "there are others," etc. All subscribers who have failed to pay their subscriptions in full by July 31, 1917, will be "Donkey et al."

BRAYS.

There's only one way to pay a just debt, and that is to pay it! A subscription to the Southern Methodist University is a just debt. Quod erat demonstrandum! If there are any preferences as to your creditors, let God's cause be a preferred creditor. Somewhere it's written, "Pay God first."

HONOR ROLL.

S. M. U. represents adequately the great cause of Christ. Pay it what you owe and He will "add all these things unto you."

Sam Jones says: "A man who won't pay what he owes the Church wouldn't pay his grocer if it wasn't for the Sheriff." My! that's a hot one! The Donkey didn't say that. Sam said it. So don't get "mad mit me."

There is no excuse except absolute inability for failure to pay any just debt.

Here's a new wrinkle in the way of an idea: Because payment of a subscription to a Church or school is not usually enforced by suit at law, love and honor ought to prompt its payment before all other obligations. Aamen!

WHAT WE GET.

If we pay this \$102,000.00 and raise this \$45,555.55 we will get the balance of the quarter of a million promised by the General Board of Education. This balance is the tidy little sum of \$85,000.00. Will we pay this debt. Let every subscriber answer I, I, Sir! We won't do it unless I do it, which leads me to the

HONOR ROLL.

Every week now in the Advocate there will appear a full list of those who have finished paying their subscriptions in full from this time on. This time is May 29, 1917, at 4:27 p. m. "On" is up to 12 p. m., July 31, 1917. The first name on the Honor Roll is Hubert De Laney Knickerbocker. I've just sent in my check to pay in full all I owed, though some of it was not due till 1919. Go thou and do likewise! I invented this Honor Roll so as to get my name in the paper, but I'm going to share the honor with all who follow my example. Please note that to get on the honor roll you don't have to pay \$1000. Just pay all you owe and if it's only 35 cents you will get as much gratitude and honor as the biggest subscriber. And you deserve it. If you've done your best and subscribed and paid ten dollars, angels can't beat you.

WATCH NEXT WEEK FOR HONOR ROLL.

# For Old and Young

## A SACRIFICIAL LOVE.

We are called to a love like Christ's in building up His kingdom. He loved and gave Himself; we must love and give ourselves. We can serve Christ and our fellow men only in a sacrificial service. "As I have loved you" means loving to the uttermost. This is a love that is not affected by the character or the past life of the person we love. To love as Christ loved is to love the worst, the least worthy; to love them until they are lifted up, cleansed, and transfigured. To love as Christ loved is to let His love into our own lives, to learn to live as He lived, in gentleness, in patience, in humility, in kindness, in endurance, in all sweetness of spirit, in all helpfulness and self-denial. It is not easy; but it was not easy for Christ to love as He did. The trouble with too much of what we call love is that it costs nothing, is only a sort of gilded selfishness, is not ready to sacrifice anything, to give up, to suffer, or to endure.—Exchange.

## POWER IN DEEP CONVICTIONS.

There is a marvelous power in a message that comes out of a deep conviction on the part of him who delivers it. Even those who may not agree with such a speaker cannot fail to be impressed by what he says. Joseph Hume, the infidel, was fond of going to John Brown, the godly Scotch minister of Haddington. Being charged by some of his free-thinking friends with inconsistency in so doing, he replied: "I do not believe all he says, but he does; and once a week I like to hear a man who believes what he says. Whatever I think, that man preaches as if he thought the Lord Jesus was at his elbow." More conviction on the part of the preacher would mean more interest on the part of those to whom he preaches.—Exchange.

## MORE LOVE.

It is more love we want, more love for Christ. Then more love will give us more faith, and more faith in turn will give us more love. Christian experience begins when we first accept Christ and believe that He loves us, and then commit our lives to Him. We begin to trust Him, and peace comes as we learn to believe in Him and to lay our burdens on Him. We know Him better and better as we go on trusting Him, venturing on Him and for Him, and following Him. So there grows between us and Him a close, tender, intimate fellowship, friendship more precious than the sweetest of human friendships. The limits of this experience of Christ's love no one can set. There have been those who have indeed found heaven on earth in their communion with Christ.—Selected.

## OUR LIMITATIONS.

Some lives are made narrow by their limitations. Men seem not to have the same chance that others have. They may be physically incapacitated for holding their place in the march of life. Or they may have failed in business after many years of hard toil, and may lack the courage to begin again. They may have been hurt by folly of sin, and not seem able to take the flights they used to take. There are some people in every community who, for one cause or another, do not seem to have a chance to make much of their life. But whatever it may be that shuts one in a narrow environment, as in a little tent, the Gospel of Christ brings a message of hope and cheer. Its call ever is, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations."—J. R. Miller.

## THE WAY WILL BE CLEARED AS WE GO.

The driver of a tram-car through the streets of our city starts with his car upon a line which runs continuously to his journey's end. If he goes on straight ahead he will surely come to the destined place. Should he be able to see all the route at once he would observe many coal-wagons, furniture-vans, timber-carriages, brewers' drays, and the like, blocking up his road along the rails, and he might mournfully ask: "How can I move all these?" But he takes no such lengthened view and asks no

such useless question. As he moves along all sorts of obstructive traffic give way before him—even the vandemonium yield to him the road. When one of them is a little slow in getting out of the way, our driver blows his whistle, and, after two or three shrill appeals, the obstinate vehicle retires. As the rails run all the way, so does the car. Just so we are on the rails of eternal life. Between us and heaven there are a thousand obstructions, and, if we think of them all, we may well be fearful; but they will one and all disappear as we come to them. It they should seem likely to bar our progress, we must sound the whistle of prayer, and in due season they will turn aside, and leave us a clear road along the lines of covenant grace. Therefore go ahead and fear no impediment; for the line is laid, and we have a legal right to travel along it, and none may lawfully hinder us. This is what I learned from the driver of the tram-car.—Spurgeon.

"Countless Christian people never do anything worth while for Christ, because they think they cannot do anything. They say they have no ability, no skill, no training, for service. Really, however, they need only to begin to do the duties which come to their hand day by day; if they would will to make the effort, power and skill would be imparted. They do, indeed, need the help of Christ, but that help is always waiting to be given if they will begin to do their part."—Exchange.

"Many of the events of Providence appear to ordinary eyes uninteresting, unmeaning, often even unkindly. Yet in each event there is wrapped up a divine treasure of good and blessing for the child of God. We need only eyes of faith to find in every painful experience a helper of our gladness. Precious gems of rarest blessings are enclosed in the rough crusts of hardship, care, loss, and trial, which we are continually coming upon in life's ways."—Selected.

"At the close of a day we examine ourselves, and review the day's record, to find wherein we have done wrong. We remember the hasty word we spoke which gave pain to a tender heart, and confess it. We recall with penitence our self-indulgence, our lapses from truth, honesty, or integrity, even our breaches of courtesy. But in counting up the sins of the day, do we think with regret or pain of the things we did not do? Are we penitent for our sins of omission? We have 'passed by on the other side' of many a human need and hunger. Do we confess these sins at the ending of the day?"—Selected.

"It is startling to think of what Christian conversation might be, and ought to be, and then of what it is. Surely this matter demands the careful attention of every Christian man and woman. Why should such a power for good be wasted? Why should our Christian development be retarded by the misuse of the marvelous gift of speech? It were infinitely better that one were born dumb, than that, having a tongue, one should use it to scatter evil and sorrow, or to sow the seeds of bitterness and pain. What is it our Lord says about having to give account for every idle word? And if for the idle words we must give account, how much more for the words that stain, or injure, or fall as a destructive blight into other hearts!"—Selected.

"God shows us our life's pattern in His Word. He leads us to these Holy Scriptures and there lets us see patterns for every part of the building of character which He wants us to rear. So there is urgent necessity for a constant reading and pondering and deep study of the Bible if we would discover the plans and patterns for our life which God has prepared. Imagine the builders working away on a church day by day without referring to the architect's drawings—just building haphazard, as the fancy struck them. What a struggling, shapeless, mongrel pile the house would be in the end! Like this would be the life fabric which one would pile up who did not study the Bible, to find there the Lord's patterns for his life."—Exchange.

## THE TEXAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Prior to the time of being so closely related to the Texas Methodist Orphanage at Waco, Texas, the writer was, no doubt, like many others viewing this great institution from a distance. It is one thing to know that we have an Orphan's Home in Waco, because others have told us so, and altogether a different thing to see the Home with your own eyes. Having once been upon the beautiful grounds and having gone through the Home you are forever its enthusiastic friend and liberal supporter. Henceforth the claims and calls of the Home will have your earnest attention. "I never knew before we had such splendid property, such fine management, and such a sanitary place," is one of the many remarks coming from those who come and see for themselves.

Two years and six months of close proximity to this good Home have won for the writer more interest, and greater love than he had before. Under the superintendency of Dr. R. A. Burroughs and his most splendid wife, his co-workers, along with that most energetic helper, Brother A. G. Livingston, the Home is conducted under a perfect system.

The sanitation of the Home has been pronounced the best of any like institution in the country, and as proof of this sickness in the Home is hardly known.

The present method of clothing the children by Epworth Leagues, Sunday Schools, and the Woman's Auxiliaries, has proved to be excellent. It gives to the donors a vital interest in the child cared for.

The school in the Home is as good as you will find anywhere, and the work of the children has been satisfactory. Several of the girls are now in the Waco High School, and are doing splendid work. The Methodist Church in Texas is fortunate indeed to have such a man as Dr. Burroughs at the head of the Home. He is not only a fine Christian man, a good minister of the Gospel, but he is a wise business manager. Under his most careful training the children of the Home are getting the very best attention. Their hearts, heads and bodies are being looked after in a manner that would be hard to excel in our best homes with our own children. In truth many boys and girls in our great State do not get such splendid training from their own parents.

As the pastor of the children it is indeed a most happy privilege to know them and to have them in the congregation. A more orderly company of boys and girls never lived. The beauty of their conduct as they enter the Church every Sunday morning, take their seats, and listen to every word, is inspiring to both preacher and people, often calling forth words of praise and commendation. It would do your soul good to be in the chapel service some Saturday night, and hear them sing, pray and quote Scripture. Their Sunday School and Epworth League are both prospering and will compare well with any.

This Home is a great character-building institution, and the products that come out of it will outlast the sun. I am sure I voice the sentiment of every preacher and also every preacher and also every Methodist in Texas when I say we should love the Home and pray for its success, but the time has come for us to do more than merely pray. This great work must have our strong financial support. Increased demands are coming all the time. The high cost of living and larger equipment must be met.

The beautiful new dining-room must be fitted with seats, tables and silverware. The running expenses are to met, improvements and repairs are constantly to be looked after, and all in all the demands are simply great.

Let our great Texas Methodism come to the relief of this Home, and Dr. Burroughs will have here in Waco an Orphanage that will reflect credit upon our Church, and be a blessing to the generations to come. No man knows better than he the needs of the Home and when the call comes remember it is most surely needed.

As the pastor of the children pray that I may be to them a real and positive help in their christian lives.

R. F. BROWN.

## "WE BELIEVE IN PREPAREDNESS."

So often we are asked, "Don't you have an age limit?" and our answer is always, "No." We realize that each child has a different amount of capability and mentality. Besides, some come to us who are almost twelve years old and have never had an opportunity to go to school. Oftentimes they have known only hard work and harsh treatment. Of course, they are put in school at once, but the late start is always a great handicap. Others we have who have had excellent advantages, but through misfortunes have had to be sent to the Orphanage. These at twelve are much more advanced than the average child. Then some children are naturally brighter and quicker than others. We consider that the age of the children is of far less importance than their preparedness for life. Would you turn your children out of your home when they became a certain age, whether fitted or unfitted? We hardly think you would. Well, we treat these as our own, and this is the only home they have. Unless they are adopted into good homes, we keep them until they are prepared to go out for themselves. We help them get positions and advise and guide them all we can after they leave the Home. They are always welcomed back on visits. Should we have an age limit often the unfitted child would be lost and all we have done and spent for it would be wasted. We work for the good of each child individually studying what would be best for that particular child to do. Some we are training to be teachers, and we hope the good people are going to help us give them the proper education. Others are to be nurses and others to take up the different lines of work for which they seem most talented. We try to instill the spirit of independence and to give them a vocation that they may be independent. Unless they do the best of which they are capable after leaving the Home we have failed in part anyhow. Therefore, our loving training and faithfulness in the work is not merely for the present, but that the future may be entirely the success in each life that it should be to glorify the Father.

R. A. BURROUGHS.

## STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE

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BIG SPRING DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

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ages built, conference claims pledged and some paid were reported. The district no doubt will make the best showing this year in its history. The pastors and laymen were all optimistic and hopeful of a great year. Rev. H. L. Hughes, of Andrews, preached the opening sermon Thursday night, the 17th, and it was a very inspiring and spiritual message on sacrifice. It put the brethren in fine spirit for the work of the conference. Rev. W. E. Lyon called the conference to order promptly at the appointed hour, and he handled the business in a very satisfactory manner. He was at his best, and in fine trim for the occasion. He had a great program mapped out, and no interest of the Church was overlooked. Every interest of the work was discussed as far as it was possible to do so in two days' time. Bro. Lyon dispatches business rapidly, is impartial in his dealings, brotherly in his bearing, and the preachers and laymen of the district love him. The following were visitors: Dr. Boaz, President of Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth, who brought the conference two great messages. He also gave glowing reports of the college. Rev. J. G. Miller, Commissioner of Southern Methodist University. He presented the claims of the University, and the district gladly pledged \$130 for the Theological Department. Evangelist Bloodworth and Judge Works, of Amarillo. Saturday afternoon an hour or two were given the laymen and Judge Works, who is Conference Lay Leader, brought a great message. His visit inspired the laymen with new interest, and it will no doubt bear fruit.

Saturday night was centenary service of Texas Methodism. A carefully prepared historical sketch of the beginning and progress of Methodism in the district and each pastoral charge was read by Rev. J. M. Fryar, and this was followed by an address on Methodism by Rev. D. B. Doak, of Big Spring.

In all the subjects discussed before the conference, the Church paper was not overlooked, and an hour was given to this subject led by Rev. R. F. Dunn. It was the unanimous verdict of the conference that Dr. Bradfield is giving the Church a great paper, and that its circulation will be pushed by the pastors of the district.

J. N. Thomas was elected District Lay Leader. The delegates elected to the Annual Conference are:

- J. S. MEANS.
J. N. THOMAS.
J. F. SHOOK.
JAS. WILLEY.

Alternates:
W. B. Allen.
Archer Terrell.

In entertaining the conference Lamesa fully measured up to her reputation for hospitality. Rev. A. E. Arnfield, pastor of the station, and Rev. W. T. Gray, pastor of the mission, and the people left nothing undone for the comfort and entertainment of the brethren, and the verdict was unanimous that Lamesa is a mighty good place to go.

Brownfield was selected as the place for the next conference. J. M. FRYAR, Secretary.

CLARENDON COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

The recent commencement of Clarendon College was in many respects the most attractive, the most interesting and the most elevating that we have ever had.

The graduating class is composed of the finest material ever receiving diplomas from the institution. These young men and young ladies will attend the higher institutions of learning next year, and we expect to hear splendid reports of them from those institutions.

The faculty of Clarendon College is composed of men and women of the highest culture, and they are splendidly equipped for the work designed to be done in a junior college. Thoroughness in training is made a steady objective by each member of the faculty. No superficial or shoddy work is allowed by them in the class rooms.

Bishop Hoss was to have been with us to preach the commencement sermon, but was unable to come on account of the sickness of Mrs. Hoss. Dr. Frank Seay, of the Southern Methodist University, who was engaged to deliver the baccalaureate sermon and to preach to the undergraduates, kindly consented to take the good Bishop's place.

We were all very sorry that our

beloved Bishop could not be with us to preach the commencement sermon, but we were exceedingly fortunate in having such an able substitute as Dr. Seay.

Dr. Seay's deliverances were on a high plane and pleased and edified our people in the highest degree. We have had no man for the last thirteen years—and we have had the best—who has been more acceptable and inspirational than Dr. Seay in his platform ministrations.

Some one asked Daniel Webster after his having returned from Church how he was pleased with the sermon, and he replied that he was very much pleased with it, as it had in it conscience, high ideals, rest and comfort, and so we can truthfully say that we all were well pleased with Dr. Seay's deliverances, as they had in them consciences, high ideals, rest and comfort.

Come again, Doctor, to the land of vertebrating ozone and we shall be glad to see you at any time.

Brother Slover is completing one of the most attractive young men's homes between Fort Worth and Denver. It has all the modern comforts, conveniences and improvements and is built of reinforced brick and is three stories high and will accommodate nearly a hundred young men, and, if the war does not interfere, Brother Slover will have no trouble in filling every room in it next fall.

With the young ladies' home, the young men's handsome structure and the imposing administrative building, Clarendon College is well prepared to do most excellent work.

I believe in "honor to whom," and this being so, I think that Brother Slover is justly entitled to the thanks of Panhandle Methodism for the splendid work he has done in being instrumental in adding so much to the physical equipment of Clarendon College.

I wish to say in closing this article that our Church affairs in Clarendon are progressing in a very successful way. Brother Story, our good pastor, is in labors abundant, and is doing splendid work. We regret to give up our good Brother Weeks and his most excellent family, but a good man came to us and a good man left us, so the Church moves on without let or hindrance.

Brother Hale is pushing forward the erection of the district parsonage, and when finished it will be a beauty and a joy and a comfort to him and his interesting family. So you see, Mr. Editor, that something is going on in our little town.

S. E. BURKHEAD.

BRUSH ARBOR DOCTRINAL SNAPSHOTS.

Since death "passed upon" and condemnation "came upon" the infant without his knowledge or consent (see Rom. 5:12 and 5:18) and that he was lost (in Adam) without unbelief upon his part, who can forbid that, without his knowledge or consent and without faith, or believing, he receive or have "passed upon" his baptism, for "even so by the righteousness of one (Jesus Christ) the free gift came upon" him "unto justification of life," without his knowledge or consent, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Not only has he "justification of life" (Rom. 5:18), but Paul tells us that, "Now they are holy" (1 Cor. 7:15). Therefore, when Jesus said to adults, "Except ye be converted and become as little children," the adult having sinned "after the similitude of Adam's transgression," he undoubtedly would have him exercise "repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ" to the end that "justification of life come upon" him—the forgiveness of his own sins—that, like little children, he be justified, have life and be holy. For "whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child he shall not enter therein."

Then we do not baptize the little child to save him, but because he has received justification of life in the redemption of Christ Jesus—is saved from condemnation and death. We baptize the adult for that he has, in addition to all that the child received of "the free gift," received the forgiveness of his own actual sins, thus being made holy, too.

That infant baptism was practiced in the days of the apostles is evidenced in that Justin Martyr, writing in A. D. 138 mentions both men and women sixty and seventy years old who were disciplined to Christ by baptism in their infancy. Then do not believe it if told that infant baptism is an innovation of modern times.

J. L. SULLIVAN.

Cumby, Texas.

Relief For The Vanguard

W. W. Pinson.

Contributions are coming in for War Relief for Missionaries. It is not to be wondered at that people respond to so worthy an appeal. It would be strange if they should fail to do so. The \$20,000 asked for should be in hand in thirty days. The rate of exchange and the high prices in China have stopped building enterprises. These must wait. They have waited long already. They are sadly needed but they do not suffer hunger, nor cold, nor embarrassment, and distress. We are pleading now for men, women and children, who, though far away in space, are very near to our hearts. There are 351 Americans involved, besides many native workers. The usual allowance has been made them, up to the limit of available resources. This is barely sufficient under normal conditions. Under the extraordinary war conditions, it is hopelessly inadequate. Missionaries in the Baptist Convention recently declared that even bare necessities of life were beyond their reach. As for clothing, they must needs go without, except for making over and sometimes turning the old ones inside out. A missionary of another Church who has seen service and endured untold suffering in the war area, wrote me the other day: "Our allowance is about half sufficient. We must have relief, and are trying to raise it." One of our own missionaries on furlough offered to resign his salary and remain at home for the relief of his brethren in China. Another said to me: "I have spent \$1500 savings—all I had. I do not know how I am to manage now." This same missionary wrote some time ago from Mexico: "I have just paid \$10 for a box of soda crackers," and added with characteristic missionary spirit, "I do very well on oats and crackers." One of our missionaries wrote from China that work would have to be closed unless relief came soon, though he knew not where to begin and it was like breaking one's heart to think of doing it.

With the relief we are asking, promptly furnished, the missionaries can manage till we can increase our regular appropriations or conditions change. But the pinch is on now and relief must come and come at once. If each one will do his "bit" and do it now, the remedy will be quick and easy. "Every man as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give—not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

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THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT S. M. U., DALLAS.

Hoyt M. Dobbs.

"All highly organized men value their time." Practically all the leading institutions of higher learning, realizing this, have met the demands of large numbers of business and professional men and women for a summer term in which they may conserve both time and energy and at the same time remain in touch with their respective fields of labor.

The School of Theology will open its regular summer term on June 14 and it will continue for six weeks, completing the term on August 1. The summer bulletin has been issued and 3000 copies of it were sent out through the territory west of the Mississippi to teachers and preachers and other students desiring to do special work.

A letter goes this week to the preachers of the West calling attention to the program for the six weeks summer term. The Texas Christian Advocate has kindly announced through its columns the fact that hereafter the University will keep open its doors throughout the year.

There will be in attendance upon the summer school some 300 teachers and preachers who will do their full work in shaping the character and public opinion of the citizenship of tomorrow. Representative men and women from all parts of the Southwest will spend the time on the campus. It is ten degrees cooler on the University Campus than in the heart of the city. The temperature compares favorably with that on Lake Michigan in the summer. The city of Dallas with its civic, educational and religious activities and institutions, offers exceptional inducements to the discerning student and moulder of public opinion.

Courses will be offered in the departments of Homiletics and Church Efficiency, Psychology and Philosophy of Religion, Church History and Missions, New Testament Greek and Interpretation, and Christian Doctrine.

Dr. John A. Kern, preacher, writer, teacher, and a member of the faculty of Randolph-Macon College, is to offer a course in Homiletics. Dr. Kern is well and favorably known throughout American Methodism, and his books are among the most widely read of all those coming from the religious press.

Dr. Paul B. Kern will offer courses in "Church Efficiency" and New Testament Interpretation. Dr. Kern is an alumnus of Randolph-Macon and Vanderbilt, and has done graduate work in Chicago.

Dr. James Kilgore, an alumnus of the University of Chicago, will offer

courses in Psychology and Philosophy of Religion.

Dr. H. M. Whaling, an alumnus of the State University and of Vanderbilt University, has done graduate work at Columbia, and will offer courses in Church History and Missions.

Courses in Christian Doctrine will be offered by the Dean of the School of Theology. The first will be based on Orr's "Christian View of God and the World." The other will be a study of the "Evidences of Christian Experience."

In addition to the regular courses mentioned the University has secured the services of five special lecturers for the Summer School: Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, Rev. Caspar S. Wright, Dean John H. Kern, Dr. Ivan Lee Holt and Prof. Frank Seay. The lectures will be open to all matriculates in the Summer School. The subjects are as follows: Bishop Mouzon, "The Christ of Matthew," "The Christ of Mark," "The Christ of Luke," "The Christ of John," "The Christ of Paul;" Dr. Wright, "The Minister in the Pulpit," "The Minister in Business," "The Minister in Social Life," "The Minister in the Pastorate," "The Minister as He Touches the Stream of Modern Life;" Dean Keen, "The Genesis of Ethical Standards," "Theories of Evolution," "The Problem of Freedom vs. Causation," "Nature and Limitations of Intellect," "The Conflict Between Theories and Beliefs;" Professor Holt, "The Social Message of the Old Testament," "The Social Message of the New Testament," "Some Significant Emphases in the Development of Christianity," "The Social Challenge of the Church Today;" Professor Seay, "Jesus the Popular Preacher and Friend of Men," "The Life Plan and Pitch of Jesus," "Jesus the Fighter," "The Fundamental Attitudes of Jesus," "The Lonely Life-Work of Jesus."

If you have not already done so, it will be wise to write to Mr. Frank Reedy, Bursar, for reservations which must be made promptly. Perhaps the most profitable use to which one's vacation can be put is a brief period of study under the conditions described. There is no age-limit in the pulpit for the man who continues to pray and to study.

This brother was going some when he wrote us recently that "I love the Advocate. Father, mother, and I have taken it since long before I was born." How is this for hereditary taint? When a man's Advocate habit begins with his father and runs back to his grandmother, it is surely born and bred in the home.—Western Christian Advocate.



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**OUR CONFERENCES.**

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**BISHOP LAMBUTH ON THE WAR PROGRAM OF OUR CHURCH.**

Bishop Walter R. Lambuth spent last Sunday and Monday in Dallas. Our people at Ervay Street heard him at the 11 o'clock hour on Sunday and our membership at Grace enjoyed his thrilling lecture on Africa at the evening hour. The Epworth League at Grace utilized the Bishop's visit for the completion of its gift towards the building of the special boat for our work in Africa.

Monday morning the Bishop was guest of the pastors at their weekly meeting. He told of the work in his Episcopal district and related many incidents which show progress in our western field. The Bishop had just returned from the mid-year meeting of the Bishops and it was what he said of our war program as a Church which most interested his listeners.

The College of Bishops are following the selective draft system of the Government. They are not waiting for pastors to volunteer as Chaplains. Just anybody will not do for a Chaplain. Chaplains must be physically fit, must have a college education and must be men of the best spiritual gifts. The requirements are practically those of applicants for the foreign field.

This does not mean that our men should not volunteer, but it does mean that our committee, composed of Bishops Denny, Murrah, Mouzon, McCoy and Lambuth and Secretaries Moore and McMurry, must recommend names to Washington before the men are accepted. It does mean, too, that the committee is listing men with the view of asking their services.

The committee is enlisting our 1,000,000 women for service also. They are urged to join the Red Cross Society and to give entertainment to soldiers in camps which are located within reach of our Churches. The Churches are to be thrown open and soldiers are to be invited not only to the eleven o'clock services, but to entertainments given by the women. Each Church is to have its honor roll of the men who have gone from it. Prayers are to be offered in their behalf and letters written them in their training camps.

Bishop Lambuth reminded the Pastors' Association that such men as John B. McFerrin and John C. Granbery (afterwards Bishop) were Chaplains during the Civil War. Our strongest men, our most spiritual and our best educated men were drafted for this service.

May we remind the Church again that it has no greater task before it just now than the task of conserving the moral and spiritual health of our sons who are in training camps and who will soon be in the army. The writer of these lines has a son at Leon Springs and it may be that this explains, in part, his solicitude that the Church shall do its whole duty to our soldiers at this time.

**ANOTHER SOLUTION.**

Dr. Edgar Blake's Boston speech on unification was given to our readers shortly after its delivery. The speech commanded wide attention in both Churches. Dr. Blake now perceives that his suggestions concerning the status of the Negro in the reorganized Church are acceptable to neither Church. The Negro himself is violently opposed to the limited representation proposed for him in the General Conference. Dr. Blake, therefore, offers another solution and we prefer that he shall express himself in his own words. He says:

I believe that there is a solution of the problem much more honorable to the Negro, and much more promising for his future. It is the logical outcome of the suggestion made in my Boston address.

a. Create two general jurisdictions, one composed of the colored membership in the United States and Liberia, and the other made up of the remaining membership in America and the foreign field.

b. Give each general jurisdiction a General Conference of its own, which under the provisions and limitations of the constitution, would have full control of the affairs of its jurisdiction without interference from the other.

c. Create a constitution which would be the fundamental law for both jurisdictions and which would define and fix the powers of each, which constitution could be altered or amended only by a reasonable majority of the Annual Conferences, or the membership thereof, of the entire Church.

d. Create one set of connectional boards or societies, which would have supervision and control of the missionary and benevolent work of the whole Church and upon which each of the two general jurisdictions would have representation proportionate to its membership and interests.

e. Create one Supreme Court as the final authority on all constitutional matters, upon which each of the two jurisdictions would have representation proportionate to its membership and interests.

f. Create one Board of Bishops in which the Bishops of both jurisdictions would sit together for conference on all connectional matters.

In such a plan we should have one Church, one constitution, one Supreme Court, one set of connectional organizations, one Board of Bishops, and two general jurisdictions, each having its own General Conference, which under the limitations of the constitution would be supreme in its own jurisdictional affairs. Such an arrangement would give us one Church—inter-racial, international, world-wide in its activities, and sufficiently flexible in its form to provide for the future requirements of every racial and national unit that may arise in the future.

We give this plan of Dr. Blake not for the purpose of discussing it at this time, but for the purpose of giving our readers an opportunity to think it over and for the further purpose of commending the earnestness and sincerity of the author in his effort to find a way to bring our Methodisms together.

We do not understand that either of our General Conferences has issued an ultimatum to the other. We do understand, rather, that the commissioners of each Church were appointed to find a solution for the problem of unification and never to acknowledge permanent defeat. To be sure, the findings of the Joint Commission must be reported back to the General Conferences and with these conferences and their Churches the final decision must rest. It will matter a vast deal, however, if the Joint Commission can agree upon a proposed plan and, for our part, we wish them to continue their deliberations until such plan shall be found.

As we see it, the world situation demands a united Methodism in America; our own work demands it and millions of American Methodists will be sorely grieved if failure shall attend our efforts to secure it.

**SIMULTANEOUS LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS.**

The president of the Anti-Saloon League, Hon. R. H. Kirby, of Austin, after a conference with leading prohibitionists, has issued a call to prohibitionists in wet and partially wet counties to assemble at the court houses in their respective counties, at 2 p. m., Saturday, July 14, to discuss ways and means of ridding Texas of the saloons in these counties.

This call is timely, for the entire State resents the refusal of the Thirty-Fifth Legislature to carry out the instructions of the people to submit a constitutional amendment to a vote of the people. This refusal was an outrage on democratic government. Thousands of anti-prohibitionists are now ready to vote for the overthrow of a traffic which has its stranglehold on our State Government. Local option elections in wet counties will command the support of many men who formerly voted for the perpetuation of the liquor traffic. These men are ready now to register their protest against the dominance of our State politics by the liquor traffic and prohibitionists should lose no time in inviting them to the fray.

For this reason, we say, it is timely that efforts should be made to cleanse the State of the last remaining saloon and we trust that the call of President Kirby will meet a ready response in every wet or partially wet county in the State.

There will be an advantage, moreover, in making these contests as nearly simultaneous as possible. The enemy thus will be engaged along the whole line and will not be able to play one county against another as he has done in the case of Tarrant and Dallas Counties. It will strengthen the prohibition cause in its contest in Tarrant County to know that Dallas County is also waging war at the same time against the saloon. A strong pull and a united pull will lift many saloon-ridden counties out of the wet column.

**BY REQUEST.**

The editor, by request, presents to his readers for the second time his editorial on "A Moral Equivalent of War." The editorial was written more than two years ago when our own Nation was at peace. Now we are at war and many are asking how Christianity will fare in the coming days. In the midst of such questions the editor's faith is unshaken, for he believes that there is a passion which is stronger than the passion for war; a passion which will inspire greater sacrifices and endure greater privations; a passion which is without a parallel in human history—the passion for Jesus Christ. This is the Church's dynamic and it is the veritable moral equivalent of war. Thrones and kingdoms may totter and fall, but the kingdom of our Lord and Christ must prevail.

**SHALL WE HAVE THE \$88,000?**

The first million dollars for the building and endowment of Southern Methodist University were pledged as follows: Methodists of Texas, \$500,000; city of Dallas, \$300,000; General Board of Education, New York, \$200,000. The latter gift was conditional. Payments of this subscription should be proportionate to the actual payments on the other subscriptions. The time for compliance with the terms of the General Board's gift expires July 31, 1917. A further condition of the gift is that the university shall be free from debt.

July 31 is just sixty days ahead. What, then, is the situation? It is this, the General Board has paid in, in round numbers, \$111,000, leaving a balance of some \$88,000. But, under the terms of the gift, it is necessary that the university shall raise \$145,000. That is, we must raise in sixty days \$145,000 in order to secure the \$88,000.

Shall we have the \$88,000? Do we need it? We can hardly pull through without it. Can we get it? Most assuredly. Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, pastor of First Church, Houston, is announced to lead the campaign and this announcement assures success. Did he ever fail? If so, there is no record of it. He didn't fail at Trinity, Dallas; he didn't fail at First Church, Fort Worth; he didn't fail at Austin Avenue, Waco; he didn't fail at First Church, Temple; he hasn't failed at First Church, Houston, and he will not fail at Southern Methodist University.

We urge the Methodists of Texas to rally to the leadership of this superb leader; we urge this for the sake of a great educational enterprise; we urge this in behalf of the good name of our Church. For Southern Methodism cannot afford the distinction of being the first Church in America to forfeit the conditional gifts of the General Board of Education. We must have the \$88,000.

**DO IT NOW!**

If any large effort is to be made this year in behalf of the Advocate Jubilee Campaign, that effort must be made now. Only the month of June remains in which any serious work can be done. Church attendance will drop after July 1 and through the heated term little can be done. Fall will find the preachers busy for the conference sessions. Do it now, brethren. Take the month of June, or such part of it as may be required, for a thorough, conscientious, determined Advocate campaign. The situation demands nothing less. The Advocates throughout the entire country are struggling for existence. Could we allow them to fail? Who, then, would make effective the great organized propaganda of the Church? What papers would champion prohibition? Who would stand against the subtle and powerful efforts to commercialize the Sabbath? What editorial voice would be lifted in behalf of the moral and spiritual life of our soldiers? This work our Advocates have performed. Some times they have suffered the loss of friends because of the high standards of moral and political life which they have maintained; some times, bitter enemies. The Advocates stand almost alone among American papers in exalting principle above policy. Unselfishly they have stood by the Church; without flinching they have upheld the pastors. Push the Advocate Jubilee Campaign through the month of June and begin now.



REGISTRATION DAY JUNE 5.

We can not forbear saying to our pastors that next Sunday should be used to call the attention of their congregations to Registration Day, June 5. Were we pastor again we should review the sincere effort of our Government to avoid hostility with Germany; we should review her ruthless assault upon international law and her persistent disregard of the fundamental rights of humanity. We should explain our unselfishness in entering the war and our prosecution of the same without hate in our hearts. We should speak of the future of the race in the event autocracy and militarism should win this war and we should urge every patriot to do his duty on June 5.

DEATH OF BROTHER BIGGS.

Rev. Jas. W. Allbritten sends us word of the death of Rev. A. C. Biggs, who passed away in the hospital at Cuero, Texas, at three o'clock on the morning of May 28. After a previous operation he was carried to the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. K. Traylor, of that city. Improving slowly for awhile, other complications set in, and under the second operation he passed into the great beyond. His remains were taken to Hearne and tenderly laid to rest by the side of his wife, who died about one year ago. All of his four children were present to comfort him in the last hours. Through Brother Allbritten, the old hero sent this message to his brethren: "Tell my brethren all is well. God still strengthens, comforts and leads. I am resigned." In the presence of relatives and friends, his funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. A. Burroughs, of Waco, Texas.

Thus another one of the old guard has found the land of rest. We are only sorry that we have not the full details of his long life and ministry. Of his parentage we have no record, but know that he was born in La Grange, Tennessee, September 1, 1846. On September 25, 1868, he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Ozan Circuit, Washington District, Little Rock Conference, Rev. A. B. Winfield presiding elder. Admitted on trial into the Little Rock Conference, at Camden, Arkansas, November 26, 1873, Bishop Pierce presiding. At that same session he was ordained deacon. In 1879 he transferred to the West Texas Conference and was ordained elder at Luling by Bishop Pierce on October 17, 1880.

In the readjustment of boundary lines, Brother Biggs became a member of the Texas Conference and died an honored supernuminate member of that body. He leaves two brothers in the ministry—Rev. W. H. H. Biggs, of the West Texas Conference, and Rev. J. A. Biggs, presiding elder of Texarkana District, Little Rock Conference. In all the important tasks, delivered into his hands by the Church, he acquitted himself with success and devotion. He was faithful to the trust, died in honor and triumphantly entered the land of perfect peace and joy.

PERSONALS

Rev. J. P. Patterson preached the commencement sermon for the Shamrock High School on the fifth Sunday in May.

Rev. Otis A. Morris, of Marlow, Ok., preached the commencement sermon for the Marlow High School Sunday, May 20.

The Advocate is deeply grateful to Rev. J. A. Phillips for his masterly contribution which will be found in other columns of this issue.

Rev. W. Vasco Teer, our pastor at Aransas Pass, preached the commencement sermon for the High School of his city Sunday, May 20.

Dr. James W. Hill, of Commerce, delighted the Advocate office with a visit this week. The editor regrets his absence. Come again, Brother Hill.

Rev. J. D. Young, vice-president of T. W. C., was among our callers this week. He has certainly made a superb success of his work at the college.

Rev. R. G. Mood, of Denton, reports that new people are moving into his city constantly. He has a good Church and is happy in his work.

Rev. M. W. Rogers, of Crowell, made us a pleasant call. Church affairs are prospering in his charge. Brother Rogers neglects no interest not even the Advocate.

Rev. O. T. Cooper, of Denison, preached the commencement sermon for the Lone Oak High School last Sunday morning. He reports a great crowd and a fine class.

We appreciate invitations from Misses Camilla Patton and Adelia Crow to attend the commencement exercises of the Wasca High School Friday evening, June 1.

Rev. Theodore Copeland, of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, received thirty members into his Church last Sunday morning as the result of his meeting in which he did his own preaching.

Mr. H. L. Millis, of the Houston Post, made us a delightful call when in Dallas last week. He wrote those fine reports of the Presbyterian Assembly which appeared in his paper.

Rev. Caspar S. Wright, vice-president of Southern Methodist University, has had fine success in securing many scholarships from the District Conferences. He is a tireless worker for the cause.

The editor had the privilege of paying a visit to Mrs. E. D. Mouzon last week. She is still confined to her bed and maintains her cheerful frame of mind. Let us not forget this noble family when we pray.

The Advocate sincerely sympathizes with State Senator J. M. Alderdice, of Waxahachie, in the death of his wife, which occurred in their home Thursday, May 24. May God comfort the stricken family.

The Advocate sincerely sympathizes with Mrs. J. L. Pierce, of Terrell, in the death of her mother, Mrs. Eliza Graves, which occurred at Terrell May 26. Interment was had in Oak Cliff last Sunday morning.

Rev. T. S. Armstrong, of Ennis, has recently preached sermons for the Daughters of the Confederacy, the W. C. T. U., the Odd Fellows and the W. O. W. in his church. He is having one of the best pastorates of his life.

Rev. O. C. Swinney, of Grapevine, called recently. He was enthusiastic over the District Conference held recently at Grapevine, saying it was a great spiritual occasion and the preaching of an unusually high order.

The Mansfield Mirror speaks in high terms of the preaching of Rev. Umphrey Lee in the recent revival held at Mansfield. Brother Lee preached the commencement sermon for the high school in Mansfield last Sunday morning.

Mrs. C. F. Mitchell, wife of our pastor at Paul's Valley, Oklahoma, underwent a serious operation in a hospital in Oklahoma City last week. She is reported to be resting easy. The Church will remember this devoted servant in prayer.

In a recent issue of the Advocate we spoke of Rev. Thos. H. Ward as having two new churches to dedicate on the Comanche Circuit, Oklahoma. The churches are not new, but have been freed from debt. We will not withdraw our congratulations, however.

Rev. G. W. Shearer, pastor of St. John's Church, Stamford, was a pleasant caller last week. This is Brother Shearer's first year at St. John's, but the family pictures are hung on the walls of the parsonage. Brother Shearer is doing a good work at St. John's.

Rev. J. W. Hunt, president of Stamford College and the busiest man in his section, while on a hurried business trip to Dallas, took time to call at the Advocate office. Brother Hunt has done and is doing great honor at Stamford College. It's a big man's job and a big man is on it.

Dr. H. A. Boaz, president of the Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth, has returned from his studies at Columbia University, New York, and is now busily engaged in delivering commencement sermons and addresses. He looks wonderfully refreshed, but is happy to be in Texas again.

We appreciate the following invitation and pray blessings upon the happy young people: "Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Perry request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Reba Eugenia, to Rev. Marcus M. Chunn on the evening of Tuesday, June 12, 1917, at 8:30 o'clock. Methodist Church, Aledo, Texas."

Rev. Abe Mulkey, of Corsicana, has entirely recovered his health and enters the field of evangelism again. He will be at Rising Star June 10. He preached to the great delight of the Oak Lawn congregation last Sunday evening. Bishop Lambuth was in the Grace pulpit at the same hour. Brother Mulkey says he did not advertise his service because he did not wish to interfere with the Bishop's.

Dr. S. H. C. Burgin, of First Church, Dallas, preached a special sermon last Sunday morning to members of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers' Association whom he recently accompanied on an interesting trade trip. His church was packed and his sermon was appropriate.

Rev. Albert A. Puckett, the efficient Secretary of Hugo (Okla.) District Conference, adds this to his splendid report in this issue: "The sermons by Drs. Peterson and Babcock were of that very high order which inspire to loftier ideals, stir the emotions and grip the souls of men, binding them more closely to the Infinite."

Rev. W. S. Dabney was a pleasant visitor to the Advocate Monday. He was en route to Saint Jo, where he will assume the pastorate of our Church in place of Brother Pritchett, who has given up work temporarily on account of ill health. Brother Dabney has been connected with Wesley College at Greenville.

Rev. John G. Pollard, our pastor at Strawn, for the past two months has been under the treatment of a specialist in Fort Worth and will remain in his tent on Polytechnic Hill until August. He writes that visits and letters from friends have greatly comforted him. Let this faithful servant be remembered in prayer.

Rev. W. H. Pearce, of Bovina, orders the Advocate sent to a young man at Ft. Bliss, and adds: "He has been the secretary of our Sunday School and goes from a home where the Advocate is read." How many soldier boys will go out with the influence of a Christian home where the Church paper is prized and read?

The baccalaureate sermon at Randolph-Macon Woman's College will be preached on Sunday, June 3, by Rev. W. A. Smart, B.D., professor of Biblical Theology in Emory University. The commencement address will be delivered on Tuesday morning, June 5, by Dr. Hamilton Holt, editor-in-chief of the New York Independent.

We express our thanks for the following invitation and pray the richest blessings upon the young people who plight their vows to each other: "Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Carl announce the marriage of their daughter, Marcia Edith, to Mr. Thomas William Phillips on Wednesday, May 23, 1917, Floresville, Texas. At home Sealy, Texas."

The following invitation is much appreciated and our best wishes go out for the contracting friends: "Mr. and Mrs. Walter Winn Durham invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Mary Lee, to Mr. Walter Scott Hunnicutt on Wednesday, June 6, at high noon, at St. Mary's Hall, Ninth and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas. At home Marlin, Texas."

We appreciate the following invitation and wish the highest usefulness and happiness for the contracting young people: "Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis Stanfield invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Bessie, to Mr. Arch LaFayette Henderson on Saturday morning, June 2, 1917, at 8 o'clock, Travis Park Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas."

The contract for the erection of a new church building at Itasca, Texas, was closed Monday afternoon. This building, when completed and furnished, will represent an outlay of \$22,000. Mr. Ed Wilkinson is Chairman of the Building Committee, and Rev. P. E. Riley is pastor of the Church. Mr. W. M. Coffman has given the church a fine pipe organ in memory of his mother. This organ, which will be known as the Coffman Memorial Organ, is now being built and will be installed in the church as the building is completed. The building is complete in every detail and architecturally beautiful, and will provide ample room for our growing Church and all modern facilities for present day Church work.

The closing exercises of the Kingston school were had this week. The baccalaureate exercises were held at the auditorium Sunday at 11 a. m. and attended by a large congregation. The music prepared for the occasion was of a high character, and most excellently rendered. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. P. Johnson, pastor of Methodist Church, Madill, and has received the highest commendation from all our people. He dealt with his subject in a masterly manner and forcibly presented the necessity of higher ideals in the realm of knowledge.—Kingston Messenger.

The Madill Record speaks equally complimentary of his sermon to the High School in Madill.

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The Shawnee News-Herald speaks in high praise of the sermon of Rev. C. L. Brooks on May 20. The occasion was the commencement of the Shawnee High School. Among the many things said is the following: "The sermon was one of the most able and timely ever delivered before a Shawnee audience, and produced a strong impression upon all the auditors, young and old alike. The pastor was accorded the most profound attention throughout his discourse."

Meridian College, Meridian, Texas, closed its most successful session Tuesday evening, May 22, 1917. During the year 325 students were enrolled and only six years' literary work are offered. The courses encompass four years academy, or high school work, and the first two years of college course. There were nearly 100 students of college grade enrolled. The year's work is reported to have been one of harmony and progress, although the school was somewhat disturbed by the war situation. Five splendid Christian young men of the senior class volunteered and entered the officers' training camp at Camp Funston. These were all splendid athletes and high-minded Christian gentlemen who will reflect credit upon their homes and upon their school. The commencement program included reading and oratorical contests, music and expression recitals, the inter-society debate, the sermon on Sunday and two literary addresses occupied five days. All of the contests were up to high standards, and the visiting speakers were among the greatest orators of the State. Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, of Southern Methodist University, was the commencement preacher, and is reported to have delivered a masterful sermon. Hon. Pat M. Neff, of Waco, delivered a most eloquent address of an hour's duration on "The American Flag." Hon. C. M. Cureton, First Assistant Attorney General, delivered the address commencement day, his subject being "Service and Its Reward."

COMMENCEMENT AT SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY.

Friday, June 8, contest for Saner Medal in oratory.

Saturday, June 9, at 8 p. m., faculty reception for the Seniors and commencement visitors.

Sunday, June 10, 11 a. m., baccalaureate sermon, by Bishop Francis J. McConnell.

Sunday, June 10, 7 p. m., Senior Vesper Service, with address by Dr. Hoyt M. Dobbs.

Monday, June 11, 1:30 p. m., Alumni luncheon.

Monday, June 11, 5 p. m., the presentation of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," on the campus.

Tuesday, June 12, 10 a. m., conferring of degrees and exercises of graduation. The speaker for the occasion is Hon. Cone Johnson.

IVAN LEE HOLT.

RESPONSES.

It seems I can't do without the Advocate. MRS. R. R. SHORT. Nocona, Texas.

I can't afford to do without the Advocate. T. H. COUGHRAN. Richland Springs, Texas.

I think the Texas Christian Advocate should be in every Methodist home in our conferences and it is good for others. J. B. CULWELL. Sulphur Springs, Texas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

REV. E. HIGHTOWER, Editor
Georgetown, Texas.

IN THE MARLIN DISTRICT.

The District Sunday School and Epworth League Conference of the Marlin District, Texas Conference, met at Marlin May 16, 17, with Rev. Geo. W. Davis, presiding elder, in the chair, and was in every respect quite a successful meeting.

Rev. W. F. Bryan, pastor of Marlin, was certainly a gracious host, and his uniform and considerate courtesy placed some tired field workers under very great obligation.

CAMPAIGNING IN THE HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

This screed is perpetrated on a long suffering public from the home of Jim Henry Stewart at Hillsboro. By previous appointment the editor and Miss Peterman are in the midst of a Sunday School campaign of the Hillsboro District under the direction of that genial and efficient presiding elder, Dr. J. M. Barcus.

One of the most prosperous Sunday Schools in the State exists at First Church, Hillsboro. There is a Wesley Bible Class of men taught by Brother Simmons that has an actual membership of more than a hundred and eighty.

the bosom of human war lords? If so, their blood will seal the doom of imperialism and so will be a worthy sacrifice to the cause of human liberty.

The Hillsboro Sunday School abundantly justifies the expenditure of the eighty thousand dollars which their new church cost.

GOOD FOR CHINA SPRINGS.

On the last Sunday in April the attendance at our Sunday School at China Springs, Waco District, was 268. China Springs is a small inland village a few miles from Waco.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPT.

EULA P. TURNER, Editor

All communications intended for this department should be sent to your editor at Denton, Texas, care of the College of Industrial Arts, until the middle of August.

DATES AND PLACES FOR THE SUMMER EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCES.

- 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.
June 19-29—Epworth-by-the-Sea Encampment, Port O'Connor.

West Texas Conference is in session as this leaves the press. Let us hope for a report from them.

North Texas Leaguers, get ready! June 6 to 10 are the dates! Wichita Falls is the place!

Africa Special pledges are still coming in. Groesbeck is raising a new pledge of \$25 to be paid by June 15.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Dallas District Epworth League Union was held at First Methodist Church last Friday night, and the following officers were elected for another year: President, J. C. Cox, of Brooklyn Avenue; Vice-President, Pat Murphy, of First Church; Secretary, Miss Ella Nash, of Grace; Treasurer, Gilbert Robertson, of First Church; Era Agent, Miss Jewel Wallace, of Oak Lawn; Commissioner Ruby Kendrick Council, Miss Jennie Vickery, of Grand Prairie; Chairman Program Committee, Miss Edna Meyers, of Ervay Street, and representative from Pastors' Association and member of the Council, Dr. Paul B. Kern.

Having recently elected Frank Miller President the Brooklyn Avenue Epworth League has grown to be one of the most efficient Chapters in the Dallas District. On Anniversary Day, recently, the League had the Church hour for their service and standing room was at a premium.

ANNIVERSARY DAY OFFERING.

North Texas Chapters will please note that the Anniversary Day offering and the entire Chapter dues of \$5 should be mailed at once to S. A. Zumwalt, Treasurer, 2901 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

It is with deep regret that we announce that on account of the serious illness of his baby boy, Lambuth, Mr. J. A. Stockwell has been called home and compelled to cancel several engagements in Texas.

PROGRAM 25TH ANNUAL MEETING NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE, WICHITA FALLS, JUNE 7-10.

Theme: "The Message of the Bible."

Thursday. 8:00 to 8:30, Praise service. 8:30 to 9:00, Address, "The Social Message of the Bible"—Rev. Ralph E. Nollner. 9:00 to 10:00, Reception by Wichita Falls Leaguers.

Friday. 6:30 a. m. Sunrise prayer meeting, Miss Jamie Webster leader. 9:00, Devotional. 9:15, Bible Study, conducted by Dr. Paul B. Kern. 10:00, Departmental conferences: Department of Worship, Dr. Paul B. Kern; Department of Social Service, Miss Beas Mayes; Department of Recreation, Miss Maudie Smith; Department of Missions, A. C. Tippens; Junior League Department, Miss Eula McGuire. Executive Officers, Ralph E. Nollner. 11:00, Business session. Welcome address. Response. The President's Message. Appointment of committees. 11:30, Address, "The Evangelistic Message of the Bible"—Dr. Paul B. Kern. 3:00, The Junior Epworth League, Ruby Kendrick Council business session. Meeting of the Epworth League Board. 4:00, Recreation. 4:00, Praise service. 8:15, Address, "The Message of the Bible to Present World Civilization"—Douglas Tomlinson. 8:45, Awarding C. C. Young Loving Cup—The Efficiency Test. Conferring Ruby Kendrick Council Model Degrees.

Saturday. 6:30, Sunrise prayer meeting. Testimony service, Mr. John Maupin leader. 9:00, Devotional. 9:15, Bible Study, "Prayer and Power"—Bishop W. R. Lambuth. 10:00, Departmental conferences. 11:00, Business session. 11:30, Address, "The Missionary Message of the Bible"—Rev. C. G. Hounshell. 3:00 p. m. Business session. (a) Election of officers. (b) Selection of place of next meeting. 4:30, Council meeting of the newly elected officers with the Ruby Kendrick Council. 8:00, Ruby Kendrick Council of Missions—Mrs. Douglas Tomlinson presiding. Song, "Jesus Shall Reign." Scripture Lesson—A. C. Tippens. Prayer—Bishop W. R. Lambuth. "One Hundred Views from the Congo," given by J. A. Stockwell, pioneer missionary to Africa. Quartette, "Speed Away." Annual Offering—Gus W. Thomasson.

Sunday. 6:30 a. m. Communion service; Bishop W. R. Lambuth, Rev. J. Sam Barcus, Rev. S. A. Barnes, officiating. 10:00, Demonstration of Junior Work, Miss Eula McGuire presiding. 11:00, Annual Sermon, "Christ and the Book"—Bishop W. R. Lambuth. 5:00, Social hour. 6:30, "Our Silver Jubilee." A Model League Service, conducted by Gus W. Thomasson and Trinity League of First Church, Dallas. 8:00, Consecration Service. "Leading the Forces"—Rev. C. G. Hounshell.

ON TO WICHITA.

As President of the North Texas Conference Epworth League, I wish to urge every League in our conference to arrange to have representatives at our Annual Conference at Wichita Falls, June 7-10. This is our Silver Jubilee, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Conference League.

Railroads within the bounds of the conference have offered special excursion rates. Excursion tickets will be sold on June 6 and 7 and the return limit will be June 11. Every League member who is planning to go should see his local agent for particulars concerning the rate, and the schedule.

Let me urge every local chapter to set itself in order and be prepared to render a good account of its year's work. I would especially remind all Leagues that one of the requirements to be met in our Standard of Efficiency is the prompt payment of conference dues and chapter membership fee. If your League is not on the following list, see that its treasurer remits to S. A. Zumwalt, Conference Treasurer, 2901 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, five dollars, the amount of the dues and the Chapter membership fee for the Central Office. Attend to this now. Do not wait until conference meets. Following is the League Honor Roll to date:

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Terrell Seniors ..... 5.00
Only the following Leagues have sent in Anniversary Day offerings:
Dallas—
Trinity League of First Church.....\$10.00
Forest Avenue ..... 3.32
Sherman—Travis Street ..... 2.94
Gainesville—Denton Street ..... 1.75
Let's double this list before June 7. Hoping to see you at Wichita Falls, I am, Very sincerely yours, THURMAN STEWART.

EPWORTH NOTES.

F. S. Onderdonk.

We are so glad to hear of many parties contemplating making the trip to Epworth in their automobiles. Those coming from north of San Marcos will find a fine road from San Marcos to Gonzales and then on to Cuero, Victoria and Port O'Connor. Those going from San Antonio direct will find good roads all the way. We are hoping to have "On to Epworth" signs along the way, showing especially the right way when there can be any doubt.

We are expecting for the music to be one of the great features of Epworth. We have a great leader, Bro. Terry W. Wilson. We expect to have two pianos and now we want everyone who plays a violin, cornet or any other instrument, bring it along and help swell the big volume of music.

Don't wait until the last minute to make arrangements for your tent or cottage. Write to Rev. A. E. Rector, San Antonio, Texas, for information. He will send you a folder and whatever information you may desire. To know how many want to be accommodated, will help us greatly.

Rev. Frank Smith, pastor of University Church, Austin, is an Epworth booster. He has undertaken to sell fifty season tickets for Epworth. Who else will do this? Write to Mr. W. M. Carter, Alamo Heights, San Antonio, Texas, for information. Sell ten tickets and get one for yourself.

Remember that Saturday, July 28th, at 11 a. m. there will be a Methodist College Student's Missionary Rally. All Methodist students of all colleges will be expected to participate. This is a great movement. Keep it in mind.

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

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

TO THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENTS OF CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

After prayerfully studying the situation of our country and the high cost of living, we have decided to postpone our Glen Rose Encampment. So please inform the young people. But we will have it again when the war clouds pass away.

MRS. B. R. BEELER, First Vice-President.

EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. H. Buchanan, Publicity Superintendent.

The Board of the School of Missions for Oklahoma and the Southwest will hold its sixth annual session in St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City, June 3-9, 1917.

Plans for the school are made that this may be the best year of our history, and each one attending may get the best results from a week of intensive instruction and study. Daily lectures will be given on both home and foreign study books for 1917-18 as well as junior books, Bible studies, classes in methods, inspirational addresses and entertainments.

The faculty will be composed of experts, who come with the indorsement of the Home Council as being among the foremost lecturers and instructors now before the public.

Oklahoma City is accessible to all parts of the State by rail and trolley lines and cheap board and rooms may be secured for this week. No enrollment fee will be charged any member of a co-operating denomination like the East Oklahoma Woman's Missionary Society.

At least every local Superintendent of Mission Study should be sent by her auxiliary. This is strictly a woman's work for women, although men are welcome. No Superintendent of Mission Study can afford to miss this golden opportunity to fit herself for the work of her office. Every District Secretary and conference officer needs just the training this School of Missions gives. And let East Oklahoma be well represented at this "feast of reason and flow of soul" and receive the inspiration that comes from contact with the brightest, brainiest women of all denominations in the State.

Any information concerning the school will be supplied by Mrs. Paul B. Smith, 2908 N. Harvey, Oklahoma City.

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

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

The Lawton District meeting was held at Frederick May 7, 8. The opening sermon by Rev. J. S. Lamar, presiding elder, was on Tithing and was very helpful indeed.

Mrs. W. H. Decker, District Secretary, made an earnest plea in her message to the district for larger work and a deeper prayer life.

Missions at home and in the foreign land were well presented. A most helpful round table was held on "Problems of the Rural District," while the social service question was well discussed.

A very helpful paper on the value of Mission Study and Publicity was given by Mrs. Richardson, of Altus.

Mrs. McClellan, of Frederick, had prepared a junior program with the Frederick Juniors. This was one of the most enjoyable hours of the session.

We had with us as visitors, Mrs. R. M. Campbell, our Conference President, and Mrs. C. L. Canter, our Publicity Superintendent. Both of these officers attended the Council and at each session gave Council Echoes.

The meeting as a whole was very good indeed. Good attendance, good spirit throughout. Almost every auxiliary in the district sent one or more representatives. There were also a number of representatives from the Young People's Auxiliaries.

The evening service by the young people was enjoyed by all. The Frederick young people gave a beautiful missionary pantomime, "O Zion, Haste." At the close of this session Mrs. R. M. Campbell, in very pleasing manner, presented the work of the Girls' Dormitory, which the women of the conference propose to build at the State University in the near future. Mrs. Campbell made an appeal to the men as well as the women present to



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assist in this work, reminding the men that this is the first time the women of the conference had asked them to assist them in their work.

MRS. M. F. SULLIVAN, Recording Secretary.

RESIGNED.

Mrs. Robert Campbell, Conference Second Vice-President, has resigned her office and moved to Wichita, Kansas. We are sorry to lose Mrs. Campbell. The new officer will be announced as soon as appointed.

"AS I WAS ABOUT TO SAY."

That editorial of Dr. Bradfield, "The Sum of All Heresies," in the Advocate of May 10, is a good one. It is a fact that Philip Mauro's infidelity is old, it is rock-ribbed and as ancient as the moon. Such men would roll back the waves of the ocean and be themselves the God whose existence they deny. I never did regard myself as a Solomon, but I have been too well raised and have too much sense to believe such rot as men like Mauro talks and writes. You may say what you please, boys, but Dr. Hill's writing has the proper ring. A good way to distinguish between a good dollar and a bad one is by the ring. You just take it from me, the most intelligent people in this world are religious people—people filled with divine emotion. If you are doing anything to shout for, just shout. I wish some one of our good faithful members would jump up next Sunday morning, while I am preaching, and shout "Glory to God, I love everybody!" just as loud as they could squall. And that used to happen here (before I came). If anybody in my Church preferred charges against them for disturbing public worship I would pay the fine, as "pore" as I am. From what I can find out I don't believe Bro. Bob Shuler himself would seriously object to a good old shouting revival.

Bro. Carter striped my jacket a little for what I said about Izard County, Arkansas, preachers, and I needed it. He should have given me twice as much. I can see now that Izard County produced many other great men besides "us." I sincerely love my native State. When I go back to the land of our nativity and see the mountains in the springtime and summer, which change to bouquets of purple and gold in autumn to billows of snow in winter, when I watch with joy the shining streams dashing down through the valleys; when I feel the cool breath of the shadowy gorges upon my brow, when I wander among the green hills and quench my thirst from bubbling springs and feast my soul upon the beauty of wonderful landscapes, I wonder what mysterious power drew us away to Texas. Verily, Arkansas is the very best State in the Union (to come from).

Brother Carter, there are several eminent preachers not far from me in Central Texas Conference, who came from somewhere in Arkansas, but as they have always been kind and true to me I'll call no names. Well, the war is upon us. I thought yesterday that I was very patriotic and brave, but I dreamed last night that I was in the army and was about to engage in a battle. Just then a German slipped up behind, punctured the bosom of my pants with a rifle ball, and I hit the dim and shadowy distance like "Nancy Hanks," and there was weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Is this a war between democracy and autocracy? Brethren, these are times when we should live closer to the Savior than ever. With me it is not a question of what the world demands of religion, but what religion demands of the world. The principles taught by Jesus will solve all individual, national and international problems, and nothing else will.

W. T. KINSLOW, Mt. Calm, Texas.

MRS. JENNIE MITCHELL—AN APPRECIATION.

H. G. H.

In my Bishop home word came to me that Jennie Mitchell was dead, dying at her home at Marfa, Texas, Thursday night, May 17th, the body brought to San Marcos for interment. As Dr. J. T. Curry read the beautiful service of our Church at the grave he may not have known that he was helping to bury the body of one of the choicest spirits of Methodism, a woman from earliest girlhood as beautiful in character as she was winsome and lovely in person. I first met her in 1860 at old Oak Island Chapel, on the Medina, in our Sunday School, revival meetings and class meetings. Her very childhood life was nourished on the love of God and sweet companionship. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, old-time Methodists, who lived on the Medina. Rev. J. W. Devilbiss' second wife was a daughter of Mr. Kerr and half-sister of Jennie. Rev. John S. Gillett also married her sister, Carrie, now living in Cuero. Her husband, W. Frank Mitchell, of Marfa, is one of the true and noble men of the West. They raised a large family of fine boys and girls, most of whom were at her funeral as the body of a true mother was laid to rest to await the resurrection. A long life of sweet ministrations is ended, but the memories and fragrance of it remain. It was my fortunate lot to spend many social hours in her attractive home at Fairview. Frank Mitchell was the son of the Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell in whose house in 1888 Rev. Martin Ruter, D. D., superintendent of Missions in Texas, preached his first sermon in the Lone Star Republic. Holy and sacred memories gather around those early days at Oak Island. Splendid spirits were in that congregation. A man was forced to be good in that atmosphere. Old-style fathers and mothers in Israel and their children nourished by the grace of Wesleyanism. I bade her "good-bye" for the last time a few years ago in Seguin. We talked of olden days. Standing on the church steps her last word was about heaven.

REV. E. B. THOMPSON—AN APPRECIATION.

He is gone to the silent land. There are few now living who know even as much as I know of the life of E. B. Thompson. While he has been in the North Texas Conference for more than forty years and well known and of good standing with his brethren and no doubt they think that they know it all, but to me it appears that I know of his life, times and acts that few now living know of. The conference, or Texas as to that, has not held him in its entire life. Perhaps there are others in the world who could tell yet more of his life and let me tell you that I belonged to the Fourth Alabama Cavalry Regiment in the Confederate Army as also did he and there I met and learned to love Emmett Thompson. It being arranged by some good providence side by side through good and bad we shared each others fate to the end of the war and those were days that tried men's souls and I know that the life of a soldier in active service tells more than any civil action and as I saw it then I now think there was no better soldier in that war than was Emmett Thompson. Every day saw him ready for the occasion in good health and fine spirits, ready for action in fun in the camp or fighting on the field. I had been in when his comrades fell thick and fast around him, some to die and decay and their bones to bleach in the coming summer's sun and others taken away for more decent interment and amid all these horrors, I never heard of him in the least to shirk. He was an ideal soldier and a most excellent young man, cheerful and kind, ever ready to help a fellow, and as firm as Stonewall Jackson. He was pleasant and happy with his comrades, kind and good to prisoners, always had plenty to eat and clothes to put on. No matter how short the ration Emmett would sing, "I Have Plenty to Eat and Having Lots of Fun." He kept a good horse and he fed it, too, and he was a rider as gallantly resplendent as ever drew a blade. General Forrest would say, "Emmett is a whole file of himself."

But alas, to us came the saddest day of all when we were ordered to ground our arms and to lower that "Bonnie Blue Flag" that we had followed so long and loved so dearly and it was never to unfold and wave in the soft breeze of our fair Southland any more, the very saddest day of our young lives—no idea of what would follow, but we invariably looked for the worst. It was a sad day indeed to us.

This was April, 1865, and he and I separated. He went to his home in North Alabama, I to mine in South Alabama. This brought a silence of thirty years. We did not even hear a word from each other for all this long while, but through the same kind providence in April, 1895, we were thrown together again, this time also in an army of soldiers of the cross, and as I expected he had outran me and he is now a preacher of righteousness. Sin could not hold him down.

Now he did not look to me at all like he did in 1865, then a brilliant, trim, well-made, beardless boy—now in 1895 a well-settled, broad-shouldered, bald-headed preacher and yet as active

in the service of his Church as he was then in the Confederate Army and he fell in the service of his Master and died at his post.

Since that day, in 1895, he and I have been with each other and our associations for the last twenty-odd years have been a glorious treat to me. I have enjoyed his good counsel and brotherly love and many have been the joyous hours we have had together—first in the Confederate Army, then in social life, in fraternal brotherhood and in the Church service that we loved so well.

But now Emmett has gone to his reward and I am sure it is a great reward, for as we sow so shall we reap. He sowed well in love and his reward is sure and now that I know the effects of love I am sure that this that makes him so dear to me is quite different from what others call love. I think it is far more sweet and pure and less earthly, but Emmett is gone—his face forever hidden from me in this world, but the throbs of my heart swell as I think of him as he once was while yet the first fresh years of manhood lingered around him—when faith, hope and love were his possessions and before custom, rate and conventional fads had wrinkled his brow and dulled the music of his voice. But now that Emmett is gone, the last of Company K that I know of, and I am left stranded on this shoal of time without one tie to bind me to that which is dear, without one star of hope to beckon me on through the accumulating darkness of this storm-swept world. To him I will say:

Green be the sod above thee,  
Friend of my better days,  
I knew thee but to love thee  
Nor named thee but to praise thee.

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TIMPSON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The District Conference of the Timpson District of the Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in Center, Texas, the 15th day of May, 1917. A large number of preachers and laymen were present at the first roll call.

Judge Porter Anderson, a very prominent layman of Center, made the welcome address and opened their hearts and homes to every delegate and visitor attending the conference. Bro. Elrod, presiding elder of the district, replied to the address and thanked the people for the generous offer that Judge Anderson had made.

Bro. Elrod impressed from the first beginning to try and make this session as spiritual as possible. I can very truthfully say that I never attended a District Conference where the laymen and preachers co-operated in any one thing as they did trying to make this session be a good one and to put some spirituality into it as well as to attend to the business of the Church. You could hardly tell the preachers from the laymen.

One of the most interesting things that happened was the laymen's meeting on the second afternoon. This meeting was turned entirely over to the laymen. Some of the best laymen of the district made talks on the laymen's work and a great deal of good was gained for this movement as well to make the preachers sure that they could work this laymen work if they only pushed it a little.

Taking everything into consideration this was the best conference we have had in a long time. The good people of Center did not leave anything undone that would have marred the pleasure of the visitors and we will remember their hospitality for a long time. Every item of business was attended to and plenty of time was given over to the spirituality of the occasion. Bro. C. F. Smith, presiding elder of Beaumont District; Bro. White, from Longview; Bro. Timmons, from Lufkin; Dr. Whaling, from S. M. U., Dallas, and our own Uncle Jim Wilson did the preaching for us, and you know that the spirituality of the Church was looked after. The session closed after a most glorious meeting.

G. B. SANFORD, Sec.

CORONAL INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT.

The Commencement exercises at Coronal Institute began on May 17th, in the evening, with a recital by Miss Marie Williamson, who, in addition to being the first-honor graduate, was entitled to a certificate in music. On Friday night a "play" was given under the direction of the teacher of Expression, and on Saturday night the musical forces united in a concert. On Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Dr. C. M. Bishop, President of Southwestern University, preached two strong sermons to large and appreciative audiences. The sermon before the undergraduates was as highly spoken of as the Commencement sermon. On Monday night Dr. H. W. Knickerbocker delivered a splendid literary address, and at 10 a. m. Tuesday he delivered the address before the graduating class. Both addresses were inspired by Shakespeare, and not only exhibited a discriminating knowledge of the characters therein, but a keen and proper estimate of the moral purposes the great author had in view. The entire Commencement program met with general favor, and the school closed with harmony among all the forces connected with it. There has been an increase of about forty pupils in all departments over the former year, and the school holds its rating with the Department of Visitation of the University of Texas, with some gain in affiliation. Coronal Institute owns more property than it has ever owned before, and is making slow, but sure, headway in paying its indebtedness. Its representatives should have right of way in West Texas, and our people should give it generous support.

The new President, Prof. C. U. Moore, A. B., has arrived and has already begun work. He is young and capable and has as his associate, Prof. S. N. Jonakin, A. B., who is also said to be a strong addition to the faculty. I have moved into a private residence in San Marcos and shall hold revival meetings until the Bishop sees fit to use me elsewhere, and in the meantime I shall do all I can for Coronal Institute, both in increasing its patronage and resources.

V. A. GODBEY.

Cannot afford to let my subscription lapse. The Advocate has been coming to my home nearly thirty years. MRS. C. E. HARRIS. Tahoka, Texas.

A FEAST OF GOOD THINGS.

Waco, Austin Avenue, Methodist Church has been the center of Methodism for the past week.

On Sunday, May 20, at 11 a. m., Rev. J. W. Hill, D. D., preached a soul-lifting sermon at Fifth Street Church. Rev. John R. Morris is pastor. Nothing more to be said that would enhance the value of this discourse. At 8 p. m. Austin Avenue was packed with people to hear Dr. Hill on "Providential Origin of Methodism; Its Genius and Mission," Rev. F. P. Culver presiding. Dr. Culver, in introducing Dr. Hill stated a truth when he said that Dr. Hill stood in a class all alone, and notwithstanding a very severe sickness from which he had not thoroughly recovered Dr. Hill's lecture was well worth the attention given by this large gathering.

Monday, May 21, at 8 p. m., Rev. J. E. Whitehurst, presiding elder, presiding, Rev. S. A. Steel, D. D., gave his great and wonderful lecture, "The Pioneers of Methodism." We have had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Steel before, but never has he carried the audience with him in a more happy presentation of those grand old heroes as they went up and down carrying the blessed tidings of salvation.

Tuesday, May 22, 8 p. m., Rev. H. L. Munger presiding, Bishop E. D. Mouzon, "Methodism and Education." Bishop Mouzon needs no flattery from us. Suffice it to say that he was at his best, especially in stating Why I am a Methodist. Everyone left the church well satisfied.

Wednesday, May 23, Rev. R. F. Brown presiding, Rev. O. E. Goddard, D. D., "Evangelistic Spirit in Methodism." There is no necessity for further comment. Those who have kept up with Dr. Goddard in his evangelistic campaign in the Advocate know what to expect and were not disappointed.

Thursday, May 24, 8 p. m., Rev. John R. Morris presiding, Rev. E. W. Alderson, D. D., "The Doctrine and Polity of Methodism." Dr. Alderson is known from Texarkana to the Gulf as the leading theologian of Texas.

Friday, May 25, 8 p. m., Rev. J. E. Crawford presiding, Rev. W. W. Pinson, D. D., Missionary Secretary of the M. E. Church, South, "Methodism and Missions." Those who know Dr. Pinson can vouch for a clear and concise statement on the Church and its missions. The Women's Missionary Societies of all the city Churches were well represented and were enthused with new life, and no doubt the outcome of these lectures will be to give Methodism a fresh hold on the hearts of our people.

Owing to the doctor's orders that Dr. W. D. Bradfield must not go beyond his editorial office, we are very much disappointed at not hearing him on "Texas Methodism." We have no doubt we voice the question of the Church, May we not at some future day have the pleasure of hearing this much-looked for and expected lecture?

Owing to this change the afternoon lecture has been postponed until 8 p. m. Sunday, Rev. D. A. McGuire presiding, Prof. A. T. Pegues, Ph. D., "Methodism a World Force." Those who heard this, the closing lecture of this wonderful series, fully appreciate that the members of the Churches of Waco Methodism have a much clearer vision of what the Methodist Church stands for. Our heartfelt thanks to Rev. John R. Morris for the splendid program gotten up by him and carried through without a hitch. Thanks are also due Rev. J. A. Whitehurst, our much beloved presiding elder for his cordial sanction and close attention. To Rev. F. P. Culver, D. D., and his people many thanks are due.

Having written this much on the great time we Methodists enjoyed, it has put me in a reminiscent mood. Rev. W. W. Pinson was our pastor at Travis Park Church, San Antonio, away back in the eighties. We were delighted to meet him after all these years.

Rev. E. B. Chappell, our Sunday School Secretary, preceded Brother Pinson as our pastor, so that we are intensely interested in both of our Secretaries of Missions and Sunday Schools.

We read with delight all Brother H. G. H. writes. Rev. H. G. Horton was our first pastor when we landed in Texas in 1882. He was then preacher in charge in Seguin. Rev. W. J. Joyce licensed this writer to exhort in 1883. Rev. Homer S. Thrall, D. D., baptized one of our children in San Antonio. Rev. Buckner Harris was my presiding elder (San Antonio District). We first made the acquaintance of Rev. S. A. Steel in

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Houston in 1895 at the Epworth League Convention. Dr. Steel was then editor of the Epworth Era. There is one feature of that convention that will ever remain on my mind. Some of the older brethren may remember it. It was on the closing night in the opera house. Bishop Charles B. Galloway, Dr. Mathews, Dr. DuBose, Dr. Steel, Dr. Pinson and many other noted ministers were present. Rev. George C. Rankin was pastor of Shearn Church. After several addresses the power of God was manifest and the Holy Spirit was present with his convicting and converting power. Dr. Mathews began to sing that old song:

Lord, I care not for riches  
Neither silver nor gold;  
I would make sure of heaven,  
I would enter the fold.  
In the book of Thy kingdom,  
With its pages so fair,  
Tell me, Jesus, my Savior,  
Is my name written there.  
Yes my name is written there,  
On its page white and fair.  
In the Book of Thy Kingdom,  
Yes, my name is written there.

The old Doctor, with his venerable gray hairs, sang the song through and the saints got happy and the sinners cried for mercy. That was one time when a Bishop forgot his dignity and gave God the praise that was due him for the manifestation of his Holy Spirit. That was a grand finale to a great Epworth League Convention. We wish for Brother Onderdonk a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the encampment at Port O'Connor this summer. May it be the greatest meeting ever held. May our

young people go back to their Leagues with renewed vigor. EDWARD J. HAMMOND, Local Elder Fifth Street Church, Waco, Texas.

RELIGION IN THE UNIVERSITY. (Continued from page 5).

Dr. Chappell has already made a large place for himself in the life of the University and in the life of the city of Dallas. He was educated at the Webb School, Trinity College, and Harvard University. He comes equipped by gifts and by grace for this great work, and that he has made full proof of his ministry is abundantly manifested in the results with which God has honored us.—Hoyt M. Dobbs.

I could not get along without our Advocate. God bless our editor and publishers. HUNTER COOK. Cost, Texas.

I have been taking and reading the grand old Advocate for about forty years. God bless the editor and publishers and everyone concerned in getting out this good paper. THOS. CALLAWAY. Penelope, Texas.

I have been a reader of the Advocate since I was a little boy, for my father, D. G. Gardner, was a subscriber long before I could read. Long may it live to bless others as it has me. D. W. GARDNER. Cleveland, Texas.

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ATTENDANCE CONTEST IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In response to our request a number have written us about unusual Sunday School records. We have several photographs and records in detail of Sunday School attendance that are little less than marvelous.

We will be glad for any school which has members of long records of attendance to write us giving us the facts. We believe this will prove interesting to the readers of the Advocate and something of an incentive to others in the matter of attendance.

Again, let us call attention to the fact that reports to be included in the Christian Advocate of the current week must reach us not later than Tuesday morning. In spite of our frequent publication of this fact reports continue to reach us as late as Friday and Saturday each week.

The Christian Advocate goes to press early in the week and if this data does not reach us Tuesday morning there is no option. It simply cannot be included.

Weather conditions were irregular over the territory covered by the Advocate last Sunday. In some places the day was delightful while in many others rain storms and hail and other unpleasant features played havoc with the attendance. Altogether the report is fine.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MAY 27th, 1917.

Table with columns for Class (E, F, G, H, I, J, K), School Name, and Attendance Count. Includes schools like Tyler, Texas, Marvin; Dallas, First; Dallas, Tyler St.; etc.

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

W. C. EVERETT, Secretary.

CHANGE OF DATE.

The Amarillo District Conference will meet at Canadian June 7 at 9 o'clock instead of June 5 as previously announced. Opening sermon will be preached Wednesday night by L. G. Haggard.

C. N. N. FERGUSON, P. E. Amarillo, Texas.

BROTHER DRAPER REPORTS.

Cash reported first week on the superannuate home for Brother and Sister Bragg. Who else will help to put a shelter over these old heroes of more than a third of a century's faithful work for the Master: Sunday School Class, Mrs. J.

Table listing names and amounts for Brother Draper reports, including Pitts, teacher, Pittsburgh \$1.30; C. T. Nash and wife, Nixon 5.00; etc.

Total \$48.30. All of which is hereby gratefully acknowledged. H. E. DRAPER. Austin, Texas.

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, such as Ardmore, at Vinita Ave., Sulphur, May 29; Pittsburg, at Hardy Memorial, May 29; etc.

MARLIN DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICE.

Owing to June 5th being registration day and many of our delegates being registration officers, Marlin District Conference will meet June 6th at 9 a. m., instead of June 5th. Opening sermon will be preached Tuesday night, June 5th, by Rev. F. G. Clark. GEO. W. DAVIS, P. E.

CORSICANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

I want the name of every lady who will attend the Corsicana District Conference, and want it at once. We want to provide the best entertainment possible, and it will help us if each pastor in the district will notify us at once about how many laymen to expect from his charge. E. A. SMITH. Groesbeck, Texas.

UVALDE DISTRICT.

Will the brethren, who have not yet done so, please send in a list of the delegates whom you expect to attend the District Conference. Indicate whether by train or auto. Come to the parsonage for assignment to your home. We are expecting you to stay through the entire session of the conference. "Appointments will be read" Thursday night or Friday morning, June 8th. Bring your League delegates. JOHN A. SICELOFF. Yancey, Texas.

Stamford District—Third Round.

Table listing dates and locations for the Stamford District Third Round, such as Weinert Cir., May 26, 27; Munday Cir., June 2, 3; etc.

Tyler District—Third Round.

Table listing dates and locations for the Tyler District Third Round, such as Alba, at Pleasant Retreat, May 19, 20; Edgewood, at S., May 26, 27; etc.

This round was published in the District Reporter April, not October, 1917, as the printer made it appear in the headlines. It is not the fault of the Advocate that it did not appear in it sooner. Clip out this third round or preserve the paper for future reference. Let the pastors arrange to have the conference in connection with their protracted meetings. This can be done by voting the conference to the place where the protracted meeting is to be at the date fixed for the quarterly meeting. We will elect delegates to the District Conference on the third round. The time fixed for the District Conference is August 27 to 30. We will meet in Winona Monday afternoon 3:30. Opening sermon by C. W. Hughes. J. T. SMITH, P. E.

Durant District—Third Round.

Table listing dates and locations for the Durant District Third Round, such as Ada, Asbury, June 3; Ada Asbury, June 3; Emmet, June 17; etc.

S. H. BABCOCK, P. E.

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CHURCH DEDICATION.

The church at Small, near Edgewood, will be dedicated June 24, which is the fourth Sunday. Rev. W. F. Smith, of Grand Saline, will preach the dedicatory sermon. Former pastors and presiding elders are cordially invited. The congregation is most anxious for as many of these former friends as possible to visit them at this time. I. E. THOMAS.

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ALEXANDER—Our Sister P. N. Alexander went to her reward April 17, 1917, from Chapel Hill, Washington County, Texas. She had spent 90 years, 3 months and 19 days on this earth. It was a long and useful life. She was a member of the M. E. Church for seventy-seven years. The Texas Advocate has visited her home from its beginning. She was the first President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Texas Conference. For several years her eyesight has been failing and that has hindered her active service in the Church. But her beautiful Christian character retained its vigor and she was loved and petted by those who knew her best, "who being dead yet speaketh." She was born January 26, 1827, at Montgomery, Alabama. Married Mr. Tom Wilson in 1856. Came to Texas by private conveyance before there were any railroads in the State. Settled in Washington on the Brazos. Moved to Millican in 1860. February, 1864, Mr. Wilson died. She then moved to Bryan in 1867. On November 11, 1879, she married Rev. Robert Alexander, D. D. (the great pioneer Texas preacher). He passed away in 1882. For about the past thirty-five years or more she made her home in Chapel Hill. She has been under the care (in her declining years) of Miss Annie Lide, a granddaughter of Rev. Robert Alexander, who has been a very tender, affectionate, devoted step-granddaughter.

GEO. H. PHAIR.

HUNTER—Johnson Beverly Hunter was born near Richmond, Fort Bend County, Texas, October 7, 1853. Died at his home near Winchell, Texas, February 19, 1917. In early life Bro. Hunter attended school in Richmond and Houston, Texas. In 1874 he, with his parents, moved to Coleman County, Texas. Bro. Hunter was twice married—first to Miss Jennett Napier in 1879. Some twenty-four years later Bro. Hunter, along with three sons and a daughter, was called to mourn the death of this devoted wife and mother. His second marriage was to Miss Ida Oxford of Stephenville, Texas, in 1905. Bro. Hunter joined the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. C. G. Shutt. He was Sunday School superintendent for some three years and was a steward at the time of his death. This is a brief outline of the life of an open-hearted, many man, a safe counselor, a born leader of men. The influence of early Western frontier life determined in a large way the character of Bro. Hunter's life. He was a good citizen, a kind neighbor, a devoted husband and father and last, though not least in his life, he was a true and tried friend to the Church and preacher. His going has left a vacancy not only in the home, but in the community and in the Church. The funeral services were held at Trickham, Texas, where his tired body found its last resting place in this world. May the consolation born of a faith that does not tremble on the brink of any earthly woe be the portion of the bereaved wife and sorrowing children until, through God's grace, you shall at last come to that land where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. A former pastor. LEE A. CLARK. Zephyr, Texas.

RITCHIE—R. W. Ritchie was born in Tennessee, February, 1839; died at the Confederate Home, Austin, Texas, March 24, 1917. Came to Texas in an early day and settled near Rusk, Cherokee County. In the fall of 1875 he moved to Burnet County, Texas, where he spent the remainder of his active life. He was twice married, first to Miss Pheby Jane Irvin, August 14, 1856. To them six children were born—three boys and three girls. His second marriage was to Mrs. Mary E. Blessing, a widow with three boys. To this union were born five children—three boys and two girls. He was converted early in life and united with the Baptist Church. In 1867 he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which communion he lived a consistent and honored member until God called him home. He believed in family worship and kept up family prayer. He was a reader of the Texas Christian Advocate for many years. He was a man of decided conviction and his influence was felt for good wherever he lived. After the death of his second wife, October 15, 1882, he kept house with his children until they were all grown and able to provide for themselves. No father was more beloved and respected by his children, but for the past eleven years, of his own choice and over the protest of his children, he lived in the Confederate Home at Austin. He leaves nine children, three stepchildren and fifty-one grandchildren, with a host of friends to mourn his going. He served during the Civil War, but I am not able to give data. I was the pastor of Bro. Ritchie for three years, while I was stationed at Burnet, and can truthfully say that he was a most excellent Christian man, always on the right side of all moral questions. Loyal and true to his Church, he was much beloved by the people of Burnet. Since I came to Austin I visited him a number of times. He seemed to be contented and happy. I am sure that all was done for him that could be done. While earth is poorer, heaven is richer. It was my privilege to conduct his funeral and it was a double funeral. Another saint of God was laid to rest at the same time. I was assisted by Rev. E. W. Allen, pastor of South Austin M. E. Church. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." M. J. ALLEN, P. C. Austin, Texas.



JOHN TEMPLEMAN SLATER MATTIE PICKETT SLATER

SLATER—November 25, 1843, in Macon County, Missouri, was the earthly beginning; March 1, 1917, at Slater's Chapel, near Nolan, Texas, was the raising into glory of John Templeman Slater. December 18, 1867, he married Mattie Pickett, of his native State. There were three sons born—Estelle (deceased), Emmett (Quincy, Ill.) and Fred. Moved to Texas in 1883 and settled on a comfortable farm near Crowley, Tarrant County. The year 1901 was spent again in Missouri. In 1903 he moved to Nolan County, Texas, where he died. As a citizen he was a friend to all. His neighbors far and near were helped in a material way. Many children owe their pleasant surroundings to the effort given their parents in a material way. And yet no man was ever forced to terms of contract. He was far from an extortionist. In the home as a husband and a father he was an ideal. With him and his wife it was love at sight. His wife was ever afterward his ideal of God's choicest gift. His highest joy was to make everything as easy and as pleasant as possible for Mattie. They were still sweethearts. With his sons he was always a father. There was the closest relationship. His Christian stewardship began the day he surrendered his life into God's hands at Mills Chapel, Randolph County, Missouri,

forty-four years ago. He was then made an official in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was one continuously. From that date until his death he never missed a session of the Quarterly Conference. The first time he was marked absent was March 6—five days after his death. He largely built the Methodist Church at Burleson, Texas, while living near Crowley. After moving to Nolan County in 1903 he was responsible for the building of the Church at Slater's Chapel, which building was built and dedicated during the pastorate of Rev. E. A. Turney and dedicated by Presiding Elder Matthews. His pastor's salary was always paid. He was a zealous Methodist and ardent Christian and loyal to his pastors, all of whom received bountifully of all his worldly goods and spiritual fire. The cut above is he and his wife while they lived in Tarrant County. Many have been messages received by this preacher as to the helpful touches of him on their lives. We have missed him, for he never missed a service at his local congregations. His advice and exhortation was, "I want you to come to see us, but please do not neglect the people here—go to see them, help them, pray with and for them." Again we miss him, but shall meet him in the eternal city. His pastor. J. W. WATSON. Blackwell, Texas.

HUGHES—Rev. W. S. W. Hughes was born near Blythes Chapel, Mississippi, March 18, 1850, and died December 23, 1916. Bro. Hughes professed religion when about sixteen years of age and joined the M. E. Church, South. When about 19 years old he was licensed to exhort and was a great worker, fine help in meetings, a splendid Sunday School teacher. He was loyal to his Church, always true to his pastor. He was married to Miss Julia Harris September 4, 1879. To them were born four sons, three of whom are living. All married and are honorable young men. One died in infancy. Bro. Hughes came to Texas about thirty years ago and has resided in the Hickory Creek neighborhood continuously since. His friends are numbered by the number of his acquaintances. He was a good citizen, a true husband and companion, a generous father, a Christian gentleman at home and abroad. His home was a place of prayer, having erected the family altar the first night he and his bride moved home. Surely a good man is gone to his eternal reward. We are poorer, but he is richer. To his loved ones we say, Be thou faithful unto death and meet him in heaven. C. B. GOLSON, Pastor.

BONEY—Rebecca Jane Boney (nee Graham) was born in Macon County, Alabama, July 13, 1853, and after a long illness died at Kress, Swisher County, Texas, April 15, 1917. At the tender age of 15 she gave her heart to God and joined the M. E. Church, South, and devoted her after-life to the service of humanity. She was united in marriage to T. R. Boney August 1, 1869. To them were born thirteen children, of whom four have crossed over the flood and nine remain with their sorrowing father to miss and mourn her absence. Sister Boney had been a great sufferer for years, but her sufferings never abated her interest in the service of God and humanity. She had great faith, made great by toil and self-sacrifice. She was positive and firm in character, well grounded in the saving doctrines of Christianity; in short, no shirker of Christian duty. At her own modest but solemn request the writer—assisted by her pastor, Rev. W. P. Edwards—preached her funeral to a large congregation of sorrowing friends and kindred, but we did not mourn a defeat, but rather celebrated a victory. May the grace of God sustain the lonely husband and the rody example of the mother be the guiding star to the children until they meet in the home of the uncloaked day. T. F. ROBESON.

FLY—Mrs. Clara Lee Fly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Belding and wife of Mr. W. M. Fly, died at her home in Gonzales, Texas, December 24, 1916. She was buried in the Masonic Cemetery at Gonzales, December 26, 1916, the writer, who was her pastor for several years, officiating. I wish to pay a simple and loving tribute to the pure and radiant life of a faithful friend and sister in Christ. Born of sturdy Methodist parentage, reared in the spiritual atmosphere of a Methodist home, it is no wonder that she grew into a noble Christian womanhood. Her virtues were many. She dared to live for God and for her children. She put into those unfolding lives of her girls those sterling and sublime virtues that make womanly women. Among her joys was the dispensing of hospitality to God's ministers. Her heart and her home were always wide open to her pastors. She possessed the rare temperament of making every one feel perfectly at home. Like Mary of Bethany, no one ever entered her home or sat at her table without her breaking the alabaster box of loving ministrations and happy hospitality. Her tireless devotion to her husband and children was beautiful and sublime. No labor was ever onerous, no duty too great and no task too heavy if it brought to them some comfort and happiness. She was one of those home-makers and home-keepers who always seemed to know just what to do to keep the atmosphere of the home ideal. Her married life was a song without one jarring note or discord. There has been no break in her life. It is as if she had crossed the sea. The old memories and old loves are still with her. New friends do not displace old ones. She is not sick nor weary now. She is not alone. She has joined others. She did not seek heaven because she despaired of earth. She has taken her earthly treasures with her to heaven. She did not fly to Jesus in the winter of her heart. She came when her heart was summer and when its leaves were green. She brought to the Master the full-blown rose, the ripest fruit and the finest songs. She broke the alabaster box not when it was empty, but when it was laden with perfume. GASTON HARTSFIELD.

BOAZ—William Jesse Boaz was born in Hickman County, Kentucky, August 26, 1840. He came to Texas at the age of 20 and made his home at Birdville, Texas. In August, 1868, he was married to Miss Mary Bell Anderson and moved to Fort Worth, Texas. To this union there were born eight children, six sons and two daughters—all living except the eldest two sons, who have gone on before. In 1862 Bro. Boaz answered the call of his country in the war between the States, and enlisted from Fort Worth in Company E, Col. George H. Sweet's Regiment, and served until the close of the war, suffering wounds and imprisonment and being engaged in many battles, including Franklin and Chickamauga. Bro. Boaz joined the Church at the age of 35, but some few years later, during a meeting conducted by Major Penn, he was happily converted to God, and from this conversion he never doubted his relationship with Him, manifesting it daily by his life and works. When the Missouri Avenue Church was organized Bro. Boaz and his wife were numbered among its charter members. From the beginning he was anxious for the material and spiritual welfare of this Church. After the completion of the beautiful edifice for which the congregation had struggled and for which Bro. Boaz had given largely of his means, it burned during his absence from the city. He did not become discouraged but wired the subscription that made the new building possible. During the later years of his life, by a change of residence to another part of the city, it was not convenient for him to attend the night services, but at the 11 o'clock hour Bro. Boaz was always in his place. He loved his Church, but his heart was larger than the narrow confines of the Church. His heart was tender and sympathetic and he came as near living up to the first chapter and twenty-seventh verse of James as any man of wealth I knew. He was a successful business man, but he kept books with the Lord and his tithing account was as correctly kept and the funds as conscientiously dispensed as was any other duty performed. He never turned a deaf ear to the calls of suffering humanity, for to him it was a pleasure to give relief. Probably more than \$100,000 he has turned into the channel of public and private benefits in this city and State. As one of the pioneers of Fort Worth he occupied a prominent place among its builders. As a Christian he has won a place among the blessed immortals. He left to his wife and children a worthy heritage, for both in public and private life his honesty and integrity were never questioned. In his Church life he was positive in his duty to God and therefore stood for the right on all moral questions for which no pressure could swerve him. Missouri Avenue has lost one of her strongest pillars, but the Church triumphant has welcomed a strong son of God. The family has lost the wise counsel of an esteemed head, but over yonder, where ties will never be broken and no farewells ever said, we shall see his face again. C. C. HIGHTOWER.

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daughter and wife... WRIGHT—Mr. J. R. Wright was born in 1855, and in 1885 was united to the kind and loving companion who stood by his bedside until the last hour and remains with the children to grieve over his absence.

NITE—Milton Nite, son of T. C. and Rhoda Nite, was born November 17, 1898, and departed this life April 18, 1917. Milton professed faith in Christ some time ago and was loved by most all who knew him.

AMANDA NITE. Winchester, Texas.

KELLEY—Miss Lula Ara Kelley was born May 20, 1899, and departed this life March 16, 1917. Miss Ara is the daughter of Mr. S. N. Kelley and Mrs. Lula Kelley, of Ebony, Texas.

HENRY FRANCIS. REV. J. B. LUKER.

James Burette Luker was born in Choctaw County, Alabama, May 30, 1850. His mother died May 20, 1851, and his father died October 15, 1862. He lived with a married sister until his older brother returned from the Civil War, after which he lived with his brothers until he removed to Texas in 1872.

AS A BOY already had tion. Way Brown of :—"I have Ointment rs—in one , occupying between the case is ef- Ever since been heap- in its fight leaves such carbuncles, lises, burns, Send for a Dray & Co., Tenn., or gists.

the many who have been brought into the kingdom through his ministry. I miss him and his wise counsel. As we walked out of the death chamber one of his stalwart sons, with his arms around me, said, "At times in my life I have been inclined to doubt some of the Christian's doctrine pertaining to death, but I have seen my father pass away with such abiding confidence in the hope of the life beyond I am fixed in my father's faith."

ROBERTS—A tribute to my dear friend and neighbor, Mrs. Mary Ann (Bard) Roberts, who died in great peace, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Kornegay, in San Marcos, Texas, on the morning of the 20th of February, 1917.

Hooker District—Third Round. Tyrone, June 2, 3. Hooker, June 5. District Conference, at Hooker, June 7-10.

Creek District—Third Round. Okmulgee Cir., at New Town, June 16, 17. Broken Arrow Cir., at Broken Arrow, June 23, 24.

Muskogee District—Third Round. Braggs, May 13. Checotah, May 20. Hanson Cir., May 25, 26, 27.

Beaumont District—Third Round. Liberty, June 3. Newton, June 9, 10. Port Arthur, June 17, a. m.

Timpson District—Third Round. Tenaha-Paxton, Saturday and Sunday, June 2, 3. Carthage, Sunday, June 3. Gary-Wesley Chapel, Saturday and Sunday, June 9, 10.

Navasota District—Third Round. Shiro Cir., at Iola, June 9, 10. Huntsville Sta., at night, June 15.

Cisco District—Third Round. Rising Star, June 2, 3. May, at M., June 3, 4. Breckenridge, at Pecan, June 9, 10.

Vernon District—Third Round. Odell, at Odell, June 2, 3. Tolbert and Fargo, at Tolbert, June 9.

McAlester District—Third Round. Phillip's Memorial, 11 a. m., June 3. Wilburton, Q. C., 4:30 p. m.; preaching 8 p. m., June 3.

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Big Spring District—Third Round. Andrews, Cobb, June 2. Seminole, Bessie, June 3. Lamesa Mis., Sparenburg, June 9.

Holdenville District—Third Round. Wewoka, May 27, 11 a. m. Seminole, May 27, 8 p. m. Holdenville Cir., June 3, at Fairview.

Houston District—Third Round. Chinango, June 10. Alvin, June 10 (night). Galveston, First Church, June 11 (night).

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**POPLAR BLUFF TITLE DEEDS.**

H. G. H.  
What sort of religion is it that makes members of the Poplar Bluff Methodist Episcopal Church, South, gushingly fall on the shoulders of members of the Poplar Bluff Methodist Episcopal Church and take possession of their title deed to a piece of property?

And the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church try to divide up the spoils of this gushing spell by taking possession of the title deed to a piece of Southern Church property.

That's the way things went from a certain direction in the early days of reconstruction.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was not recognized as having any existence at all until the strong arm of Federal law gripped these would-be despoilers by the throat.

By what authority can either party to this Poplar Bluff "gush" sell or purchase either one or the other piece of Church property?

Who can deliver or who dare purchase a title-deed to the Vanderbilt University property? Stolen goods! Had it not been for the magnanimity and high sense of justice on the part of such men as U. S. Grant in the days of reconstruction where would have gone the title deeds to many pieces of Southern Church property?

Gush that affects property rights

and disregards Church law—claiming to be unified religion—had better not receive the "blessing" of a Bishop.

Such gush savors of the same fanaticism that in 1844 would take away the ordination parchments of a Bishop without due process of law and trial before an ecclesiastical court.

Give us a little religion—due regard for Church law—consideration for our highest legislative body—and less fanaticism.

Constitutional rights are as sacred today as they were in 1844.

Gush and fanaticism cannot constitute a foundation for anything permanent.

In reconstruction days the arms of the carpet-bagger Methodist went clear round the Negro—for revenue only.

The Southern Church offered the Negro a good part of the only loaf it had. The Poplar Bluff style of union with the Negro after a few years palled on the appetite of the Northern branch of Methodism.

Now the Yankee brother holds up the colored brother to the sunlight and says: "Take him! Take him! His color may not suit you. But take him! Take him! And we together will do our level best to land him in mansions in the skies."

Now, without gush or fanaticism, I. H. Light, in Christian Advocate of May 11, tells us just about what we

all ought to do with the Negro in closing up formal unification. And it is as far above Poplar Bluff foolishness as heaven is above earth.

**BEAUMONT DISTRICT ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS.**

At the Beaumont District Conference held recently at Orange a resolution was adopted protesting against the circulation in this district of newspapers carrying liquor advertisements.

The resolutions were signed by the following committee: H. T. Perritte, G. H. Collins, R. C. Griffin, A. D. Rawlinson, J. O. Cox, J. T. Tadlock, R. N. Ford and J. S. Young. The resolutions follow:

"Whereas, In this time of almost world-wide war, with millions of people hungry, starving, the United States taxed to its utmost capacity to furnish food for its own people and the allied nations; and

"Whereas, Over six hundred million bushels of grain are being used annually in the United States in the manufacture of spirituous liquor, besides fruit and the other feedstuff; therefore be it

"Resolved, By the Beaumont District Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in session at Orange, Texas, representing a Methodist constituency of approximately 25,000, protest against any daily paper circulating

within the bounds of the district, carrying liquor advertisements."

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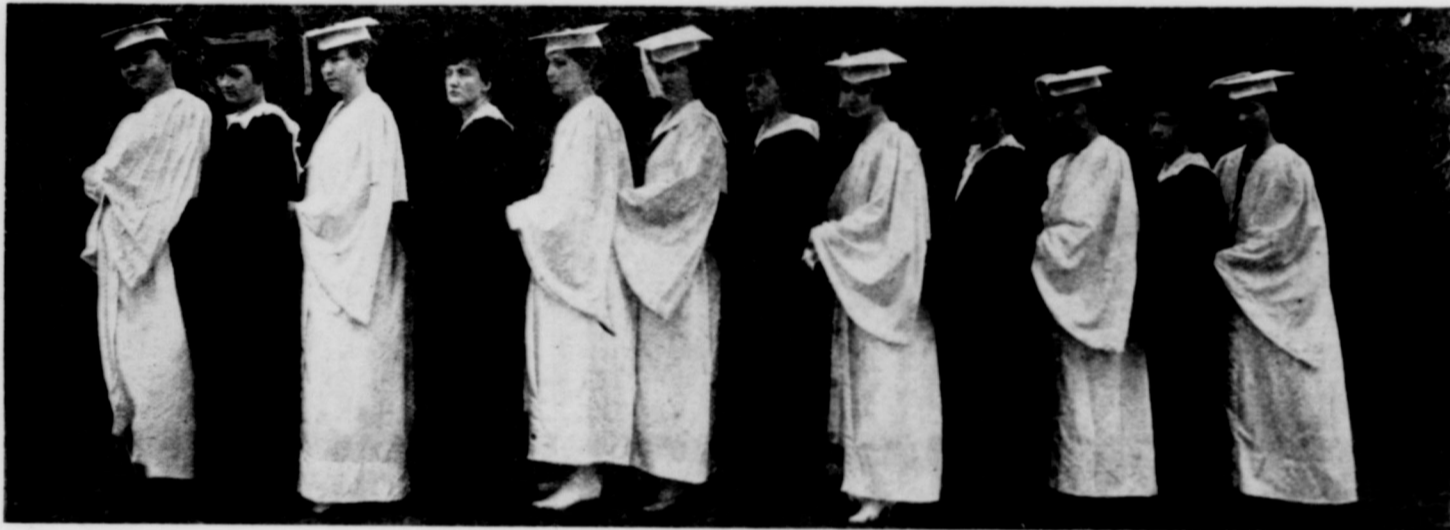
**TILLERY-PHILLIPS**—At the parsonage in Bethany, Louisiana, at 6 p. m., April 28, 1917, Mr. Bernice Tillery and Miss Effie Phillips, both of Bethany, Louisiana, Rev. M. R. Turner officiating.

**EDWARDS-NORVELL**—At the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Hill Norvell, of Bethany, Louisiana, Mr. J. M. Edwards, of East Point, Louisiana, and Miss Lessie B. Norvell, of Bethany, at 6:30 p. m., May 6, 1917, Rev. M. R. Turner officiating.

**SPENCE-HOUSTON**—On May 19, 1917, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Houston, of Stanton, Texas, Mr. Henry Grady Spence of Jacksonville, Texas, to Miss Iva Estelle Houston, Rev. M. L. Moody officiating.

**DAVIS-WILLINGHAM**—On February, 1917, at the residence of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. W. E. Willingham, in Stanton, Texas, Mr. Roy Davis, of Knott, Texas, and Miss Cora Willingham, Rev. M. L. Moody officiating.

**NICHOLS-SNEAD**—At the home of the bride's parents, Robert Lee, Texas, May 10, 1917, Rev. H. A. Nichols, of Iredell, Texas, and Miss Mary Ethel Snead, Rev. W. K. Simpson officiating.



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