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ARTICLES ABOUT TYLER AND SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS,
IN THE
TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE
1881-1885

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 8, 1881, p. 2, c. 1

COZBY.—Little Lizia, infant daughter of C. C. and S. J. Cozby, died at her uncle's, Wesley Maynes, near Garden Valley, Smith county, Texas, Oct. 31st, aged two years and eight months. She was a loving child. It is hard to think we shall see her sweet face and hear her prattling tongue no more on earth. It throws a passing cloud across our skies, but by faith we see her in the arms of Jesus. My dear little Lizia with other loved ones gone before, will be at the beautiful gate, waiting for me where I hope soon to join them, where parting will be no more.—Sallie Cozby.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 22, 1881, p. 7, c. 3

BRIGGS.—John Lynch Briggs was born in Smith County, Texas, July 6th, 1856, and died at his father-in-law's, Mr. T. Casswell, nine miles east of Tyler, and near where he was born, Dec. 16, 1880. The deceased was known by the writer since his early boyhood. When quite young, his widowed mother administered through mistake morphine to her two sons. But the youngest and subject of this sketch was spared by a Kind Father; his brother dying in less than twenty four hours. No doubt, the mother in her extreme grief, was comforted with the thought that one at least was spared to be her stay and comfort in her declining years; and to wipe the death sweat from her marble brow and to catch her last words on earth, echoing even from the other shore. But, alas, the tomb has closed upon her boy and sorrow upon the mother's heart. He was a true son. For thirteen years the mother and son had lived alone. Tender and thoughtful was he to that devoted mother. How well he repaid the long years of anxious toil and tiresome waiting only *she* can tell who now weeps in sorrow and sadness for him who is no more. Moral, temperate and upright, he did not fail to add that other jewel to his character—the pearl of great price. He professed religion in the fall of 1877, and joined the Methodist Episcopal church, South, of which he lived a consistent member until his late demise. He was conscious of his departure; and when Jordan's chilly waters were closing around him he asked of *her*, who would have died to save him, what she would do now; knowing full well that upon his strong arm she had relied so long. To her we would say: hold out only a few more days, and you too will hear the welcome plaudits: it is enough, come up higher! He leaves a young wife and babe and two sisters to mourn his untimely death. May the Lord sustain them all in this, their sorest affliction, and at last bring them too into the portals of eternal bliss where parting will be no more and where the weary are forever at rest, is the prayer of a friend. B. D.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 29, 1881, p. 5, c. 3

S. W. TURNER, Tyler, Smith Co. Jan. 18: Weather is bad and roads accordingly, but so far have been able to meet my appointments on Marshall district. . . . The second quarterly meeting was at Canton, on the Overton and Troupe circuit. Everything gave evidence that a live preacher was on the work, if it is *A Little*. A parsonage had been bought since conference in Troupe. The same occurred under the labors of this same preacher last year on the Jacksonville circuit. We had a pleasant quarterly conference; \$103.75 paid preachers. Everybody in good

humor. Sunday it was snowing, but we had prayer meeting and preaching. This work will be heard from again.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 19, 1881, p. 5, c. 3

A. Little, Troup, Smith Co., February 7: I am well pleased with my work (Overton and Troup circuit.) Have five appointments. It is a very pleasant work, and the outlook encouraging. I have made one round; met good congregations and a kind, good people. Have visited quite a number of families; all seem glad to meet the preacher. We are comfortably located in the parsonage. It has been secured since conference by the circuit. The good people of Overton and Troup circuit know how to make the preacher feel at home. I feel that our lines have fallen to us in pleasant places. Our first quarterly meeting over; finances good. We are well pleased with our new presiding elder if it is S. W. Turner; he is the right man in the right place. God bless him in his labors. We are looking forward and praying for a gracious revival on the entire work. Brethren remember us in your prayers at the throne of grace.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 26, 1881, p. 1, c. 5

OVERTON AND TROUP CIRCUIT, Smith County, Feb. 15.—I intend to work for the ADVOCATE; and will try to place it in every Methodist family in the bounds of my work. Our people appreciate the ADVOCATE, hence they subscribe for it. We can not get along without our church paper, especially the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE; it is a power for good. We indorse the temperance movement; are in favor of removing the temptation. Let the ball continue to roll. Let us continue our efforts until we remove the liquor traffic.—A. Little.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 12, 1881, p. 5, c. 2

W. N. Bonner, Tyler, Smith county, March 4: Bro. Phillips, our pastor, is actively employed in the interests of the church; he has fine congregations and good attention; prayer-meeting on Wednesday nights are generally well attended; we are looking for a revival of religion; our town is growing in population; a number of new buildings are being erected; the machine shops for the Texas and St. Louis railroad are rapidly progressing; Tyler is quite a railroad town.—(The above is taken from a business letter. We are always glad to hear from Bro. Bonner.—ED.)

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 19, 1881, p. 7, c. 4

VERNER.—Sister Mary, wife of Bro. L. E. Verner, died February 25, 1881, at her pleasant home eight miles west of Tyler, Smith county, Texas. She was the daughter of Littleton and Nancy Yarbrough, and was born July 20, 1832, in St. Clair county, Alabama. Embracing religion in early life she joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and subsequently by letter the M. E. Church, South. Was first married to Mr. Wiley O. Moore, who died August 1, 1864. Sister and Brother Verner were married February 1, 1866. She was an earnest and useful member of the church, until death severed her relations with the church militant, that she might join the church triumphant. The writer of this was her pastor in 1874, and can testify as to her faithfulness and Christian integrity. He called on family in February last. Religion was the topic of conversation, and he found her to be more spiritually minded than usual. Among others she expressed a desire that the class meeting should be reorganized at their place of worship. The TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE was her favorite paper and she read the obituaries with great interest. She died as she had lived, a Christian. She leaves a husband, three daughters, (two sons

having crossed the river before her), many relatives and friends to mourn her loss. For her to live was Christ; to die was gain.—W. N. BONNER.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 19, 1881, p. 7, c. 3

MCLEAN.—Sister Olivia Adaline, daughter of Samuel R. and Adaline Barber, was born in Chambers county, Alabama, March 3, 1842; removed with her parents to Texas in January, 1851; received the witness of the spirit through faith in Christ, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Smith county, Texas, at twelve years of age; was married to brother Hiram H. McLean in January, 1860, and lived an exemplary Christian life to the day of her death, October 18, A. D. 1880, in Throckmorton county, Texas. Her husband having preceded her to the spirit land, she leaves three children, besides a host of relatives and friends, to mourn their loss. One by one the Father releases his own tired precious children from this world of trial, to enjoy rest at home with Jesus.—GEO. W. RILEY.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 9, 1881, p. 3, c. 2

GARDEN VALLEY, Smith county, March 13.—*Dear Uncle Ike:* We are little girls, aged nine and ten years, and go to school to a good lady. Our Sunday-school has come out of winter quarters at Union Chapel. It reorganized to-day. We hope to have a good time at Sunday-school this year, and learn a great deal about the Bible and our Savior. We wish to join your Testament class. We have commenced reading it. We are little Methodists, but we have not joined the church yet; pa and ma are members of the church; pa takes the ADVOCATE; we love to read it, and especially the letters from you and our little cousins. Methuselah was the oldest man that ever lived and Enoch was his father. We all love our preacher, Bro. C. H. Smith. He is doing a good work; may God bless his labors and save us all in heaven.—JIMMIE AND EUDORA MAYNE.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 16, 1881, p. 5, c. 2

TYLER, Smith county, April 5.—Bro. T. P. Smith, pastor on Larissa circuit, is getting along very well. He is the right man in the right place, so say his brethren. He is working for the ADVOCATE, and praying for a revival all over his circuit. Farmers are very backward with their work. Peaches nearly all killed out. Circuit court will adjourn this week. Sent several convicts to the penitentiary.—E. B. ZACHRY.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 16, 1881, p. 5, c. 2

TROUP, Smith county, April 2.—Last night Mr. Martin B. Arnold was run over by the train at Troup and instantly killed. Mr. Arnold had started home, and was walking on the railroad track. The facts in the case are not fully understood. When shall whisky be removed from the land?—A. Little.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 23, 1881, p. 1, c. 2

TYLER, Smith county, April 14.—Garden Valley circuit is getting along pretty well, religiously. Crop prospects are gloomy; about two frosts a week on an average; abundance for the present; fine crop last year.—C. H. Smith.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 23, 1881, p. 2, c. 1

The Christian Association.

TYLER, April 13th. On February 20th we organized in Tyler a class with seven members, which has now increased to twenty-one. We have given the convocation the name of "The Christian Association." It is not denominational. The object is to draw nearer to God, and to cultivate a social christian spirit. As we believe progression to be the law of man's being in this life, as in the life to come, we desire to make an advance movement. We meet every Sunday evening at 3 o'clock, open the exercises with singing and prayer, and then comment upon the scriptures, interchange ideas, relate christian experience, and endeavor to incite each other to more active christian work.

We wish to aid the pastors of the different denominations in their arduous duties. Like the disciples of old, waiting and praying for the descent of the holy ghost, we are praying for a general revival of religion, and trust it will be with us as it was with them.

We have weekly prayer meetings in the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian Churches, and preaching twice on the Sabbath. Bro. Philips, pastor of the Methodist Church, is laboring earnestly for a revival, and is preaching a series of sermons well calculated to awaken the people to its importance. Last Sunday night one person joined the church, and three others publicly asked for the prayers of the church. He is varying the services at our prayer meetings. Thirty minutes are spent in prayer and song, and thirty minutes in a general discussion of some Biblical topic, previously announced, in which several persons have participated. In lieu of this discussion we occasionally have Bible readings. A particular subject is selected; various passages of Scripture bearing upon the subject are collated, references to which are written on slips of paper, and distributed among the members, who separately rise as the reference is called, and read the passage assigned. In this way the attention of the congregation is specially called to the subject, and an active participation in the services engaged in by many persons who would otherwise be spectators only. The last subject was "the blessedness of giving." Reference text: Acts, chapter 20, verse 35. The next subject announced is "The judgment and the future state of the righteous and the wicked." We have an average attendance at prayer-meeting of more than one hundred persons.

On last Monday evening he called the young men of the church together, with a view of getting them into closer communion with himself and to encourage them to more active work in the church. The propriety of organizing a Young Men's Christian Association was discussed and argued upon. We are glad to learn that young men of other communions are anxious to engage in this Christian enterprise.

We have four Sunday-schools in Tyler; our Methodist school is in very successful operation; the average attendance is above one hundred; much interest of late has been awakened by a public interrogation of teachers and scholars at the close of the school. Self pride inspires a desire to answer promptly and correctly, which cannot be done without study and investigation; the music and singing are unsurpassed in any school in the State.

The East Texas University, Chomwood [sic--Charnwood] Female school and other day schools are well attended; a fine moral sentiment is inculcated in all of them; the great body of the enterprising business men of Tyler are members of some branch of the church; general finance, prosperity and improvement is manifest, and altogether we have good reason to thank God and take courage.—W. N. Bonner.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 7, 1881, p. 3, c. 1

TYLER, Smith county, April 26.—*Dear Uncle Ike:* I am a little girl and twelve years old in December; I want to join your Testament class. Papa takes the ADVOCATE. Our preacher is

T. P. Smith; I love him. We have a good Sunday-School; our superintendent is Bro. Lane; my teacher is Mrs. C. Mathis. My papa and mamma are Methodists. I have one little sister. I must close by saying howdy to my little cousins.—Missouri A. Hall.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 7, 1881, p. 4, c. 5

E. R. Large, Tyler, Smith county, April 30: The weather is pleasant. Some corn has come out since the cold snap; yet some are having to plant over. Some few are done planting cotton. We are getting along smoothly religiously. Bro. Tom Smith is the right man in the right place. He is a searching preacher. Sunday-school revived and doing very well. Hope good will be done.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 21, 1881, p. 2, c. 3.

GARDEN VALLEY, SMITH CO., April 18.—*Dear Uncle Ike:* We are two little children aged seven and five years. We have been going to school but had to stop this week on account of the measles. I am very sorry, for I do love to go to school. Grandpa takes the ADVOCATE and I do love to hear ma read your letters and the little children's. Ma learned us that sweet little prayer commencing, "Now I lay me down to sleep," as soon as we could talk, and we say it every night. We are trying to be good little children we will meet our little sister who was called from earth to heaven last November. Uncle Ike, pray for us. Your little niece and nephew.—WILLIE AND BASCOM COZBY.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 28, 1881, p. 1, c. 3

SPRINGFIELD, Smith county, May 14, 1881.—Last week was a very wet week. It rained every day. Farms are in the grass, though their owners are buoyant with the crop prospects. Corn is generally small; some are plowing up and planting their cotton over, on account of bad stands. We expect to have a two day's meeting the fifth. We hope good will be done. Our Sunday-school is doing well.—E. R. Large.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 28, 1881, p. 1, c. 4

SPRING HILL, Smith county, May 20. We had a heavy rain yesterday. Some are plowing up and planting cotton over—some for want of a stand and some on account of the grass. Corn is looking very well where it has been worked out. The Sunday-school at Spring Hill somewhat flourishing.—E. R. Large.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 28, 1881, p. 5, c. 5

TYLER, Smith county, May 20.—The second quarterly conference for this station is just over. Missionary assessments are up. Assessment for curators to Southwestern and delegates to Ecumenical paid in full. Salary of P. E. and P. C. paid, and \$800 to purchase new pews for church in sight. The Sunday-school is prosperous, and the state of the church is good. Prayer meeting attendance over a hundred, prayers fervent, and song spiritual. I have, in connection with my prayer meetings, Bible readings, and occasionally a service of song. These are entertaining, instructive, and bring out many to the prayer meetings who would otherwise stay at home.—H. B. Philips.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 11, 1881, p. 4, c. 4

TYLER, Smith county, May 23.—*Dear Uncle Ike:* Our quarterly meeting closed yesterday. Our presiding elder preached on Saturday from Psalm XXIX, 12, and on Sunday from Job XIV: 21. Bro. Smith and his dear good wife were present, besides many other friends. Azariah began to reign when he was sixteen years old. II Kings, xiv: 21. Who came with his horses and chariot and stood before the house of Elisha? I received a Testament for memorizing verses in Sunday-school. My teacher's name is not C. Mathis but E. Mathis. Uncle Ike, I want you to pray that I may love the Lord while I am young.—Missouri A. Hall.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 11, 1881, p. 5, c. 2

GARDEN VALLEY, Smith County, June 3.—I drop you a line to let all that feel an interest in Garden Valley circuit know that we are getting on pretty well. Our second quarterly meeting is over. The presiding elder was at his post, attending to all his varied duties, and preaching to the edification of all. Finances tolerably good; far ahead of last year. Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings at nearly every appointment. Received into the church up to the present time twenty-eight children; baptized three. Curators, money paid, also for delegates to the Ecumenical Conference. All the other collections will be made in due time.—C. H. Smith.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 2, 1881, p. 5, c. 2

TYLER, Smith county, June 25.—Delegates and members to the district conference at Tyler will be favored with excursion tickets on the International and Great Northern railroad at one and one-fifth fare, provided that each delegate and member has a certificate from the preacher in charge or secretary of the quarterly conference, showing that he is entitled to excursion rates.—John Adams, P. E.

TYLER, Smith county, June 23.—Delegates and visitors to the Palestine district conference can purchase tickets at any station between Corsicana and Winona on the Texas and St. Louis road at one and one-fifth rates for round trip. Tickets on sale from the fifth to the eighth and good to the fourteenth.—U. B. Philips.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 9, 1881, p. 3, c. 1

GARDEN VALLEY, Smith county, June 10.—*Dear Uncle Ike:* I would like to have my name on your Testament class. I attend Sabbath-school regularly. Papa and mamma are members of the Methodist church, and mamma is my Sunday-school teacher. I have neither brother nor sister. Papa is a farmer. Corn is fine. Papa has just finished laying it by. Bro. Caleb Smith is our preacher and Bro. S. W. Turner our presiding elder. I wish to ask my little cousins how many times Jesus and God are found in the gospel of St. John. Mamma made me a present of a nice Bible on my last birthday. I am trying to read it through by my next birthday, which will be the fourth of next March. I have read to Exodus in the Old Testament and to Matthew xxii in the New Testament. I go to school to Mr. Tunnel, and am studying history, grammar, spelling, dictionary, writing and arithmetic. We are to have a camp-meeting this summer. Papa speaks of tenting. I help mamma to cook, milk, wash, starch and iron. I learned the Lord's prayer three years ago. Papa holds family prayer every night. I want to be a good girl and meet my dear mamma in heaven. My present mamma is my stepmamma. I have many friends gone before. I want to meet them. I hope the blessing of God will rest on Uncle Ike and all my little cousins.—MATTIE ELLIS.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 9, 1881, p. 5, c. 2

STARRVILLE, Smith county, June 28.—Our second quarterly meeting is over, with good promises for better times. Our presiding elder is popular with the people. The old charge of Starrville circuit has not lost caste, though she has lost many valuable members by removals. They know how to provide for the preacher and make his family feel at home among them. Finances are all right, and an upward religious tendency. The ADVOCATE is an old and general favorite.—F. M. Stovall.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 9, 1881, p. 5, c. 4

DR. GEO. T. GOULD, president of the Female College, Millersburg, Ky., will visit several of the District Conferences in Texas during the months of July and August. It is his purpose to accompany any young ladies who may wish to go to Kentucky about the first of September for the purpose of attending his school. Any persons wishing to communicate with him can do so by addressing him at Tyler, Texas, care Colonel T. R. Bonner.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 16, 1881, (page? column?)

Religion in the Schools.

The District Conference of Palestine district, East Texas conference, held at Tyler, had before it for discussion the action of the State Board of Education in their decision that no teacher who opens or closes his school with prayer or reading the Scriptures, shall receive any of the public school money. Colonel W. S. Herndon very ably argued the legal side of the question, maintaining that the board had not rightly construed the law, since the term "sectarian," as used in the constitution, could not apply to any of the existing denominations. A sect means a body cut off from the established church, or from the generally accepted system of religion or of thought. The great evangelical churches being agreed and at one upon the essentials of religion, a sect could only be some party hereafter arising and differing from these. Otherwise all the churches are sects; are cut off from the generally accepted doctrines. This being absurd, shows the incorrectness of the interpretation.

Colonel T. R. Bonner dwelt briefly upon the fact that the good people of Texas are largely in the majority, and that all are interested in this matter; that the time had come when all good people should combine, not to throw religion into politics, but to make politicians respect religion. These had long enough pandered to the infidel, the atheist, the dregs of society. That the bone and sinew of the country, the taxpaying and respectable part of the communities, should have their money taken away from them to support schools to which their children could not go, was an outrage to which they ought no longer to submit. The religious press and religious people ought to be a unit, agitating this subject till the obnoxious interpretation should be removed. Dr. George T. Gould, of Millersburg Female College (Ky.), made a few remarks, taking the position that not only should religious people protest against this handing over of the school fund to infidelity and vice, but, if their protest is not heeded, then should they withdraw their children from all schools in which the reading of the Bible is prohibited. This might, for awhile, entail a burdensome expense, but it would be money well spent: for not only is education without religion a curse—an unmitigated evil—but when the central board found the schools supported by the state attended by only the children of a very small minority who are opposed to the Bible—when, indeed, the attendance would become so small that such schools could not be supported—then would both the central Board and the enemies of the Bible be brought to their senses. He closed with an exhortation that this great state, the wonder of the day in the rapidity of its development, the land to which thousands in the older states are looking as a home for their

children; that Texas with all the wealth of her present and the promise of her future, be not bound to the destroying wheels of infidelity and sin. Certainly no more important subject has been discussed at any district conference.

The very forcible presentation of this matter at the session of the Sulphur Springs District conference, printed elsewhere in these columns, is worthy attention. The religious people of Texas are being aroused to the importance of the public school enactment, and it is evident they can not much longer be imposed upon in the premises.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 16, 1881, p. 4, c. 7

SMITH COUNTY, July 7.—Marshall district conference was well attended. We had a very harmonious session. All the interests of the church were attended to. We had a glorious love-feast; preaching characterized by great earnestness and the use of practical subjects. We are hopeful on the Starrville circuit; are preaching, praying and talking for a revival. Some sickness; continued dry weather. About enough corn made to supply home demands. All take the ADVOCATE.—F. M. STOVALL.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 30, 1881, p. 4, c. 6

OVERTON, Rusk county, July 19.—We held a meeting at Canton, Smith county, with good results; six happy conversions, four accessions to the church, and the church somewhat revived. It was truly a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Bro. C. H. Smith, from Garden Valley circuit assisted in the meeting, doing good work, also Bros. Spruce and Tunnell, locals, did effective service. I am now holding at Overton; outlook good.—A. Little.

TYLER, Smith county, July 23.—We had a fine rain to-day, the first since May 31st. Bro. U. B. Phillips is sick. The new pews for our church have reached us and are being placed in the church and varnished. They will not be ready for use before next Sunday. They are made of walnut and are nice and comfortable. Ref. G. T. Gould, president Millersburg Female college, Ky., will leave this evening for Palestine to fill the pulpit of Dr. Finley, who has been requested to preach the funeral of Elijah Eales, an old Methodist friend of Dr. Finley.—W. N. Bonner.

SPRING HILL, Smith county, July 23.—Bro. Smith had just closed a meeting at Earl's chapel. Has a fine revival; some five or six conversions. He commences to-day at Union Springs. It is raining this morning. Cotton has stopped growing; corn has been cut very short on account of the drouth.—E. R. Large.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 30, 1881, p. 7, c. 2

HUGGINS.—Died, July 19, Posey Huggins, infant daughter of Clay and Dolly Huggins, in Starrville, Smith county, Texas. In the death of this little babe we had evidence of the intense love of parents for their children, and how the Christian faith modifies bereavement.—F. M. Stovall.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 13, 1881, p. 5, c. 3

GARDEN VALLEY, Smith county, August 4.—At Holly Springs church I commenced a meeting the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July and held it six days. The church was much revived; a good many reclamations, twenty-two or twenty-three conversions and thirteen accessions to the M. E. Church, South. Bro. Leclere, of Prairie circuit, and Bro. McDow, local, did good service. We report four or five conversions at other places. We expect a gracious revival all over the circuit.—C. H. Smith.

STARRVILLE, Smith county, July 26.—The Starrville camp-meeting will embrace the third Sabbath in August. The meeting is to be self-sustaining. There will be a lunch table for the accommodation of all not otherwise provided for; also a lot of corn and oats for horses. Ministers of the gospel are cordially invited; also singers and altar laborers. Come and help us. May the Lord come with you. Fine rains. Not much sickness. People cheerful.—F. M. Stovall.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 27, 1881, p. 7, c. 2

HARRISON.—Died, in Smith county, Texas, July 27, 1881, Sister Ethel W. Harrison. Sister H. was born in the state of Missouri, July 17, 1839, was united in marriage to her now bereaved husband, D. R. Harrison, in October, 1859, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in November following. Sister H. possessed an amiable disposition, making warm friends wherever she went. Her Christian life was marked by constant devotion to her church obligations and her consistent course in her religious life. She was the subject of long and great affliction, having been confined to her room for nearly four years—most of the time. The writer visited her occasionally during the last three years of her sickness, and always found her cheerful and perfectly resigned to the will of her Heavenly Father. A few days before she died she called her husband and children to her bedside and gave to each her dying charge and requested them to meet her in heaven, and then sang that beautiful chorus, "O, come angel band and around me stand." She was perfectly rational almost to her last breath; and when asked by her heart-stricken husband if she was ready, her distinct reply was, "Anxious, anxious!" She died without a struggle or a groan. May her Christian life and happy death be as beacon lights to encourage her children and friends in the way to life eternal.—E. B. Zachry.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 3, 1881, p. 1, c. 2

GARDEN VALLEY, Smith county, August 23.—The Garden Valley camp-meeting closed last Friday night. It lasted a week. We had a glorious time. Fifty-three conversions and thirty-three joined the Methodist church. Our elder, S. M. Turner, T. P. Smith, D. M. Stovall, Wm. Smith and Wm. McDow, all did valuable service.—C. H. Smith.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 3, 1881, p. 7, c. 2

LARGE.—Carrol Selman, infant son of Rev. E. R. and Flora Large, was born January 21, 1880, baptized by Rev. John Adams April 3, 1880, and died June 23, 1881. Little Carrol was an interesting child, the pet and best loved of a fond father and mother, the sunshine and joy of doting grand parents; but God who have him [mis-transcribed?] called him away from earthly ties, to dwell forever in a home that is free from pain and care. May the grace of the good Lord enable the afflicted to give up this treasure willingly, and may they remember always that little Carrol, clothed in the shining garments of an angel, is waiting and watching for them.—J. E. Zachry.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 3, 1881, p. 8, c. 3

STARVILLE [sic--Starrville], August 26.—Starville camp-meeting closed. Results: Fourteen conversions and eleven united with the church. Many thanks to Bro. Philips, Dr. Fontaine, Bro. P. Tunnel and Bro. C. H. Smith for assistance, and to many good sisters for their great assistance at the altar.—F. M. Stovall.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 10, 1881, p. 1, c. 3

TROUP, Smith county, September 3.—We had a good meeting at Troup; five conversions and five accessions to the church. At New Hope we had nine conversions and nine accessions to the church. The church greatly revived.—A. Little.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 10, 1881, p. 1, c. 4

TYLER, Smith county, September 2.—Bro. T. P. Smith is having wonderful success on Larissa circuit: a revival at every appointment so far. He closed a meeting at Box house last week with fifteen conversions and twelve accessions. He left a meeting at Pine Springs yesterday morning with twenty conversions and nine accessions. This was a union meeting with Cumberland Presbyterian brethren.—E. R. Large.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 17, 1881, p. 5, c. 3

STARRVILLE, Smith county, September 1.—God is blessing His work on this charge. At Center there were two conversions, three accessions and many of the members revived.—F. M. Stovall.

STARRVILLE, Smith county, September 10.—God has revived his church at Hopewell. Eleven united with the church and twelve or fourteen were converted. This meeting closed last night. The good work is spreading.—F. M. Stovall.

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HOLLY.—Died at his residence in Starrville, Smith county, Texas, John A. Holly, August 25, 1881, of congestion of the brain and liver. He was unconscious most of the time of his suffering. He was an old member and steward in the M. E. Church, South, at Starrville, and was also the Sabbath-school superintendent. He was a good husband, father, neighbor. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn their loss, together with many friends.—F. M. Stovall.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 24, 1881, p. 1, c. 3

STARRVILLE, Smith county, September 16.—Our Bascom meeting was closed by rain on Tuesday. Results: Ten accessions and three conversions. We hope to have many good meetings to report yet.—F. M. Stovall.

TYLER, Smith county, September 12.—We have just closed our camp-meeting on Larissa circuit; good preaching, gracious revival, and the best behavior I have seen on such an occasion. Results: Thirty-two conversions, nineteen accessions to our church, and others will join. Thanks to ministerial brethren who assisted us. Up to this time we have had 102 conversions, 72 accessions by ritual. Three more protracted meetings.—T. P. Smith.

STARRVILLE, Smith county, September 15.—Having some good meetings on Starrville circuit. Meeting at Hopewell resulted in fourteen conversions and twelve or thirteen accessions. At Bascom, three conversions and ten accessions. Would have a splendid meeting at Bascom, but was "rained out." All are pleased with Bro. Stovall and the ADVOCATE. Besides the local help, Bros. Turner, Martin and Bonner rendered efficient service.—C. B. Smith.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 24, 1881, p. 1, c. 4

TROUPE, Smith county, Texas, September 18, 1881.—Our protracted meeting at Fountain Head commenced on Saturday, before second Sabbath in this month; continued until Monday night; results, seven conversions and seven joined the church. Church greatly revived. Would have continued longer but for continued rains.—A. Little.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 29, 1881, p. 1, c. 4

STARRVILLE CIRCUIT, Smith county, Oct. 19.—Our beloved pastor just closed a very interesting meeting at Ebel Church. It commenced on Saturday, October 15th, and closed the 18th, with the following result: Nine or ten conversions, some eight or nine accessions—one by letter. It was evident from the commencement of the services that the people intended to have a good time. They worked for it, therefore God abundantly crowned their efforts with success. Ebel, numerically, is a small church, yet it is great—great in power with God. Among the converts were several boys. May God help them, make them useful, Christian men. Brother Flem Spruce, local preacher from Troupe circuit, rendered efficient ministerial service. Only two penitents left at the altar.—P. O. Tunnell.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 29, 1881, p. 7, c. 2

HOLT.—Margaret Alexander Holt, daughter of Lee and Josephine Holt, died at home, on the fifth instant, in Smith county, after a short illness; aged eight years seven months and six days. A child of pure religious culture. She applied for church membership two weeks ago, and was received. She was not rational for some time before she died. Her ma had been in the habit of taking her into a room at a certain hour for prayers. Among the last words she spoke was to ask her ma if she had been to prayers. Thus passed away one of the sweetest of little girls.—F. M. Stovall.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 5, 1881, p. 1, c. 5

STARRVILLE, Smith county, Oct. 21.—Good old Antioch, which has been greatly depleted by removals, has recently been visited with gospel blessings and some additions to her membership. Ebell, famous for the spirituality of her membership, has just enjoyed a glorious revival. Five were converted and nine added to the membership. Our camp-meeting at Pleasant Retreat commences to-morrow. Some local preachers will be held in lasting remembrance for their timely assistance at these meetings.—F. M. Stovall.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 12, 1881, p. 1, c. 5

STARRVILLE, Smith county, Nov. 2.—Pleasant Retreat camp-meeting is over. Result, twelve or fifteen conversions, and twelve accessions; a very refreshing time in the church. Much rain militated greatly against it. Bro. Caleb Smith, of Garden Valley circuit, and Bro. Charlie Smith each gave us good service. I returned home sick, but full of comfort.—F. M. Stovall.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 10, 1881, p. 1, c. 7

SMITH.—Mrs. Nancy Ann, nee Williams, was born in Tuscaloosa county, Alabama, May 22, 1827; was married to Dr. L. W. Smith November 13, 1845; moved to Texas in 1855; joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1856, and died in great peace, at the family residence in Smith county, November 14, 1881. It was the good pleasure of the writer to have known Sister Smith well for a number of years. He has lived in the same family with her. He was one year her pastor. She was an everyday Christian. She recognized the fact that a candle is not lighted to be put under a bushel, but on a candlestick; hence she let her light shine. Her religion adorned, beautified and sweetened her life and made that life a benediction to others. She was a cheerful and happy Christian always. The power of her example could not be ignored—all felt and owned it. She was faithful and true in every relation of life. She died in triumph, after a painful

and lingering illness, but there was never a murmur. She lived well; she suffered patiently; she died grandly, and is glorified with Christ. The deceased was the mother of the Rev. Thos. P. Smith, of the East Texas Conference. She leaves other children and a multitude of friends to mourn their loss, but amid the gloom of parting and tears of sorrow there comes the blessed hope of reunion in the better land. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.—S. W. Turner.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 10, 1881, p. 4, c. 5

TYLER, Smith county.—Please make inquiry through your paper for Mrs. Manda Grant. She moved from Arkansas several years ago. When last heard from was in Comanche county, Texas. Any information will be gladly received.—J. M. Neill.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 17, 1881, p. 7, c. 2

COLLIER.—Jessie May, daughter of J. W. and N. W. Collier, was born September 16, 1879, died October 15, 1881, in Smith county, Texas. May the Lord sustain the bereaved parents in their deep affliction; may they realize the fact that, though their child can not come back to them, they can go to meet it in the clime of everlasting bliss.—A. Little.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 24, 1881, p. 5, c. 2

East Texas Conference Appointments

Palastine District.

John Adams, Presiding Elder

Tyler, U. B. Phillips; W. N. Bonner superannuate.

Marshall District.

S. W. Turner, Presiding Elder

Overton and Troupe Circuit, A. Little.

Starrville Circuit, C. H. Smith.

Garden Valley Circuit, J. F. Henderson.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 7, 1882, p. 8, [tables go across columns]

Overton and Troupe Circuit, 2 local preachers, 268 members, 12 adults baptized, 9 infants baptized, 5 Sunday schools, 31 officers and teachers, 242 scholars, 150 volumes in library, 0 Visitors taken, 0 magazines taken, 100 lesson papers, 40 Little People, \$70.00 moneys expended, 3 churches, \$2000.00 value of churches, 1 parsonage, \$175.00 value of parsonage, \$800.00 value of other church property, \$180.00 moneys expended building and repairing, \$8.00 to bishop's fund assessed, \$8.00 received for bishop's fund, \$40.00 assessed for conference collections, \$40.00 received for conference collection, \$0 for poor, \$2.50 for education, \$3.50 for other objects, \$50.00 raised in churches for foreign missions, \$25.00 raised in churches for domestic missions, \$0 raised in S. S. for foreign missions, \$0 raised in S. S. for domestic missions, \$75.00 assessed for salary for presiding elder, \$75.00 received for salary for presiding elder, \$500.00 assessed for salary of preachers in charge, \$500.00 received for salary for preachers in charge, \$0 in books sold

Starville [sic--Starrville], 4 local preachers 490 members, 0 adults baptized, 17 infants baptized, 7 Sunday Schools, 29 officers and teachers, 142 scholars, 0 volumes in library, 20 Visitors taken, 0 magazines taken, 32 lesson papers, 44 Little People, \$36.00 moneys expended, 7 churches, \$3250.00 value of churches, 0 parsonages, \$0 value of parsonages, \$500.00 value of other church

property, \$150.00 moneys expended building and repairing, \$8.00 assessed for bishop's fund, \$8.00 received for bishop's fund, %65.00 assessed for conference collections, \$65.00 received for conference collections, \$0 for poor, \$0 for education, \$0 for other objects, \$80.00 raised in churches for foreign missions, \$0 raised in S. S. for domestic missions, \$100.00 assessed for salary of presiding elder, \$88.40 received for salary of presiding elder, \$11.60 deficit, \$600.00 assessed for salary of preachers in charge, \$530.85 received for salary of preachers in charge, \$69.96 deficit

Garden Valley, 5 local preachers, 812 members, 56 adults baptized, 26 infants baptized, 8 Sunday schools, 49 officers and teachers, 416 scholars, 490 volumes in library, 1 Visitors taken, 1 magazines taken, 1 lesson paper, 0 Little People, \$60.00 moneys expended, 5½ churches, \$2600.00 value of churches, 1 parsonage, \$175.00 value of parsonage, \$800.00 value of other church property, \$180.00 moneys expended building and repairing, \$8.00 assessed for bishop's fund, \$8.00 received for bishop's fund, \$40.00 assessed for conference collections, \$40.00 received for conference collections, \$0 for poor, \$2.50 for education, \$3.50 for other objects, \$50.00 raised in churches for foreign missions, \$25.00 raised in churches for domestic missions, \$0 raised in S. S. for foreign missions, \$0 raised in S. S. for domestic missions, \$75.00 assessed for salary of presiding elder, \$75.00 raised for salary of presiding elder, \$500.00 assessed for salaries of preachers in charge, \$500.00 received for salaries of preachers in charge, \$640.00 amount of books sold

Tyler Station, 2 local preachers, 197 members, 10 adults baptized, 2 infants baptized, 1 Sunday school, 14 officers and teachers, 133 scholars, 500 volumes in library, 75 Visitors taken, 24 magazines taken, 75 lesson papers, 75 Little People, \$97.85 moneys expended, 1 church, \$4000.00 value of church, 1 parsonage, \$1500.00 value of parsonage, \$0 value of other church property, \$924.12 moneys expended building and repairing, \$9.00 assessed for bishop's fund, \$10.00 received, \$50.00 assessed for conference collections, \$87.90 received for conference collections, \$60.00 for poor, \$2.50 for education, \$205.40 for other objects, \$55.00 raised in church for foreign missions, \$40.00 raised in church for domestic missions, \$0 raised in S. S. for foreign missions, \$0 raised in S. S. for domestic missions, \$135.00 assessed for salary of presiding elder, \$135.00 received for salary of presiding elder, \$1000.00 assessed for salary of preacher in charge, \$1000.00 received for salary of preacher in charge, \$0 amount of books sold.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 4, 1882, p. 1, c. 7

REV. E. B. ZACHERY, Tyler, Jan. 19: Will work for ADVOCATE. T. P. Smith (preacher in charge) very popular; John Adams (presiding elder) ditto; prohibition sentiment very strong.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 18, 1882, p. 7, c. 2

MAYNE.—Mrs. Martha J. Mayne, wife of Bro. W. F. Mayne, near Garden Valley, Smith county, Texas, died in the full triumphs of the Christian faith, on the 9th of November, 1881, in her thirty-second year. She lived a consistent Christian life. Her infant daughter, Daisy, preceded her to the sunlit hills of immortality one month and a day, and little Pearl followed four days after her death. Now the mother and her little ones are in the glory world. During her affliction she fully exhibited the spirit of Christ. She looked upon death as the full fruition of all the fullness of God and the Lamb forevermore. She leaves a disconsolate husband, a brother, and sister, and four children to mourn their loss. She was a good wife and an affectionate mother. She is missed by all who knew her.—J. F. Henderson.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 18, 1882, p. 8, c. 1

REV. A. LITTLE, Troupe, Smith county, Feb. 8: First quarterly meeting over. Our Presiding Elder, S. W. Turner, not present until Saturday night. Cause, high waters. Stewards made a liberal assessment for preacher. Paid first quarter, \$111.40. Having great deal of rain. Waters very high, and still it rains.

REV. U. B. PHILLIPS, of Tyler, tells of a charlatan who should be passed around. He is a "Professor," and is now canvassing the State of Texas as a lecturer on State Prohibition. His custom is to approach the pastors of the various churches by presenting papers highly eulogistic of himself. These papers have the signatures of prominent preachers of Texas and Arkansas. "He, in this way," says Bro. Phillips, "introduced himself to me, and by me was introduced and indorsed to the citizens of Tyler. I also introduced him to the superintendents of two railroads, from whom he obtained favors in transportation. I have since learned that he is an imposter, and was recently arrested in the city of Marshall as a monte player."

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 24, 1882, p. 8, c. 2

DARK—DABBS.—At the residence of the bride's mother, January 25th, by Rev. T. P. Smith, Mr. Robert L. Dark to Miss Frankey A. Dabbs. All of Smith county, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 11, 1882, p. 8, c. 3

E. B. ZACHRY, Tyler, March 2: Our excellent pastor, Rev. T. P. Smith, is doing the full work of a faithful traveling preacher. Larissa circuit is in good working order. There have been some accessions by ritual. The church secretary's record has been looked after. We have had an abundance of rain, but are enjoying beautiful weather now. Farmers are very busy. The health of the county is generally good.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 18, 1882, p. 8, c. 5

LANE—ROBISON.—March 2, at the residence of the bride's brother, by Rev. T. P. Smith, Mr. Henry C. Lane and Miss Julia E. C. Robison, all of Smith county.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 25, 1882, p. 5, c. 4

The following nominations of Texas postmasters were made by the President, March 20: . . . Sebert F. Hunt, Tyler . . .

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 25, 1882, p. 8, c. 2

BULLARD—VERNER.—On the 12th of March, 1882, at the residence of the bride's father, near Garden Valley, Smith county, by the Rev. J. F. Henderson, A. P. Bullard and Miss Mary J. Verner. All of Smith county, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 8, 1882, p. 8, c. 1

W. N. BONNER, Tyler, April 1: Sister Phillips, wife of our beloved pastor, Rev. U. B. Phillips, was taken with a chill at prayer meeting last Wednesday evening; she is thought to be in a critical condition. There has been several accessions to the church during the last quarter; several others are expected to join soon. This is the fourth and last year Brother Phillips can be with us. We pray it may be the best of the four.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 14, 1882, p. 8, c. 4

W. N. BONNER, Tyler, Smith county, April 10: We are happy to say Sister Phillips, wife of Rev. U. B. Phillips, is convalescing, and we entertain hope of her recovery. Owing to her protracted illness, Bro. P. has not been able to fill his pulpit for two Sundays. It was ably filled by Rev. H. T. Morton, of East Texas University. We have a life Sunday-school; largely over one hundred pupils, and generally well attended. Much interest manifested by teachers and pupils.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 29, 1882, p. 8, c. 4

J. F. HENDERSON, Edom, Van Zandt county, April 19: The brethren of the East Texas Conference may think that the main portion of the Garden Valley Circuit is in Smith county. This is not the case. Mt. Sylvan, with 62 members; Union Chapel, 83 members; Village Creek, 75 members; and Garden Valley, 20 members, are all in Smith county. These appointments assess themselves for the support of the ministry this year as follows: Mt. Sylvan, \$35; Union Chapel, \$40; Village Creek, \$55; Garden Valley, \$30; total \$160. . . . We are trying, by the grace of God, to enter every open door with the word that the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. I know of no other way of getting souls converted. I perceive there are three ways to move men to motion in some sense: First—Through sympathy, which brings tears by floods, but this is not always religion. Second—Through the brain, which brings applause. All speak well of the man who draws fine congregations and gets abundance of money, but—little religion. Third—Through the law of God; through the heart, which brings men to action; either to love, or to hatred and persecution.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 6, 1882, p. 8, c. 3

C. H. SMITH, Starrville, Smith county, April 27: On Starville [sic--Starrville] circuit we are driving ahead as best we can. We have in operation new within the bounds of the circuit ten Methodist Sunday-schools, and union class and prayer meetings at nearly all my appointments. Have received into the church since conference twenty-five members; have dropped and expelled some.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 13, 1882, p. 8, c. 2

A. LITTLE, Troupe, May 6: On Overton and Troupe circuit we are moving on quietly, making some advancement. Have a Sabbath-school at each appointment on the work; all these Methodist except one; have expended for literature about \$50. I have sold about \$85 worth of books since conference. Have had twenty accessions to the church. Finances good.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 3, 1882, p. 2, c. 6

W. W. BONNER, Tyler, May 11: I write to say the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is constantly improving—should it continue, will excel the best. I subscribe to three Christian Advocates; the Nashville, New Orleans and Texas; sometimes I think I am not able to subscribe to so many papers, and fear I must discontinue one at least, but when I begin to choose between them, it is like selecting one of the children to be taken away; it is a difficult question to decide. I can not see how any one can do without a religious paper in his house, and I recommend the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE to every family. It is not only instructive, but the moral and religious education every one, and especially children who are able to read, derive from it is invaluable.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 17, 1882, p. 8, c. 1

U. B. PHILLIPS, Tyler station, Smith county, June 6: The second quarterly conference for Tyler station convened on the 5th inst. Bro. John Adams, fresh from the General Conference, handled the gavel with his usual urbanity. Ten were reported as having been received into the church during the quarter; four removed by letter and one by death; five baptized. Raised for the support of the ministry, \$287 50; for missions; \$78 70. Congregations large; prayer meetings well attended; songs spiritual; prayers fervent. The Sunday-school, under that prince of superintendents, Col. T. R. Bonner, is a vine rich with foliage and laden with luscious fruit; most of the additions by ritual to the church last year were from the Sunday-school. These exercises are largely attended by many whose names are not enrolled upon the school register, frequently filling up the seating capacity of our large auditorium. The statute of limitation at the next annual conference severs the connection of the writer with this charge. Fortunate will be the brother who becomes the shepherd of such a fold. We came to it with fear and trembling; we will leave it with sadness.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 22, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

W. N. BONNER, Tyler, Smith county, July 15: Bro. T. P. Smith, preacher in charge Larissa circuit, commenced a meeting at Union Springs on the 8th and closed on the 13th inst. Results: seven professed religion, five joined the church, two infants baptized, six penitents were left at the altar at the close. The congregation was hindered some by the rain. We had fine rain. Bro. Smith is much beloved by the people of his charge. He was a good help to the church and local preachers. We had a good spiritual meeting at every service.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 29, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Smith county, July 21: Old Starrville circuit is getting up again. Last week we held our protracted meeting at Center. Quite a revival in the church; some ten or twelve conversions, eight accessions. This week we have been holding a meeting at Red Springs; closed yesterday; sixteen or eighteen conversions; ten joined the church; the membership greatly revived. Rev. I. Alexander and Presiding Elder S. W. Turner, and local preachers, did excellent services at Center. None but Bros. Augburn and Smith at Red Springs.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 5, 1882, p. 5, c. 4

S. W. TURNER, Tyler, July 25: The Lord is reviving his work in the Marshall district. Several reports have already appeared in the ADVOCATE. I have just returned from Overton and Troupe circuit, A. Little, preacher in charge. He commenced a meeting at Fountain Head on the third Sunday; his quarterly meeting came on last Saturday and Sunday. I found the church alive, and God graciously blessing the people. The meeting closed Sunday with about thirty conversions, thirty-eight accessions; about fifteen adults baptized, and four children, and a number of penitents at the altar. This church was only organized last year. It is now the strongest church on the work, in the midst of a thriving community. This is an auspicious beginning of the summer campaign of this faithful pastor.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 5, 1882, p. 5, c. 4

W. N. BONNER, Tyler, Smith county July 31: I had the pleasure of being with Rev. T. P. Smith at Box House, Larissa circuit, from the 22^d to the 29th instant, in a good spiritual meeting. The interest increased at each service. The result: Six professed religion, five joined

the church, six mourners at the altar; reorganized a weekly prayer-meeting. We had a general revival in the church. There were a number of the good sisters who conducted the ladies' grove prayer-meeting. The Lord abundantly blessed them in their labor. As I intended to state in my last, Bro. S. has good help in the local preachers and the church members.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 5, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

E. R. LARGE, Noonday, Smith county, July 25; Bro. T. P. Smith, pastor of Larissa circuit, closed a meeting at Earl Chapel last Friday night. Results: fifteen conversions and fourteen accessions, and a general revival in the church.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 5, 1882, p. 5, c. 4

E. R. LARGE, Noonday, Smith county, July 28: The Sunday-school still in progress at Spring Hill, Larissa circuit. Some of our Baptist friends have withdrawn because we use our own literature, and because they could not control a Methodist Sunday-school in a Methodist house and run it upon Baptist principles, or teach the impossibility of apostasy. We try to be as liberal as we can and hold to the Bible.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 5, 1882, p. 7, c. 2

WHITE.—Miss Martha R. White, daughter of Bro. J. F. and Sister Mary A. White, was born in Clark county, Arkansas, September 26, 1874. She was a sweet-spirited and affectionate little girl. She embraced her Savior one or two months before she went home to live with him. She was a great sufferer only for a few days of her sickness. She breathed her life out sweetly in the arms of Jesus July 7, 1882, near Garden Valley, Smith county, Texas. Dear parents and heart-grieved sisters and brother, you weep, but not as those having no hope. Little Mattie is gone, but not forever. May the Lord bless the bereaved family.—J. F. Henderson.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 5, 1882, p. 8, c. 3

E. R. LARGE, Noonday, Smith county, July 12: Rains have been general of late, and crops are good. There has been considerable political excitement in portions of this county. Prohibition sentiment is gaining ground.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 12, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

E. R. LARGE, Noonday, Smith county, August 4: Our preacher, Bro. T. P. Smith, has had to preach against wind and rain, picnics, political barbecues, and shows; but he has succeeded well so far. Up to date about thirty-five conversions and twenty-five additions during this the third quarter on the circuit. One camp-meeting and several protracted meetings to be held yet.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 19, 1882, p. 5, c. 6

DEAN—SUMNER.—On the evening of the 30th of July, by M. P. Moore, at the residence of Rev. Mr. Baker, Geneva, Texas, Mr. W. B. Dean to Miss Ella Sumner, both of Troupe, Smith county, Texas.

DEAN—SUMMERS.—At the residence of the Rev. R. M. Baker, July 30, at 8 o'clock p.m., by Rev. Mr. Mood, of the Baptist Church, Mr. W. B. Dean and Miss Ellie Summers, of Troupe, Smith county, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 26, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Smith county, August 11: We closed last Friday a six days' meeting at Bethel church, four miles east of Tyler, which resulted in about sixteen conversions and twelve accessions to our church. The church was much revived. Bros. Auburn and Smith, local preachers, did good service. We are having revivals at every protracted meeting on Starrville circuit, so far. To God be all the glory.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 26, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Smith county, August 8: Two more revivals on Starrville circuit. One at Hope Well lasted six days. Seven or eight conversions. Seven joined the M. E. Church, South. Bros. LeClere and Ogburn did valuable service. Then we commenced at Wesley chapel a meeting which lasted five days. No ministerial help. Six or seven conversions. Six joined our church. About fifty conversions since 1st of July to date on Starrville circuit.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 2, 1882, p. 5, c. 3

A. LITTLE, Troupe, Smith county, August 23: We closed our protracted meeting at Canton last Friday night, resulting in sixteen conversions, and eight accessions to the church. I was assisted by J. F. Spruce, local preacher, a man whose heart is in the work, and God is blessing his labors. I wish we had more such local preachers.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 9, 1882, p. 5, c. 3

E. R. LARGE, Noonday, Sept. 1: Bro. T. P. Smith, our preacher in charge, and myself, left Pine Springs this morning, where we have been holding a union meeting for six days with our Cumberland Presbyterian brethren, with the following results: twelve conversions and fifteen accessions to our church, and the members of the church generally revived. There are more young men in this community that will talk and pray in public than I have ever seen before in one place.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 16, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Sept. 9: The meeting at Pleasant Retreat closed last night. Results: Christians much revived, twenty or thirty reclamations, fifty-one professions, thirty-two accessions to the M. E. church, South, by ritual. The church worked nobly. Our presiding elder, S. W. Turner, T. P. Smith, Bro. Bonner, Zachrie Broiles and C. B. Smith labored very faithfully in the meeting.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 16, 1882, p. 5, c. 5

A. LITTLE, Troupe, Sept. 11: We commenced a meeting at New Hope Saturday before fourth Sabbath in August; continued until Thursday night. Four conversions, seven accessions to the church, and church greatly revived. At Troupe we had a good meeting. Eleven conversions, and eight joined the church. Had a good time in the church. One good feature, all the churches seemed to be an unit.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 23, 1882, p. 5, c. 3

W. N. BONNER, Tyler, Smith county, Sept. 14: Bro. T. P. Smith, preacher in charge Larissa circuit, commenced a meeting at White House (just closed) on the 13th. Results: twenty-seven accessions to the church, three by letter and twenty-four by ritual; twenty-three professed

religion; four children baptized. Many of the old Christians were shouting happy. Organized a young convert's weekly prayer-meeting, and reorganized a general weekly prayer-meeting. Many who professed and joined the church are heads of families, and have pledged themselves to hold family prayer. It is admitted there has never been such a meeting with such glorious results at White House since the church was organized at that place. The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 23, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Sept. 15: Our Antioch meeting closed yesterday evening. We held it six days. The church much revived and several backsliders reclaimed; nine or ten professed religion and eight joined the M. E. Church, South. Local preachers did well. Bro. Broiles, of Palestine; Dr. Fontaine and E. L. Ogburn, exhorters, classleaders and laity, did well. We have three other protracted meetings to hold yet on Starrville circuit. We expect revivals at each of these meetings.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 30, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

E. B. ZACHRY, Noonday, Sept. 21: Larissa circuit in a good spiritual condition. Just closed a protracted meeting this day a week ago. Bro. T. P. Smith in charge. Had twenty-two conversions, and twenty-seven additions. Bros. Bonner and Large rendered valuable service. This brings up to date about 125 conversions, and 110 or 112 additions by ritual on Larissa circuit. One more protracted meeting to hold.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 30, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Sept. 23: Our protracted meeting closed last night at Bascom chapel. The church was much revived; some reclamations; sixteen conversions and eight accessions to the M. E. Church, South. Bro. T. B. Smith, Father Bonner, and Bro. Broiles, of Palestine, assisted me in this meeting. Two more protracted meetings to hold, and I am round for this year. Two hundred and five professions on Starrville circuit up to this time. How gracious is our God!

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 30, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

A. LITTLE, Troup, Smith county, Sept. 25: At Bethel we had a glorious revival—commenced September 9; continued seven days. Nineteen joined the church; nineteen professed religion. The meeting was held in our new church; when completed will be worth \$800. The Lord owned his house by blessing his people and converting sinners. We were assisted by Bros. Wilson, preacher in charge of Pleasant Grove circuit, Bond, Bible agent, and local brethren of circuit.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 7, 1882, p. 1, c. 6

BASS—OGLESBY.—At the home of the bride, in Smith county, Texas, on September 28, 1882, by Rev. T. P. Smith, Mr. William L. Bass and Miss Sarah M. H. Oglesby.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 7, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Sept. 28: Meeting at Ebell church closed last night. Grand results; Christians happy nearly all the time. Some four souls professed religion; two joined the M. E. Church, South; others will join soon. Bro. Flem did good service, so did Bro. Broiles.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 14, 1882, p. 7, c. 4

OGBURN.—Willie H. Ogburn was the son of Rev. Josiah Ogburn, one of the local preachers on Starrville circuit. He has a brother, Rev. E. D. Ogburn, who is now an efficient local preacher on a circuit. Willie was born April 11, 1860. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church in his seventeenth year at Antioch, in which he remained till death—the 6th of July last—removed him to the church triumphant. He leaves dear ones to mourn his loss. May heaven bless them.—C. H. SMITH.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 14, 1882, p. 7, c. 4

COLLIER.—Elizabeth H. White was born near Raleigh, N. C., January 23, 1803; was married to H. D. Collier in 1825; raised twelve children in West Tennessee; moved to Texas in 1850; lived a widow twenty-five years, and had six sons in the Confederate army. Six of her children have passed over the river of death. She leaves six to mourn her absence. No longer will they hear her Godly counsel, but she has left a Christian mother's benediction upon them. Sister C. lived a consistent member of the M. E. Church for fifty-six years, and worked for the church. All her life was full of energy. She was beloved by all who knew her. She died suddenly September 22, 1882, but she was ready. The last time I saw her was at church, happy in a Savior's love. Canton has lost one of its best members, but heaven is richer. May God bless the bereaved connections.—A. LITTLE.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 21, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

A. LITTLE, Troupe, Smith Co., Oct. 14: We commenced a meeting at Overton on the Saturday before the first Sabbath in this month, which continued eleven days. Results: About twenty-five or thirty were converted, and seventeen joined the church. We were assisted by G. G. Wilson, of Pleasant Grove circuit; J. M. Truitt, of Henderson station, and J. F. Spruce, local preacher of this charge. There were about 144 accessions during the year, and about 120 conversions.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 28, 1882, p. 5, c. 3

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Oct. 20: My last protracted meeting for this year I held at Pleasant Grove—a church I reorganized this year. We commenced October 14, and closed the 19th. We had 14 professions; 8 joined the M. E. Church, South. We left 20 penitents at the altar.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 9, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

M. JERNIGAN, Troupe, Nov. 16: Intemperance may be the remote cause of nearly all the murders and other deeds of violence in our country, but that is not the beginning point. It has its starting point in the training of our children. When children were properly trained there were but few murderers, and comparatively few drunkards. Who will give us an essay on the training of children.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 16, 1882, p. 5, c. 2

E. R. LARGE, Noonday, November 28: The prohibition question was brought before the fourth quarterly conference of Larissa circuit, Palestine district, East Texas Conference, and the conference agreed to appoint a committee of five, viz.: E. B. Zachery, H. B. Cole, W. T. Mathis, W. W. McAnally and E. R. Large to select men in the different neighborhoods to canvass among

their people with a petition to the next legislature to give us a chance to vote upon the prohibition question. This committee appointed the following brethren: Larissa, R. T. Cole; Pleasant Hill, H. B. Cole; Burk Chapel, H. M. McAnally; Earl's Chapel, W. W. McAnally; County Line, L. C. Goodnon; Union Spring, W. D. Rather; Box House, Dr. Sam L. Butler; White House, M. B. Center; Lane's Chapel, C. W. Lane; Pine Spring, J. E. McMeans; Spring Hill, E. R. Large. These brethren are requested to do their best, and to send their petition to their representatives; and also to report through the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE the results of their labors. Will some one please give us a form of petition through the ADVOCATE.

(A good move. Let action be taken in every county in the State.—Ed.)

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 16, 1862, p. 8, [table across all columns]

Overton and Troupe, 5 local preachers, 375 members, 95 additions by ritual, 50 additions by letter, 4 removals by death, 13 removals by certificate, 5 withdrawn and dropped, 1 expelled, 10 baptized infants, 41 adult baptisms, 5 Sunday schools, 30 officers and teachers, 240 scholars, \$53.00 moneys expended in Sunday schools; \$55.00 assessed in foreign missions, \$64.00 collected for foreign missions, \$30.00 assessed for domestic missions, \$35.00 collected for domestic missions, \$0 raised in Sunday schools, 3 churches, \$2400.00 value, 1 parsonage, \$400.00 value, \$0 value of other church property, \$250.00 moneys expended in building and repairing, \$6.00 assessed for bishop's fund, \$8.00 collected for bishop's fund, \$32.50 assessed for conference collection, \$33.00 collected for conference collection, \$19.45 misc. collections, \$75.00 assessed for presiding elders' salaries, \$70.00 collected for presiding elders' salaries, \$550.00 assessed for salary of preacher in charge, \$550.00 collected for salary of preacher in charge, \$0 amount paid for junior preachers, \$110.00 value of books sold.

Starrville Circuit, 3 local preachers, 659 members, 146 additions by ritual, 35 additions by letter, 9 removals by death, 24 removals by certificate, 4 withdrawn and dropped, 2 expelled, 14 infant baptisms, 67 adult baptisms, 11 Sunday schools, 51 officers and teachers, 452 scholars, \$0 money expended, \$90.00 assessed for foreign missions, \$130.00 collected for foreign missions, \$40.00 assessed for local missions, \$45.00 collected for local missions, \$0 raised in Sunday Schools for foreign missions, 9 churches, \$4900.00 value, 0 parsonages, \$0 value, \$1100.00 value of other church property, \$98.30 moneys expended building and repairing, \$6.50 assessed for bishops' fund, \$8.00 collected for bishop's fund, \$40.00 assessed for conference collection, \$60.00 collected for conference collection, \$5.00 misc. collections, \$110.00 assessed presiding elders' salary, \$111.00 collected for presiding elders' salaries, \$550.00 assessed for salaries preachers in charge, \$575.00 collected for salaries preachers in charge, \$0 amount paid junior preachers, \$600.00 value books sold.

Garden Valley circuit, 4 local preachers, 662 members, 42 added by ritual, 14 added by letter, 8 removed by death, 52 removed by certificate, 26 withdrawn and dropped, 6 expelled, 20 infant baptisms, 19 adult baptisms, 3 Sunday schools, 15 officers and teachers, 100 scholars, \$20.00 moneys expended, \$65.00 assessed for foreign missions, \$55.00 collected, \$30.00 assessed for domestic missions, \$22.00 collected for domestic missions, \$0 raised in Sunday schools for foreign missions, 5½ churches, \$2600.00 value, 0 parsonages, \$115.00 value, \$800.00 value other church property, \$18.75 moneys expended building and repairing, \$7.80 assessed for bishops' fund, \$7.80 collected for bishops' fund, \$42.00 assessed for conference collections, \$32.00 collected conference collections, \$9.25 miscellaneous collections, \$75.00 assessed presiding elders' salaries, \$71.15 collected presiding elders' salaries, \$410.00 assessed salary

preacher in charge, \$388.70 collected for salary preacher in charge, \$0 amount paid junior preacher, \$16.85 value books sold.

Canton circuit, 1 local preacher, 170 members, 14 added by ritual, 13 added by letter, 2 removed by death, 17 removed by certificate, 1 withdrawn and dropped, 5 expelled, 7 infant baptisms, 6 adult baptisms, 2 Sunday schools, 9 officers and teachers, 60 scholars, \$0 moneys expended, \$10.00 assessed foreign missions, \$5.00 collected for foreign missions, \$10.00 assessed for domestic missions, \$2.50 collected for domestic missions, \$0 raised in Sunday schools for foreign missions, 0 churches, \$0 value, 0 parsonages, \$0 value, \$0 value other church property, \$0 moneys expended building and repairing, \$5.00 assessed for bishops' fund, \$5.00 collected for bishops' fund, \$10.00 assessed for conference collections, \$5.00 collected for conference collections, \$10.00 assessed for conference collections, \$5.00 collected for conference collections, \$4.65 misc. collections, \$25.00 assessed for presiding elders' salaries, \$12.30 collected for presiding elders' salaries, \$200.00 assessed for salary of preacher in charge, \$100.95 collected for salary of preacher in charge, \$0 amount paid junior preacher, \$0 value of books sold.

Tyler station, 0 local preacher, 206 members, 6 added by ritual, 12 added by letter, 1 removed by death, 14 removed by certificate, 0 withdrawn and dropped, 0 expelled, 7 infant baptisms, 6 adult baptisms, 1 Sunday school, 16 officers and teachers, 132 scholars, \$72.50 moneys expended, \$63.00 assessed for foreign missions, \$63.00 collected for foreign missions, \$40.00 assessed for domestic missions, \$55.00 collected for foreign missions, \$0 raised in Sunday schools for foreign missions, 1 church, \$4000.00 value, 1 parsonage, \$1500.00 value, \$0 value other church property, \$258.00 moneys expended building and repairing, \$9.00 assessed for bishop's fund, \$11.70 collected for bishops' fund, \$50.00 assessed conference collections, \$78.00 collected conference collections, \$11.00 misc. collections, \$150.00 assessed presiding elders' salaries, \$150.00 collected presiding elders' salaries, \$1000.00 assessed salary preacher in charge, \$1000 collected salary preacher in charge, \$0 amount paid junior preachers, \$0 value books sold.

Larissa circuit, 6 local preachers, 459 members, 122 added by ritual, 12 added by letter, 9 removed by death, 25 removed by certificate, 5 withdrawn and dropped, 0 expelled, 18 infant baptisms, 62 adult baptisms, 6 Sunday schools, 27 officers and teachers, 180 scholars, \$14.10 moneys expended, \$57.00 assessed for foreign missions, \$92.00 collected for foreign missions, \$30.00 assessed for domestic missions, \$45.00 collected for domestic missions, \$0 raised in Sunday schools for foreign missions, 5 church \$2100.00 value, 1 parsonage, \$250.00 value, \$500.00 value other church property, \$365.00 moneys expended building and repairing, \$7.80 assessed bishops' fund, \$10.00 collected bishops' fund, \$35.00 assessed for conference collections, \$55.00 collected for conference collections, \$47.50 misc. collections, \$80.00 assessed presiding elders' salaries, \$83.20 collected for presiding elders' salaries, \$500.00 assessed for salaries preachers in charge, \$520.20 collected for salaries preachers in charge, \$0 amount paid junior preachers, \$50.00 value books sold.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 23, 1882, p. 5, c. 4

C. B. SMITH, Tyler, Dec. 15: To say that we are well pleased would but feebly express our feelings and our thankfulness to the (already) beloved Bishop Parker and his cabinet. A circuit that would not be satisfied with C. H. Smith (Uncle Caleb) as a pastor, and John Adams as a presiding elder, would certainly be hard to please. God bless the good men and their work this year; aye, and the ADVOCATE, too. How we welcome its appearance each week. How we wish every Methodist would take it.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 6, 1883, p. 7, c. 2

OVERTON.—Miss Julia J. Overton, of Canton, Smith county, Texas, was born October 2, 1857. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Canton, August 1872, died December 12, 1882. Miss Julia was a member of the church about ten years. She was very attentive and regular in attendance upon the ordinances of the church; often exulting in the love of God. At home she was a dutiful daughter and a kind sister. But she is gone; her chair in the family circle is vacant, no more to be filled by her. Oh, how sad to have the family circle broken, to give up our loved ones! But God's will must be done, and we must submit. Her sickness was very brief, and her suffering great. But we trust she was prepared for a happy exchange, where suffering is unknown. May this dispensation of Providence prove a blessing to the bereaved family.—PASTOR.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 6, 1883, p. 7, c. 3

EVERETTE.—At the fourth quarterly conference, Garden Valley charge, Marshall district, East Texas Conference, the sad news having reached us of the death of our beloved brother, W. A. Everette, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, God, in His merciful dealings, has taken from among us our beloved brother, for many years a member of this quarterly conference, and a faithful liberal and zealous servant of God.

Resolved, 1. That while we bow in submission before God, and acknowledge his supreme wisdom in all things, yet we realize in the death of Bro. Everette we have lost a good neighbor, an active member of our body, a liberal supporter of the church, and a faithful and warm-hearted Christian.

Resolved, 2. That we extend to his bereaved family our deepest sympathy in these their darkest hours; and pray God, who doeth all things well, to keep them in his own charge, comfort and sustain them in their afflictions.

Resolved, 3. That the secretary be ordered to send a copy of these resolutions to the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and also to the *Local Chronicle*, a paper published in this county.

Jno. A. Thomas,
W. A. Smith,
Wm. R. McDow.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 20, 1883, p. 5, c. 3

WM. A. SAMPEY, Tyler, Jan. 10: The last ADVOCATE was full of good things. The bill of fare was better than usual, or my appetite was keener. I reached my work in due time, and was received by the people with open hands and hearts. I do not know how a preacher could help liking Tyler; the people are so kind, and they know just how to make you feel at home among them. On New Year's night we received a salute at the parsonage. Quite a number of persons came in, bringing various articles too numerous to mention. For these and other favors the inmates of the parsonage are very thankful.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 27, 1883, p. 2, c. 2

Tyler Station.

The following communication and exhibit was made at the above station by Rev. U. B. Philips, at the fourth quarterly conference, on his retiring from a pastorate of four years, and a request made by the members of the conference that it be sent to the TEXAS ADVOCATE for publication:

DEAR BRETHREN—The concluding exercises of this conference will close out my pastorate of four years, and sever our association as pastor and flock. However pleasant and harmonious our relations have been, and are at this time, and however well we love each other, and however near we have been drawn to each other by those ties that bind Christian hearts in love and fellowship, kindred to the minds and hearts of those far above this realm of sorrow, the hour is upon us when the official tie that has united us for so long will be severed. I cannot leave you without, in some way, giving some expression of the esteem I have for you, and a tender of thanks for the many kindnesses and the hearty co-operation I have ever received at your hands, in all the business pertaining to our beloved Zion. In all your official meetings, in your attendance upon public worship, on the street as well as around your firesides, my confidence has been strengthened with the belief that you had the welfare of the church and the building up of Christ's kingdom at heart.

This belief has been verified in ways too numerous now to mention. Suffice it to say, you have been workmen who need not be ashamed. In answer to your prayers and as a result of your labors, the church of your choice has laid aside its swaddling clothes, and is now a full-grown athlete, equipped to do valiant work in the conquest of the world for Christ. If you persevere in your faithfulness along the weeks and months of coming years as you have done in the past, we fear not the results; therefore be faithful, not only to the sacred trust committed to your care as stewards of God's heritage, but toward yourselves. It is your privilege to reach higher heights in Christian experience, and to become as trees planted by the rivers of water. To attain these heights, and to enjoy the fullness of that love that characterizes the sons of God, you should delight yourselves in the law of the King whom you profess to serve and meditate day and night upon the same. It is laudable and not presumptuous on occasions like this for churches and religious corporations to make exhibits of their success and to publish to the world the fruits of their labors. This should not be done in an ostentatious and pharisaical way, but with that spirit of modesty that should ever characterize those who follow Christ to edification. Hence I have deemed it not presumptuous before closing this communication to refer to some of the fruits harvested during the past four years.

The enrolled membership January 1, 1879, numbered 160. During the four years that has succeeded 112 additions have been made to that number, and had it not been for the removals by death, letters, and otherwise, it would have been my province this evening to have tendered you the register with the membership of 272; but of this number 66 have been removed, 40 of whom were by letter, 12 have died, and 14 have been dropped and otherwise disposed of. Connected with the families of the church there have been more than 30 deaths; of this number 15 were heads of families. Among those who have died, 7 adults were not members of any church, 12 were members of this church, and 1 a member of the Presbyterian Church; 13 of the deaths were under adult age; 19 couples have been united in holy wedlock; 15 of the brides and 9 of the grooms are members of this church. The sacrament of baptism has been administered to 37 persons; members now enrolled 206; moneys raised for the support of the ministry, \$4330; for the bishops, \$41.70; other ministers, \$65; widows' and orphans' fund, \$347.85; for foreign missions, \$218.65; domestic missions, \$274; curators Southwestern University, \$6.00; Sunday-school, \$300.74; incidental expenses, \$541.32; for the poor, \$100; repairs to church property

\$1321.18; for Ecumenical delegates, \$9.00; American Bible Society, \$38; old debt, \$310. The aggregate of the above amounts is \$7326.94. These are some of the visible fruits; the invisible will be found and read upon another page, and that page is in charge of the Recording Steward of the eternal world. May it be our loved employ to increase our credits upon that page an hundredfold that we may at the final consummation receive from the lips of the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls the commending words, "Well done, good and faithful servants."—U. B. PHILIPS, Pastor.

Bro. Philips was appointed to the Palestine station, and we commend him to the church there as an able and faithful preacher, a zealous and devoted pastor, a Christian gentleman of high social qualities. His ministerial connection with the church in Tyler will long be pleasantly cherished by our people, and we pray God's choicest blessing upon him and his Christian wife and mother, in whatever field they may be called to labor.

Bro. Sampey, our new preacher has won the confidence and esteem of our church, and we joyfully anticipate much good as the result of his ministerial labor here.—T. R. BONNER, Recording Steward.

TYLER, Dec. 11, 1882.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 10, 1883, p. 2, c. 4

WM. A. SAMPEY, Tyler, January 30: First quarterly conference over. Dr. R. S. Finley gave us two excellent sermons. Finances level. Paid the presiding elder \$37.50, and the preacher in charge \$250. This is just one-fourth of their claims. This it is with Tyler. A model church. The Baptist Church edifice was consumed by fire yesterday evening. The fire originated at a mill some distance south of the church, and it is supposed that a burning cinder was carried by the wind through the lattice-work of the steeple into the upper part of the building.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 17, 1883, p. 5, c. 4

TYLER.

Feb. 11.—W. A. SAMPEY, pastor: Sabbath-school at 9 a.m.; preaching at 11 a.m., from Matt., v:38-48; and again at 7 p.m., from Mark, x:17.

Received one member by letter.

We have prayer-meeting every Wednesday night.

"Where is boating then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay; but by the law of faith."

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 24, 1883, p. 1, c. 3

W. N. BONNER, Tyler, Feb. 12: The ADVOCATE of the 10th instant came to hand the same day. I was out trying to obtain subscribers for the paper. I succeeded in getting a lady to subscribe. She had read our interesting paper, and knew it met the approbation of her husband. He believes a religious paper in a family is worth more than double the subscription price. I reached home at dark, lighted my lamp, read my ADVOCATE, and became much interested. I read all, save the advertisements, and even some of them. I wish to say the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE has been a power to awaken the people to the evils of intemperance. Many will rise up and call you blessed. The mechanical work is well executed, the type is good, its pages are clean, bright and easy to read. It is a matter of surprise that every member of the church, especially every head of a family, does not subscribe for and read it. Many who are not

members, if they would subscribe for and read it, will soon learn to enjoy life better, and be more hopeful in death.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 24, 1883, p. 1, c. 4

TYLER.

Feb. 18.—W. A. SAMPEY, pastor: Attendance last Wednesday night at prayer meeting was small, the weather being bad; but we realized the promise given to the "two or three." On Sabbath, at 10 a.m., Sunday-school met, and held a short but interesting session, led by Bro. T. R. Bonner—second to none as a superintendent.

At 11 a.m., preaching. Text, Rom. xii:1. Subject: "A living sacrifice."

At 7:30 p.m., text, Prov. xxii:3. Subject: "The prudent man contrasted with the simple."

Congregation good, for the season.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 3, 1883, p. 1, c. 2

L. C. CROUSE, Overton, Feb. 23: I am well pleased with my work. I hope to have a revival all over this region. I am trying to get all my people to send for and read the ADVOCATE, and then I am sure we will have better times.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 3, 1883, p. 1, c. 5

TYLER.

Feb. 25.—W. A. SAMPEY, pastor: Prayer meeting well attended Thursday night. Sister Web Finly died Wednesday night.

On Sunday, Sabbath-school well attended.

Preaching at 11 a.m. Text, Matthew xxvi 24. Subject, "The love of money made Judas a bad man."

At 7:30 p.m. preaching by Dr. C. B. Stewart from Isa. xlviii:18. Subject, "Keeping the commandments produces peace and righteousness." The day was fine, and the congregations were good.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 3, 1883, p. 7, c. 2

HERRIN.—N. E. Herrin was born April 5, 1845, and departed this life near Garden Valley, January 18, 1883. Sister Herrin was a loving mother, and was kind to all. We will miss her in the sick room and in the sanctuary. She loved God and his people. Her favorite song was "What a friend we have in Jesus." Her husband preceded her to the spirit world about four years. She leaves seven children, several brothers and sisters. May they all meet together again in that sweet by and by.—H. G. BULLARD.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 10, 1883, p. 1, c. 4.

TYLER.

March 4.—W. A. SAMPEY, pastor: On Sabbath Sunday—school met as usual.

Preaching at 11 a.m. Text, Gal. vi: 7 8: "God observes order in nature, so he does in disposing of the destinies of men."

7:30 p.m.: Text, Prov. xxviii:13: "Man is disposed to cover his sins. He who confesses and forsakes them, shall have mercy."

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 17, 1883, p. 1, c. 4

TYLER.

March 11.—W. A. SAMPEY pastor: Preaching at 11 a.m. Text, John xx:29. "Blind faith in Christ is better than Infidelity with its eyes opened." 7:30 p.m.—Text, Psalms xvii:14. "The wicked have their portion of pleasure in this life." The outlook is encouraging.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 17, 1883, p. 4, c. 2

REV. E. R. LARGE, of Smith county, writing Feb. 26, says:

I forwarded to-day to our representative, Hon. J. S. Jackson, a petition with fifty names for the prohibition amendment.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 17, 1883, p. 5, c. 7

GRAHAM—BORDER.—On 28th of February, 1883, Mr. A. C. Graham to Miss Mary S. Border, by Rev. Wm. A. Sampey, all of Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 17, 1883, p. 7, c. 5

STEPHENSON.—James Stephenson was born in Blunt county, Tenn., May 16, 1798; married Nancy C. Nations, in Alabama, Sept. 28, 1823; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church in 1824, in which he lived a very active and devoted member until the 14th of Dec. last, when he left the church militant for the church triumphant. Thus lived for nearly sixty years one of the most devoted men I ever knew. I have been intimate with him for nearly twenty-five years. A hundred times, I think, I have seen him shouting happy. One of his sons was a local preacher in our church, but was killed during the war; another is now an exhorter, class leader and church secretary, and another is Sunday-school superintendent. He was a member of Ebell society, on Starrville circuit. He was buried at Old Canton in this county. May God bless his aged companion and children and help them meet him where parting is no more.—C. H. SMITH.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 17, 1883, p. 7, c. 5

OLIVE.—Benny, son of J. H. and Mary A. Olive, died of hydrophobia, February 18, 1883, in Smith county, Texas. He was nearly eight years old. He was bitten by a dog that was passing his home, December 15, 1882. A physician was called, and means used to prevent the dreaded disease. In a few days he seemed to be well, and remained so until February 14, when symptoms of hydrophobia developed. He could not eat, drink, nor sleep; though he suffered very little, except during the short and frequent convulsions, which grew steadily worse, until death released the sufferer and relieved the painful suspense of parents and friends. He was rational nearly all the time, talking almost incessantly and very intelligently for one of his age. In rapid succession he told many tragedies that he had witnessed, read, or heard of. During the last few hours, he talked about death, the destruction of the world by fire, and other such things. At last he said, "I am going to die." "I see the angels." "I see Bro. Tommie," (who had died in infancy). "I see Jesus." Then there was a momentary struggle, and he was gone. The parents expect to meet their Bennie again. They have faith in God. May his grace sustain them, and his spirit comfort them.—E. C. OGBURN.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 17, 1883, p. 8, c. 1

TYLER's water-works are completed and give satisfaction.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 31, 1883, p. 2, c. 3

LACY BOONE, Lindale, March 19: The first quarterly meeting for Garden Valley circuit is over. The presiding elder, Bro. Adams, on Saturday gave us the great contrast between the Christian religion and false religions. Sunday morning he gave us the Bible doctrine of the future punishment of the incorrigibly wicked. Preacher's salary assessed at \$400. Nearly one-fourth of it is paid. Assessment for foreign missions coming up.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 31, 1883, p. 5, c. 5

"The Deceitfulness of Sin" by W. N. Bonner, Tyler, Texas, March 10, 1883.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 31, 1883, p. 7, c. 4

KINSEY.—Mother Kinsey, whose maiden name was Rebecca Harrison, was born in Morgan county, Ga., August 9, 1803. She was married to James Ansley December 27, 1830, and moved to Upson county, Ga., where she lived until 1854, and reared a family of orphan children left to her care by the death of a relative. Thence she moved to Texas. On the way to Texas she lost by death, her husband, her daughter, and several of her relatives. With her surviving children and friends she settled in Smith county, near Antioch church, where she remained until she was called to her reward on high, January 10, 1883. Broken-hearted and care-worn, among strangers, in a strange land, with all the responsibilities of a large family of sons, a daughter, with none other to whom she could look for help and comfort, she said, "I will trust in the Lord." At the earliest opportunity she presented to Rev. F. M. Stovall, then pastor of the charge, the family "letter" with five names, three of which had, in the mean time, been transferred to the church triumphant. The remaining two have been faithful members. In 1859 she was married to James Kinsey, who still lives patiently awaiting his summons. Mother Kinsey was a model Christian woman; her life was every way a success; a wife, faithful, devoted and true, a helpmeet indeed; a mother and "stepmother," patient, loving, discreet and positive, "training up her children in the way they should go." She left five sons and two daughters in the church militant; some of them are noted for piety and Christian zeal. She was a kind, generous and warm-hearted friend and neighbor; she took pleasure in making others comfortable, especially the sick and the poor. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church when about twelve years old, and was a devoted, conscientious, consistent "follower" of Jesus. For nearly sixty-eight years a Christian "unspotted," "blameless." Could such a life end otherwise than most triumphantly? Her last illness was protracted, but not very painful. She often said, "The Lord is so good to me to take me away without much suffering." For several days she was constantly expecting to die, during which time, when awake, she was busy comforting her husband and children, and exhorting her friends to "be thankful and come on to the better land." When asleep she dreamed of heaven and sainted friends. Thus she calmly, peacefully passed away, as a little child falleth asleep. May the Lord help the writer and readers of this sketch to be "faithful unto death," and meet her again "where sad partings come no more."—E. O. D.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 7, 1883, p. 1, c. 5

TYLER.

April 1.--WM. SAMPEY, past: Sunday-school flourishing. Increasing every Sabbath. 11 a.m.—Text, Luck, xxiii:39-43. Subject: "Was the Thief Converted on the Cross?" Wait not till the last hour to repent. 9:30 p.m.—Text, Prov. i:24-30. Subject: "God's Blessings;" the manner in which these are treated, and the results. Received three by letter. Congregation appreciative.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 7, 1883, p. 2, c. 5

C. B. SMITH, Tyler, March 27: I am absent from our church (Centre) three Sundays in the month; but what joy it gives me to know that while I am trying to preach at other points, my brethren are not idle. They have preaching, prayer-meeting, class-meeting, each twice a month, and Sunday-school every Sabbath. Methodism is on "rising ground." I look forward with earnest desire to the time when we will have the grandest revival ever known in this section. May God bless his people! I repeat with Bro. Bonner: "Lord, revive us; we need it!"

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 14, 1883, p. 1, c. 1

A. LITTLE, Troupe, April 5: Overton and Troupe circuit is moving on quietly. The outlook is somewhat encouraging. We have a Methodist Sabbath-school at each church on the circuit, supplied with Methodist literature. We have expended for literature this year about fifty dollars. Have raised over our assessment for foreign missions. We are praying for and expecting a general revival on the circuit.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 14, 1883, p. 1, c. 6

TYLER.

April 8.—W. A. SAMPEY, pastor: Sunday-school flourishing; 133 of its members present. Rev. S. W. Turner preached at 11 a.m. from Gen., xiii. Subject: "The Characters of Abram and Lot." 8 p.m. Text—1 Cor., iv:1-4. Subject: "Man Considered as God's Steward." The congregations here are generally good, and this day was no exception to the rule. When your correspondents give numbers present at Sunday-school, do they count all persons present, or only the members of the Sunday-school? Some of us would like to know.

(Members of the Sunday-school and visitors should be distinguished in reports. This will exhibit the real work of the church.—ED.)

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 14, 1883, p. 8, c. 1

COL. T. R. BONNER is contributing some very interesting war reminiscences to the *Prairie Flower*, Mrs. C. M. Winkler's magazine, published in Corsicana. The last number contains a faithful and very vivid description of the battle of Pleasant Hill.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 21, 1883, p. 1, c. 3

E. R. LARGE, Noonday, April 12: Sunday-school at Spring Hill, Larissa circuit, is moving off finely; using our own literature, with teachers all members of our church. query—why is it a church with forty members, with fifty children, do not pretend to have a Sunday-school of their own, and will not allow their children to come to ours?

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 21, 1883, p. 1, c. 4

TYLER.

April 15.—W. A. Sampey, pastor: 11 a.m. Text—Acts, ii:42. Subject: "Christianity as a House, having foundation, structure and furniture." 8 p.m. Text—"Behold, now is the accepted time." 2 Cor., vi:2. Subject: "The follow of neglecting the present opportunity for a supposed future one." Sunday-school still increasing. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday night was rained out.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 21, 1883, p. 3, c. 3

TROUPE, April 9.—Dear Uncle Ike: I want to join your Testament class. I am a little girl ten years old. I am a member of the Methodist Church. I want to go to heaven. I have one brother in heaven. We have a Sunday-school here. Bro. Little is our preacher. I like him very much. I want to read through the New Testament this year. My pa takes the ADVOCATE. I like to read it. I go to Sabbath-school every Sunday. I must close.—Your niece, SALLIE POPE.

Heaven is a good place to go to, and if Sallie is faithful to her Savior she will certainly find a home in her Father's house. She must try and persuade some more children to go there. It seems to Uncle Ike that heaven must be a beautiful place because there are so many children there.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 28, 1883, p. 1, c. 2

TYLER.

April 22.—W. A. SAMPEY, pastor; 11 a.m., text, Luke xix:8,9. Subject, "Conversion of Zaccheus." 8 p.m., text "Lovers of Pleasure more than Lovers of God."—II. Tim, iii:4. Subject: "What kind of worldly pleasures can be enjoyed by those who profess religion?" Received on member by certificate. The church is moving on harmoniously and pleasantly.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 28, 1883, p. 3, c. 5

OVERTON, April 14.—Dear Uncle Ike: My mamma takes the ADVOCATE. We love it so that we can't do without it. We have no Sabbath-school in our community. Mamma teaches me at home. We read verse about. We intend to read through the Testament twice this year. I have given two dollars missionary money, and I intend to keep giving. I am ten years old. Please once let me say a word to my little brothers, Wesley and Marvy. My dear brothers, I and mamma are well and would love to hear from you. We love you, dear brothers. Mamma is praying every day that God will convert you. Her daily prayer is that we may be servants of the living God. She trusts in God. I request of any of my little cousins to let me know their post-office. Uncle, please don't put my letter in the waste basket. It is my first.—BILLIE A. CRAVEN.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 28, 1883, p. 3, c. 3

OVERTON, April 9.—Dear Uncle Ike: I have never seen a letter in your paper from our town. I hope mine will not find its way to the waste basket. Mr. Little is our preacher. We all call him Uncle Little, we think so much of him. We have a splendid Sabbath-school. Mr. Wm. Harris is our superintendent. He is so good and kind to us we all love him. I am a little boy twelve years old. I want to join your Testament class. I have read through Mark. I will answer Joseph L. Jameson's question. Nineteenth chapter of second Kings and the thirty-seventh chapter of Isaiah are alike. I will ask my little cousins a question. Which is the longest verse in the Bible. Grandma takes the ADVOCATE. I like to read the little letters.—Your nephew, J. FINLEY DOYLE.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 28, 1883, p. 3, c. 2

OVERTON, April 14.—Dear Uncle Ike: I see so many little boys and girls writing, I thought that I would attempt to write. I am a little boy twelve years of age. I have a little brother, ten years old. My papa is dead. Uncle Ike, I had a good papa, but God saw best to take him home; so mamma and Bobbie and myself are living alone, but we put our trust in God. We

have no Sabbath-school in our community. Brother Crouse is our pastor. if this escapes the waste basket, I will write again.—WILLIE NEAL.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 5, 1883, p. 1, c. 4

W. N. BONNER, Tyler, April 24: The second quarterly conference for Larissa circuit, Palestine district, Rev. R. S. Finley, presiding elder; Rev. T. P. Smith, preacher in charge, was held at Box House, 21st and 22d inst. It rained until 10 o'clock Saturday morning, yet the congregation was fair, and a goodly number of the official board were present. They had a fine dinner on the ground, which was convenient and saved time and travel. All the interests of the church were inquired into; finances fair, preachers' reports on the state of the church and Sunday-school encouraging. The presiding elder preached two good sermons, in which he set forth the Scripture doctrine of salvation in a clear and comforting manner. We had love-feast Sunday morning; a goodly number spoke. It was a love-feast indeed. There were over fifty communicants at the Lord's supper. Sunday evening the preacher in charge gave us a practical discourse on the Christian race. One infant was baptized. The people love their preacher. May the Lord bless the preachers and the people, and abundantly revive his work throughout the land.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 5, 1883, p. 1, c. 2

TYLER.

April 29.—W. A. SAMPEY, pastor: It being our second quarterly meeting, Dr. R. S. Finley, our presiding elder, gave us three sermons. Saturday at 11 a.m., text—2 Peter iii:18. Subject: "Religious progress." Sabbath, 11 a.m., text—Job xix:25, 26. Subject: "Redemption through Jesus Christ." 8 p.m., text—Jude xx:21. His sermons were replete with good things. The prayer-meeting Wednesday night, though colliding with a grand ball given in *honor* of the Medical Association of Texas, was a success. The people of God can sing and praise and pray and rejoice at the moment in which the world is reveling in hilarity.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 5, 1883, p. 1, c. 2

LACY BOONE, Lindale, April 27: Dr. Younge was with us last Saturday; lectured twice; organized council with 30 members. Through the instrumentality of this organization we hope soon to carry the local option. We have a petition now ready for the county judge to incorporate the town. Lindale has a hopeful future in religion, temperance, morals, and education. Good country around. Attention, immigrants!

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 12, 1883, p. 2, c. 1-2

"Amusements for the Young." by Rev. W. A. Sampey, Tyler, April 28.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 12, 1883, p. 7, c. 2

"Second Blessing" by W. N. Bonner, Tyler, April 28.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 26, 1883, p. 1, c. 2

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, May 15, reports finances on Starrville circuit up, as usual. Fifty dollars foreign missionary money sent to Nashville. Prayer and class-meeting held at nearly all the churches. Eleven Sunday-schools at the twelve churches. Church conference held every quarter, sometimes once a month. Twenty-two had joined the church last quarter. We have two

excellent camp-grounds on this circuit. Will hold one near Starrville, embracing the third Sunday in August; one at Pleasant Retreat, near Tyler, the 4th Sunday in August.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 26, 1883, p. 1, c. 2

W. N. B., Tyler, May 14, reports an interesting quarterly meeting on Starrville circuit. C. B. Smith, pastor; John Adams, elder. Excellent sermons by the elder. Seventy-five communicants; one infant baptized. We met with a family of ten—all in the church save a little boy of five, and the babe, less than three, who refuse to go to bed before family prayer. When the father is from home mother and sister read the Scripture and children pray—two boys of thirteen will lead in prayer. Their children will rise up and call them blessed. O that heads of families would all discharge their duty.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 2, 1883, p. 5, c. 3

REV. W. N. BONNER, Tyler, May 14, writes that he was with Bro. T. P. Smith, at Larissa, May 6. Congregation large and attentive; Sunday-school booming, with 68 officers and pupils. We visited one family; had just moved into the circuit without their church letters. The sister said, in answer to the question: Do you have family prayer? We have one who prays every night. Who is that? It is a little boy six years old. He had been with his pa fishing, spent the night on the bank of the river, and prayed there. I would all the church members would do likewise. That child promised to pray for me. God bless the children.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 9, 1883, p. 3, c. 3

TYLER, May 13.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am well pleased with the ADVOCATE. I am a little boy eleven years old. We have a good Sunday-school. As quick as papa gets the crop laid by I am going to start school again. Bro. Lively is our preacher, and Bro. Tooles is our local preacher. We would not be without the ADVOCATE for anything. Excuse my letter, for it is the first.—TOM A. RUSSELL

TROUPE, May 8.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am a little boy eight years old. I want to join your Testament class; will try and read the Testament through. I have a little sister six years old. We go to Sabbath-school every Sunday. Papa is our superintendent, and mamma is our teacher. Brother Little is our preacher. We all love him.—IRA SLAGLE.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 9, 1883, p. 7, c. 2

ASHCRAFT.—Charles Pinkney Ashcraft was born in St. Clair county, Alabama, Aug. 24, 1847, and died May 17, 1883, at his home in Smith county, Texas. He professed religion and joined the Protestant Methodist Church in 1868, in which he remained until 1872, when he united with the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived until death. He was Sabbath-school superintendent at the time of his death, endeavoring to perform his duties faithfully. He was regarded by his neighbors as a devout, earnest, exemplary Christian, and we trust he has fallen asleep in Jesus. He has gone, and we must say farewell, but not forever; we hope to meet again in the city of the living God. May God bless his companion, two children, aged parents, and relatives in this their great affliction. May he give him peace and comfort, and bring them all to a happy reunion in heaven.—T. P. SMITH.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 16, 1883, p. 3, c. 2

CENTER, May 18.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am a little girl twelve years old. I wish to join your Testament class. I have read to Luke. We have a Sunday-school at Asbury Chapel. Bro. R. L. Davis is our Sunday-school superintendent, and my pa is teacher of my class. We love our Sunday-school superintendent very much. He has been our teacher for several years. Brother Bridwell is our preacher, and I love him.—BETTIE A. SMITH. [note: not sure which Center]

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 23, 1883, p. 1, c. 2

E. R. LARGE, Noonday, June 13, says: Religiously we are moving along and praying, hoping and expecting a revival. Spring Hill Sunday-school will, we fear, go down for the want of a superintendent.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 23, 1883, p. 3, c. 4

OVERTON, May 26.—Dear Uncle Ike: We do not take your paper, but Aunt Esa Crosen does, and she lends it to me to read. We have no Sabbath-school in our neighborhood. I have read my Bible nearly through, and I wish to read it through this summer. I have three brothers and two sisters. One was born with but one hand. Ma and pa belong to the Missionary Baptist Church. Which is the longest verse in the Bible? My love to all the cousins and also to Uncle Ike.—MATTIE MARTIN.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 23, 1883, p. 8, c. 2

NOONDAY, June 13.—We are having a great deal of rain in this part of the country now, but farmers are generally up with their crops. The crop prospect here is fine for corn and cotton. Corn is very fine where it has been worked.—E. R. LARGE.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 30, 1883, p. 3, c. 3

WINONA, June 16.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am a boy thirteen years old. I went to school last winter, but had to stop to help pa in the farm. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is my uncle, N. A. Hayes. Our superintendent is Mr. J. R. McDougal. We all esteem him very much. Our preacher is C. H. Smith. Everybody calls him "Uncle Caleb." O how he is beloved by all. Pa takes the ADVOCATE, and as hard as he works in the field he will set up at night and read it. Pa and ma are both members of the church. I have three brothers, one older and two younger than myself. I have a little sister in heaven. Uncle Ike, please put me down on your Testament class. Can any of the little cousins tell me where, and how many times the word gives is found in the Bible? God bless you, Uncle Ike.—TILMAN H. HAYES.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 30, 1883, p. 7, c. 3

LOWREY.—Died in Smith county, Texas, April 22, 1883, Joseph Fletcher, infant son of J. T. and Meda Lowrey, aged 1 year, 9 months and 22 days. A ray of joyous light in our hearts never to be extinguished—another star in the firmament of God's love, to brighten the dark valley; a beacon of light set "over there," to shine through suffering and sorrow, and beckon us onward with undimmed ray to ports of peace. O angels, tune your harps afresh; spread wide the portals, and let the King's anointed seek His presence to bask in its brightness forever more.

We missed him from our path;

We did not loose the golden head

From off our breast.

We laid him where his God and ours

Had lain—within the tomb—to rest.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 7, 1883, p. 5, c. 4

C. B. SMITH, Tyler, June 29, thinks they have one of the finest country Sunday-schools in the East Texas conference—78 enrolled, and last Sunday only 20 failed to answer at roll-call, and part of these came in afterward. Who can beat it? He says: "Our superintendent, J. R. McDougal, is second to none."

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 14, 1883, p. 3, c. 2

Mabel Sledge, of Smith county, wants to know if we will welcome a little stranger girl, nine years old, with dark hair and blue eyes, who is reading, spelling, and studying arithmetic. Of course we will, and hope that she will read her Bible faithfully, and make the hearts of her good Presbyterian mamma glad by becoming a true Christian woman.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 14, 1883, p. 7, c. 4

DOZIER.—Died near Tyler, Texas, June 20, 1883, little Marie Maude, infant daughter of Elias B. and Nannie Dozier, aged 13 months and 4 days. Thus another bud is snatched from earth to bloom in heaven. Maudie has gone to that One who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me."—S. B. SMITH.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 28, 1883, p. 1, c.

C. H. SMITH, Starrville, July 16: At Wesley chapel we commenced a meeting July 1, and continued five days. The church was much revived, with several conversions and six accessions. We had no ministerial help. We commenced a meeting July 7, and continued seven days. Results—Church much revived, and about 34 professions, 37 accessions. Bro. Sampey, of Tyler, and C. B. Smith, L. P., did valuable service.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 4, 1883, p. 1, c. 3

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, July 26, says: On Saturday before the third Sunday in this month we commenced a protracted meeting at Bascom Chapel. It lasted one week. Bros. Sampey, Turner, Tunnell, Spruce, and C. B. Smith assisted. Results, church much revived, 12 professions, 12 accessions to the M. E. Church, South, 12 children baptized; so it was 12 all round. Last Saturday, the 21st of this month, I commenced a meeting at Hopewell. Bro. Tunnell assisted me therein, and Bro. Smith preached one sermon. Results, church revived, 6 or 7 professions, 4 accessions to our church. Others will join, I think. To God be all the glory.

LACY BOONE, Lindale, July 26: My meeting at Pleasant Grove resulted in 10 accessions and 12 conversions, and glorious revival in the church. Several penitents in the altar at close of meeting. At Lindale we began July 14 and continued seven days. The Baptists took hold, and continued five days. The whole community was stirred as it never was before; about 20 conversions. Five of these joined the M. E. Church, and ten the Baptist. Others joined by letter. My meeting at Mt. Sylvan was a failure as to visible results. Good may come of it yet, however. Bro. Robert Harry, of Marshall, has assisted me faithfully in all my meetings, and I expect him to remain through the whole campaign. So far, this year, I have received 40 into the church, and the good work goes on.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Aug. 4, 1883, p. 1, c. 2

ALBERT LITTLE, Troupe, July 28, reports: We have held three protracted meetings on the Overton and Troupe circuit this year. Have three more to hold yet. The Lord has been with us in convicting and converting power at each meeting. About 24 professions and 22 accessions to the church. To the Lord be all the glory. Pray for us, brethren.

E. D. OGBURN, Tyler, July 26, writes: We held a four days' meeting at Alligator. The church was thoroughly revived. There were 16 conversions and 19 accessions. Thanks to Dr. Hall, Bro. Walker, and Bro. Allen, who did valuable service. We closed leaving the altar full of penitents, to go to district conference. Was it right?

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 11, 1883, p. 3, c. 2

TYLER, July 26.—Dear Uncle Ike: We are two boys, 13 year old (twins), and live in a thickly settled and religious community. We belong to the same class in Sunday-school. We have a good school, with Mr. J. R. McDougal as superintendent. We all love him. We have something better to tell you yet; we both embraced religion and joined the church at our meeting. Pray that we may be good boys and an ornament to the church. Our meeting was a good one; about 34 conversions and 37 accessions.—WALTER AND WILEY SMITH.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 11, 1883, p. 3, c. 2

MT. SYLVAN, July 16.—Dear Uncle Ike: I have read the letters from the little cousins, and have been thinking of classing myself as one of your correspondents. I do not attend Sunday-school, but recite Bible lessons to papa and mamma. Bro. Boone is our Methodist preacher, and Bro. Caperton is our Baptist preacher. I have been attending school for the past six months. Bros. Cross and McBride are our teachers. Mamma is now giving me instructions in sewing and cooking. I have two brothers and two sisters. I am 12 years old. Who are our neighbors?—NORA CASTLE.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 11, 1883, p. 7, c. 5

WELLS.—Mattie, daughter of Jacob and Sarah F. Wells, was born June 6, 1875, and died July 30, 1883, aged 8 years, 1 month, and 23 days. She was one of a pair of twins; a dutiful child, of smooth temper, never fretting or murmuring at anything. She was kind, generous, yielding, self-denying, self-sacrificing; always desiring to minister to the happiness of others, and especially her younger brothers, rather than to be ministered unto herself. She was a paragon of goodness for one of her years. Noble child! What an angel of a woman she would have made if she had lived. But now she is gone to live with the angels. It seems that they fell in love with a child so amiable, and came down and took her to the hallowed scenes of glory in the "happy fields of Eden."—LACY BOONE.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 11, 1883, p. 7, c. 5

LAIRD.—Capt. D. C. Laird, the subject of this notice, was a native of Tennessee; came to Texas in an early day; served in the Confederate army during the war as a captain, most of the time in Col. Clark's regiment. I think after the war he married and settled near Jamestown, in Smith county, Texas, and engaged in farming. He was an excellent farmer, citizen and neighbor. He was afflicted for some years with lung disease, which finally proved fatal June 16, 1883. Some months ago Capt. Laird sought Christ in the pardon of his sins, and on the 25th day of February last the writer baptized and received him in the M. E. Church, South, of which his wife

and son were honored members. He died in great peace. May God bless his many friends and loved ones.—C. H. SMITH.

LOWERY.—Died, the 20th inst., at our residence in Starrville, Mrs. Meda Lowery, wife of J. T. Lowery. For several months she had suffered intensely, but was willing to do or suffer the Master's will. She was a consistent Christian, a devoted wife and mother, a true and faithful friend. Her triumph was complete over the last enemy. "Going home to rest." How often she requested the song: "Going home to-morrow," and the hymn: "Asleep in Jesus." She would repeat the lines, and seemed to realize in a high degree the sentiment. She leaves her husband and two daughters to mourn her loss. May God help them to follow her as she followed Christ. Her friends will miss her kind words and tender sympathies. Earth is poorer, heaven richer, now she has left us; yet we know she is in the paradise of God with her loved ones, and bow submissively to the divine will, believing we will meet again where pain and sorrow can never reach us.—LIZZIE Y. SLAGLE.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 18, 1883, p. 1, c. 3

W. N. BONNER, Tyler, August 10: Bro. T. P. Smith, of Larissa circuit, held a meeting at Union Springs church commencing the 3d and closing the 9th. Result, 10 professions, 13 accessions, 4 baptized by pouring; 5 of the conversions were the pupils in Bro. W. D. Rather's class in Sunday-school. After Sunday all the services were held in the day. Congregation, good average. The services last day were hindered on account of a good sister being taken sick, just as she reached the church. She had two grown sons at the altar. May our Father restore her to health, and convert her children.

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Aug. 8: On Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in July I commenced a meeting at Antioch, on Starrville circuit. It lasted 6 days. Result, the church much revived, 15 profession religion, 12 joined the M. E. Church, South. The local brethren, Ogburn, Fountain and Tunnell, gave us valuable service. The place where, in my notice of July 15, I had 34 professions and 37 accessions was at Center, one of the best churches on Starrville circuit.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 25, 1883, p. 1, c. 2

C. H. SMITH: At Pleasant Grove we commenced a meeting Saturday before the first Sabbath in August. It lasted a week. Results, the church much revived; about 16 professed religion, 15 joined the church. Bros. Tunnell, Fountain, and Spruce, local brethren, did good service. The ADVOCATE is doing its part well and faithfully.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 1, 1883, p. 1, c. 3

T. P. SMITH, Tyler, August 22: Our camp-meeting on Larissa circuit is over. Results as follows: The church greatly revived; 48 conversions and 34 accessions. Dr. R. S. Finley, presiding elder, and other ministers were with us and did good work. Our campground is favorably located, and the building committee had in readiness a large, convenient arbor for which we return thanks. Congregations were good, orderly and attentive. Preachers and people went away happy and hopeful.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 1, 1883, p. 1, c. 4

M. B. ADAMS, Tyler, Aug. 26: After ten days of sweet but arduous labor, Bro. T. P. Smith, one of our noblest preachers, reports from his camp-meeting at Cove Spring camp-ground Larissa circuit, 50 precious, immortal souls garnered for his Master's fold. In our heart we

rejoice with him, and also with those who are so fortunate as to find a Savior precious to their desponding souls. In many respects this was one of the most wonderful displays of the divine power we ever witnessed. Out of the 50 conversions there were but about 4 children, the rest grown persons, and the heads of families. One old lady about seventy years old sought for the first time in life an altar of prayer, and found the Prince of Peace a refuge for her manifold transgressions. O, what a glorious work for the Master, and the upbuilding of his kingdom. C. B. Smith, Revs. Dr. R. S. Finley, U. B. Philips, L. M. Fowler, A. Little, and others, were there, assisting in disseminating the word of God. Their lips seemed to burn with the holy prophetic fire sent down from above.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 8, 1883, p. 7, c. 3

COLLIER.—Mollie Collier, daughter of R. R. and Louisa Collier, was born in Smith county, Texas, May 7, 1873; died August 13, 1883. Mollie was a good little girl, though afflicted greatly in life. When convenient, she always attended Sabbath-school. May the Lord console the bereaved widowed mother and brothers and sisters, and may this dispensation of Providence provide a blessing.—A. LITTLE.

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CRAIG.—John H. Craig, son of W. H. and A. J. Craig, was born in Smith county, Texas, Feb. 6, 1862, and lived, as thousands do, without God and hope in the world, until a few days before his illness. One night, before the writer closed a meeting, he came forward for the first time to the altar for prayer. He was from that time on an earnest seeker. He was taken sick in a few days. The writer continued to labor with him until just before he died, when he said all was well. I believe it was the most triumphant death I ever witnessed. He was perfectly conscious until the last, and when he could not see or speak, he would give signs that all was well. He died on the 14th day of August, 1883. May God bless the parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends; and may they take his advice—not to live as he had lived.—J. F. HENDERSON.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 15, 1883, p. 1, c. 3

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, September 7: My meeting at Red Springs, Starrville circuit, commenced first day of this month, closed yesterday. A happy meeting. The church much revived. About 21 professed religion, 18 joined the Methodist E. Church, South. The local preachers did faithful work. Dr. Fontaine was with me two days; Bro. Broyles, of Palestine, all the time. Bro. Blair, a young preacher from near Lindale, was with me most of the time. Bro. McDannel, an exhorter from Wise county, did good service.

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C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Aug. 31: Our camp-meting at Pleasant Retreat closed last night with 28 conversions and 13 accessions; others will join. Bros. Sampey, T. P. Smith, LeClere, and good local brethren did good work.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 22, 1883, p. 1, c. 2

LACY BOONE, Lindale, September 12: Since my last have held meetings with results as follows: Village Creek camp-meeting, August 10-16, 13 happy conversions, 10 accessions. It was a powerful meeting to the church. Bros. Adams, Marler, and Bolton were present and labored efficiently. Harris chapel, August 18-24, 17 conversions, 16 accessions. On Thursday

night while we were waiting in prayer for power from on high, suddenly, as of a rushing, mighty wind, it came and filled the place where we were kneeling. Marvin chapel, September 1-9, 12 conversions and 12 accessions, and church greatly revived. So far, this year, we have had 66 conversions and 83 accessions, and the cause much strengthened.

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LACY BOONE, Lindale, Sept. 12: Lindale is rejoicing. We have local option now for all time to come, we trust. It was carried by one majority only yesterday. But we trust when the people realize the beneficial results, that they will be satisfied, and never desire to undo what was done yesterday. The future is still brightening for Lindale.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 29, 1883, p. 1, c. 1

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Sept. 19: The protracted meeting at Bethel Church lasted six days, with visible results as follows: the church much revived; 13 I think professed religion, 12 joined the Methodist E. Church, South. Bro. Tunnell, Bro. Hughes and Bro. Broyles helped nearly all the time. This church is four miles east of Tyler. This week we are at Ebel Church; 11 professions and accessions up to date.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 6, 1883, p. 1, c. 3

T. P. SMITH, Tyler, Oct. 1: Our protracted meeting at Lane's Chapel lasted seven days. Results as follows: the church much revived, 18 professed religion, 16 joined by ritual. Bros. Sampey, C. H. Smith, McAnally, Bonner, and Broyles were with us and rendered efficient service. Bro. Adams, presiding elder, was with us one day and preached a good sermon. This church is five miles south of Tyler. We have had a good year on Larissa circuit.

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MAYNE.—Granville H. Mayne was born Sept. 1, 1859, and died Aug. 17, 1883, aged 23 years, 11 months and 16 days, having been a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, for several years. He was taken suddenly with rheumatism of the heart while at morning prayers the last day of our camp meeting at Village creek. He was in a low state of health, and succumbed under the severity of the attack. He was told of his condition, and asked if he had any request or message to leave for his friends and relatives. He replied slowly and distinctly: "Nothing, only—live—religious—and—meet—me—in—heaven." When asked how he felt in view of death, he replied: "All right." Next morning the people were striking their tents and returning to their homes; he struck his tent and went to his "home, sweet home" from the camp-meeting here immediately to the "general assembly of the first-born above." His last words were: "Glory! glory!"—LACY BOONE.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 6, 1883, p. 8, c. 3

BELL—BARBEE.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Sept. 20, 1883, by Rev. P. O. Tunnell, Dr. B. F. Bell and Miss Georgia A. Barbee, all of Smith county, Texas.

GALBRETH—WEAVER.—At the residence of the bride's father, Sept. 23, 1883, by Rev. P. O. Tunnell, Mr. J. A. Galbreth and Miss S. A. Weaver, all of Smith county.

LARGE—WATSON.—At the residence of the bride's father, on Sept. 30, 1883, by Rev. T. P. Smith, Mr. J. D. Large and Miss Mattie Watson, of Smith county, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 13, 1883, p. 1, c. 1

W. N. BONNER, Tyler, Oct. 3: The fourth quarterly conference, for Overton and Troupe circuit was held in Canton, Smith county, Sept. 29-30. Rev. John Adams, presiding elder, presided and preached three intellectual sermons with good effect. The services were continued by the preacher in charge, A. Little. There were three children baptized, 1 accession to the church, which makes eight during the year. Bro. Little is loved much by his charge.

A. LITTLE: Our protracted meeting at Overton began on Saturday before the third Sabbath in September. It continued twelve days and nights. Results, 37 conversions, 22 accessions to our church. Such an interest I never saw in Overton. I baptized 18 children during the meeting, and received several subscribers to the ADVOCATE. Our fourth quarterly meeting embraced the fifth Sabbath in September, at Canton, Smith county. Bro. Adams was present, full of the Holy Ghost, preaching with unusual power. His preaching had fine effect on the audience. 2 conversions, 3 joined the church, 3 infants baptized. Finances are good, and outlook on the circuit encouraging. This is my third year on this work. I never served a better people. The Lord is with us. We have had, during the year, about 90 professions and 82 accessions to the church, 69 by ritual and 13 by letter. All glory to God.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 20, 1883, p. 2, c. 3

E. R. LARGE, Noonday, Oct. 7: We are in receipt of an interesting letter from Bro. Large, of Noonday, giving a review of the work on Larissa circuit. We have already given accounts of these meetings, from Bro. Smith, and are careful not to publish a meeting or revival twice, as this produces confusion in our reports. We aim to make them accurate. Persons not familiar with the field will regard them as distinct revivals, and thus make an over-estimate of the results of the year's labor. Bro. Large appends some interesting notes and comments, as follows: At White House a little girl, only a few years old, asked her mother if she might go to the altar. In order to find out if she understood what she was doing, her mother asked her if she knew what she was doing. The little girl answered: "Yes; I might die before to-morrow." She went to the altar, and was made happy in a Savior's love. Question: What if that mother had forbid the little girl going to the altar? Who would have been responsible? The total number of conversions this year on this circuit are 120. Out of these 83 have joined our church. There are others who will join on Bro. Smith's next round; so you see we have had a good year, for which we thank God and take courage. Bro. Smith is in favor with his people. Finances are somewhat behind, but we are now on the homestretch, and we propose to pay it.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 20, 1883, p. 8, c. 4

GAITHER—HARDY.—At the residence of the bride's father, Sept. 30, by Rev. Lacy Boone, H. H. Gaither, of Mineola, Texas, and Miss Effie A. Hardy, of Smith county, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 8, 1883, p. 1, c. 2

Overton and Troupe—Jno. S. Mathis.

Tyler Station—W. A. Sampey.

Starrville Circuit—C. H. Smith; S. W. Turner, supernumerary.

Garden Valley Circuit.—M. E. Blocker.

Larissa Circuit—T. T. Booth.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 15, 1883, p. 7, c. 4

CREWS.—Jesse E. Crews was born in Perry county, Ala., A. D. 1847, and professed faith in Christ and united with the M. E. Church, South, in 1871. He was happily married to Miss Hattie Henderson, of Perry county, Ala., in February, 1872. In 1879, he, with his family, moved to Smith county, Texas, where he died October 14, 1883. Jesse left no death-bed testimony but that which is far better, a blameless life, full of fidelity to his Master. He was one of the best and most solid members of Red Spring church, Starrville circuit, and was in a great measure the means of building up, and conducting up to his death, the best Sabbath-school that church ever had. He was never presumptuous at any time, but "stood up for Jesus" with that calm composure that ever characterizes the true soldier. Jesse left a widow and six little children, who feel deeply their loss.

"Asleep in Jesus—far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is till a blessed sleep
From which none ever wake to weep."

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 22, 1883, p. 4, c. 4

C. B. SMITH, Centre, Dec. 13: The conference has adjourned, with the following for Starrville circuit: C. H. Smith, preacher in charge, and Dr. R. S. Finley, presiding elder. I do not think the conference could have pleased us better (though we try to love all its preachers). A circuit that would not thrive under the pastoral care of such men as Uncle Caleb Smith would be, I think, an irredeemable one. Then a district with a presiding elder of the learning, experience and piety of Dr. Finley has nothing to fear. Let us not only pay them their salaries, but let us burden our prayers for their success, and as we are in a new district let us "turn over a new leaf," labor more arduously and earnestly for Christ than ever before and God will bless our efforts.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 22, 1883, p. 7, c. 4

DOZIER. Thomas Walter, son of E. B. and Nannie Dozier, was born Oct. 7, 1870, and departed this life Nov. 7, 1883, aged 4 years and 1 month. The searching footsteps of death have again invaded this household and claimed another jewel. It seems to be a strange dispensation of Divine Providence that took two children from these parents in the space of six months; but murmur not, dear friends. God doeth all things for good. Walter has gone to join his little sister in heaven. He cannot come back to us, but we can go to him. Let us live to meet him in the glory world.—C. B. SMITH.

TYLER, TEXAS.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 29, 1883, p. 8, c. 4

HOWARD—BARBEE—At the residence of the bride's father, Dec. 13, 1883, by Rev. P. O. Tunnell, Mr. E. L. Howard to Miss S. P. Barbee—all of Smith county.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 5, 1884, p. 5, c. 4

STONE—WIGGS.—At the residence of the bride's father, Dec. 20, 1883, by Rev. P. O. Tunnell, Mr. J. M. Stone and Miss Caledonia Wiggs—all of Smith county.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 12, 1884, p. 8, c. 2

The suit against the Great Northern railroad, for the killing of Capt. Thos. Smith, which was filed a year ago, was decided January 3d, at Tyler, giving the plaintiff \$8000 damages.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 8, 1884, p. 5, c. 2

A postal from Rev. W. N. Bonner, under date of Feb. 4, informs us of the dangerous illness of the wife of Hon. T. R. Bonner, of Tyler. Her many Christian friends will pray earnestly that her useful life may be spared.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 16, 1884, p. 8, c. 4

RATHER—MOORE.—On the evening of Jan. 24th, 1884, at the residence of Dr. H. M. Rather, twelve miles south of Tyler, by the Rev. John Adams, Mr. H. Rather and Miss Lizzie Moore, all of Smith county.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 23, 1884, p. 5, c. 6

We are in receipt of the sad news that Mrs. Cynthia A. Bonner, wife of Hon. T. R. Bonner, died at their home in Tyler, Texas, Feb. 10th. She was a devout Christian. The summons found her ready for the call. Bro. Bonner has the sympathy of a host of friends.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 1, 1884, p. 7, c. 4

BONNER.—The subject of this sketch, Mrs. Cynthia Ann Bonner, died at the family residence in Tyler, Texas, at 10 o'clock, Feb. 10, 1884. She was the wife of our fellow townsman, Col. T. R. Bonner. She was the youngest daughter of William and Sarah Madden, and was born in Claiborne parish, Louisiana, August 30, 1835. She was buried in the Tyler cemetery Feb. 11, 1884. Mrs. Bonner was intimately known to very few persons with whom she became acquainted. She was of a modest, retiring disposition, living and performing the duties of life in strict sincerity. In all her acts she seemed governed by duty—first, duty to her God; second, duty to her family, and lastly, duty to society. So earnest was she in the two former that she never had much intercourse with society, and consequently was but little known save by reputation. She was a consistent, earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Religion with her was not a form, but a rich and lasting substance—a fountain out of which the waters of truth and goodness flowed, and from which her soul took new strength and nourishment every day and every hour. She regarded religion as the basis of all good and all comfort, and all her words and acts were governed by its rules and tempered with its love and charity. It is said that her seat at church was never vacant save by Providential hindrance. She went to church not for the credit the world might give, but for the comfort it shed around her own soul and the influence it might have upon others around her; and under the shadows of the pulpit and altar it may be truthfully said that she knew no other thought and saw no other scene than those which brought her in close communion with her Maker. She was not a hearer of the Word only, but a doer also. Not a loud, self-interested worker, but a quiet, humble laborer, whose influence in her Master's vineyard, like the still, deep running of a constant stream, never slept nor tired, but to-day, to-morrow, and all the time, swept on toward the throne, bearing cares the world never knew and doing deeds that have their reward not in the praise of the multitude but in the judgment of the great hereafter. She was a woman who was not prized at her full value by those with whom she had only a casual acquaintance. But to know her well was to love her, and those who knew her best loved her most. First surprise, then respect, next admiration, and lastly love—love that is deep and strong—these were the emotions which always sprang from

continued association with her. There was a beauty and simplicity in her life; a soft, sweet harmony of time and eternity; an earnestness and sincerity of thought and action, that only those who knew her intimately ever felt. There are some birds whose songs, though sweeter than the sweeter than the sweetest, the world never hears; there are some flowers whose fragrance the world never shares; but they are God's—his handiwork and his glory. So there are some souls born not for the world, not the eyes and ears of men, but born for God and his glory; Cynthia Ann Bonner was one of these. She died as she lived—a true and trusting woman—a noble wife—a clinging Christian.

The consciousness of faith, of sins forgiven,
Of wrath appeased, of every guilt thrown off,
Sheds on her breast its long forgotten peace,
And shining steadfast as the noon-day sun,
Lightened her along the path that duty marks.

and to-day she sings a glad new song in heaven.—B. B. C.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 8, 1884, p. 7, c. 4

CURRIE.—Robert H. Currie was born May 15, 1842, in Alabama; came to Texas when a boy; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, when he was about ten years old, in which church he lived a consistent and useful member until Jan. 2, 1884, when he died a triumphant death. He was steward when he died of Ebel church, sometimes class-leader, and sometimes Sunday-school superintendent. He was almost anything the church called him to be. But he is gone. May God bless his wife, children, and relatives.—C. H. SMITH.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 5, 1884, p. 7, c. 5

BONNER.—WHEREAS, Our Father in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from the Tyler Woman's Missionary Society our beloved sister, Cinthia [sic] H. Bonner, and whereas, we, each and all, feel a sincere interest in the memory of her life, as well as the sorrow of her departure, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That in the death of our sister this society has lost an earnest worker; one whose interest in its welfare, and whose faith in its benefits had no superior.

2. That the church has lost a shining light; an example which led many souls out of the dark and dismal night of sin into the open ark of safety; that to those who knew her in the church, she is not dead, but only gone on before. The footprints she has left upon the sands of time lead straight to the gates of heaven, and those who follow them will surely meet her in the presence of our God and Savior.

3. That in the death of our sister we have lost a zealous worker in the vineyard of our Lord and Master; the poor and needy have lost a true friend, one whose heart and hand were ever open to their cries; the husband a perfect wife, a helpmeet indeed; and the world a noble woman.

4. That while we deeply deplore the loss of our sister, we can trust her in the hands of that God who doeth all things well. A life spent in the Master's cause can but receive from him as its reward a "crown that fadeth not away, eternal in the heavens."

5. That we deeply sympathise [sic] with her family in their bereavement, and may He who alone can heal the broken heart and comfort the bruised spirit, help them to say, "Not my will, but thine, oh, Lord! be done," and make them to realize that "earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot cure."

6. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family of the deceased, that a copy be spread upon the minutes of this society, and that one be furnished the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, the Woman's Missionary Advocate, and the Tyler Reporter.

Mrs. W. G. Cain,
Mrs. B. W. Rowland,
Mrs. R. S. Finley,
Committee.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 26, 1884, p. 1, c. 5

J. T. SMITH, Tyler, April 18: God is reviving his work in Tyler. A most glorious meeting to-day; nearly everybody happy; 2 bright conversions to-day; 7 or more to date. The weather is threatening, but good congregations. I have been helping Bro. Sampey this week; go home to begin a meeting Sunday. Bro. Sampey is greatly encouraged for the church.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 3, 1884, p. 7, c. 3

MULLINS.—Sister Elmira Mullins, wife of Bro. J. C. Mullins, of Red Spring Church, on Starrville circuit, was born in Jackson parish, Louisiana, April 15, 1827. She embraced religion when about 17 years old and joined the M. E. Church, in which she lived a consistent and devoted Christian until her death. She suffered much the last few years; was not able to walk without help; but she bore it all with that Christian fortitude that characterized her life. She died suddenly, Jan. 12, 1884. In the last years I visited her often, and always found her cheerful, sometimes happy. But she is gone where sickness, sorrow, pain and death never come. May God bless her husband and children, and help them to meet her in heaven. They are all in the church.—C. H. SMITH.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 3, 1884, p. 7, c. 4

GRAMBLING.—Died, at the residence of Hon. T. R. Bonner, Tyler, Texas, Dec. 12, 1883, Mrs. Lou Grambling, the wife of Allen Grambling, aged 29 years. Mrs. Grambling was the daughter of Mr. T. H. and Mary Traylor, and was born Feb. 10, 1854. I first met Sister Grambling in the winter of 1878, at which time I became her pastor. She then wore upon her cheeks the first blushes of womanhood, and from her joyous heart frequently went forth the ringing laugh of purity and innocence. Full of all sweet hopes, and bright with innocent beauty, she was loved and won by that most estimable gentleman, who now weeps over her tomb and refuses to be comforted. To him she yielded her faith and trust, in anticipation of a long and happy union. But, alas! little did the writer think, when the two stood before him at the hymeneal altar, panoplied by the marriage bell, that only four short years of conjugal bliss should come and go until I should be called upon to read over her broken urn the solemn words: "For as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased sister, we therefore commit her body to the ground—earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." But the inevitable decree, written long years ago against humanity, is still upon the Statute Book of God our Creator: "From the dust we came, and unto the dust we shall return." "Man, that is born of woman, is of few days. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down." This flower did not fade from the chilling winds and poisonous breath of a long career, for it was plucked and sent to the tomb glistening with the dew of the morning of life, and with the odors of the bridal wreath still lingering upon the marble brow. When a child, Sister Grambling became a maternal orphan. This dispensation of Providence caused her forlorn and wifeless father to seek

a new home for his little daughter. At this juncture the wide doors of the hospitable home of her uncle and aunt (Hon. T. R. Bonner and wife) became the haven of her remaining days; and from the first day that her tiny feet crossed the threshold of that elegant home until the day of her death their people became her people, and their God her God. Where they lived she lived; and, though married, and the wife of a man whose sterling business capacities were of such a character that he was fully competent to have ensconced her under his own vine and fig tree, yet so great was her affection for her adopted parents, and so attached were they to her, they could not bear separation. She lived and died at their home. From the kind and sanctified guidance received at their hands, as she grew in years, she developed in those elegant accomplishments which give woman her most endearing charms and invest her with a sovereign sway over the hearts of the good. Her stature was symmetrical, tall and graceful; her face possessed the mingled sweets of the lily and the rose, and her eyes, beaming with intelligence, threw a halo of intellectual expression over her countenance pleasant to behold. With such beauties and virtues she was calculated to irradiate her sphere of domestic life, and gild its storms and darkness with a sympathy and sentiment peculiar only to those whose life-drill has been under the gentle sway of refinement and Christian culture. Her manners had that affability of politeness which accommodates itself to all grades of her social circle. She never made a parade of herself or attainments, with a view of shining at the expense of her acquaintances. In her conversation there was nothing of that austere and proud superiority which many persons sometimes assume. In company, whether beneath the emblazoned sheen of the chandelier or bending low beside the couch of sorrow, where flickered dimly the sick-room taper, her behavior was cheerful and agreeable, and to the fevered brow the touch of her hand was that of a friend indeed. Those who knew her best and loved her devotedly can with safety demand of her neighbors and acquaintances to witness against her in any fact derogatory to her character as a true woman or Christian lady. As a wife she adored the one whom she honored as her husband. In yielding to him her faith and trust, she gave also her entire heart; and in deed and in truth to her was his strong right arm. She applied herself to the task of domestic life with cheerfulness and hope, and with marked enthusiasm realized Solomon's description of a model woman: "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil." Her constant endeavor was to make his habitation alluring and delightful; and under her benignant smile the sacred precinct of her hearthstone was a sanctuary to which his heart always turned from the ills and anxieties of life. In this haven there was a repose from care, a shelter from the world, and a sweet home not only for his person but for his heart. In conversing with Mr. Grambling on the eve of his wife's burial, concerning her eminent and many virtues, he remarked that not a cloud had in the least gloomed their marital life: "And, sir, since the day of our espousal not a word has been spoken, or an act performed, that has marred in the least our bliss." Such a character is worthy our highest aim to imitate, and such traits of character as were possessed by our departed sister will send out upon society an influence that will live when paintings upon canvas will have faded and monuments of marble and of brass will have crumbled. Death has entered that happy home, and has left in gloom a devoted husband and two motherless children. Yet all is not gloom, for in her short career she kindled a golden flame that will shine unto the perfect day, and will illumine the pathway of the sorrowing ones as they journey towards the celestial city. Though young in years our departed sister was not a stranger to grace. Her fealty to Christ and devotedness to the Methodist Church, of which she became a member in girlhood, consoles the bereaved ones with the happy thought that she is now an occupant of that city whose foundations are not of stone, and whose builder is God.

"The voice at midnight came,
She started up to hear;
A mortal arrow pierced her frame,
She fell! but felt no fear;

"Tranquil amid alarms,"
It found her on the field."

She regretted leaving her husband and children, but submissively bowed to her Lord and Master's will. After having kissed her babies, and a few words of direction in reference to their welfare, she bid the sorrowing ones who stood around her bed "Farewell." And then, with a long look of love and affection into the face of her husband, she said: "My darling one, farewell; I will be ever waiting and watching at the beautiful gate for you." May the God of this sainted woman ever be the God of her husband. And may his feet from this time begin the ascent of the "golden stairway" that leads to the "beautiful gate." May loving hands support the tottering steps of the little babes who now have no mother. May counsels restrain them, and Christian influences control them, until at last parents and children and loved ones all shall press through the pearly gates, and abide forever where sickness and sorrow will be no more, and the rumble of the hearse-wheel will not startle. We plant this rose upon her grave in full expectation of meeting her again.—U. B. PHILIPS.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 10, 1884, p. 1, c. 5

W. A. SAMPEY, Tyler, May 2: A meeting of 26 days in the Methodist church in this place closed last night; 20 or more conversions; 16 have applied for membership, and several more expect to apply soon. The church has been considerably enlivened and strengthened. We still look for better things. Several preachers of the conference assisted me during the meeting. The conversions were clear. They did not have to wait to be told that they had religion, but they had the evidence in themselves. To God be all the glory.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 17, 1884, p. 4, c. 3

Local preachers in Texas—J. F. Spruce, Omen, Smith county; S. K. Stovall, Troupe, Smith county.

Note: This is the jubilee edition and includes quite a few illustrations of the major churches in Texas, including Palestine, but not Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 24, 1884, p. 1, c. 3

E. L. LARGE, Noonday, May 16: At the commencement of the year Bro. Booth, of Larissa circuit, appointed four ladies as missionary collectors. They are succeeding very well. We intend to do our best to meet all the claims at Spring Hill church this year, as we have done for several years past. Our people have not got the centenary spirit they should have. What must we do to kindle a flame of centenary fire in the hearts of the people?

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 24, 1884, p. 7, c. 2

DOCKERY.—Sister Susan Matilda Dockery was born in Smith county, Texas, April 8, 1857; was married September 7, 1876; professed religion in the summer of 1877; joined the M. E. Church, South, August 2, 1883; died March 26, 1884. She had been lingering with the consumption. We visited her some time before she died, and she was very feeble then. She

leaves a husband and several children in mourning; but thank God, we trust she has gone to swell the chorus of that heavenly choir where tears are all dried and sorrow is not known. She died near Rogers, in Bell county. May the father so live and train the little children that they may meet the wife and mother in that land where angels will waft their spirits home.—J. D. CROCKETT.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 31, 1884, p. 1, c. 4

In connection with the Marshall district conference, at Troupe, there will be held a district Sunday-school convention, to be composed of the superintendents of Methodist Sunday-schools within the district, and one delegate for every such school having less than ten classes. Schools having more than ten classes will be entitled to two delegates. This convention will be held on Friday, June 27. Let superintendents see that delegates are elected by their respective schools.—JOHN ADAMS.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 31, 1884, p. 5, c. 4

Judge M. H. Bonner.

To the Advocate.

After the lapse of several months from the demise of this distinguished jurist and Christian gentleman, "it seemed good to me"—having been his pastor seven years, and his presiding elder five—to pay to his memory this humble tribute of respect.

It is doubted if any one, outside of his family, knew him better than the writer. Extravagant delineations and fulsome praise are always in bad taste when applied to the living or the dead, and if attempted in this case it would mar the symmetry of a well-rounded finished character. He died at the meridian of his noble manhood. The sun of life went down full-orbed and flung its radiance back upon the receding world in pleasing and admonitory hues. It was the close of a successful, spotless life. It was a life worthy of imitation by every rising young man in the country. Impressed with this belief, I find an inducement to draw an outline of the life of my very dear brother and devoted friend, whose untimely death sent a shock of lament over this great State.

His life was a benediction, and his death a calamity to society. The church he loved, with a devotion inspired by the heartfelt depths of his religion, mourns the loss of one who never cringed or blushed to own his Lord or to assert his faith in God, in any and every official position to which he was called when duty made its appeal to his Christian manhood. He gloried in the maintenance of his Christian profession in any and all circles where he chanced to be. It is doubted if any man has practiced law, and with such success as did Judge Bonner, and maintained a higher standard of integrity, veracity and moral purity. No man has worn the judicial ermine as long as he did and laid it aside less tarnished. Honesty, candor, integrity, and purity were the shining virtues which were conspicuous in, and that adorned his life. In the social relations of life his brightest virtues shone. He was married to Miss Bettie Taylor, of Marshall, Texas, when about twenty-one years of age. Never did any young man exercise a sounder discretion in the selection of a wife. She, the daughter of a Methodist preacher—Rev. Job Taylor—was his equal in many respects. They loved, they married, they lived in each other's affections; and life, though real, was tinged with the beautiful and the good. Never have I known husband and wife more congenial, or better adapted to each other.

There is a point in the life of most young men upon which their future pivots. Success or failure hinges upon it. It is like unto a fork in a road—one leads to success, the other to failure.

This happy wedlock was the crisis in the life of the young attorney. It sprang into action the latent powers of more than an ordinary mind, backed and sustained by a splendid physical constitution and an ardent desire for the future happiness of his loving bride, to whom he had religiously vowed fidelity. To cherish, love and keep in sickness and in health to the end of life, formed a motive power than kindled into flame the lamp of hope and threw bright lines down the future, which brightened increasingly until the sun of life was eclipsed amidst the splendors of the future state. This formed a new era in the youthful manhood of my lamented friend.

Immediately after his marriage he left Marshall and located in the town of Rusk, Cherokee county, where for twenty-three years he practiced his profession with increasing success. A hard student, full of energy and business tact, gentle and modest as a woman, yet brave in the maintenance of the right, fearing God and keeping his commandments, how could he fail of success?

Whose life, under these conditions, has been a failure? None! Wicked as the world is, there is virtue enough in it to pay homage to such a life.

Never have I known a man who was happier in his family; and as his circumstances justified it, he adorned his home until he made it a little paradise—attractive to the children and visiting friends. He held that fine scenery, music and art, were refining and elevating to children, and hence his painstaking in this direction.

JUDGE BONNER AS A CHRISTIAN.

Converted at the age of 17, while the family still remained in Mississippi, and maintaining the grace of youthful virtue, the foundation of a symmetrical Christian life was laid in early piety.

It is a glorious truth that God honors and rewards early piety. A sinful life long persisted in may not bar forever the door of gospel mercy against the repentant sinner, but God will honor and reward upon a higher and grander scale that life which has never been debauched, degraded and dwarfed by long continuous rebellion against God, law and conscience. As varioloid pits "the human face divine" and spoils its beauty, so sin mars, defaces and fixes lastingly upon the soul an ugly cicatrice which neither gospel pardon nor time, nor, it may be, eternity, can ever efface.

Reader, will you ponder this truth? Judge Bonner was not demonstrative in his religion. That is to say, he was modest, diffident and retiring, and yet he was true to his allegiance to God and the church.

The complexion of his well-filled library and the family altar of prayer were an index to his home-life. That home was a model Christian home, where harmony, refined manners, exquisite taste, all redolent with the aroma of true piety, threw around it a charm to the writer and often attracted him to its welcome precincts.

He carried his religion with him to the judicial bench. Some of his charges to grand juries sounded more like well-digested sermons than the ordinary deliverances from the bench. He was a praying judge, as the following incident will illustrate. I give it as I received it, and have no cause to doubt its truth.

A negro criminal was arraigned before him for murder. There was a mooted question of law upon which the destiny of the prisoner hung. It was argued at length, and the judge retained his decision until next morning. The district attorney and the judge slept in the same apartment. The former, on going to bed, left the judge at his table wrapped in profound thought. He waked

repeatedly during the night and found the judge on his knees at prayer at every waking. Next morning on assuming the bench he announced his decision, which fixed the fate of the criminal to suffer the penalty of the law.

His faith in God and prayer as a means of access to God, was not a speculation, a mere theory, but a real, great truth, which embedded itself deep down in his consciousness and became a propelling force which gave luster and moral grandeur to his life.

I will not say that my lamented friend never did a wrong thing, but I do say that if he did it escaped my notice. And this is said after intimate relations to him for more than a quarter of a century. He was my beau ideal of a Christian gentleman. I am sure that his associates on the supreme bench of the State will harmonize in this seemingly extravagant encomium. But he had to die!

"Death enters and there's no defense:
His time there's none can tell."

No one in my knowledge could less afford to die. The inducements to live were numerous and strong. He was the head and the center of a large bright family, whose affections and devotions concentrated in him. A handsome competency for comfort in old age had been acquired, a splendid home fitted up, and all the endearments of church and society drawn around him. He had retired from public life, and henceforth to enjoy HOME with its endearments, to finish up the education of his children and fit them for successful and useful lives, was now the coveted pleasure to which he had looked and longed for years of partial alienation while on the judicial bench. The time had come; the responsibilities of official life had been canceled, and home, "sweet home," was henceforth to be his earthly paradise.

How could he afford to die? How Providence contradicts and annuls the calculations of mortal man! God sees as man does not. Man *thinks*—GOD KNOWS. "The Judge of the whole earth will do right." Judge Bonner died in this faith. Among his last utterances was, *all is right*. He was born in Alabama, January 28, 1828, and died in Tyler, November 28, 1883.

Peace to his memory and condolence to his bereft family.—

R. S. FINLEY.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 31, 1884, p. 7, c. 3

WILLIAMS.—Andy Williams, son of Levi and Fannie Williams, was born in Jackson county, Ga., Dec. 7, 1861; moved to Smith county, Texas, in 1868, and died at his home near Lone Oak, Hunt county, Texas, March 15, 1884. He was married to Sally Johnson at Garden Valley, Smith county, Texas, and moved to Hunt county in 1883. He was converted at a camp-meeting in Smith county, held by Rev. C. H. Smith, in September, 1879, and joined the M. E. Church, South, the same year. He died in the triumphs of faith. He leaves a wife, one child, father and mother, three sisters and three brothers, and many friends. A short time before he died he said to his mother: "No, ma, I can't go home with you; but I am going home to Jesus." He was a devoted husband and a kind father. May his relatives and friends meet him in Heaven.—A FRIEND.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 21, 1884, p. 1, c. 2

Garden Valley Circuit.
To the Advocate.

This is a circuit of eight organizations and a membership of over four hundred. The arrangement of the circuit has been changed several times within the last few years, but is now

perhaps fixed. The work has a good shape, contains a pleasant country, and is an excellent work, but for the lack of houses of worship. Only one of these eight societies has a house, and that one is not finished. Another is in process of erection, to be owned conjointly by the M. E. Church, South, and the Protestant Methodist. It is a house of ample dimensions, and when completed will be a respectable church. This want of churches is not peculiar to this charge; it is sadly true in many places in this country. How it is in other countries I do not know. Neither is this deficiency peculiar to our church, but is to be found more or less with all denominations. I believe the Presbyterians have more church building zeal than either the Baptists or Methodists.

A traveler in this country will see a good many nice-looking churches by the road-side, but on looking through the windows he will find that the majority of them have not been ceiled. And of some of these box houses, it would not be necessary for him to look through the window; he could see through the unslatted cracks without any trouble. These houses are rather chilly, and to successfully carry on the church work in them through the winter is impossible. So that, as I once heard a man say of a certain organization, "we only flourish when the sap rises." Notwithstanding our lack of churches, we now have a parsonage for this circuit, located at Garden Valley; and a very nice little place it is. It is situated on the red land, but is supplied with good water, and is what is said and appears to be a healthy district. Moreover it is in the midst of a good people, who will appreciate and care for their pastor. So that when my successor asks: "Is there a parsonage on that circuit?" I can say, "yes, ready for you!"—M. E. BLOCKER.

GARDEN VALLEY.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 2, 1884, p. 1, c. 6

Our camp-meeting for Garden Valley circuit is the fourth Sunday in July, in connection with the quarterly meeting.—M. E. BLOCKER.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 28, 1884, p. 1, c. 2

W. N. BONNER, Tyler, June 16: Since April I have been preaching at Midway, a school-house in the bounds of Larissa circuit, Rev. T. T. Booth, pastor. Congregations were good and orderly. Good attention was given to preaching. The people have organized a Sunday-school with twenty-nine pupils, six officers and teachers, and ordered Sunday-school literature. They desire a protracted meeting so soon as they get their crops off their hands. Hope Bro. Booth will look to that interest and accommodate the people. I believe there is an opening for good results.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 28, 1884, p. 6, c. 2

TYLER DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND

Mineola & Big Sandy sta, Big Sandy	June 21, 22
Canton cir, at Wallace School House	July 12, 13
Starrville cir, at Bascom	July 19, 20
Garden Valley cir, at Camp-ground	July 26, 27
Athens cir, at Red Hill Camp-ground	August 2, 3
Larissa cir, at Camp-ground	August 9, 10
Edom cir, at Camp-ground	August 23, 24
Malakoff cir, Meredith Camp-gr'd	August 30, 31
Tyler sta	September 13, 14

It is expected that a camp-meeting will be held at each of the camp-grounds specified in this notice, with the addition of one at Starrville camp-ground, to embrace the third Sunday in August, and another on the same circuit at Pleasant Retreat, six miles west of Tyler, September 5-10. Eight camp-meetings on a district of nine charges! Can any district in Texas equal that? It is confidently expected that a ninth will be held at New York, in Henderson county; time not yet specified. To any and all these camp-meetings the agent of the Southern University and all workers in the ministry are invited. It is the year of jubilee to Texas Methodism as well as the *centennial*. O! clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. The Tyler district conference will convene at Athens on the third day of July, at 9 a.m. Opening sermon by S. W. Turner.

R. S. Finley, P. E.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 5, 1884, p. 7, c. 4

BUTLER.—Died, on Sunday, June 8, 1884, at 5 p.m., at the residence of her son, H. B. Butler, Mrs. L. P. Butler, an old resident of Smith county, aged 70 years. She embraced religion in early life, and joined the M. E. Church and lived a devoted christian until her death. As evidence of her faithfulness all of her children are useful members of the Methodist Church. Her son H. B. Butler, and his good Christian wife, have no children of their own. They took her under their roof and care, and well did they care for her in her declining days. They were as tender with her as if she had been an infant. Two years since I attended church with them at their place of worship. The aged mother attended day and night. She was happy all the time, and said to me she never enjoyed more of the Divine presence in all her former life than on that occasion. I was not present at her death to hear her last words. It is not so much how people die as how they live. She lived so as to let her lips and life express the holy gospel she professed. Her works and virtues shine so as to prove the doctrine all divine. We will see her no more on earth, as the aged mother feebly tottering to the grave; but will see her in the resurrection as the young bride adorned for her husband. Children, be faithful until death and you will meet ma and pa again where there is no more death. Thank God for the Christian's hope.—W. N. BONNER.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 2, 1884, p. 5, c. 3

Ripe for Heaven.

To the Advocate.

This morning, July 11, my wife and myself called on Rev. J. C. Woollam, a veteran preacher of East Texas. He has been suffering with a tumor on the lower lip, and came to Tyler to have it taken out. Drs. Park and Starley performed the operation with great success. He is doing well, suffering but little. He refused to take an anodine [sic] of any kind. His stepson, Rev. L. M. Fowler, came with him and gave him every attention a kind son could. As he had to leave to meet his appointments, he leaves his good wife to supply his place. We also called on Sister Gill at the same house, the widow of Rev. James Gill, local preacher, who died in great peace eight years ago. Sister Gill is living with Dr. J. H. McBride, who married her adopted daughter, who also died in the faith before her adopted father. Sister G. has been confined to her room for more than two months. She is ready and waiting the Master's call to "come" home. She said to me she could say in strong faith: "I can read my title clear to mansions in the skies." "Were it not so," said she, "I could not bear the pain I have to endure." She realizes the divine presence and receives spiritual food day by day. I felt that it was a blessing to my soul to converse with one so near our Father's house of many mansions. May she realize more and more

of the divine presence. May her Christian experience and patience be a benediction to her grandchildren.—W. N. BONNER

TYLER, July 11.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 2, 1884, p. 8, c. 4

MAHAN'S COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, Tyler, Texas, was established in 1878, and since that date has been a successful business school, its pupils being found throughout the entire State. It is a well-established fact that graduates of commercial colleges procure positions much more readily than any other class, and retain them easier, being full qualified for business. It is but natural that the employer should seek the most competent person. For full particulars, address J. W. Mahan, Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 16, 1884, p. 1, c. 2

M. E. BLOCKER, Garden Valley, Aug. 2: Stated in figures, the result of our camp-meeting was 10 accessions, 4 or 5 conversions, and several reclamations; but I do not think this expresses fully the results. The work of the church was thorough, and the backsliders were not only reclaimed from their sins, but restored to the church. Now comes the afterwork for pastor and "sub-pastor"—class-leader. Oh, that my successor may find every one of these new members, if alive, members still.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 6, 1884, p. 1, c. 3

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Aug. 19: At Pleasant Grove, on Starrville circuit, we held a six days' meeting, with happy results. The church much revived; 8 accessions, about 10 professions. Local preachers—Bros. Tunnell, Ogburn and Spruce—did good service.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 6, 1884, p. 1, c. 3

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, August 30: Camp-meeting at Winona over. Lasted six days, with the following visible results: The church much revived. Twelve or fifteen reclamations, thirty-seven professions, or more, twenty-six accessions to our church. Dr. Finley, J. S. Mathis, Brothers Blocker, Turner and local brethren did the noble work.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 6, 1884, p. 8, c. 2

GLASS—HOLBROOK.—At the residence of Mr. L. A. J. Templeton, July 6th, 1884, Mr. J. R. Glass to Miss M. E. Holbrook, by Rev. E. R. Large—all of Smith county, Texas.

HOLBROOK—VINSON.—At the residence of Mr. J. R. Glass, August 21, 1884, by Rev. E. R. Large, Mr. B. F. Holbrook to Miss Cora A. Vinson—all of Smith county, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 20, 1884, p. 1, c. 5

J. S. MATHIS, Troupe, Sept. 12: Our charge is on the upward tendency; moving firmly on, not spasmodically, but quietly, firm and solid, gaining gradually on the great enemy of our souls; the church members are much quickened, and are reaching a higher plane in their Christian experience. Weather remarkably dry and warm. Crops very short therefore. Collections may not all be as full as usual, but we will do the best we can and have as full a report at conference as it is possible. (The rest of Bro. M.'s letter is under head of Texas Topics.—ED.)

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 20, 1884, p. 2, c. 1

We wish to announce the organization of an annual missionary society at Cove Spring, Larissa camp-ground, East Texas Conference, with 43 members. Our people are poor, but alive to the interests of the church and the importance of woman's work for woman. We hope in the future to keep pace with our much esteemed sisters of the Cavanaugh camp-meeting society of Kentucky. Mrs. R. S. Finley, president of the East Texas Conference Society, was present and assisted in the organization. Her very presence we always deem a benediction.—MRS. M. B. ADAMS.

TYLER.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 20, 1884, p. 4, c. 4

We are in receipt of the following from Rev. J. S. Mathis, Troupe, under date of Sept. 12: "Another grand victory all along the lines. The enemy, all in confusion, defeated. On Sept. 9 an election for local option was held in Troupe precinct, which resulted as follows: Local option votes, 104; for whisky, votes, 31. We thank God and take courage. Yes, one by one the enemy is being defeated, and the signal victory is being won. Glory enough for one day. Let other railroad towns and precincts do likewise and then peace will reign universally. If our politicians and teachers and preachers stand firm and contend earnestly for the faith, we will in the near future see the salvation of Texas redeemed from the accursed *stuff*."

That is the spirit which will win the battle against saloons. Let every precinct raise the standard of prohibition, and temperance, law and order will triumph in spite of the politicians or the influence of a venal press.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 20, 1884, p. 5, c. 3

We are in receipt of the following, which will be a source of relief to many who were concerned respecting the health of Dr. Finley:

TYLER, Sept. 12.—Having received some letters of inquiry as to the health of Dr. R. S. Finley, I think it best to answer all in one by putting a short card in the ADVOCATE. On the 29th Aug., while eating some chicken-pie, the Doctor had the misfortune of getting a piece of fractured bone in his throat. It was several days before the bone was dislodged. For a week he subsisted on less than a pint of milk per day, which he swallowed with great difficulty. During this time he was greatly reduced, and fears entertained of his recovery. I am happy to state that his throat is about well, and he is gaining strength rapidly. So far as this trouble is concerned he will be able, from this time on, to meet the demands of his work. May he live long to bless the church.—W. A. SAMPEY.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 27, 1884, p. 5, c. 2

Tyler District, East Texas Conference.

I have attended six camp-meetings on this district, and while I cannot make an accurate report of the number of accessions, I may safely estimate them—the lowest figure—at 150. They were occasions of great religious growth and improvement to the church. Sickness and the long continued dearth retarded the work in several localities; still God has owned and crowned with success the labors of his servants, and answered largely the prayers of his people.

I only report the camp-meetings, not the protracted meetings—many of which have been gloriously successful. Many of these have been reported to the ADVOCATE.—R. S. FINLEY.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 4, 1884, p. 1, c. 2

12 Conversions—10 Accessions.

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Sept. 22: The protracted meeting at Bethel Church, Starrville circuit, lasted six days. Results: the church much revived, about 12 professions, and 10 accessions by profession to our church. Bros. S. W. Turner, P. O. Tunnell, E. D. Ogburn, did good work, and then the laymen did nobly. I have been sick for nearly three weeks, but am better now.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 11, 1884, p. 1, c. 4

18 Conversions—12 Accessions.

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Oct. 2: The camp-meeting at Pleasant Retreat lasted five days. Results: 18 professions, 12 accessions. I was not able to be there on account of sickness, but I had secured the help of W. A. Sampey, T. P. Smith, L. M. Fowler and others, who worked nobly. May God bless and reward in heaven.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 18, 1884, p. 1, c. 5

8 Conversions—11 Accessions.

C. H. SMITH, Tyler, Oct. 10: My fourth quarterly meeting embraced the fourth Sabbath in Sept., protracted until Wednesday evening. Results: Church at Antioch all seemed to be happy; 11 accessions by ritual, 8 or 9 professions. Dr. Finley, P. E., though a little feeble, was in his place and preached three times. Bros. Turner and Bolton, Tunnell, Coster, and Rev. Bro. Osborn, assisted.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 8, 1884, p. 7, c. 4

SMITH.—Sister Eleanor Smith was born in Blunt county, Tennessee, March 9, 1810; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in her fifteenth year, in Upson county, Georgia; was joined in matrimony to Mr. Lindsay Smith Jan. 31, 1832; moved to Texas and settled in Smith county in the winter of 1852, where she lived and labored faithfully in her Master's vineyard till Jan. 23, 1884. In the town of Troupe she ceased to labor here and was transferred to the life above, where all is joy and peace. This mother in Israel lived as near by faith in her Lord and Master as it was possible. She died in great peace; in other words she fell on sleep and was not, for God took her. He leaves four daughters and one son to mourn her absence, but they have every assurance that their faithful and affectionate mother is beyond the trials and afflictions incident to flesh and blood. The church has lost a true and devoted supporter and friend. While earth is being made poorer heaven is becoming more rich. O, may mother and children be so fortunate as all to meet in that happy beyond by-and-bye. God bless the dear children and save them in heaven. Amen.—JOHN S. MATHIS.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 22, 1884, p. 7, c. 4

VANCE.—Mrs. Nancy Branion Vance, *nee* Collatte, was the widow of Rev. Robert Vance, a local preacher of the Methodist church, who died in Jefferson Co., Arkansas, July 3, 1853. She was born in Elbert Co., Georgia, Jan. 24, 1814, and died in Smith Co. Texas, Nov. 1, 1884. She had been a member of the Methodist Church forty years or more, thus giving the strength of her days to the Master. The day before her departure she called the children and grand-children, and joined them in singing, "Jesus, lover of my soul." She wanted to hear them

sing together once more. God grant that they may all sing together in heaven.—M. E. BLOCKER.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 22, 1884, p. 8, c. 2

BOLTON—CASWELL.—At Antioch church, Smith county, on Oct. 27, 1884, by Rev. S. W. Turner, Miss Bettie Caswell, daughter of T. J. and P. H. Caswell, and Rev. B. R. Bolton, of the East Texas Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 29, 1884, p. 1, c. 2

Overton and Troupe Stations

R. M. Sproule.

Tyler District.

R. S. FINLEY, PRESIDING ELDER.

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L. C. Ellis.

Malakoff Circuit

Neil Brown.

Athens Circuit

U. B. Philips.

Mineola Circuit

B. R. Bolton.

Big Sandy Mission

E. D. Ogburne.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 6, 1884, p. 2, c. 3

The Old Pioneers

To the Advocate.

Reading the "Reminiscences of a Superannuate" started a flood of thoughts in my mind. The scenes of 1841, 1842, 1843, came to me with all the vividness of yesterday. Texas then was very different in everything, save her fertile soil and streams of water, to the Texas of to-day. The settlers' cabins were few and far between. The appointments for preaching in 1841 were none. In what is now called Cass, Titus, Bowie, and Jefferson, they were not thought of.

How well I remember the first preacher I heard in the Republic. Some one told us a preacher from Arkansas would preach at a cabin, the central one between two neighborhoods. There were three or four in each settlement ten miles apart. We met there the day appointed. The preacher looked to be a mere youth. About fifteen persons were in attendance. The sermon was a good one, I thought. Hungry for the preached word, we walked five miles to hear it. Our preacher had walked fifteen the day before, as his horse was sick. Jefferson Shook, was the man. I knew him long and well. He organized a society of seven. How we loved him! Then Bro. Littleton Fowler came to us. Ah, how glad his coming made us. To sit and listen to his glowing words made us forget our surroundings, our little cabins and our homely fare. Then Chisholm, Booker, and Poe came; then Woollam. All save one have gone up higher. Pioneer preachers had surely the worth of souls burning on the altar of their hearts, and realized "woe is me if I preach not the gospel." I remember how we paid a part of our quarterage. We spun and wove the cloth for our preacher's pants, and made them for him; we knit his hose, and suspenders. We were glad to do something for God's messengers of glad tidings. There were no houses of worship; one room in our house was generally large enough for the congregation. We had a Sunday-

school. Three families attended. That was in 1845. Two of the children came five miles. Bro. Hobbs, preacher in charge. I often think of those Sabbaths, and of my class of five. How I labored to the best of my ability to teach them to love and honor God by obedience to his commands. Then Job M. Baker was our preacher. I loved him as a father to me, and as a faithful servant to the church. The most of the pioneer preachers are gone, and their congregations also. I have no doubt many have clasped hands on the other shore who met around the cabin fires of that long ago, and talked of the mansions being prepared for them when the labor here would be accomplished.

Memory lives the curtain for us, and we see those sainted servants of God "counting all things loss" as they toiled for the Master. Now we think of them with the blood-washed throng, singing the praises of him who saves us and makes us heirs of his kingdom and joint heirs with himself—who is the Alpha and Omega with his faithful followers. Surely there is a host of the redeemed clothed in white raiment; yet we will see and know those faithful pastors who come to us with the words of encouragement and peace, and the glad hallelujahs will make the heavenly arches ring as one by one we get home.—LIZZIE Z. SLAGLE.

STARRVILLE, NOV. 16.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 13, 1884, p. 5, c. 4

The ADVOCATE calls attention to the card of Mahan's Commercial College, which will be found in this issue of the paper. This college is located in the beautiful and healthful city of Tyler, Smith county, Texas, where students have the benefits of the best society and moral influences to be found in the State. Prof. Mahan is an able and competent teacher, and the college, under his able and efficient management, is rapidly growing in public favor throughout the State.

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 20, 1884, p. 1, c. 2

THE HISTORY OF METHODISM IN TEXAS.

An Explanation—A Mission that Failed—Lost Records—How they are to be Reproduced.

To the brethren of the North Texas Conference I desire to say: When you appointed me at the McKinney conference to visit the East Texas Conference, at Tyler, and look up the old East Texas Conference trunk containing the books and papers of that conference, from its organization in 1846 to the close of its session in 1866, I felt quite sanguine of success until I reached Tyler and made known my business. I was informed by old members of that body that

they had used due diligence years ago to find said trunk and had failed. After spending several days in search among old friends for any information they could give, from all that I could learn I came to the conclusion that it must have been consumed in the great fire in that town a few years ago, which destroyed the business house of Sutton & Holt. I left the trunk in the hands of Bro. Sutton (now deceased) when I moved from Tyler in the fall or winter of 1866. Bro. Sutton was secretary of the conference in 1865; Bro. Wm. P. Petty, in 1866. Whether Bro. Petty deposited the papers of that session in the trunk I do not know; think, however, that he did not. Bro. Sutton located at the session of 1866, and went into mercantile business with the Holts. As I was moving into bounds of the Trinity conference, I thought it proper and safe to leave the trunk in charge of Bro. Sutton, who was not only a first-class business man, but one who felt to the last days of his life an abiding interest in the affairs of the church. The probability is that after the death of Bro. Sutton the trunk was placed among the rubbish in the warehouse, and there remained until consumed by the flames. Now while no one is to be blamed for this unfortunate loss, the question comes up, what shall we do? How can we procure the necessary data for the proposed "History of Methodism in Texas?" As the Trinity, (now North Texas) Conference naturally grew out of the old East Texas, how can she find the necessary data when the important *first links* in her historical chain are lost?

The only remedy I see is for some one to write up from memory all that can be furnished from such a source, including dates and incidents, commencing with the organization of East Texas Conference and continuing up to the division of East Texas and formation of Trinity, in 1866.

And as I was secretary and assistant from the organization of the East Texas Conference very nearly to the division, I propose, provided the editor-elect calls for it, and provided further that the few remaining old members of East Texas Conference will assist me to furnish in *rough* shape, under style of "Reminiscences Resumed," all that I can from memory as far as health and other circumstances will admit. I am admonished that what some of us do *must* be done *quickly*.

J. W. FIELDS.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 17, 1885, p. 5, c. 2

--Rev. Joel T. Daves, Tyler: The Tyler preacher can't report "parsonage receptions," "dray loads of good things," in the holidays, or any ovation of any kind. He can report a good deal of solid work since conference. He reached his charge just two and a half days after the conference closed. Spending five days, visiting all his sick, aged and infirm, returned to Marshall for his family. Four days passed and he was back with them and delightfully housed with Bro. and Sister B. W. Rowland. With his household he has been here just one month to-day. He has passed six Sabbaths—one included the first quarterly meeting and one was given up to continuous rain. He has preached eight sermons and made over two hundred pastoral visits, holding nearly one hundred services of family prayer. There are but few of his large charge that he has not visited and personally greeted. The most of these are either absent or live in the country. Repairs on the parsonage are progressing slowly. The weather, together with the holidays, has prevented a completion of the work. In a week or two more we will move home and begin the year in earnest. In the meantime the ladies have had nice carpets put down and some furniture has been added and so things begin to have a home-like look. In all this time the preacher and his loved ones have had a pleasant home with the dear friends referred to, whose home was thrown open to us on our arrival. Those who know this good brother and family and have tested their hospitality, can appreciate our enjoyment with them. I have indeed been a haven

to our weary souls and tired lives. Our congregations have been good; the prospect of a gracious year is promising. This seems to be the faith and conviction of all. May it be so.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 24, 1885, p. 7, c. 3

LARGE.—Died, Vida Belle, infant daughter of Rev. E. R. and T. F. Large. Vida was born April 14, 1883, and died in Smith county, Texas, Sept. 12, 1884. She has gone to meet her grandparents, and her little brother who have preceded her to the better land. She is not dead, but sleepeth. "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." May God bless the bereaved parents and bring them to the paradise where little Vida now dwells.—SALLIE CLARY.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 7, 1885, p. 3, c. 1

LINDALE, Smith county, Texas, Jan. 15: I am delighted with the little sermons. I have one sister and three brothers, and one brother and sister in heaven.

ELLEN TAYLOR.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 7, 1885, p. 5, c. 1

--Rev. W. N. Bonner, Tyler: Rev. Joel T. Daves, our pastor, has been laboring incessantly during the old and wet weather; visited nearly all the members of his charge, and many others. He has inaugurated two cottage prayer-meetings in addition to the regular prayer meeting at the church. Congregation large, morning and evening, Sunday. Two joined the church Sunday last. He is laboring and praying for an old-fashioned revival. We had to part with Rev. W. A. Sampey, a good man and true. God bless him and family. We are blessed with another. May the Lord bless his labors.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 21, 1885, p. 5, c. 1

--Rev. W. N. Bonner, Tyler: I was at Pleasant Retreat Chapel, Tyler circuit, and learn from a brother the spiritual condition is good; class-meeting monthly and prayer-meeting weekly in the neighborhood. They re-organized their Sunday-school yesterday. Tolerably full attendance. Sickness prevented several from attending. Bro. C. H. Smith, their faithful pastor, has been sick; up again and at his beloved work.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 21, 1885, p. 7, c. 3

MORRISON—FONTAIN.—At the residence of the bride's father, in the town of Starrville, Feb. 5, 1885, by Rev. C. H. Smith, Mr. J. M. Morrison and Miss Willie Fontain—all of Smith county.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 28, 1885, p. 7, c. 3

HEARVY.—Susan R. Hearvy, wife of N. R. Hearvy, departed this life Nov. 26, 1884, near Tyler, Smith county, Texas, in her thirtieth year. She was born in Macon county, Alabama, March 30, 1854. She professed religion in her sixteenth year and joined the M. E. Church, South, in Alabama; moved to Texas a few years ago; joined the church at Center, and lived a devoted Christian to the day of her death. I visited her several times during her last illness. She always seemed happy and cheerful, and to the last she rejoiced in hope of immortality and eternal life. May God bless her husband and little children.

C. H. SMITH.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 21, 1885, p. 7, c. 2

MEDDERS—THEDFORD.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Wilson Thedford, March 5, 1885, by the Rev. E. R. Large, Mr. W. S. Medders and Miss Olie Thedford—all of Smith county, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 4, 1885, p. 5, c. 2

--Rev. E. R. Large, Noonday, Smith county: The second quarterly conference for Larissa circuit convened at Spring Hill last Saturday and Sunday. Seven churches represented out of ten. Finance behind, but better than was expected. Dr. R. S. Finley presided with his usual dignity, and preached with his usual ability Saturday and Sunday. He got mighty close to some of us in his sermons. We used to be afraid of Dr. Finley, but not so now; the more we see of him the closer he gets to us and the more we love him.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 4, 1885, p. 5, c. 3

--Rev. M. E. Blocker, Garden Valley: Our work seems to be moving on very well. The local preachers and exhorters have their work systematically arranged, and are beginning the new year with great interest and energy. This I regard as a sign of coming prosperity. Much of our last year's work has been permanent, but not all of it. Whence the failure? Does it not come largely from the lack of vitality in the class and leader system? We *must* have class-meetings. I cannot see how we are to do without them. The ADVOCATE work is as prosperous as the times seem to allow. I fear that the ADVOCATE does not always get the faithful reading that it deserves. The question is not so much Who takes the ADVOCATE? as, Who reads it? It is, except the Bible, our best friend that speaks in type, and should be cherished and faithfully consulted. The objection that it takes our time from the Bible, is not as deep and weighty as some think. I think I speak safely when I say that those who read most faithfully the church paper, are the best Bible readers. When are we reminded that we ought to read the Bible more? Is it not often when the ADVOCATE is talking to us about religion, and the duty and comfort of searching the Holy Scriptures? Just as well condemn praying and hearing preaching on the same grounds. Often while listening to a good sermon, we resolve to read the Bible more, but not to hear preaching less. And so, often while engaged in prayer, we are divinely aroused on certain duties, to begin which right then would draw us from our knees before our prayers were ended. Let us read the ADVOCATE faithfully, for it is a necessary. Let us read the Bible more, for its importance and authority demand it.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 4, 1885, p. 7, c. 3

BUTLER.—Bro. Henry B. Butler was born in Montgomery county, Alabama, Aug. 29, 1848; removed to Smith county, Texas, with his parents, in April, 1861; was born again in Wetumpka, Ala., while on a visit there after the close of the war, and united with the M. E. Church, South, at the age of sixteen, and lived a faithful member until death; was happily married to Miss Agnes Langly, May 27, 1872, and died at the residence of his brother, S. L. Butler, in Smith county, Texas, March 12, 1885. He was a liberal steward of the church; was regular in attendance upon the ministry and social meetings of the church. His house was the preacher's home. Himself and wife delighted to have an opportunity to care for the weary itinerant. (I have spent many pleasant hours with them at the Christian home). Having no children, they cared for his aged mother, in her declining days, until she was called to a home in

heaven. Bro. Butler was sick but a short time. His death was a surprise to his friends. He leaves a heart-broken wife, two brothers, two sisters, many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Although we cannot call our friends back to us, we can go to them. May the good Lord sanctify this dispensation of his providence to the good of the surviving relatives and friends, that they, too, may be prepared for a home in heaven.

W. N. BONNER,

TYLER, Texas, March 19, 1885.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 11, 1885, p. 7, c. 3

ROGERS.—Hugh C. Rogers was born Aug. 4, 1827, in Jackson county, Georgia. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in August, 1865, at Center church, on this (Tyler) circuit, and here he has lived until his death, which occurred March 19, 1885. Bro. Rogers was one of the most devoted and consistent men I ever knew. He died all right. He is gone to reap his reward. May God bless his wife and children and help them meet him in heaven.

C. H. SMITH.

STEPHENSON.—Charles Wesley Stephenson, son of E. N. and S. J. Stephenson, was born in Smith county, Feb. 18, 1866; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Ebel Church, in the year 1881. Young as he was he would always respond when called on to pray or speak in public. But Charlie has gone to his bright home. What a noble boy and how worthy his example. He died triumphantly happy March 8, 1885, aged nineteen years and eighteen days. His parents, one brother and one sister only remain, but they are all in the church, and on the way, I think, to join Charlie in a better world.

C. H. SMITH.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 18, 1885, p. 3, c. 3

WHITE HOUSE, Texas, March 22.—I am one of your readers, and enjoy the sermons. I will answer Lizzie E. Barber's question: Methuselah was the oldest man. I will ask a question: How long was Solomon in building his temple? How long was it built after the creation? and how long before the birth of Christ?

MAGGIE YARBROUGH.

TYLER, April 5.—Papa takes the ADVOCATE. Mamma reads the children's department to me, which I enjoy very much. I go to Sabbath-school; grandma is my teacher. I do not go to school, but learn at home. I am seven years old, and have two sisters.

BEULAH M. STARR.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 18, 1885, p. 5, c. 1

--Rev. W. N. Bonner, Tyler, April 13: I had the pleasure of visiting friends at White House Church, Larissa circuit, T. T. Booth, preacher in charge. People generally well. I preached Sunday 12th, forenoon; congregation attentive and orderly. Again at 3:30 p.m. to a crowded house. At the close of service Bro. Booth married Mr. M. C. Mink and Miss C. L. Burket. He is much beloved by the people of his charge. He preached at Box House, another appointment, at 11 a.m., at which a number of persons asked for prayers. Every sermon should be preached in view of soul saving, and now. He is much encouraged. The people respond readily to subscribe for the ADVOCATE.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 25, 1885, p. 5, c. 1

--Rev. M. E. Blocker, Garden Valley, April 17: Our recent quarterly conference was truly a gracious occasion. Saturday we had a good day, with a right good attendance of officials. Saturday evening a cloud came up that threatened to cast its gloom upon our Sabbath; but not so. Sunday morning the sun rose resplendent, and the entire surroundings seemed to favor the worship of the day. Our large church (Union Chapel) was nearly filled by 11 o'clock, and many, it was said, could not find seats. Those who were situated so as to enjoy the delightful services were indeed blessed. The writer sat just in front of the preacher, (Bro. Finley, presiding elder,) and favorably for observing the surroundings. I love to think of heaven as a place—a beautiful place. And such a situation as this comes nearer presenting a real type of heaven than anything my mind can conceive. The clear sunlight, and the green, half-grown leaves that fluttered about the windows reminded one of "the land where abides everlasting spring." The peaceful faces of the brethren and sisters on either hand indicated trust in God; and why should they not remind the beholder of the "innumerable company of angels"? They are yet in the flesh, but I believe that I shall some day see them in glorious immortality. And the crowning beauty of this sacred occasion was the appearance of the dear old brethren who sat in the altar around the preacher. This—all this—was heavenly. But one thing I observed there that we will never see in heaven. Those who could not get in the house going to the church yard to view the silent homes of their departed loved ones. No cemeteries in heaven! Thanks be to God our Savior "who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 13, 1885, p. 7, c. 3

BAKER.—Mrs. Julia A. Baker was born Sept. 16, 1856; departed this life May 9, 1885, in her twenty-ninth year. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in October, 1877, at Red Springs church, near where she was born and in one mile of where she died. Sister Baker lived a devoted Christian till the day of her death. She was married to Bro. J. F. Baker, Dec. 27, 1877. I asked her just before she died, if Jesus was still precious to her. She bowed her head, saying he was. She leaves two children—one is gone before. May God bless her many relatives and friends, and help them meet her in heaven.

C. H. SMITH.

TYLER, May 14.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 20, 1885, p. 7, c. 3

LANE.—Sister Eveline Lane, daughter of Dr. G. B. and Mary Wade, of Missouri, was born January 20, 1828, and died in Smith county, Texas, May 20, 1885. She was married to Bro. J. H. Lane, Nov. 7, 1847. She leaves behind her a grief-stricken husband and four children, one daughter and three sons, and some have preceded her to the better land. Sister Lane has been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for upward of thirty years, and was a consistent Christian, a true and loving companion and an intelligent, devoted mother. We all miss her, but submit to the providence of Him who doeth all things well. She loved her Bible, and read it a great deal. She died rational and in sight of heaven. May the husband and children all imitate her virtues, and so meet where there is no death. "I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

T. T. BOOTH.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 4, 1885, p. 8, c. 1

--Rev. M. E. Blocker, Garden Valley, June 15: The Lord is reviving his work among us. Our protracted meetings have not yet begun, but the work of saving souls has. In two congregations we have several seekers; and I think that some have been saved. Last Sunday we had one addition by profession. Our local preachers, exhorters, and others, are honoring Christ by their work and faith. This gracious work is beginning principally in the center of the circuit. May it reach every appointment.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 11, 1885, p. 2, c. 2-3

TYLER DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Tyler district conference, East Texas Annual Conference, convened at Mineola, Texas, May 28-31. There was a fair representation from all the charges save two. There were present several visitors from other districts. The educational interest of the East Texas Annual Conference was well and ably represented in the persons of Pres. Alexander, of Alexander Institute, located at Kilgore, Texas, and Rev. W. A. Sampey, her financial agent. This institution is in a flourishing condition, and when the new buildings are completed (which are to be before the fall session begins) she will be as she has ever been—a pride to East Texas and truly a great feeder to Southwestern. Dr. Finley, the distinguished representative of this district, needs no praise or encomiums from me. He is working up his new district in every particular. There have been no revival meetings as yet, but the common expression from the ministers was: "We are expecting a sweeping time all over our charges."

All interests were reported progressive save finances; the short crops last fall are the cause here. There seems to be a general interest in the resuscitation of class-meetings, and an earnest inquiry as to the best time to hold them. The Sunday-school convention was held in connection with the conference, and Friday evening was set apart for the occasion. After reading each topic in the programme, every one who disposed and was particularly interested, made short talks. The following laymen were elected to the annual conference: P. G. Hawkins, S. W. Murphy, Dr. J. W. Shuford, R. T. Dorrough. Alternatives: J. W. Ogburn, D. H. Connally. The next conference is at Tyler. Perhaps I had better say the preaching was what would be expected from such men—profoundly Scriptural and pungent. I cannot particularize.

Dr. Finley is an able presiding officer—dispatches business with a clear head and promptness. Enclosed I send you a copy of report of Committee on Temperance, of which Rev. Joel T. Daves, of Tyler station, was chairman. Its publication was requested by the district conference. As the whisky question is now absorbing the attention of the thinking classes, it was thought to be expedient to have this report circulated in our popular paper. The conference was splendidly entertained by Bro. Bolton and the good citizens of Mineola.

D. H. Connally, Sec.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the President and Members of the District Conference:

Brethren—Your committee to whom was committed the important subject of temperance—by which we understand the liquor question, in all its bearings—would submit the following report:

We appreciate the gravity of the matter placed in our hands, and understand the care with which it ought to be considered. Your body possesses no legislative capacity; but it would come short of duty to its members, as individuals, and to the church which it represents, if it failed to place on record its solemn protest to the manufacture, importation, sale or use of intoxicating

drinks in any and all forms. We regard it as the giant evil of the day, to the church and the world. It is an evil, only evil, and that continually. There is no good in it, at any time or under any class of circumstances. It is intensely evil without the shadow of good. There is no approach to an excuse for its use by any one, and it becomes a sin of no small magnitude in a professed Christian.

We have no disposition to waste our time and strength in mere words. There is no need to attempt anything like an expression of the greatness of the evil in the "liquor traffic." The strength of human speech falls short—utterly fails—to express it. It is a recognized evil, so great, so dire, that it is beyond the reach or ministry of formulation. We can feel, but can't express it; nor is it our mission to attempt it. We are called upon to place on record our testimony against its rule and ruin. This we do in the sight of God. It appears that from some of the reports of pastoral charges to this body that we have persons in our church who, habitually or occasionally, indulge in intoxicating drinks as a beverage. Such knowledge brings the blush of shame to our faces, and a strange thrill of pain to our hearts. The Holy Spirit cannot dwell in the same body with the spirit of death. No man can live godly who drinks whisky. No man can be a man of prayer who indulges in the use of ardent spirits. The very thought of a Christian entering into the place of prayer, with the horrid stench of whisky on his breath, or faintly disguised by the use of strong aromatics, is a contradiction and an insult to God. The law of the church in this matter is plain and emphatic in its utterance. It ought to be obeyed, or in its administration its force should be felt. The time now is when the church is pronounced in this evil thing.

The outlook for the final overthrow of this demon was never more hopeful. In all the history of strong drink there never has been such a wonderfully energized, organized effort for its destruction. At the same time the "liquor traffic" was never so strongly entrenched—never so strongly organized, and so liberal in the use of its resources to maintain its footing.

The general government, and all States and city corporations under its lead are perverting the ends and spirit of government in giving the "liquor business" vital organization by granting it license. This dignifies and makes it, under law, legitimate and respectable (?). The government becomes an active partner in all the evils growing out of it. In the ruined household—in wails and woes of helpless women and children—in the bloodshed—the rapine and all the horrid crimes committed under its unholy ministry, the government licensing it is an active participant. It authorized men to make and sell it, and proposes to share in its profits. It is made and sold and men drink it, and under its demonizing power ninety per cent. of crime committed is the result. Under its influence and the money it has, law making bodies refuse to the people the right to say by their votes that it shall no longer fill the land with woe and crime and hunger and death. If left to the people, without the protection of the law, it could not live a day.

In view of the foregoing, and a thousand-fold more that might be said on the same line of thought, your committee would present the following resolutions:

1. That we look upon the use of intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, by persons belonging to the church, as an unmitigated evil, in direct violation of their vows, and the positive declarations of the law of the church.
2. That as pastors we will exercise diligent care in seeking out such members, and by all the means within our reach seek to recover them from this sin.
3. That we will preach on the subject of the liquor traffic, both privately and publicly, and bring to bear our faith, prayer and examples, in helping to its overthrow.

4. That we can not, as Christian men, look with any degree of allowance upon our law makers, who, under any excuse or pretense whatever, refuse the people the right and privilege of voting the "whisky devil" from our borders. Respectfully submitted.

C. H. SMITH,
T. T. BOOTH,
DR. J. W. SHUFORD,
J. W. OGBURN,
S. W. MURPHY,
JOEL T. DAVES.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 11, 1885, p. 5, c. 3

--Rev. E. R. Large, Noonday, July 4: I noticed in my corn yesterday that the bloom that fell between the stalk and the blade had made worms, and I hear others say the same. I never have seen, nor heard of it before. Now I want to know if any of the readers of the ADVOCATE ever have seen it before.

--Rev. E. D. Ogburn, Starrville, June 19: A good rain fell here on the 18th. Crops are in good condition. Prospect for a full harvest very good. An evangelist has been conducting a meeting at Starrville during the past two weeks. He is a young man with less than a year of religious experience; a professor of entire sanctification. His preaching is unique; the attendance good; interest increasing. We hope the result will be good.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 11, 1885, p. 6, c. 5

TYLER DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Canton cir, at Cragerville	July 11, 12
Big Sandy mis, at Big Sandy	July 18, 19
Lindale cir, at Mt. Sylvan	July 25, 26
Tyler sta.	Aug 1, 2
Larissa cir, at Camp-ground	Aug 8, 9
Athens cir, at Red Hill Camp-ground	Aug 15, 16
Edom cir, at Edom Camp-ground	Aug 22, 23
Malakoff cir, at Meredith c.g.	Aug 29, 30

The Tyler circuit will have two camp-meetings—at Starrville camp-ground, Aug. 15, 16; at Pleasant Retreat, 5 miles west of Tyler, Sept. 4-10.

Lindale circuit, near Garden Valley, Aug. 7-12.

Larissa, Athens, Edom and Malakoff circuits, each a camp-meeting at the time specified for the third quarterly meeting. To these camp-meetings ministers and church workers are solicited.

R. S. FINLEY, P. E.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 18, 1885, p. 3, c. 1

LIBERTY HILL, June 8.—I am eleven years old. Papa takes the ADVOCATE and I like to read it. The shortest verse in the Bible is, "Jesus wept." It is found in John xi:35. Who was it that commanded the sun to stand still and it obeyed him?—LULY BURKE.

PINE SPRINGS.—Papa takes the ADVOCATE. I like to read the little sermons. Brother T. T. Booth is our preacher. We all love him. We have no Sabbath-school here. I wish we did, for I love to go. Who plowed with twelve yoke of oxen?

WILLIE LANGSTON.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 1, 1885, p. 7, c. 2

GUIN.—Rev. M. M. Guin was born in Williamson county, Tennessee, on the 22d day of January, 1807, and died at his residence in Schulenburg, Fayette county, on the third day of May, 1885, by reason of strength almost living out his four score. He was married to Miss Mary Carson in 1827, and moved to Texas in 1838. Professed religion during a camp-meeting held in Smith county, Texas, in 1845; and joined the Presbyterian Church, but on reading the Scriptures decided his place was among the Methodists. He was licensed to preach in 1854 and was elected to and received deacon's orders from Texas Conference, by Bishop George F. Pierce, November 28th, 1858. My first acquaintance with Bro. Guin began in the year in 1860, in Lavaca county, Texas; he was then a local preacher at Andres Chapel. It was near this place that he lost his first wife. He was again happily married to Mrs. Lucinda Medris, in November, 1859, in the State of Mississippi. Bro. Guin was a sufferer and confined for years before his death. He bore his afflictions with the fortitude and patience becoming a Christian. It was his delight to converse about an experimental knowledge of the Christian religion. He was want to meditate on the law of the Lord day and night; he seemed only desirous to depart and be with Christ. On the 16th day of June, 1882, he professed sanctification and it seemed as if he was in a new atmosphere radiant with life—on a higher plane of enjoyment than ever before. God, holiness and heaven are his themes now. It was pleasant to associate with him, and it may truly be said, "that the place where the good man meets his fate is privileged beyond the common walks of a virtuous life, quite on the virge of heaven." He was a good citizen, a kind friend, and an obliging neighbor, a loving husband and father. He leaves a wife, children and grand children, who mourn his departure. May God comfort the bereaved.

THOMAS W. GLASS.

SCHULENBURG, Fayette County, Tex., July 14.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 15, 1885, p. 4, c. 6

At Bullard.

Rev. C. B. Smith, Bullard, August 6: I have just closed a glorious meeting at this place. Bro. Davis and my pastor, Bro. Booth, did effective work. Results: three conversions, fourteen accessions. Bro. Booth organized a church, and these good people propose to go to work.

At Mt. Sylvan.

Rev. M. E. Blocker, Garden Valley, Smith county, Aug. [?]: A meeting protracted five days near Mt. Sylvan closed with four additions by baptism and one by ritual. We began with the quarterly meeting. Our presiding elder not being able to remain with us, we were aided further by Bro. Ogburn, of Big Sandy mission, and our local preacher, Bro. Sam Allen.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 15, 1885, p. 7, c. 3

WOOD.—John H. Wood, familiarly known as "Grandpa Wood," is dead. He died July 3, 1885. He was a member at Lindale, and had been a Methodist for nearly sixty years. He was born Jan. 27, 1811, and so was getting feeble in body when the Master called for him. He was much afflicted during the last years of his life, and often came to church when he could not hear the preaching. But we were always comforted to have him present, and look forward to the day when, with his wife and children, we shall sit down with him in the kingdom of heaven.

M. E. BLOCKER.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 22, 1885, p. 7, c. 3

REDMAN—LEWIS.—At the residence of Mr. McGlathery, by Rev. C. B. Smith, Mr. Jno. W. Redman and Miss Maggie E. Lewis—all of Smith county.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Aug. 29, 1885, p. 2, c. 2

Rev. R. S. Finley, D. D., Tyler:

I am decidedly opposed to any change in the name of the M. E. Church, South. Such a change, as is indicated by the action of the late General Conference would, in my judgment, be a calamity to our church.

Rev. N. N. Bonner, Tyler:

If a man will not join the M. E. Church, South, on account of its name, he would not join under any other name. Men like to find an excuse for not joining the church. It is not the name that keeps them out—it is because they are not for Christ. If I live to vote, it will be against the change.

Rev. R. M. Sproule, Troupe:

Formerly when people came to Texas it was supposed that they had run away from home for some crime. A change of name under such circumstances was a convenience. Is the M. E. Church, South, in the same case that it is trying to run away from its name? I am not ashamed of the word South.

Rev. S. W. Turner, Tyler:

I am not only willing but desirous that our church shall stand upon her history and record. It is a fact so well established, that our church and ministry have kept clear of politics, while the M. E. Church has not, that the charge of sectionalism and political significance comes with bad grace from any source.

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Rev. C. H. Smith, Tyler:

I am in favor of the name as it is.

Rev. Joel T. Daves, Tyler:

Am opposed to any change. In favor of the present name.

Rev. M. E. Blocker, Garden Valley:

I am decidedly and earnestly in favor of the name remaining as it is.

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On Lindale Circuit.

Rev. M. E. Blocker, Winona, Aug. 17: Our camp-meeting, near Garden Valley, on Lindale circuit, resulted in about ten conversions and six accessions to the church. Our local preachers were with us and the following itinerants: C. H. Smith, Tyler circuit; L. C. Ellis, Canton circuit; B. R. Bolton, Mineola station. The Lord reward these faithful brethren. We got our new shed about done before the meeting came on.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 29, 1885, p. 5, c. 2

TYLER DISTRICT.

There have been one hundred and twenty-five professed conversions on the Tyler district within the last few days, of which I have knowledge. The camp-meeting at Garden Valley not

heard from. No doubt but the number may be safely stated one hundred and fifty. The preachers are all at their posts and doing their best. I am sorry to say that I learned from Bro. Scott, a steward on the Malakoff circuit, that our esteemed brother, Neil Brown, a veteran of the East Texas Conference, in charge of that circuit, was very sick and was thought to be near his end. Full of years and good works, he was awaiting the call of the Chief Shepherd. Death to him can have no terrors.

R. S. FINLEY, P. E.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 12, 1885, p. 5, c. 4
Tyler Circuit.

Rev. C. H. Smith, Tyler, Smith county, Smith county, Sept. 2: The sum total of July meetings is: Fifty-six conversions, thirty-one accessions. In August, first Sabbath, at Bascom: Ten conversions, eight joined our church. Bros. Turner, Tunnell and Fountain did efficient service. At the Starrville camp-meeting: Thirty-nine professions, sixteen accessions. I. Alexander, Bros. Daves, Fowler, Bolton, T. P. Smith, Blocker and P. O. Tunnell all did good service. Other local brethren did well.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 19, 1885, p. 2, c. 5
Reminiscences of a Texas Itinerant—No. 9.
REV. J. W. FIELDS.

The ninth session of the East Texas Conference was held at Marshall, (I think in November) 1853. Bishop Andrew presided; J. W. Fields elected secretary.

Nothing unusual occurred during the session. At this session delegates were elected to the General Conference, which met in May following at Columbus, Ga. Bros. S. A. Williams, O. Fisher and Jefferson Shook were elected. The writer was informed that he would have been elected but for some articles he had published advocating Sabbath preaching on circuits. Instead of so many week day appointments, to concentrate our Methodist forces and build good, substantial church houses in the center of Methodist populations. Well, I do not suppose I would be left out now on that ground; and as I am not now an aspirant for position, I may say that I was only a few years in advance of some of the brethren on polity and progress.

The districts were well-manned by Williams, Ross, Fisher, Burks and Wilson. The circuits and stations pretty well supplied; a few transfers and recruits by admission on trial; perhaps a few local preachers as supplies.

The writer was sent to Tyler circuit, one of the largest and most responsible in several respects in the conference. There were two heavy crosses for this preacher to bear: To leave a comfortable home at Palestine, upon which he had bestowed several years' hard labor and some money to make comfortable, saying nothing of wife's privations in leaving old friends and risking the formation of new acquaintances. And when we contrasted our neat white cottage at Palestine with the dingy cabin in the outskirts of Tyler, without a yard fence, stable, lot or any other convenience or comfort, and among strangers, the prospect was rather gloomy. But such was the lot of the majority in the itinerancy in those days.

But the most heavy load of all to carry was to build a Methodist church house at Tyler that year, for the preacher was informed that that was the main object of his appointment to the circuit, and to add to its importance the next conference was to be held at Tyler. And now, reader, let me say that if ever brick was demanded of this preacher without straw, this case was one in fact.

But after looking over a subscription list of a few hundred dollars, (not more than half of which could be collected), he resolved to submit a proposition to the Masonic fraternity (who contemplated the erection of a hall) to unite and build a two-story house, the lower story of which should be a church house, the upper story a Masonic hall. So we went to work under the united management of a joint committee, and in a few months had the building up and ready for use in the respective departments. The Methodists, however, were some five hundred dollars in debt, which was assessed by responsible parties on the day of dedication, by Bishop Early, during the session of conference. Never was this preacher relieved of a more heavy load than when this debt was assumed.

During the year we had a gracious revival in town and at some of the country appointments. And never in life was this preacher better supported than while on this Tyler circuit. And wife soon became satisfied that she was among an appreciative and kind people. So all ended well at last.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 19, 1885, p. 4, c. 6

Abilene Reporter:

At Tyler, on Saturday, there was a prohibition discussion. Col. Thos. R. Bonner closed for prohibition, and declared that had Senator Coke made his Waco speech before the legislature which elected him, he would not have gone to the United States Senate.

Tyler Democrat:

Gov. Coke must have felt that his work was well done, and his victory complete against the moral sentiment of his people, when on the night of the 31st ult., Prohibition was known to be defeated in McLennan county. His joy and his pride must have been unbounded when he knew that a very large majority had voted for prohibition, and that the throng who followed and shouted at his heels, and serenaded him that night was chiefly made up of grocery loafers and bummers, the rabble, and the ignorant and vicious negroes of his county.

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Brother Brown was licensed to preach (according to my recollection) in 1848; traveled the Smith county circuit, with Sam Box as a supply, in 1849; and at the session of that year was admitted in the East Texas Conference, and was appointed to the Cherokee circuit; then to Tyler circuit; and continued to travel regularly up to about the close of the late war—perhaps two or three years longer—when he asked and obtained a superannuated relation and moved to the town of Kaufman, where he lived several years, serving a part of that time as chief magistrate of the county of Kaufman.

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WOOD—MONTROY.—At the residence of Mr. R. P. Flynt, September 1, 1885, by Rev. C. B. Smith, Prof. C. C. Wood, of Larissa, Cherokee county, and Mrs. Sallie Montroy, of Smith county.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 26, 1885, p. 5, c. 1

Lindale.

Rev. M. E. Blocker, Garden Valley, Sept. 14; Our meeting at Lindale resulted in seven accessions by ritual. The preaching was supplied by our local force and Rev. E. D. Ogburn, of Big sandy mission.

Pine Springs.

Rev. W. N. Bonner, Tyler, Sept. 17; I was with Bro. T. T. Booth, recently, at Pine Springs church. On account of sickness he held service only three days, closing Monday evening last. Result: One professed religion; many of the old Christians made happy. The people love their preacher; want him another year. That is what some of them said to me. He left two sick children to attend that meeting.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 26, 1885, p. 5, c. 2-3

TYLER DISTRICT—EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I have just completed the third round of quarterly meetings, and pause to report the results:

The district has ten pastoral charges, with nine camp-grounds, at each of which is a large, commodious shed, well supplied with pulpit and seats, and a good supply of board tents. At these popular meetings multitudes heard the Word of Life, which was preached in great earnestness and methodistic zeal.

Solemnity and good order prevailed at them all, and great good was done; much of which was visible, and perhaps more of which was invisible. There have been, to date, according to my estimates, six hundred professed conversions on the district, with one camp-meeting to hear from and several protracted meetings now in progress. These blessed out-pourings of the Spirit have rescued and saved "from sin's destructive way," the aged and the young; from a veteran of eighty-four years down to the little children of tender years, and made them all alike—lambs of the flock. Grace abounding! Matchless power! Glorious Redeemer! But I will not stop here to shout over these glorious displays of saving grace. I narrate the blessed facts, and feel chastened with the painful reflection that a multitude went away unsaved. Heaven pity!

The banner circuit for conversions is Athens, Rev. U. B. Philips pastor; while the Tyler circuit, Rev. C. H. Smith, is nearly abreast, and advancing daily. The former scores one hundred and fifty, and the latter is only a very few behind it.

But I pause again to heave a sigh, and realize that sorrow may chasten joy. The Rev. Neill Brown, pastor of the Malakoff circuit, is dead. A good man—a veteran—fell at his post. The Rev. J. W. Todd, a local preacher, has been employed to take his place. The Rev. M. E. Blocker, pastor of the Garden Valley circuit, and one of the most promising young preachers of the conference, has fallen a victim to laryngitis. He is being treated, and may recover in time; but the process is slow, and there is no expectation that he will be able to preach again soon. Alas, how sad!

There is more sickness than usual throughout the district, and finances are exceedingly stringent. The TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is popular everywhere. Lookout for a shower of fall subscribers.

R. S. FINLEY.

TYLER, Sept. 15, 1885.

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FRANKLIN—BRIGGS.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Tyler, Sept. 9, 1885, by Rev. B. R. Bolton, Mr. B. C. Franklin and Mrs. Eula Briggs, daughter of Thomas J. Caswell—all of Smith county, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 3, 1885, p. 5, c. 2

--Rev. C. B. Smith, Pleasant Hill. Sept. 1: I said in my last that the good people of Bullard were going to work. They have organized a weekly prayer-meeting—are making preparations to build a church and to build up a permanent school. I am so proud of one thing I must say something about it: It is a common occurrence to hear of an "itinerant" being pounded, boxed, clothed, etc., but not often do we hear such of a "local." But I have been made thankful by the present of a nice suit of clothes, one large goblet, and two dollars and fifty cents by my Bullard friends. God bless them in spiritual things.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 17, 1885, p. 2, c. 3

Reminiscences of a Texas Itinerant—No. 10.

Rev. J. W. Fields.

The tenth session of the East Texas Conference was held at Tyler, in November, 1854, Bishop Early presiding; the writer elected secretary. The new Methodist church had just been finished, and after this preacher had spent several days in cleaning away the rubbish, till the hour for opening conference, while having seats, desks, etc., prepared in the Masonic Hall, up drove the Bishop in haste, inquiring for the pastor. The preacher hastened to the carriage, where he was introduced to the Bishop. After a brief apology for my unclerical plight, I asked if I should conduct him to his lodgings and have breakfast prepared before opening conference. He looked at his watch and exclaimed: "It is now fifteen minutes past nine o'clock! What! Keep sixty preachers waiting on me thirty minutes? No, sir, take me to my lodgings and introduce me to the family, and I will return and open conference;" and so he did. Such was his love of punctuality. I confess he was the first Methodist bishop I had ever met that I was afraid of. But we soon became acquainted, and I confess that he treated me so courteously that I became ashamed of my timidity. And then he dined with my family and loved him as a father. One or two of our old brethren were hurt at some of his reproofs, but this writer was never better treated by any bishop of the college. At this session the old fight was renewed by this writer, and a meager minority, against receiving men into the conference wholly unqualified in point of education and general training for the itinerant work. A few applicants were rejected, but the majority were admitted; some to travel a year or two and then be discontinued. The law of supply and demand did not work well. The church needed some additional supplies, but of a different order of talent. The church suffered much loss in those days from overzealous presiding elders and others, who ushered young men prematurely into the conference. At this session I was consulted by the Bishop as to whether I could travel a district. I replied that I had never asked a bishop for any special appointment; that if it were left to my choice I would much prefer a circuit to a district. "But," said I, "I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think best for the church." I was appointed presiding elder of Tyler district. Had a pleasant year; some good revivals on the district. Nothing of unusual character occurred save removing a preacher from his circuit because the stewards would not assume his board bill. The stewards were then called to nominate a man who could serve them and not starve, pay or no pay. "All right," said I, "I will employ him with that understanding. But you shall not treat a worthy transfer from another conference in this manner the whole year. Run him in debt to serve you, and be sent away mortified and disgraced." And, as I expected, the storm cloud burst upon my head at conference. I confessed that I had transcended the letter but not the spirit of the law, and came prepared for ecclesiastical punishment. After a long discussion the conference passed my official character. And although some of the people of the circuit were displeased when they heard how I exposed

their stinginess, I believe it provoked many of them, in after years, to more liberality in ministerial support.

FOURNEY, TEXAS.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 24, 1885, p. 5, c. 1

--Rev. C. H. Smith, Tyler, Oct. 8: The camp-meeting at Pleasant Retreat lasted six days. Dr. Finley, Bro. Daves, of Tyler station, both did excellent service, also Bro. Tunnell, local preacher. Results: Gracious revival in the church; thirty-four or thirty-five professions, thirty-three accessions to our church. On the Tyler circuit. East Texas Conference, about 136 have professed religion, about 108 have joined our church to date. Several more to join.

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McCLEWER. Wm. F. McClewer was born in Bedford county, Tenn., Dec. 27, 1817; was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in the summer of 1835. He came to Texas in the year 1837; returned to Tennessee in the fall of 1838, and on Jan. 23, 1839, was happily married to Miss E. P. Johnson, and immediately they returned to Texas and settled in Nacogdoches county, where they lived till he moved to this (Smith) county in 1847. On last Sunday, at about five o'clock p.m., Oct. 4, 1885, his happy spirit left for its heavenly home. Bro. McClewer was a devoted, consistent member all the fifty years he was in the church, serving as class-leader, steward, Sunday-school superintendent, or in some official relation nearly all his life. His wife still survives him, also an adopted son, and his wife and babe.

C. H. SMITH.

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FROM TYLER.

Personal.

I wish to say in reply to the many notes of inquiry as to the state of my health, that after a protracted season of five weeks sickness, part of the time considered critical, I am convalescent; and I expect to resume my work on the district this week. Thanks to God—to my skillful and faithful physicians and untiring nurses, for my brightening prospects of continued life. Physical exhaustion from excessive labors at a series of camp-meetings in August and September too much for me, and had liked to have cost me my life.

O how can words with equal warmth
The gratitude declare,
That glows within my ravished heart?
But Thou can'st read it there?

R. S. FINLEY.

TYLER, Oct. 21, 1885.

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Major Penn leaves Tyler, Nov. 2, for Scotland.

John R. Long, of Rusk, addressed the citizens of Tyler, Oct. 20, advocating the policy of farmers sending their cotton to the wholesale dealers without the intervention of the retail merchants.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 21, 1885, p. 7, c. 3

WILLIAMS.—Miss Florence Hamilton Williams died at the home of her brother and sister, F. P. Henderson, of Tyler, on Sunday the 27th day of September, 1885. She was converted about three years ago; joined the M. E. Church, South, the church of her fathers, and lived a devoted, Christian life. She died in full sight of heaven—conscious until the last moment of death. She passed away in peace, joy and triumph. She was first cousin to Miss Davie Hamilton, our own dear young sister of the Woman's Mission Board, and was deeply interested in mission work. In her last moments she spoke of her mission work, her little collections. It was my privilege to be with her in her last hours. I never witnessed a happier death. She rests in heaven.

J. T. D.

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Tyler District.

R. S. Finley, Presiding Elder.

Tyler Station—J. T. Daves.

Tyler Circuit—A. Little; M. E. Blocker, supernumerary.

Mineola Station—D. P. Cullen.

Lindale Circuit—Caleb H. Smith.

Edom Circuit—W. H. Ardis.

Canton Circuit—G. C. Hardy.

Athens Circuit—U. B. Philips.

Malakoff Circuit—J. M. McCarter.

Larissa Circuit—T. T. Booth.

Whitehouse Circuit—E. D. Ogburn.

Marshall District

Overton and Troup Circuit—W. A. Sampey.

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SHUFORD.—Died, Edward, son of Dr. O. A. and Julia A. Shuford, of Tyler, Texas, was born in Smith county, Feb. 26, 1857; departed this life Nov. 12, 1885. At the age of fifteen Eddie had a severe attack of meningitis, which left him partially paralyzed, from which he never fully recovered. He subsequently was very robust and healthy until about eighteen months prior to his death, when he became the victim of rheumatism, which rendered him helpless for months prior to his decease. Though receiving every attention that affection could suggest, skill could give or means provide, he gradually wasted away, until death claimed him and he passed away as the weary fall to sleep. Perhaps no young man in Tyler was more universally respected and highly esteemed than he. His friends were many and warm. From a child he was strictly moral. He grew up to despise everything wrong and to love the right. He was industrious, energetic and scrupulously honest in every sense of the word. No form of worldly amusement or sinful pleasure had any attraction for him. He was a devoted son, a kind brother and a fast friend. His sufferings were untold and yet he bore them with remarkable patience. He was cheerful and hopeful almost to the last. Some days before his death he assumed the vows of the M. E. Church, South. He stated to his faithful pastor that he would have long since have joined the church but he was afraid to take the step lest he might profess something he did not possess. He was extremely conscientious of all things. He fell quietly to sleep at 9:30 p.m., Nov. 12, 1885. The funeral services were conducted at the residence of the family at 4 p.m., Nov. 13, in the

presence of a large concourse of friends. Many hearts were deeply touched as Rev. Joel T. Daves talked of the dear departed one and his sufferings and his own interviews with him during his long illness and his feelings in regard to him. He was then laid away in the family burying ground in Tyler cemetery to await the resurrection of the last day. Peace to his ashes—rest to his soul.

ONE WHO LOVED HIM.