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ARTICLES ABOUT TYLER AND SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS IN
THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE
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TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 2, 1886, p. 4, c. 1

STEEL-YARBROUGH.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Smith county, Texas, Dec. 17, 1885, by Rev. A. D. Parks, Mr. Steel and Miss H. E. Yarbrough—all of Smith county, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 9, 1886, p. 5, c. 3

FROM WHITE HOUSE.

"Come On, Bro. Ogburn."

We have not seen our new preacher yet. I know we are well pleased, for we knew him a long time before he was a preacher. Come on, Bro. Ogburn; our hearts and houses are open to you.

E. R. LARGE.

FROM TROUPE.

A Christmas Surprise Party.

Christmas passed off quietly and pleasantly. The children enjoyed a Christmas tree on the night of the 24th. Christmas night the good people of Troupe gave the inmates of the parsonage a surprise party. They brought with them quite a number of valuable things, for which the preacher and his wife are very thankful. Such parties not only help the preacher to live, but they help him to preach and nerve him to work for the good of the people. In them an appreciation is shown which could not be manifested very easily in any other way.

WM. A. SAMPEY.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 9, 1886, p. 5, c. 6

FROM BULLARD.

A Quiet Christmas—A Good Pastor.

At this little pleasant place we have had the most quiet Christmas I ever experienced. Everybody has seemed quiet, pleasant and happy, and trying to make each other happy. Christmas eve night we had a beautiful Christmas-tree in the new church, and had the best of order. Now, let us one and all begin with the new year with resolutions to love and serve God more earnestly. We are grateful to have our dear pastor, Rev. T. T. Booth, returned to us. May God bless his labors in the future.

M. C. S.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 9, 1886, p. 8, c. 3

Tyler has sold to date 18,511 bales of cotton. It is thought that one-third of its tributary crop is being held back for better prices.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 4, 1886, p. 4, c. 6

--Galveston News (special from Tyler), Jan. 28: The stewards of the Methodist Church in this city have increased the salary of their pastor—at present Rev. Dr. Daves—from \$1000 per annum to \$1500 and an additional \$20 per month in lieu of a parsonage.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 4, 1886, p. 8, c. 2

Since September 1 last, 20,307 bales of cotton have been sold in Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 18, 1886, p. 5, c. 3

--Rev. W. N. Bonner, Tyler: while there has been no enthusiastic demonstration in favor of the Methodist Church in Tyler, still there has been a steady increase of membership for the last year or two. At a recent meeting of the official board it was "resolved" to erect a good church building, and a system of weekly contributions has been adopted as a means of laying the foundation for this enterprise. A circulating library association has been formed, which will be the means of circulating about \$150 of literature per annum among the congregation. The salary of the pastor has been increased from \$1000 to \$1500, and an allowance of \$20 per month in lieu of the parsonage. Bro. Joel Daves, the pastor, proposed very soon to have two cottage prayer-meetings, weekly, in addition to regular prayer-meeting at the church.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 18, 1886, p. 7, c. 2

KNIGHT.—Nancy C. Knight, wife of Rev. Moses Knight, was born in Edgefield District, South Carolina, Nov. 24, 1810; professed religion in the State of Georgia in 1832, and joined the Methodist E. Church. She, with husband and children, moved to Texas and settled in this, Smith county, where, with her devoted husband, children and grandchildren, she spent a happy and devoted life. She was the mother of twelve children, all of whom lived to be grown and members of their mother's church. Sister Knight was one of the most devoted women I ever knew. She seemed always composed, quiet and happy. She died in great peace August 1, 1885, and passed from her earthly home to that bright world above. Her aged husband still survives her. He is seventy-seven years old, just waiting for the summons. Ten children and a great many grandchildren, I trust, are on their way to meet ma and grandma in heaven. May it be your happy lots to meet her.

C. H. Smith.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 24, 1886, p. 8, c. 2

Rev. Mr. Yates, of Arkansas, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Tyler.

Prominent citizens of Tyler manifest keen interest in the question of deep water at Galveston.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 25, 1886, p. 7, c. 2

TARRANT—GIBSON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Feb. 25, 1886, by Rev. C. B. Smith, Mr. Clark Tarrant and Miss Cleopatra Gibson—all of Smith county.

HUBBARD—POPE.—At the residence of S. H. Brown, Leesville, Texas, March 7, 1886, by Rev. L. G. Watkins, assisted by Rev. W. M. Ballard of Leesville circuit, Mr. Eli S. Hubbard, formerly of Floresville, Texas, and Miss Lela Pope, of Troupe.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 1, 1886, p. 3, c. 5

From Tyler.

I was ten years old October 1st, 1885. My mamma gave me a nice, large print Testament and Psalms. She promised me a present, if I would read it through before my next birthday. I commenced about October 8th; I finished February 15th, Psalms included. My mamma is very proud and very thankful that I have finished so soon. I expect to read it through again before October 1st, 1886, if I live, as I have commenced again already. As I am near-sighted and do not write well, my mamma wrote for me. We have a Band of Hope, auxiliary to the W. C. T. U. in Tyler, and when Mrs. Goodale was here sixty-eight of our boys and girls joined the Band of Hope. Mamma is going to get me a little badge with "B. H." printed on it, and our president, Mr. Herndon, says we must wear it all the time. We are for prohibition. We also have a juvenile society, auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Society, with about forty members in it. So you see Tyler is not behind. You may hear from me again. Truly your little friend.

Robert P. Dorough.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 15, 1886, p. 5, c. 2

--Rev. W. N. Bonner, Tyler, April 5: The young men's prayer-meeting in Tyler is growing in spiritual interest and numerically, for which we thank God and take courage. Would be glad if there was a young men's prayer-meeting in every town and neighborhood in Texas. It would do good. Who will try it? I will give you their plan: They meet once a week. The one who conducts the service appoints his successor and selects the lesson to be used; so they have two leaders and a Scripture lesson the week beforehand, so that all may study the lesson. By this plan all are brought forward and become leaders and workers as well as Bible students. They sing, pray, talk and read the Scriptures; so the meetings are not monotonous, but are interesting and inviting, and will prepare workers for the church of God.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 15, 1886, p. 7, c. 3

CASEY—CLEMENTS.—At the residence of the bride's father, March 23, 1886, by Rev. C. B. Smith, Mr. J. J. Casey and Miss C. A. Clements—all of Smith county.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 15, 1886, p. 7, c. 3

OGLESBY.—Lena Belle, oldest child of Bro. S. C. Oglesby, was born Dec. 18, 1879; died March 21, 1886. She was conscious to the last, and though but six years old, gave every evidence that all was well. A few days before her death, little Lena told her mamma to get the ADVOCATE and read the children's obituaries, and then asked, do they ever come back to this world; said she would like to come back. Who knows but that now her angel spirit is hovering around some loved one. God bless the bereaved family, and may we all strive to meet little Lena in heaven.

C. B. Smith.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 29, 1886, p. 7, c. 2

GORDON—BELL.—April 11, 1886, by Rev. P. O. Tunnell, Mr. J. M. Gordon, of Collin county, Texas, and Miss Lizzie Bell, of Smith county, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 27, 1886, p. 4, c. 6

TYLER'S GREAT MEETING.

We are nearing the close of the most remarkable meeting I ever saw. I have thought from week to week that I would write or telegraph you the good news, so that others could share our joy. But I have been in such a state of wonder, and withal so much to do, that I have waited and

let day after day pass and made no report. But the report is in heaven and in the hearts of hundreds of Christians. In this account I can only give you the most meager outlines. Such a work of grace cannot be written.

It is needful to say that for many years all the churches in Tyler have been cold, formal and unspiritual. It was not an uncommon thing for members of the different churches to be in the theater, or at a dance, or social card-party instead of the prayer-meeting. Many had seriously backslidden and many had fallen into open sin. Many leading members attended church only on Sunday morning—never at night service, and never in the social meetings. Such a thing as a deep, wide-reaching, all-pervading revival religion, according to the testimony of some, has not been for more than twenty-five years. Yet with all this, a no more cultivated, loyal people, in ordinary things, could be found. In our own church we have many of the grandest men, purest and best women, noblest young men, brightest, sweetest young women, in all the land. The same may be said of the other churches. But as to the spiritual condition the above statement is not overdrawn. But there were a few who had not defiled their garments. They were always in their places in all the services. Strong cries and prayers went up day and night.

When last year closed, and no revival, and things were unchanged, some of our hearts were well nigh broken. Fifteen hundred pastoral visits, ten public prayer meetings each week, two cottage prayer meetings each week, and the best preaching the pastor could do—all, all seemed to go for naught. On my return from conference the work was renewed. Four hundred visits were reported the first quarter. As the winter was passing into spring the pastor sent out an earnest, pleading circular letter. It was blessed of God. The prayer meetings begun to fill up, the congregations increased and the work begun in earnest. The services were protracted from Sunday the 18th ult. Going steadily on, greatly helped by the brethren of the ministry near us, and by a few faithful Christians, we continued until Friday night of the 30th ult., when Brother Burnett arrived and I turned the meeting over to him. We had conversions and many Christians revived. Brother Burnett at once entered upon the work, which has proven to be the grandest ever witnessed—not only in Tyler, but, as I believe, ever seen in the state. The congregations increased day by day until with two hundred added seats there was not even standing room. The windows, the aisles, the vestibule, and at times the yard, were full of people. On Wednesday, the 5th inst., Brother Abe H. Mulkey came from the meeting at Fort Worth to Brother Burnett's help. The one seems necessary to the other. The one the right, the other the left hand. It is hard to tell sometimes which is the right, and which is the left. In their distinct spheres, they are both. All that need be said is that they are men of God—men of consecration—men of power. The power of God is limitless, not only in creation, but in grace. When men are out of the way, "He speaks and it is done." When there is any delay in a work of grace, in the salvation of men, it is because man is in the way. In an active ministry of more than twenty-five years I have never seen such displays of power as in this meeting. The usefulness of these brethren is just beginning. There is a future awaiting them that no man can estimate. Let the church and all Christians pray that they may "grow in grace;" that their consecration may deepen. They are but men of like passions with us. There are thousands of foolish people ready to help the devil spoil such men as Sam Jones, Sam Small, Dick Burnett and Abe Mulkey. I do not hesitate to couple these names. Dick Burnett and Abe Mulkey are the Sam Jones and Sam Small of Texas. I will write again next week in a special way of the work. The meeting will close Sunday night, the 23rd inst. and I can then in a better way sum up results. I want to say just here, however, that to date (Friday morning) there have been one hundred and seventy-five added to our church and nearly one hundred added to the other churches—principally to the Baptist Church. There are many more

yet to join. Counting clear conversions known, and all Christians revived, and all backsliders reclaimed, the number will reach near seven hundred. For the present, I must bid you "good-bye," and hurry away.

Joel T. Daves.

Tyler, Texas, May 21.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 10, 1886, p. 7, c. 3

TUNNELL.—Sister Mary J. Tunnell, daughter of W. N. and Sallie McMurry, and wife of Rev. P. O. Tunnell, was born in Alabama, December 16, 1846; was married to Bro. Tunnell by Rev. Joshua Starr January 10, 1866; died in Smith county, December 8, 1885. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, when about twelve years of age, and lived a consistent Christian life until removed to the church triumphant. She had no children of her own, but reared two orphan children given to her, whom she loved most dearly. She taught them to pray, which they punctually observe, and often speak of what she said and did for them. Lord help them ever to observe the advice and follow the example, of their adopted mother. We buried her remains in the cemetery at Shiloh Church, Smith county, in the presence of many sorrowing friends, there to rest until the Lord shall descend with a shout and the dead in Christ shall rise. Then her glorified spirit, that will accompany Him, will be reunited with the body and ever be with the Lord. Dear brother, we thank God for the Christians' hope, and that you are waiting and looking for the happy meeting in the "sweet by and by." May the Lord bless you and the adopted children doubly orphaned, preserve and keep you blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. "He gave thee, he took thee, and he will restore thee."

"The graves of all his saints he blest
And softened every bed;
Where should the dying members rest
But with their dying head?"

W. N. Bonner.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 17, 1886, p. 2, c. 1-2

Tyler's Great Meeting—The Texas Evangelists.

. . . In a ministry of more than twenty-five years I have never had the aid of an evangelist. Sam Jones was the first one that attracted my attention to much extent, until Bro. Burnett, like Jones, came up above the horizon. When this meeting was begun my plans included the help only of regular pastors. I have been prejudiced against the modern evangelist. Have felt with many of my brethren of to-day that a revival that could not be developed and finished by the pastor, with the help of the regular ministry, would not be worth much to the church or the world. And, so far as the average modern evangelist is concerned, feel the same way yet. Still I have always recognized the fact that God, in his Word, emphasizes this office just as much as that of the pastor. It is a distinct department in the work of the ministry. But somehow, except in rare instances, the office, to my mind, was not filled.

But in our own evangelists we have nothing of the ordinary average type. Bro. Burnett, as much of your readers know, has been preaching about fifteen years. Twelve years of the fifteen were spent in the regular pastorate—going from a mission and junior preacher to the first stations in his conference. Together with a call of the Holy Spirit to the work of an evangelist, he has the burden of organizing and inaugurating Centenary College upon him, and so when

most popular as a pastor, he asked for a location. It was granted under the protests and earnest entreaties of his conference. Out of sight of the world, like John the Baptist, he has been preparing for his work, really not conscious himself of the extent of it, only possibly in a dim sort of way. When we can get behind the curtain of such lives, we see things entering into them never manifest to the world. Bro. Burnett, in these few years of his ministry, has been a great sufferer. The most excruciating bodily torture has been endured. The victim of facial neuralgia, he suffered the loss of an eye. When the end came and the eye had to be cut out, without the usual relief of opiates, with his own hand he held the lids open for the surgeon's knife to take the eye out. To these things he never refers unless questioned, and to him this mention may be painful. My object is to place the man before your readers, that God may be honored in his body and in his spirit. As great as is his physical courage, his moral courage exceeds it. And now more particularly as to the preacher. His preaching and his methods as an evangelist are just the same as when he was a regular pastor. His sold dependence is upon the truth, lifted to a plane of power by the Holy Ghost. As an evangelist, the preaching and methods of the pastor are, it may be, intensified by the thought that he must accomplish in a few days or weeks what before he had months or years in which to do the same thing. With the people, with the children, in the pulpit, at the altar, as an evangelist, he is the simple hearted, true man that he was as a pastor. He has carried the tender, personal care into the office of the evangelist that was his leading characteristic as a pastor. The truth is the people almost forget the one—the evangelist—and think only of the other—the tender, loving pastor. He depends on no extraneous agencies or influences. He does not stipulate even for the payment of traveling expenses. He does not carry with him an organist or special singers. He does not ask for a suite of rooms at the best hotel. He has no need of an amanuensis or a traveling clerk. He puts on no airs, nor does he assume greatness or exclusiveness. He goes among the people in a natural religious way and visits from house to house. The strongest man is drawn—the worst sinner is won—the youngest child is charmed. He is a man of fine common sense. He is a reader of men—a close student of human nature. He knows that is in man—the fearful depths of sin, the limitless possibilities of divine grace. A man of by no means finished or scholarly attainments, yet in a strong sense he is a learned man. He does not affect learning, or eloquence. Yet he shows learning, is an orator and is eloquent in the truest sense. In all departments he is sure of his facts. . . .

I have received to date one hundred and seventy-five members and have quite a list of candidates to receive. Our membership since conference has been nearly doubled. Other churches have been largely added to—the Baptists nearly one hundred. The power and influence of the meeting goes on. The conversions in private homes, the family altars established, the increased congregations, the enlarged Sunday-schools, the interesting prayer-meetings, all bear testimony to its living power and deepening influence. I think that for fifty years to come ours will be spoke [sic] of as "Tyler's great meeting."

Joel T. Daves.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 17, 1886, p. 7, c. 3

STEPHENSON.—David L. Stephenson, the subject of this notice, a son of James and Nancy Stephenson, was born Jan. 21, 1834, in Blount county, Ala.; came to Texas with his parents about the year 1847, and in or about the year 1858 professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Ebel, on this—Starrville—circuit, where he lived a devoted member for near twenty-six years. I knew him well, and the whole of his Christian life. When I was class-leader I held class-meeting with him, when I was an exhorter I held meetings regularly at his

church, when I was a local preacher I kept an appointment at his church, since I have been traveling I have been his pastor four years, so I think I knew him well. I have seen him happy, heard him shout aloud the praise of God, but he is gone. On the 5th of February, 1886, at his sister's, in Tarrant county, he passed away. The last words he uttered were: "I am going to heaven." May God bless his aged mother, brothers and sister, and help them meet him in heaven.

C. H. Smith.

June 2.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 1, 1886, p. 3, c. 5

From Tyler, Smith County.

I am twelve years old. I do not go to school. Bro. Little is our preacher. We all like him well. I like to read the letter box.

I will answer Mary D. Ward. Lazarus was the first man raised from the dead.—Luke xvi:22. Christ raised him.

What was the first song Moses and the children of Israel sang after they crossed the Red Sea?

Jas. M. Wilstead.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 1, 1886, p. 5, c. 2

. . . The great meeting at Henderson equals, if it does not excel, the one recently held at Tyler when we consider the difference in the population of the two places. Bro. Daves had also prepared the way for the great work in Tyler by holding three services per day for three weeks prior to the coming of Bros. Burnett and Mulkey, so that when they came the harvest was ripe. There are one hundred to-day who rejoice that they ever heard Bro. Burnett, while the oft repeated exclamation of Bro. Mulkey—"Praise the Lord"—will be re-echoed by many young converts in Tyler for years to come. The result of these two great meetings can all never be told in this life, but it will widen and extend through all time, and add very many precious names to those who will be saved in eternity. The Sunday-school has been doubled in numbers in Tyler; the young men's Christian association; a ladies' union weekly prayer-meeting has been organized and is largely attended, and a new impetus has been given to the cause of religion, pure and undefiled. To God be all the praise for the labors of a pure, consecrated ministry, local and evangelistic, and for the glorious results. (Rev. W. N. Bonner, Tyler, June 18)

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 8, 1886, p. 3, c. 4

From Bullard.

I am seven years old; my brother six. Just beginning to read in the first reader. We both go to Sunday-school and have perfect lessons. Mrs. Dublin is our teacher. We love her very much. Our mamma teaches us every day; have no papa. Our grandma gets her ADVOCATE and reads the little letters to us. Please print this; it is our first. We can repeat the apostles' creed and Lord's prayer. Your friends,

Huey and Ranse McLeroy.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 8, 1886, p. 3, c. 3

From Center Church, Smith County.

This is my first letter. I am eight years old. I go to Sunday-school most every Sunday. We have fifty scholars. My papa is superintendent. I have a sweet, little brown-eyed brother, seven months old. His name is Blake. Your little friend,

Lavernia McDougal.

From Pine Springs

I am eleven years old. I go to Sunday-school at Pine Springs Church. Bro. Booth is our pastor. We all love him.

I will answer Maggie Abney: The middle verse in the Bible is Psalm viii:118.

How long before Christ came did Abraham live?

Willie Langston.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 29, 1886, p. 3, c. 3
Garden Valley.

We take the ADVOCATE, and are always glad when it comes. I like to read the little letters very much, but the little sermons you used to give us better.

The weather is very dry here. Crops will be very short if we don't have rain right soon. We have Sabbath-school at Union chapel—our church—every Sabbath; but not as much interest is taken as should be. We have prayer-meetings every Wednesday night. I hope we may have great success. Bro. C. H. Smith is our pastor. We all like him very much.

Miss Edna Brock asked the question, Where did Jesus live from infancy to manhood? His home was in Nazareth.

I will now close by asking two questions: Who was it that had seventy sons and grandsons? What king knew several years before his death how long he would live? I hope to see this in print. Yours truly,

M. E. Ellis.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 5, 1886, p. 5, c. 1

--Rev. E. D. Ogburn, Tyler, July 22: Our first protracted meeting on White House circuit was held at Box House. The church was greatly revived. Twenty-two accessions to the church, thirty or more conversions, eight new family altars and several accessions to the Sunday-school. Thanks to Bros. Bonner, Turner, and Boynton for help.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 5, 1886, p. 5, c. 2

--Rev. C. H. Smith, Tyler, Smith county, July 17: The Lord is doing great things for us on Lindale circuit, East Texas Conference. More than one hundred have professed religion and nearly that number have joined the church this year. In the last two weeks we have held two meetings—the first at McComicksville, for five days, with thirty professions and fifteen accessions to our church; then at Pleasant Grove we held six days, with twenty-two professions and fifteen accessions. Bros. Averill, Allen and Vincent, local preachers, did very efficient work in these meetings. To God be all the glory.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 18, 1886, p. 5, c. 2

--Rev. C. H. Smith, Tyler, Smith county, Aug. 11: We have had two other gracious revivals on Lindale circuit. Four miles south of Lindale we held a meeting for a week. Thirty-two professed religion and sixteen joined our church. Then we went to Marvin Chapel and held another week, with twenty-seven professions and twenty-three accessions to our church. Bros. Averill, Vincent and Allen did efficient work.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 2, 1886, p. 3, c. 4

Tyler.

I am ten years old. I have two little sisters and one brother. Mamma takes the ADVOCATE. I like to read the letter box. Bro. Daves is our pastor. I like him very much. Mr. T. R. Bonner is the superintendent of our Sunday-school. There are about three hundred pupils. I will answer R. W. W. Cribble: the oldest book in the world is the Bible.

Hattie B. Patterson.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 2, 1886, p. 5, c. 2

--Rev. C. H. Smith, Tyler, Smith county, Aug. 18: We have held two more meetings on Lindale circuit—one at Mission Chapel. Results: Nine professions and eight accessions. Bros. Delaney, Averill, Vinson and Dr. Fontaine did good work. Then, my camp-meeting at Village Creek, with thirty-four professions and sixteen accessions. Bros. Daves, of Tyler station; Ardis, of Edom circuit, and local brethren, Allen, Vinson and Fontaine, all did good work.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 9, 1886, p. 3, c. 4

Tyler.

I am twelve years old. I do not go to school or Sunday-school. My papa is a subscriber to the ADVOCATE. I am always glad when it comes. I love to read the children's column. I will answer Meroney D. Brown: It was Elijah that never tasted death. He went up by whirlwind into heaven. This is my first letter.

James M. Milstead.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 23, 1886, p. 5, c. 1

Tyler District.

This district was formed three years ago and the writer appointed to it.

The practicability of its formation was by many doubted, but its history for three years, and its present status, demonstrate the wisdom that formed it. It had only nine charges at first; it now has ten, and will have eleven at conference. It is compact, with nine campgrounds and good board arbors, well sustained by campers and a goodly number of zealous Methodists.

The pastors are a noble band of zealous workers. Full fifteen hundred professed conversions have been reported to me within the last few months. I cannot state the precise number. It may be more; it certainly can't be less than fifteen hundred. Many of these converts have gone to other communions, mainly to the Baptists. This we regret, purely in the interests of the converts, as the belief of the truth must exercise a powerful influence over the life; while the reverse, the belief of the false, may be fatal to the life.

Still, we will indulge the fond hope of meeting many of these, our spiritual children, in the better country by and by.

It is true that in all this great work not one has professed entire sanctification. Nevertheless, there is reason to believe that hundreds enjoy the blessing of perfect love. Their testimony in love-feasts and at their firesides has the ring of perfect love. Following the example of their preachers, they do not sound a trumpet to call attention to their great goodness over and above other Christians, but they rely upon their lives for the logic of "Christianity in earnest."

Profession is light; example is weighty. I have just returned from a camp-meeting where one of these entire sanctification ones held forth at nine o'clock. In his lengthy harangue he

charged tobacco users with flail in hand; he belabored them with great severity—in substance, saying that he had no respect for the morality of any one who used tobacco; doubted any of them getting to heaven; had no respect for preachers who used the filthy stuff; respected them as men, and for their talents, but not for their morality. This local preacher has one idea—sanctification. How much self-glorification there is in the noise he makes over sanctification, I may not say.

It is sad—a shame—that the glorious doctrine should be so poorly understood, and so maltreated in the house of its friends.

It has been made the stepping-stone to fanaticism and the ear-mark of a first-class crank. "Let not your good be evil spoken of." Let us, beloved brethren in the ministry, aim at marked simplicity and clearness in the presentation of this glorious doctrine, avoiding any and every feature of it which may be misconstrued and tend to the evils herein alluded to.

We all believe the doctrine of perfect love. We may differ in pronouncing the Shibboleth of it, but that does not in anywise lessen or mar the faith that grasps and holds it.

I may add that there are yet two camp-meetings to hold on the district—one on the Malakoff circuit, next week, and the other on the Athens circuit, to embrace the second Sabbath in October.

A thousand blessings on the readers of the ADVOCATE and its editors.

R. S. Finley.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 23, 1886, p. 5, c. 2

--C. H. Smith, Tyler, Smith county. Sept. 1: We have had on Lindale circuit, East Texas Conference, two more meetings—one at Lindale, that lasted a week—union meeting with Missionary Baptist; results, sixteen professions and fourteen accessions—seven to Baptist and seven to Methodist; then one at Harris church, my third quarterly meeting. Results: Twenty-two professions and thirteen accessions to our church. Dr. Finley, presiding elder, Bros. Turner, Vinson and Fountain assisted at this meeting. Let God be praised for his goodness.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 30, 1886, p. 7, c. 3

URQUHART.—John Bascom, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Urquhart, of Tyler, died at the residence of his maternal grandfather, near Troupe, Smith county, Texas, Sept. 18, 1886. The dear little fellow lived in this world only eighteen months, one third of which was in sickness and suffering. He wasted away until he was but a skeleton—his little face but little more than a pair of luminous eyes. He has been "taken from the evil to come"—safe in the arms of Jesus. His little body sleeps in the cemetery in this city. The bereaved parents have the sympathies of a large circle of friends.

Pastor.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 7, 1886, p. 7, c. 3

GUY.—Mary J. Guy, consort of Hezekiah Guy, was born in the State of Georgia, 1828. About the year 1842 professed religion, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church; was married June 2, 1845, in DeKalb county, Georgia; moved to Texas in 1869 and settled at Old Flora, in Smith county, where she passed away from earth to her home in heaven, we trust, on the 23rd of August last. Sister Guy was one of our best women. Bro. Guy said to me the other day, it had

been her custom to read her Bible through every year. May God bless her dear husband and children, and help them to meet her in heaven.

C. H. Smith.

BERRY.—Mahulda Berry, whose maiden name was Tunnell, was born Sept. 27, 1810; was married to Wilson Berry, Dec. 20, 1827. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church in her thirteenth year, in which church she lived a very devoted and useful member until Aug. 29, 1885, when she left this poor world for a brighter one. I knew Sister Berry for a long time; was her pastor for three years. She suffered much in her last years; but I have seen her shouting happy often. Her sufferings are over, and doubtless praises God on high. She leaves several children and grandchildren, but most of them, I think, are on the way to heaven. Go on and meet her there.

C. H. Smith.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 21, 1886, p. 3, c. 4
Bullard, Smith County.

Grandma gets her ADVOCATE, and now I can read the little letters, but love for grandma to read them for me. I am now in my second reader.

We have preaching second, third and fourth Sundays. Bro. Booth is our pastor. Myself and little brother are picking cotton for money so we can have missionary money. We have a little box at Sunday-school for missions. Bro. Charley Smith made it. Mother Dublin is still our teacher.

Will answer Nannie Hopkins' question: Nimrod the clever hunter. S. B. Parks: John the Baptist and our Savior were cousins.

Huey and Ranse McLeroy.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 4, 1886, p. 3, c. 4
Tyler.

I am ten years old. Papa takes the ADVOCATE. I like to read the little folks' letters. I will ask the little folks a question: How many times is "washpot" mentioned in the Bible?

Lemie A. Odom.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 11, 1886, p. 7, c. 4

WALTHALL.—Mrs. Jane Francis Walthall was born in Chesterfield, Va., Nov. 14, 1814; was married Nov. 5, 1834, to W. C. Walthall; came to Texas in 1867, lived in Freestone county until Aug. 1, 1886, when she removed with her husband to Tyler, and died at Tyler, Texas, Oct. 11, 1886. She had been a member of the primitive Baptist Church for fifty-five years. Her husband and three children survive. One son, William F. Walthall, resides in Limestone county; another son, H. F. Walthall, formerly lived in Lampasas, but now resides in Denver, Colorado. The daughter, Mrs. W. E. Messenger, resides in Hill county. Mrs. Walthall's maiden name was Clay. She was a second cousin to Henry Clay, the illustrious statesman. She lived and died a good Christian woman. May God's blessing rest upon her aged husband and children.

B.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 18, 1886, p. 3, c. 5
Omen.

Dear Little Cousins—As we have never seen any letters from this place, we thought we would write one. Papa has taken the ADVOCATE ever since we can remember. We all look forward with great anxiety for its arrival. We had a splendid meeting here in August. We both joined the Methodist Church. Bro. Sampey is our preacher. We love him much. Our papa is a local preacher. Uncle John Spruce is our Sunday-school superintendent. Mrs. Toncray is my teacher and I love her very much.

We will answer Minnie Lynch, Nannie Hopkins and John Morton: Grandmother is mentioned once—II Tim. I:6. Nimrod was a cunning hunter. Cain was the first murderer.

What relation was Ruth to David?

With much love to the cousins and success to the ADVOCATE, we remain.

Elmer and Web Spruce.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 18, 1886, p. 8, c. 1

The Board of Directors of the Texas Eclectic Medical Association convened at Tyler, Nov. 10 for the purpose of receiving reports from their various committees. These reports showed this School of Medicine to be rapidly increasing in numbers and public favor. The numbers of this liberal school favor legislation, which, having the public good in view, will tend to rid the State of quacks and charlatans and encourage graduates of medical colleges. The next annual meeting will be at Dallas upon the second Tuesday of May, 1887.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 2, 1886, p. 7, c. 3

MYERS—GIBSON—At the residence of the bride's father, J. S. Gibson, Nov. 18, 1886, by Rev. C. B. Smith, Mr. R. W. Myers and Miss Mattie Gibson—all of Smith county.

CLICK—GIBSON—At the residence of the bride's father, J. S. Gibson, Nov. 18, 1886, by Rev. C. B. Smith, Mr. J. L. Click and Miss Mollie Gibson—all of Smith county.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 9, 1886, p. 7, c. 3

MATKIN—ESKRIDGE.—At the church in Omen, Smith county, Texas, Nov. 11, 1886, by Rev. E. F. Boone, Prof. W. T. Matkin, of Bellview, and Miss Lucy Eskridge, of Omen.

In Memoriam.

Two of our most worthy Christian ladies have fallen victims to death. Mrs. Sallie M. Connally, wife of Dr. D. H. Connally, and Mrs. Rebecca Francis McFarland, wife of W. J. McFarland. Sister Connally died Nov. 1, 1886. It is not my purpose to speak of the death of either so much as to speak of their life. They were both members of my pastoral charge (Tyler circuit) in 1874. I first met them at the church. Seldom were their seats vacant. Sister Connally was devotional in spirit and a leader in song. Her house was the preachers' home. It can be truthfully said: "She stretched out her hands to the needy," to the extent of her ability. (The same can be said of Sister McFarland.) Sister Connally was a devoted wife and an affectionate mother. She sacrificed her life for that of her eldest son, a young man just grown to manhood, who would have died, possibly, had it not been for her untiring vigilance and watchful care in a protracted spell of typhoid fever, such care as none but mother can give. Soon as it was ascertained that her son would probably recover, she was stricken down and confined to her bed until death relieved her of her pain. She rests from her labor and her works follow her. She was Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society. Well did she fill her place in the family, church and neighborhood. I have no doubt she inhabits a bright mansion in glory. Husband and

children, be encouraged, she is not dead but sleepeth. If you follow her, as she followed Christ, you will enjoy her society again.

Sister McFarland died on the 21st of November 1886. She was a leader in the ladies' prayer meeting; was an active worker in the church of God. She had no children of her own, but she raised nine orphans. Seven of whom are grown, and I think members of the church. She was buried in the presence of a large concourse of weeping friends, white and colored, at the family cemetery, in the country, six miles from Tyler. She was of infinite help to her now bereaved and disconsolate husband. She lived and died as none but a Christian can. Her last words were full of comfort and cheer. May the good Lord help the doubly orphaned children to prepare to meet their foster mother where parting will be no more and where God wipes all tears from the eyes. To the bereaved husband I would say, you know whom you trust; though all earthly friends may leave thee, He will not leave thee nor forsake thee. You have one more tie in heaven—she will be waiting to greet you on the other shore. Soon you will meet again. May God bless the surviving members of both these bereaved families.

W. N. Bonner.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 9, 1886, p. 8, c. 3

A. M. Murphey, jewelry, an old citizen of Tyler, died Dec. 1.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 16, 1886, p. 7, c. 3-4

CONNALLY.—Mrs. Sallie M. Connally, wife of Dr. D. H. Connally, died at home on the 1st of November, 1886. She was born in Clinton, Georgia, August 14, 1842. She was the daughter of Joseph and Emeline Winship. Losing her mother in her tenth year, she was left to the care of an elder sister, who was a mother, in truth, to the little one. Though losing the mother so early in life, the child never ceased to revere her memory and treasure the things learned of her. The hidden life of God in the mother was impressed upon the daughter. In a little while after she went to heaven, the little girl became an earnest Christian, joined the church and followed on the way to everlasting life. She never wavered or doubted or ceased to follow on. And now mother and child are together, never to part. To say that Sister Connally was a good woman is to say the best thing that can be said of her. And yet to say this, or take it in any limited sense, is to fall short of a true estimate of her character. It is not meant that she was faultless. Still it is meant that in the highest sense she was a good woman—a woman of God. In her religious life she moved upon a high plane. Not in the way of words, profession or outward demonstration so much as in a quiet, deep spirituality. On this plane she lived as a mother, wife, neighbor and friend. Her daily life was more than words or profession could utter. She was a demonstration of "the truth as in Jesus." Not so much by learning or intellectual processes, she intuitively discerned and adopted and practiced the spirit of the Master. She, perhaps, could not have answered nor cared to answer objections to the mission of the Savior to the whole world, but steadily and honestly held and practiced the missionary spirit. As the Secretary of the Tyler Woman's Missionary Society, she was faithful, and to the best of her ability, promoted the great interest it represents. She was devoted to her church and yet was a broad-minded, liberal Christian. There was nothing of mere churchism or of the secretary in her piety. She was always the faithful friend of her pastor. She held up his hands and did not willingly listen to unchristian criticism of his character or of his work. As a mother, her devotion was of the highest type. Her anxiety relative to the religious welfare of her children was unceasing. She carried their names to the Father in all her devotions. Sister Connally was sick several weeks. Her sufferings were

great. But patient endurance and prayerfulness were seen at all times. She talked freely with her pastor in reference to death. She had no fear—no preparation to make. The only cause producing hesitation was her children. In a most pitiful heart-breaking way she would say, "Oh, what will become of my little children if I should die?" Still the spirit of submission was manifest at all times. "Thy will, not mine, be done," was the language of her heart. In quietness and peace she passed away, literally "fell on sleep." She was buried from the church she loved so much; a large concourse of people attending. An interesting memorial service was held, several participating in short addresses. She sleeps in peace, taken from all "evil to come." Her name is as ointment poured forth; her memory, to many, very precious. Bless God for such a life, for such a death, for such a hope.

D.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 23, 1886, p. 3, c. 6

Omen.

We are three little sisters. Our papa has been dead over two years. We get very lonesome some times. We miss papa so much. We want our little cousins to pray for us and mamma that the good Lord may help her to bear the crosses and trials of life. As this is our first letter, and we did not tell mamma we were going to write, we hope to see this in print. Bro. Little is our preacher. We love him very much. Elmer and Will Spruce will find the answer to their question in the last chapter of Ruth. With love to the cousins, we remain,

Mollie, Ellen and Amy Currie.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 23, 1886, p. 5, c. 2

Marshall District

Troupe and Overton—W. A. Sampey.

Tyler District

U. B. Philips, Presiding Elder.

Tyler Station—H. M. DuBose; M. E. Blocker, supernumerary.

Tyler Circuit—Albert Little.

Lindale Circuit—C. H. Smith.

Mineola Station—W. H. Crawford.

Canton Circuit—J. O. Allen.

Edom Circuit—D. P. Cullen.

Athens Station—R. S. Finley.

Athens Circuit—W. M. Wainright.

Malakoff Circuit—D. W. Towns.

Larissa Circuit—T. T. Booth.

White House Circuit—E. D. Ogburn.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 30, 1886, p. 4, c. 2

--Col. T. R. Bonner, recording steward, sends the following account of a special meeting of the Official Board of Tyler station: At a called meeting of the Board of Stewards, held at the Methodist church, Dec. 10, of Tyler station, Tyler district, East Texas Conference, Bro. W. S. Herndon offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, to-wit: Resolved, That the Board of Stewards in separating with our presiding elder, Rev. R. S. Finley, who has served in that capacity for the past four years, assure him that we feel a deep solicitude for his

future happiness and welfare, and beg to say that he has served this church with great zeal and Christian devotion for many years, both as pastor and presiding elder, and in now going out from among us he carries with him the esteem and confidence of this Board and church. We commend him to the people among whom his lot may be cast.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 30, 1886, p. 8, c. 1

A weekly newspaper, "The People's Sentinel," is soon to be published in Tyler.

TYLER, Dec. 27.—Wm. Garrett, recently from Allegheny, Pa., was thrown from a wagon and killed.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 6, 1887, p. 7, c. 3

SIMPSON—STARLEY.—In the Methodist Church, at Tyler, Texas, Dec. 21, 1886, at 5 p.m., by Rev. Jas. Campbell, Mr. T. L. Simpson, of Rice, Texas, and Miss Emma Starley, of Tyler.

SPRUCE—FOSTER.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Smith county, Dec. 5, 1886, by Rev. Wm. A. Sampey, Mr. W. C. Spruce and Miss Beula Foster.

HENRY—HENRY.—At the M. E. Church, South, in Troupe, Oct. 27, 1886, by Rev. Wm. A. Sampey, Mr. D. b. Henry and Miss Ettie Henry.

SHOCKLEY—ADAMS.—At the residence of Col. T. R. Bonner, Tyler, Texas, Dec. 23, 1886, by Rev. W. N. Bonner, Mr. Charles R. Shockley and Miss Cynthia Lou Adams.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 13, 1887, p. 4, c. 6

--A correspondent writes from Tyler: "Rev. H. M. DuBose, the new pastor, preached on his opening Sunday to a large congregation. All are pleased. May the Lord bless him and his work."

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 20, 1887, p. 7, c. 4

BOOTHE.—Martha C. Boothe, wife of J. H. Boothe, near Starville [sic--Starrville], Smith county, Texas, died Nov. 10th, 1886. Sister Boothe professed religion in early life and joined the Baptist Church. She was married to Josiah Myrick early in life and lived a devoted Christian wife until death separated them, leaving her a widow with several children. In 1868, she was married to Bro. J. H. Boothe, after which she joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a most exemplary life. She was beloved by all that knew her. Some months before her death, in a protracted meeting in Starville [sic], she was happy and resigned to the will of God. She was an affectionate companion, a devoted mother, a kind and obliging neighbor, and a mother in Israel. She lived well and died well. She was afflicted some time before her death, but bore her afflictions with patience and Christian fortitude. During her last illness, she often exulted in the love of God, talking to her friends and bidding them to meet her in heaven. She died praising God. Thank God for such religion. May the husband and children follow her example.

Albert Little.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 3, 1887, p. 7, c. 4

[obituary of J. W. Fields] In 1852, appointed to Palestine circuit; in 1853, to Tyler circuit; in 1854, Tyler district. In 1855, on account of ill-health, he was granted a superannuated relation. In 1856, restored to the effective relation and appointed to Marshall station; in 1857, Harrison

circuit. At this conference he was elected a delegate to the General Conference, which met at Nashville in 1858. In the fall of 1858 and 1859, stationed at Tyler. In 1860 and 1861, Palestine district; 1862, Tyler and Garden Valley circuit; 1863, Tyler circuit. During this year he was greatly bereaved by the death of his wife, who died at Dalby Springs, Bowie county, Sept. 17, 1864. This year conference at Jefferson; 1865, conference at Paris. He was appointed presiding elder on Palestine district. Oct. 4, 1865, Bro. Fields was married to Mrs. Pearson, the widow of Rev. J. F. Pearson, of the St. Louis Conference, an excellent lady, who survives him. In 1866 the East Texas Conference was divided, and the Trinity (now the North Texas) Conference was formed. Fields was appointed to the Garden Valley circuit, then in the bounds of the Trinity Conference. In 1867 he was transferred to the East Texas Conference, and took a supernumerary relation in connection with Tyler station, Bro. Scales, who was the supply in Tyler station, moving to Dallas. Fields was put in charge of the work; 1868, supernumerary, Tyler station. In 1869 was transferred to Trinity (North Texas) Conference, and appointed to Rockwall circuit. . . .

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 17, 1887, p. 3, c. 4

Tyler.

I am a little boy near fourteen months old. My grandpa thinks I have learned more than most of the boys of my age. Not because I am naturally smarter than others, but because my mamma has taken the trouble (pleasure) to teach me more than many mothers teach their children. If mamma asks me where heaven is, I point my finger right up; and when pa asks a blessing I cross my hands on the table and I eat with my spoon like grown people do. I can't tell half I have learned in one letter. My papa is superintendent of the Methodist Sunday-school. Bro. DuBose is our preacher this year. He calls on the children and prays for them. We love him very much.

Tom Davenport Bonner.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 17, 1887, p. 7, c. 3

BLOCKER—CLAY.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dorough, Tyler, Texas, by Rev. R. M. Blocker, of Bellevue, La., Rev. M. E. Blocker, of the East Texas Conference, and Miss Ell M. Clay.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 24, 1887, p. 7, c. 3

BARBER.—Rebecca M., wife of James L. Barber, was born in Alabama, December 18, 1852; moved to Texas in the year 1866. She professed religion in 1869 and joined the Baptist Church and lived a consistent member of the same until 1881; then she united with the M. E. Church, South. She was married to Bro. Barber June 9, 1870; died December 16, 1886. She was a devoted wife and a tender, affectionate mother, a kind neighbor, a quiet, earnest Christian woman. She suffered severely for twelve months before her death, but bore it with a great deal of patience and fortitude. Before her death she called her children to her and admonished them, assuring them she was going to heaven, requesting them to be good children and meet her in heaven. Oh, how sad the sight! A group of little children without a mother. May the husband and children imitate the example and meet her in heaven.

Albert Little.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 17, 1887, p. 3, c. 5

Troupe.

We are two little girls, aged ten and twelve. Bro. Sampey is our pastor, and we love him. We belong to the Methodist Church, and love the ADVOCATE. Miss Mollie Rowland is our Sunday-school teacher.

We will answer Alma Price: Adonizedek, Hoham, Piram, Japhia, Debir—found in Joshua x:3.

Where in the Bible is it said: "A tale-bearer revealeth secrets, but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter."

Julia and Lena Williams.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 24, 1887, p. 8, c. 1

Six indictments have been returned by the Tyler grand jury against J. Leopold of that place for embezzlement. He was the Tyler agent for the S. S. Floyd bucket-shop.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 7, 1887, p. 8, c. 1

TYLER, April 6.—Fruit growing is getting to be quite an important industry in this county. From May till October every railroad station in the county is crowded with apples, peaches, grapes, strawberries, etc. for shipment. It is estimated that Smith county fruit crop for 1886, yielded over \$500,00 to the growers.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 14, 1887, p. 8, c. 3

A Tyler news special says: "An extensive leather manufacturing establishment just put into operation here employs a novel method of tanning, which is apparently an improvement on the old method. Where, by the old method, from ten to fifteen months were required to complete the tanning process, by the new method skins are nicely tanned in from ten to thirty days without apparent injury to the leather. Neither heat nor chemicals are used, but, instead, bark, vats and a press applied with hydraulic power."

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 21, 1887, p. 7, c. 4

TREADAWAY.—Sister Emily Treadaway was born in the State of Georgia Oct. 2, 1823, and died in Bullard, Smith county, Texas, Jan. 24, 1887. Was married to W. B. Treadaway Nov. 19, 1843, and came to Cherokee county, Texas, 1879. Sister Treadaway was converted and joined the M. E. Church when fourteen years of age, in which she lived until the division of the church in 1844, and from thence ever after a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South. Her troubles in the latter part of life, were severe, but she endured them all as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, without murmuring. The grace of God was sufficient until crowned in glory. Her house was the preacher's home as long as she had one. Some of the preachers of the Alabama Conference will remember her as a devout Christian friend. She loved her Bible, and the sweet songs of Zion, and her place was always filled at the house of God, if possible. She was the mother of eleven children, eight of whom survive her and mourn their loss; but, thank God, they may go to her. The separation need not be forever. May God in his infinite wisdom and goodness bring them all to a happy reunion beyond the skies, dear children.

Let this vain world delude no more;
Behold the gaping tomb.
It bids us seize the present hour;
To-morrow death may come.

T. T. Booth.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 21, 1887, p. 7, c. 3

McCLURE.—Elizabeth P. Johnson was born in Bedford county, Tenn., Nov. 10, 1819. Was married to Wm. F. McClure Jan. 23, 1839, with whom she lived nearly half a century in domestic felicity. Soon after their marriage they moved to Texas, where the comforts of their quiet Christian home were shared by many a weary and welcome servant of God. Sister McClure joined the Church at the age of fourteen years, from which time she lived an exemplary Christian life until Jan. 29, when she died in perfect peace. When quite young she began to bear the cross, leading in prayer and conducting prayer-meeting. How many were brought to Christ and saved from sin through the gracious influence of this Godly woman we cannot know now, but we may know hereafter. More than a year before her death she was bereft of her husband. In sorrow and affliction she patiently awaited the will of her Master to join him in the home above. An adopted son, W. M. McClure, inherits their estate and cherishes their memory.

E. D. Ogburn.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 28, 1887, p. 4, c. 6

--E. D. Ogburn, White House Circuit, April 12: Our second quarterly meeting held April 9 and 10, was an occasion of religious enjoyment and profit. On Friday, the first day, Bro. Philips preached at Union Spring. The "people heard him gladly." Saturday was a bright day with us. The second quarterly conference session was a very pleasant and interesting one. The financial report was satisfactory—nothing said about "hard times." A resolution to co-operate with the other charges of the district in procuring a district parsonage was readily adopted. On Sunday, in addition to the usual services, we witnessed the dedication of our new church house. Its name is no longer Box House, but henceforth it shall be called Walnut Grove. From Walnut Grove we went to White House, where Bro. Philips preached at night a full-grown presiding elder sermon. Altogether Bro. Philips made a very fine impression, and whether or not he is a success as a presiding elder is no longer an open question with us.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 28, 1887, p. 8, c. 2

Tyler has the real estate boom—transfers the past week aggregating over \$105,000.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 5, 1887, p. 2, c. 1

CHRISTIAN WORK DOWN TOWN.

[problem with poor farm boys gravitating to the big towns and not attending church]

The writer introduces his editorial in the interest of missions in towns and cities. I am glad to know that some of our towns in Texas are supplied with missionaries, and that Tyler is looking forward in that direction. That the gospel is being preached to the people "down town," if the people will attend and hear it. The editorial referred to, has called to mind an article written by Dr. Lovick Pierce, subject, "Shame not the Poor," in which he requested the wealthy of the church not to wear their gold and costly apparel to church, thereby "shaming the poor," and keep them from church. But let them reserve their finest apparel to wear when visiting and calling on friends. . . .

W. N. Bonner.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 12, 1887, p. 8, c. 4

May 7—Julius Pabst, an old citizen, died at Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 19, 1887, p. 8, c. 1

Coal and iron deposits of a rich character are said to exist near Tyler.

Seventy-three acres have been added to the Tyler corporation, and is being rapidly taken up.

R. L. Robertson, of Tyler, Texas, has been commissioned to act as first lieutenant on the staff of Gen. Augur, commanding the encampment at Washington. Lieut. Robertson has left for Washington.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 26, 1887, p. 7, c. 3

JONES—ADAMS—At the residence of Col. T. R. Bonner, Tyler, Texas, May 4, 1887, by Rev. W. N. Bonner, Mr. George A. Jones and Miss Mira Adams.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 26, 1887, p. 8, c. 1

Col. Thos. R. Bonner, of Tyler, is itinerating in the interest of prohibition. He wields a sledge-hammer.

TYLER, TEX., May 20.—Dr. F. L. Yoakum, president of the Academy of Sciences of this State, together with a number of other experts, have just concluded extensive investigations relative to the coal and gas secretions generally reputed to exist in different portions of this county, and report abundant indications of coal, as well as iron, in different portions, and especially within a few miles of the city.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 2, 1887, p. 7, c. 3

HAMILTON.—The subject of this sketch, Susan Elizabeth Hamilton, nee Smith, was born October 18, 1850, and died in the bosom of her family, near Omen, Smith county, Texas, January 27, 1887. She married R. W. Hamilton December 10, 1867, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1870. In the fall of 1885 she had an attack of pleuro-pneumonia, which turned into consumption, from the effects of which she died. She was the mother of eight children, seven of whom survive her. She also raised two children of her husband's by a former wife. Her piety was seen in her life rather than in formal professions. She was one of those quiet, unassuming Christians, whose light shines with unmistakable brightness. During the last eighteen months of her life, spent in affliction, she showed her consecration to God and her reconciliation to her fate. Her truthfulness was remarkable. During her last sickness she told her husband that she had not knowingly told a falsehood during her whole life. When but little over sixteen years of age she, by marriage, became the mother of two step-children, and she had the good sense to take these as her own, and consequently they loved her as a mother. We mingle our tears with those of the bereaved family, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

W. A. Sampey.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 2, 1887, p. 8, c. 5

Prohibition.

Capt. B. B. Cain, of Tyler, is making lively in his searching criticisms of the antis.

Hon. Tom Bonner and W. S. Herndon, of Tyler are still doing strong work in the cause. They spoke last Saturday night to large audiences at Nacogdoches.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 9, 1887, p. 5, c. 5

Program Tyler District Conference.

The following order of business will be observed during the session of the conference.

The opening sermon will be preached on Wednesday evening, June 22, by Rev. C. H. Smith. June 23, prayer meeting 8:30 to 9 a.m. Organization 9 a.m. From organization to 11 a.m. pastors' reports. 11 a.m. preaching by E. D. Ogburn.

Afternoon session—Topics for discussion:

1. Is sanctification an instantaneous blessing obtained separate and apart from regeneration? D. P. Cullen, M. E. Blocker and others.
2. Under what circumstances are Union Sunday-schools advisable? J. O. Allen, P. O. Tunnell, S. N. Allen and others. 8 p.m. preaching.

Afternoon topics:

1. Are the visits of the modern evangelists to our charges conducive to the success of the pastors in the enforcement of repentance and regeneration as taught by our standards? W. Wainwright, J. C. Burgamy, C. B. Smith and others.

2. Adaptation of Methodism to the masses; how to utilize it. T. H. Hall, D. H. Connerly, Frank Fincher and others.

3. Church extension and parsonage building. C. H. Smith, A. Little and others.

8 p.m., preaching.

June 25—8:30 to 9 a.m., prayer-meeting; 9 a.m. election of delegates and completion of reports; 11 a.m. preaching.

Afternoon session—District Sunday-school convention. W. H. Crawford will read a brief report on the Sunday-school work of the district. After which H. M. DuBose will organize the conference into a model Sunday-school, arrange classes and have a recitation upon the lesson prescribed for the third Sunday in June. Let every member of the conference prepare the lesson. Bro. DuBose will lecture upon and illustrate the Normal Sunday-school system.

4. Four to 5 p.m., addresses on temperance. E. D. Ogburn, T. T. Booth, C. B. Smith and others.

8 p.m., District missionary anniversary. H. M. DuBose will make a report, and S. W. Turner will deliver the address; Isaac Alexander will life [sic?] the collection.

June 26—9 a.m., love-feast, W. A. Sampey, leader; 10 a.m.; sermon by Dr. Isaac Alexander. Subject, The relation that baptized children sustain to the church; 3 p.m., children's mass-meeting; 8 p.m. educational anniversary. H. M. DuBose will deliver an address on Christian education. Representatives of the church schools of the conference and State will be present and take part in this anniversary.

Delegates and members will please come prepared to remain until Monday.

Accommodations will be made for the comfort of all in attendance. An address of welcome will be made to the conference Thursday evening by Hon. J. S. Jones. Response by H. M. DuBose.

U. B. Philips, P. E.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 9, 1887, p. 8, c. 2

Prohibition Notes.

E. W. D. Isaacs, of Tyler, is prominent as a pro. speaker.

Over two thousand people attended a prohibition barbecue at Chandler, Smith county, last Friday. Hon. T. R. Bonner and Judge J. M. Duncan espoused the cause of prohibition; Hons.

N. W. Finley and W. C. Johnson did what little they could against it. The report says there was no "mud slinging."

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 16, 1887, p. 7, c. 3

CUNNINGHAM—Little Bertie, the only child of Mr. S. C. and J. W. Cunningham, was born Jan. 24, 1886, and died in Tyler June 2, 1887. Her stay with the parents was short—only one year four months and six days. For the comfort of the bereaved parents I would say, although they cannot call the child back to them, they can go to it. Lord comfort and help them. Prepare to meet Bertie in heaven.

“Millions of infant souls compose
The family above”

W. N. Bonner.

Tyler, Texas.

BROWN.—M. T. Brown, the subject of this notice, was born in the State of North Carolina Aug. 12, 1822; departed this life April 3, 1887, in this (Smith) county, near Red Spring Church. Bro. Brown professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in September, 1871, under the ministry of that precious man, John S. Mathis. Bro. Brown, though advanced in years, made a useful man, and served most of his religious life as steward and church conference secretary. I was his pastor for four years. Bro. Brown always looked after his preacher's welfare, and at his place, when not sick, or family. When the final end came he was ready, and said he was going to heaven. May God bless his many relatives and friends, and help them meet him in heaven.

C. H. Smith.

BROWN.—Sister P. J. Brown, wife of M. T. Brown, deceased, was born in Tennessee in November, 1822; emigrated to Texas at an early day and settled in the Red Spring neighborhood. She professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the year 1873, in which church she lived a devoted and consistent member until May 27, 1887—she left the church below and joined the church above. Her own son said the other day: "I have been trying to think if I ever knew mother do one wrong thing, and yet," he said, "I can think of nothing." She died in great peace, and her sufferings are over. She is, we think, where suffering is ended. May God bless all of her relatives and help them meet her in heaven.

C. H. Smith.

SECRET.—Died at Tyler, at the residence of his parents, little Claudie, the only child of Maggie and Leander Secrest. He was born in Tyler, Texas, Jan. 4, 1879. Soon as he could talk he was taught to say his prayers. Often before he was seven years old he voluntarily carried the Bible to his father and asked him to hold family prayer. He was baptized on his sixth birthday by Rev. Joel T. Daves. After this, was a pupil in the Methodist Sunday-school, which he attended on Sunday, May 29. He had a perfect lesson. Spent the evening as usual; was taken sick with congestion of the bowels at 7 p.m., and died next day, the 30th, at 10 a.m., which demonstrates the truth of divine revelation: "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth forever." Dear brother and sister, remember, Jesus said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." Claudie is gone in advance. He will be looking out for you. "Be thou faithful unto death," and he will greet thee in that "sun bright clime" where parting will be no more. The mother said "he had some of the faults of

children; but much of his thoughts were of God and heaven, where he has gone to spend eternity." Comforting thought.

Tyler, Texas.

W. N. Bonner.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 16, 1887, p. 8, c. 4

The Evening Tribune, of Tyler, has enlarged to eight pages.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 23, 1887, p. 8, c. 1

Tyler has closed a contract for gas lights.

TYLER, Tex., June 17.—The two canning companies of this place have opened up for business, and are now running in full force and well supplied with fruit and garden produce.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 30, 1887, p. 8, c. 3

Some big prohibition guns were fired at the Henderson barbecue, June 24: Capt. R. M. Wynne, of Fort Worth; Col. Geo. P. Finlay, Galveston; Col. W. S. Herndon and J. M. Duncan, of Tyler; and Gov. Webster Flanagan, of Henderson.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 30, 1887, p. 8, c. 5

TYLER, Tex., June 22.—Last night at a special meeting of the Merchants' Exchange, attended by other citizens, a committee was appointed to confer with a committee of the State Horticultural Society and arrange for a convention of that society and the horticultural exhibit to occur July 27, 28 in this city. The advices received by the committee of arrangements indicate that the convention and exhibit will be the largest affair of the kind that has ever occurred in the State. This (Smith) county, being the leading fruit growing county in the State, and fruit of all kinds being especially fine this year, will make a large exhibit of her fruit and vegetable productions. If the wood work of the city hall be completed in time, that building will be secured for the convention and exhibit. If it be not completed in time, the cotton compress shed will be used for the exhibit and Albertson's Opera House for the convention.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 7, 1887, p. 1, c. 1-6

The Grand Rally.

Fifteen Thousand Prohibitionists Come Together.

The Gathering at Fort Worth—A Convention Ten Times Larger Than Any Convention Ever Held in Texas—The Procession, the Speeches and the Love Feast.

. . . Among those on and in front of the platform were: W. S. Herndon, Col. Bonner and John M. Duncan, of Tyler. . .

HERNDON'S SPEECH.

After the reading of the above communications Hon. W. S. Herndon took the stand and began his address. Soon he began to move the vast multitude. The stragglers from the outskirts looked up and noticed the crowd concentrating, and followed suit. Those picket guards, always around the margin of vast gatherings surrendered their posts and joined the main body; young men and young ladies left their secluded trysting places and came to where the speaker's word could be more distinctly heard. The siren song of the lemonade man was hushed and no longer heard in the land. The grand stand was invaded; the space in front was speedily jammed by an excited and interested multitude; young and old, men and women, crowded around the stand eager to catch each word of the speech. And such a speech! Like the snowflake starting from

Alpine heights and ending in an avalanche; like a brooklet gurgling from out the mountain side and ending in a Niagara; like the distant murmur of the ocean ending in a mad roar as you approach to where the warring winds lash the waves into fury; like anything or everything that is grand, great, eloquent, inspiring, awful. From insidious humor to sublime pathos, every note in the gamut of human feeling, every chord in the human heart, every sensibility of the inner consciousness, was touched by a master hand. He addressed himself to the evils of the liquor traffic, saying: There are 200,000 saloons in this government, of which over 4,000 are in Texas, and the saloon business has organized a force like steam which threatens to blow up this government. It has become a great political force which has laid its hand not alone upon the individual to the destruction of the family happiness, but upon the ballot box and the Legislature. He pointed to the result of the local option election held recently in Rockwall county as a manifestation of the corrupting influence of the liquor traffic. He then tried to chop up the True Blue platform into kindling wood, and charged that there was not a True Blue who approved of it or stood upon it. He looked forward to 50,000 majority, but there was no telling what the effect of the money of the opposition judiciously expended would be. Should it come to the worst, however, there would, he contended, remain an army recruited from the free schools and the Sunday-schools, which the antis so detested, to carry the banner two years later. It was an army that furnished its own rations, was incorruptible, and growing with the growth of a more beautiful and healthy civilization. But let prohibition be victorious, as he believed it would be, and the only leader left the antis would be Gen. Anheuser. He would insist on the other fallen generals returning to the charge, and on their refusal would confront them with their correspondence on file in his office, and tell them that they would have to furnish their own straw this time. Col. Herndon advised his audience to raise after the next man who purchases votes the hue and cry that they would raise after the murderer, the horse-thief, the traitor. Such a man, in his opinion, should be sent to the penitentiary or hung to a limb of a tree. The liquor traffic he characterized as dynamite with the fuse lighted, a traffic that never invested anything that was good; that never originated anything that was good; that stood at the base of poverty and crime; that was opposed to free schools and that aimed at moulding the politics and the economies of the country in adaptation to its own wants, conditions and circumstances. At the conclusion of the speech dinner was announced. . . .

VOLUNTEER SPEAKERS

Ex Congressman W. S. Herndon, Tyler; Hon. T. R. Bonner, Tyler; John M. Duncan, Tyler; . . . B. B. Kane, Tyler; J. M. Edwards, Tyler; . . .

COL. T. R. BONNER.

While these speeches were going on, the outskirts were enjoying a large-sized jubilee of their own. On one side a second rostrum had been erected, around which, perhaps, 2000 people assembled, when Judge George B. Pickett, of Decatur, mounted, and in a neat speech introduced the Hon. T. R. Bonner, of Tyler, who proceeded at once to give out in no uncertain tones his determination to remain in the Democratic party. He had, he averred, been in Texas thirty-eight years and in the Democratic party every hour of it. He had helped pack the mud to build the Democracy of Texas, and was not ready to be ousted by Republicans or those claiming to be Democrats whose politics were of a general utility character. His speech was full of sound argument enlivened by witty anecdote and apposite truisms, and he kept his auditors in a roar from beginning to end, and retired amid a storm of cheers.

--U. B. Philips, P. E., Tyler, Texas: Please announce through the ADVOCATE that I have employed Rev. T. W. Boynton to take charge of the White House circuit, Tyler district, East Texas Conference, in lieu of Bro. E. D. Ogburn, deceased. He will fill all the published appointments in reference to protracted meetings. Next quarterly meeting for that work will be held at Pleasant Retreat camp-ground, 1st Sunday in August.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 14, 1887, p. 4, c. 5
REV. E. D. OGBURN.

I have just received the sad intelligence of the death of Rev. E. D. Ogburn, preacher in charge of the White House Circuit, Tyler District, East Texas Conference. Bro. Ogburn was a faithful and true man, growing in usefulness and acceptability in the ministry. We deplore his loss. He leaves a wife and six children. An extended obituary will be forthcoming.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 14, 1887, p. 5, c. 2

TYLER, TEX., July 7.—Dr. F. L. Yoakum of this city, president of the State Horticultural Society, has received over 200 varieties of flowers to be placed on exhibition when that society convenes on the 27th and 28th. Other varieties intended for the exhibit are arriving almost daily. This city is preparing to entertain many thousand people on that occasion in royal style.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 4, 1887, p. 8, c. 2

Awards were made at the horticultural fair, Tyler, as follows: For the finest general collection of fruits—First prize to A. H. Shirley, of Denison; second prize to J. T. Whitaker, of Tyler. For the finest collection of Apples—First prize to E. H. Adams, of Bonham; second prize to G. W. Stoner, of Jewella, La. Finest Collection of Pears—First prize to G. W. Stoner, of Jewella, La.; second prize to Casey Askew, of Tyler. Finest Collection of Peaches—First prize to J. P. Douglas, of Tyler; second prize to J. T. Whitaker, of Tyler. Finest collection of plums—First prize to K. Fairbanks, of Denison; second prize to W. Kirkpatrick, of McKinney. Finest collection of grapes—First prize to T. V. Munson, of Denison, second prize to W. W. Kidd, of Tyler. Finest collection of peaches—Prize awarded to G. W. Stoner, of Jewella, La.

For best display of evaporated fruit—Diploma awarded to Steubanranck Bros., of Mexia. For best display of apparatus for Spraying fruits and flowers—Diploma to T. V. Munson, of Denison.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 18, 1887, p. 4, c. 5

--C. H. Smith, Tyler, Aug. 10: I have held four protracted meetings on Lindale circuit, East Texas Conference; one at Marvin Chapel, six professions, and four accessions to our church; one at Pleasant Grove, twenty-six professions, and six accessions to our church; one at Harris Chapel, six professions, and two accessions to our church; then Union Chapel, about ten professions, and one accession to our church, and three to the Protestant Methodist. Local brethren did efficient work. To God be all the glory.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 25, 1887, p. 8, c. 4

Aug. 19—S. G. Gibbs, an old and respected citizen, committed suicide at Tyler. He was an exemplary member of the church, and was independent financially. No cause can be assigned for his act except that bad health had affected his mind.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 1, 1887, p. 5, c. 2

--C. H. Smith, Tyler, August 25: At my camp-meeting, on Village Creek, we had a gracious revival. Some twenty-four professions, thirteen accessions. About seventy-five conversions on Lindale circuit to date. I see in my giving the number of accessions at Pleasant Grove, you have it six, when it ought to be sixteen. Bro. P. O. Tunnell and Dr. Fontain, and local brethren, give efficient aid at my camp-meeting. Laymen and women did noble work. To God be all the glory.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 8, 1887, p. 4, c. 5

DEATH OF REV. M. E. BLOCKER.

I write to inform you, as well as the members of the East Texas Conference, that our beloved brother and co-laborer, M. E. Blocker, died last night, triumphantly, and is now at rest.

He leaves a young wife whose brow is yet sweetened by the aroma of the bridal wreath. He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost. The earth is poorer on account of his absence from it.

An obituary will be furnished at some time in the future.

N. B. Philips.

Tyler, Texas, Aug. 31st.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 15, 1887, p. 7, c. 2-3

REV. EDWIN D. OGBURN

Rev. Edwin D. Ogburn was born of the flesh in Henry county, Tennessee, December 17, 1849, and died in Smith county, Texas, July 4, 1887. He was the son of Rev. Josiah and Mary L. Ogburn. During the year 1870, under the ministry of Rev. John S. Mathis, he was born of the Spirit and received into the church, since which time he evidenced to the world, by his rigid adherence to vows he assumed, that his conversion was genuine, and his faith well founded. In the fall of 1876, he was licensed to preach, and for eight years was an acceptable local preacher, heartily co-operating with the traveling ministry in all their efforts to give furtherance to Christ's kingdom. During the years of his local relations, he yearned for the time to come when he could enlarge his field of ministerial labors by having his name enrolled among his brethren of the traveling connection. Therefore, he set his house in order to reach that end, and in November, 1884, he was admitted on trial in the East Texas Conference. His first appointment was Big Sandy Mission, which he served faithfully, and with great acceptability with those to whom he preached. At the conference of 1885, held at Beaumont, he was assigned to the White House circuit, and returned to the same work in 1886, where, in the midst of labors abundant and in growing favor with his people, on the morn of July 4,

"A mortal arrow pierced his frame;
He fell—but felt no fear."

Bro. Ogburn's labors as traveling preacher, up to the time of his demise, was confined mostly among the people with whom he had lived since his advent into Texas, and although some had formed prejudices against him previous to his reformation, his upright life, his faithfulness to duty and his earnest zeal for the salvation of souls, unfettered these bound enemies, one by one, and they became his most ardent admirers and faithful supporters. And when the news reached the limits of his circuit that he was dead, "the devout men made great lamentations over him." He was not only in great favor with his people as an urbane Christian

gentleman, but he impressed those who waited upon his ministry with his steady growth as a pulpit man. His sermons were textual and well arranged, and delivered with unction, always containing a seed-thought that could be taken home and remembered for days to come. He was thoroughly Methodist, and was in perfect accord with the standards of the church of which he was a dutiful servant. As a disciplinarian, I know of no preacher, within the bounds of the conference, who excelled or equaled him. His reports at the quarterly meetings always contained the names of those who were expelled, or were under the censure of the church for violations of church vows. Yet this disciplining of the insubordinate, and lopping off the dead branches, was so executed that the wounded ones so respected him that they could kiss the hand that held the rod of correction. To his official brethren, he was a safe and wise adviser. He never gave an opinion, nor made a suggestion, without being able to give a judicious reason for it. And as his presiding elder, I felt that all of the interests of the White House circuit were in safe hands, and that all the conference collections would be garnered, and a sweeping revival would result from his zeal and fervent prayers. But, alas! our ways are not as God's ways. When, with joy, we witnessed him rising higher in the scale of usefulness, and prophesied for him still higher heights, our prophetic vision is begloomed and our joy is saddened by funeral dirges, and we write in our book of lamentation, "he that was, is no more." It was not the province of the writer to be with him during his illness, but we have assurances, from Bros. Fowler, Little, and his family, that not a wave of trouble, at that time, disturbed his peaceful breast. His wife, in a short note, says of him: "He was a devoted husband, an affectionate father and an ardent lover of the Lord Jesus." It was his custom, when at home with his family, to call wife and children four times a day around the family altar and offer sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving to his Benefactor and Preserver. A short time before he passed away, he remarked to Bro. L. M. Fowler that physically, he was very sick and weak; but spiritually, he was well and strong. The last request he made of those who lingered around his couch, was for them to sing. And as the notes of hallowed music fell upon his ear, now almost deafened by the thundering waves of the ocean of death, his strength was renewed and his faith was stimulated to face the trying ordeal without a blanch upon his cheek, and under the soothing charms of sweet song, he launched out upon the broad river of life everlasting.

"Music charmed him last on earth,
And greeted him first in heaven."

In the death of our beloved brother, a legacy is bequeathed to his companions in the ministry. That legacy is a pure and consecrated life. To the church, which is the almoner of every deceased preacher, he leaves his forlorn widow and six orphan children, five of whom are girls. Farewell, dear brother, till the day of consummation; till the bridal of the soul. May God be a husband to the widow and a father to the orphan children.

U. B. Philips.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 22, 1887, p. 2, c. 1

--C. H. Smith, Tyler, September 9: I send another revival notice from Lindale circuit, North Texas Conference. At Mt. Sylvan we had a gracious revival. Some twenty-five professions of religion and eleven accessions to our church. Bros. Allen, Vinson and Webb gave efficient aid, with noble laymen, and the women added greatly to the interest of the meeting. Last fall the church here built a splendid house for the Lord. This is the first effort at protracted services in the new house.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 22, 1887, p. 7, c. 4

DUMAS.—Died, near Tyler, Smith county, Texas, Mrs. Mattie J. Dumas, wife of Mr. A. E. Dumas. She had been confined to her bed four months. Her sickness was sanctified to her conviction for sin. She sent for Rev. U. B. Philips to instruct and pray for her. I accompanied him to see her on the 19th of August. We found her a penitent seeker of salvation. Bro. Philips instructed and prayed with her, and sung some of the songs of Zion. I thought, before we left, I could see a marked change in her countenance. A pleasant smile rested upon her face, though she did not express herself satisfied; but on the 29th she found she was nearing the end of her pilgrimage, and that all was well. She sent for the writer to baptize and receive her into the church, which I did on the 30th. I found her resting in Jesus. I felt that it was good to be with her who was so joyful at nearing the end. She died triumphantly on the 31st of August, 1887. I am glad that eternal life is offered to those who will come in even at the eleventh hour; but I think it a great risk to delay, because of the difficulty of those that do so to exercise faith. "For without faith, it is impossible to please God," or be saved. She leaves a disconsolate husband and three small children. May the Lord sanctify her death to the conversion of the husband and proper training of the children, that they may make an unbroken family in heaven.

W. N. Bonner.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 29, 1887, p. 4, c. 6

--W. N. Bonner, Tyler, Sept. 20: I write to inform the friends of Rev. U. B. Philips, presiding elder of Tyler district, that he has been quite sick for several days, confined to his bed and room. Had to submit to a surgical operation. His sufferings have been intense. He is now resting easy, hoping to be up in a few days and fill his appointments on the district.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 6, 1887, p. 7, c. 3

CANNON—TATE—At the residence of the bride's father, Dr. H. L. Tate, near Lindale, on September 21, 1887, by the Rev. S. W. Turner, Mr. W. S. Cannon, and Miss Rebecca Tate, both of Smith county.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 13, 1887, p. 4, c. 4

--H. M. DuBose, Tyler, Oct. 8: To the Preachers of the Tyler district, East Texas Conference: Our presiding elder, Rev. U. B. Philips, is undergoing a severe and trying ordeal just now, the result of a surgical operation performed to remove a long-standing trouble. He has been confined to his bed for more than twenty-eight days, after enduring intense suffering. He is much concerned for the brethren and their work, but does not think it possible to meet any appointments for some weeks. At his request, I write this note to inform the brethren of his case, and urge earnest preparation for the last quarterly meetings to be held so soon as he is able to travel.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 20, 1887, p. 7, c. 4

NICHOLS.—Adolphus Nichols was born in Crawford county, Ga., Nov. 27, 1857; died near Starrville, Smith county, Texas, Sept. 14, 1887. Bro. Nichols embraced religion about two months before his death. He was confined to bed for several months, suffering a great deal with a lung trouble. A few days before his death he said to his mother he wanted to join the church;

said he felt God had forgiven his sins, and he had neglected to unite with the church, and was not willing to die out of the church. It was my pleasure to baptize him with water and receive him into the visible church and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to him. He was not able to sit up at the time, but lying prostrate, clapped his hands and praised God. His Christian race was a short one, but the end one of great triumph. During his last days he talked to his brothers and admonished them to be religious and meet him in Heaven. A few hours before he died he called for the Bible and read a chapter and said to Bro. Jas. Barber: "I want to pray once more." He leaves a father and mother, brothers and sisters, to mourn his absence; but they mourn not as those that have no hope, for he certainly left satisfactory evidence that he was ready for the change.

Albert Little.

Tyler, Texas.

WALLACE—Matthew P. Wallace was born in Mechlinburg county, North Carolina, July 4, 1847; came to this State with his parents in 1858; was married to Miss Lula A. Cobb, May 5, 1875; professed religion in Starville [sic--Starrville] and joined the M. E. Church, South, July 1886; died Sept. 18, 1887, at his home in Starville [sic], Smith county, Texas. Bro. Wallace was a man of a noble disposition, kind in his dealings with his fellow-man, obliging and true. He had many warm friends and but few, if any, enemies. He was a true husband, devoted to his companion, full of life and energy. As a father he was very much devoted to his children; as a neighbor he was always ready to assist those who needed assistance. He was not very demonstrative in religion, but firm and steadfast. He loved the church of his choice, and was ready to support its institutions. He was elected steward at the fourth quarterly conference of last year and was faithful in filling that office until death. He was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity; also a member of the Knights of Honor. Bro. Wallace leaves a companion and three bright and promising children, one son and two daughters, to mourn his absence. His parents have been dead for several years; one brother died last year; the rest of the family are left this side of the river of death in sadness, but with the assurance that their brother is at rest in the "sweet bye-and-bye." Bro. Wallace was taken sick at the camp-meeting on Tyler circuit, near Winona, and was carried home to suffer for four weeks. While he had the very best attention it seemed to no avail. The time had come for him to die. Thank God we believe he was ready for the summons. The community will miss him, but the Word of God comes to their assistance: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

Albert Little.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 27, 1887, p. 8, c. 4

MAHAN'S COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

Prominent among the institutions of learning found in Sherman is that of Mahan's Commercial College. This college, formerly located at Tyler, Texas, has, within the past six weeks, been located in Sherman, and now occupies rooms in the second story of the large opera-house situated on North Travis street.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 3, 1887, p. 7, c. 3

REV. M. E. BLOCKER.

Rev. Michael Erastus Blocker, son of Rev. Micajah Blocker and Mary East, was born of the flesh in Calcasieu parish, Louisiana, Aug. 8, 1860, and was born of the Spirit at the age of

twelve years, at which time in the State of Louisiana he joined the M. E. Church, South. At the age of nineteen he was licensed to preach in Terrell, Texas, July 26, 1879. Received on trial into the traveling connection in the East Texas Conference in 1881, and into full connection in 1883, at which time he was ordained deacon by Bishop Linus Parker. He graduated in theology in 1885, and was ordained elder by Bishop McTyeire at Beaumont, Texas. On the second day of February, 1887, he led to the hymeneal altar as his bride Miss Ella May Clay, who, with the aroma of the bridal wreath still lingering upon her brow, laments his early demise. Six months after the happy nuptials, on August 19, at 8:12 p.m., the young wife, faithful mother and devoted brother, Rev. R. M. Blocker, with other friends, witnessed their loved one lay down the cross and receive his crown. Thus faded away one of the most promising young preachers of the East Texas Conference. Had he lived even until prime manhood, I hardly think he would have had his equal in the conference as a scholar, theologian or preacher. His early educational advantages had been limited, but he belonged to that class of men that we find in all of the higher professions, who make themselves heard and felt by self-education. In this respect he had lain a broad and sure foundation for rearing in himself literary attainments that would have, in a few years, made him a man of authority among his brethren. His knowledge of the classics was rapidly increasing as his days rolled by. His deliverances on the standards of the peculiar people called methodists gave forth no deceiving sound, but were always in accordance with the Book. And yet, he did not deny himself the right to differ with the illustrious theologians of the past whenever his opinions were strengthened by "Thus saith the Lord." He felt that as a traveling preacher, the only prerogative the church of which he was a servant had a right to exercise or require of him was his practice, and not his opinions. Hence, while in some instances his opinions differed widely from some of the teachings of the books, his practice was in accord with our disciplinary requirements and in harmony with his ordination vows, to keep the rules, and not to mend them. In social life he was modest and retiring, yet always at ease and confident. As a pastor, he was much beloved and very popular. Several works traveled by him are within the bounds of the Tyler district. In almost every parlor or sitting room you enter, you will find among the clusters of cherished and family relics the photograph of our beloved brother. I have entered no home this year located on the circuits he had traveled without hearing from the inmates remarks of the highest esteem for him, and expressions of condolence at his premature decay. Two years ago his health was so impaired that he asked the conference to grant him a supernumerary relation. He then moved to Tyler. It was not long before the impress of his Christian nobility was felt in every heart of this good people. A young men's prayer-meeting organized sometime before by Father W. N. Bonner was in successful operation. This organization soon developed into a Young Men's Christian Association, with Bro. Blocker as secretary. This providential opening afforded him ample time to keep up his regular course of study, and the salary maintained his family. In this new field, so wide and propitious for doing good, he seemed to excel. Around him gathered the young men of the community; and lessons were imparted that will emblazon his eternal crown. But, alas! in the zenith of this new field of usefulness, disease pierced him with one of its most fatal arrows, and the sad news soon prevailed that his work was ended. For weeks and months before his demise he was closely confined to his room and bed, sometimes hopeful of recovery of health, and then despairing; and though at times suffering intensely, he could always kiss the hand that held the rod, and say: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him." The last interview between us I remarked that I would leave the ensuing day to be in attendance at a camp-meeting, and that probably we would not meet again in the flesh. He remarked: "That is so, my brother. I know not how soon the end

will come. I am waiting for something to develop that will make me better, or take me home." As I left him, he said: "Farewell! if you do not find me here on your return from the camp-meeting I will be up yonder. When you get there, look for me; I will be sure to go there when I leave this bed of affliction." These were his last words to the writer. On the 29th of August just as the stars of the great upper deep came forth as higher sentinels, his star emblazoned the diadem of the world's Redeemer.

U. B. Philips.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 3, 1887, p. 8, c. 4

Oct. 26—Mr. Geo. Paulson, long a citizen of Smith county, died at Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 8, 1887, p. 7, c. 2

MOCK—TARBUTTON—At the parsonage in Troupe, Oct. 9, 1887, by Rev Wm. A. Sampey, Mr. John J. Mock and Miss Sophie Tarbutton; all of Troupe, Texas.

OWENS—MARTIN—In Smith county, Texas, on Nov. 23, 1887, by Rev. P. O. Tunnell, Mr. J. E. Owens and Miss Effie Martin.

MUSSELWHITE—BARTON—In Smith county, Texas, on Nov. 10, 1887, by Rev. P. O. Tunnell, Mr. A. A. Musslewhite and Miss A. E. Barton.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 15, 1887, p. 4, c. 6

Marshall District

Troupe and Overton—W. A. Sampey.

Tyler District.

John Adams, P. E.

Tyler—H. M. DuBose.

Tyler City Mission—Lacy Boone.

Tyler Circuit—Albert Little.

Mineola—J. L. Dawson.

Lindale Circuit—W. H. Crawford.

Canton Circuit—J. C. Calhoun.

Edom Circuit—D. P. Cullen.

Athens Circuit—W. M. Wainright.

Larissa Circuit—C. H. Smith.

New York Circuit—D. W. Towns.

Lawndale Mission—to be supplied by E. R. Large.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 14, 1887, p. 7, c. 3

Wallace.—The undersigned committee, appointed by the fourth quarterly conference of Tyler circuit to draft resolutions of condolence in the cause of Bro. M. P. Wallace, deceased, submit the following report:

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in his proficiencie [sic?] to remove from the church militant to the church triumphant our worthy brother, Matthew P. Wallace; therefore be it resolved by the quarterly conference of Tyler circuit, Methodist Episcopal Church, South,

1. That in the death of Bro. Wallace this circuit has lost a faithful and useful steward, and the Starrville church a promising member.

2. That we record with profound gratitude the fact that Bro. Wallace, both in life and death, gave satisfactory evidence of the new life and of a well-founded hope of immortality.

3. That we tender to his bereaved wife and orphaned children our sincere condolence in this hour of darkness.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family, one to the Tyler papers and another to the TEXAS ADVOCATE for publication, and that the same be recorded in the journal of the quarterly conference.

S. W. Turner,
J. W. Ogburn,
Rev. A. Little,
Committee.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 22, 1887, p. 8, c. 1
Ex-Governor O. M. Roberts and Mrs. Kate Borden [sic] (of Tyler) were married at New Braunfels Dec. 15

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 5, 1888, p. 7, c. 4
BEARD—ZORN.—In Smith County, Texas, Dec. 22, 1887, by Rev. P. O. Tunnell, Mr. W. R. Beard to Miss T. C. Zorn.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 19, 1888, p. 7, c. 3
BOYD—TATE.—At the residence of the bride's father, Dr. H. L. Tate, near Lindale, Texas, Dec. 22, 1887, by Rev. W. H. Crawford, Mr. Frank M. Boyd, of Pine Bluff, Ark., and Miss Ida N. Tate, of Smith county Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 19, 1888, p. 8, c. 1
Business Troubles.
Mrs. A. E. Howard, saddlery, assigned at Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 26, 1888, p. 7, c. 4-5
SLAGLE.—Mrs. Lizzie J. Slagle was born in Tennessee Feb. 18, 1826; was married to D. F. Barcroft in 1840; moved to Texas the same year, and located in Red River county; in 1845 they moved to Gilmer, and in 1852 they moved to Smith county, and located in Starville [sic-- Starrville] at which place they lived together until death separated them. Some time after the death of Bro. Barcroft, she was married to D. F. Slagle, Sept. 5, 1876, and died Nov. 1, 1887. Aunt Lizzie, by which name she was well known, professed religion in early life and joined the Methodist Church, and lived a consistent member through life. She had more than an ordinary mind; quick to see her duty, and a close Bible student through life. She was one of the best workers in the church and Sabbath-school I ever saw. She was prompt in all of her duties. She was a good judge of human nature, and knew how to adapt herself to existing circumstances. The children all loved her, and she took a great interest in them. Oh, how they miss her! She always had a word of encouragement for some one. Seldom, if ever, did she seem despondent, but always cheerful and happy. She felt a great interest in the church, and demonstrated it by her work. Starville [sic] Church has lost one of its best members. She is greatly missed in the sick room, for she was always ready to visit the sick and administer unto the suffering; in fact, she

was a noble woman; her place will be hard to fill. She had several children by her first husband, who live to mourn her absence. They are all married, and we trust will try and meet their parents in heaven. Bro. Slagle is left alone. How sad to be left alone! May his afflictions be a blessing to him, and while sorrowing, may he look by faith to the land where parting is unknown.

Albert Little.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 2, 1888, p. 8, c. 1
Business Troubles.

W. B. Hardy, liquor dealer, attached at Tyler.

Obituary.

H. N. Sneed, an old citizen, died at Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 16, 1888, p. 7, c. 2

HORTON—DEEN—In Smith county, Texas, Feb. 1, 1888, by Rev. P. O. Tunnell, Mr. L. Horton and Mrs. E. J. Deen.

BELL—ELLIS—In Tyler, Texas, Feb. 2, 1888, by Rev. P. O. Tunnell, Dr. B. F. Bell and Miss Lula J. Ellis, of Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 23, 1888, p. 8, c. 1

Sam Dean died at his residence, a few miles east of Tyler, after a brief illness from pneumonia.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 1, 1888, p. 7, c. 3

DuBOSE.—Died at the parsonage Sunday, Jan. 22, 1888, 7 p.m., just as the father was going to leave to fill his evening appointment at the church. He was the only son of Rev. H. M. DuBose, pastor of the Methodist Church at Tyler, Texas. He was about twenty-one months old. He was not the idol of his fond parents, but he was sunshine in their Christian home. He was beautiful in form and features; intellectually, he was bright for a child of his age. I feared the death of her darling boy would break the tender heart of the fond mother, (she is feeble in health), but thank our Father in heaven that He hath given the fond parents the spirit of resignation that they can say: "the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

W. N. Bonner.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 1, 1888, p. 7, c. 5

SNEED.—Homer Nance Sneed died at his residence in this city Jan. 26, 1888. He was born in Jones county, Ga., March 24, 1823, and was married to Miss Martha Ann Hollis, March 17, 1847. He joined the M. E. Church when quite a youth, eight or ten years of age, and lived a consistent Christian life until grown to manhood. He left his old home and class and moved to other parts and became cold and dropped out of the church, but was reinstated in 1857 or 1858, from which time he lived an exemplary Christian life. He loved the Sunday-school, class and experience meetings. He had an experience to tell, and told it when opportunity offered; it was worth telling and hearing. He held family prayer when at home. His wife survives him. Their only child, Dr. J. S. Sneed, resides near Abbott, in Hill county. They raised six orphans, all of

whom, with their son, are members of the church. Bro. Sneed was afflicted with heart disease and died suddenly. He observed the advice of Christ. That is, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh." He was prepared for the change. His wife and son love to talk of his Christian life and example. They anticipate a happy reunion in the mansions of glory.

W. N. Bonner.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 8, 1888, p. 7, c. 2

McDOW.—Nora Belle, daughter of T. G. and Emma McDow, was born Jan. 14, 1886; was taken ill Dec. 29, 1887, and suffered intense pain until Jan. 10, 1888, when the angel reapers came, released her immortal spirit and sang "Harvest Home." Little Nora went home to God. May her departed spirit, as a heaven-bought jewel bright, shine as a beacon light to guide her parents on.

T. B. Vinson.

Garden Valley, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 8, 1888, p. 8, c. 1

An attempt to wreck a passenger train three and a half miles south of Tyler, Texas, on the I. and G. N. Railroad failed, owing to the vigilance of the engineer, who saw the obstructions in time to reverse his engine.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 15, 1888, p. 8, c. 2

Tyler, Texas, denies having the small-pox—but had snow on the morning of March 6.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 22, 1888, p. 7, c. 4

CARLTON.—Captain Richard Carlton died at his residence in Smith county, Texas, Feb. 24, 1888, aged 67 years. He was born in Alabama, and married Miss Annie Ford. Soon after his marriage they moved to Texas, and settled in Smith county, fourteen miles south of Tyler, which has been his home until his death. He was a good farmer, and accumulated good property, professed religion and joined the M. Church, South, in 1875 or 1876, since which time he lived a consistent Christian life. His example was good and worthy of imitation. He was liberal with his means for deeds of charity and for the use and benefit of the Church. I became acquainted with brother Carlton in 1880. I found him to be a true friend, and his house a pleasant home for the weary itinerant. He lived near Box House Church, (now Walnut Grove;) his seat at church was seldom vacant. Brother Carlton was an affectionate husband, kind father, a true friend, and was loved and respected by his neighbors. Smith county has lost a good citizen, the church a good and worthy member. He lived right, therefore he died right, possessing his reason up to the last moment; conscious of his approaching death; perfectly resigned to die and be with Jesus. He leaves a Christian wife, who is in feeble health, five daughters and three sons to mourn their loss; but what is their loss in his eternal gain. Cheer up, sister Carlton, he is not dead, but sleepeth. You will meet him again, where death and parting is not known. May this dispensation of God's providence be sanctified to the good of the broken-hearted children and bring them nearer to God, that parents and children may make an unbroken family in heaven.

W. N. Bonner.

Tyler, March 8, 1888.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 22, 1888, p. 8, c. 2

The Douglas and Bonner Rifles at Tyler have consolidated for the Interstate drill.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 29, 1888, p. 8, c. 1

Obituary.

John Lipscomb at Tyler.

Texas News.

Tyler has a closed contract for a \$40,000 opera house; also several new stores and a new church. Archie Hopkins, a painter, fell into a ditch in front of the new federal building at Tyler and broke his leg. Tyler cannery is finished, and the brickyards are to make 200,000 brick a day.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 5, 1888, p. 7, c. 3

CARELTON—Capt. Richard Carelton was born Sep. 11, 1819, in the State of Georgia. At about the age of ten he moved to Alabama. He was married to Miss Annie Ford, Nov. 1848. He then moved to Smith county, Texas, in 1851, where he lived up to the time of his death, which occurred the Feb. 24, 1888. He professed religion in the summer of 1878, and united at once with the Methodist Episcopal church, South, at Box-house, on Larissa circuit, in which church he remained true and faithful till removed to the church triumphant. He was steward of his church and a faithful one, too. He had just finished, with his faithful brethren, at Box-house a new church near where he lived. This was his last public work for the Lord. His wife and several children survive him. May they all meet him in Heaven is the prayer of one that loved him.

C. H. Smith.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 12, 1888, p. 7, c. 2

CROW—MYRES—At the bride's residence, in Smith county, Texas, March 28, 1888, by Rev. P. O. Tunnell, Mr. J. N. Crow and Miss Ida B. Myres.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 12, 1888, p. 8, c. 2

Obituary.

Mr. John D. Caldwell, at Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 19, 1888, p. 8, c. 2

Tyler rejoices in electric light and longs for night to come in order to look like another place.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 26, 1888, p. 7, c. 3

GERALD.—Died, little Johnnie, infant son of Richard and Mary Gerald, Nov. 29, 1887. He was ten months and seventeen days old. He was a beautiful child, and the hearts of all the family were drawn to him. "The King of terrors loves a shining mark." So it seemed when little Johnnie was taken from the embrace of those who loved him so well. Sad as this seems, there is now a little voice in heaven crying: "Steer this way, mamma and papa." May the God of all consolation be with them.

W. H. Crawford.

Lindale, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 26, 1888, p. 7, c. 2

SMITH—CASWELL.—At the residence of the bride's father, at Antioch, Smith county, Texas, March 13, 1888, by Rev. C. H. Smith, Dr. C. D. Smith and Miss Willie Caswell.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 26, 1888, p. 8, c. 3

Crops are fine at Winona. The farmers are plowing corn and planting cotton. The fruit crop has not been hurt.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 17, 1888, p. 7, c. 5

McMILLAN.—Hammet Pinson, the sweet little son of John L. and Julia A. McMillan, passed quietly from the embrace of loved ones into the loving arms of Jesus April 10th. He was born Sept. 7, 1880, making him nearly eight years old. He was taken strangely and seriously ill Saturday night and yielded his sweet spirit up to God at 10:50 o'clock Wednesday. He seemed conscious of approaching death from the beginning, saying, "Mother, the doctor can't cure me." His mind was well matured for one of his years, and especially did he know and love the dear Savior, which knowledge and love prepared him for a triumphant and peaceful death. No one could have witnessed little Hammet's death and not believe in the religion of childhood. When he saw his time approaching he called all the family about him, and one by one he put his arms around their necks and gave them his dying kiss, and as he kissed his dear mamma he said: "mamma, I see the Lord Jesus, and he has me by the hand, and I must go." A little later he said: "Stand aside, mamma, and let me see who they are, for I see them coming." And as he said this he pointed upward with his finger. He then gave instructions concerning his old missionary hen and little chickens, saying: "Take care of them, mamma, and when they are sold give the money to the missionaries." Finally, when the moment of departure came, he looked up and said: "Here's the garden, mamma, open the gate and let me walk in, for I must go." Then angel's hands opened the "beautiful gates" and his happy spirit entered their "pearly portals." All were impressed, for it seemed that a divine influence filled the room. O, if we could only pull aside the curtain and see him at the feet of Jesus learning more of his everlasting love! The Lord pour the healing balm into the ravished hearts of those who mourn for him and bring them soon to bow with Hammet at the Savior's feet.

W. H. Crawford.

Lindale, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 17, 1888, p. 7, c. 6

DUMAS.—Mrs. Emma S. Dumas (nee Barfield), wife of Mr. F. H. Dumas, was born June 5, 1857; died of consumption in the city of Tyler, Smith county, Texas, April 28, 1888, at 8:30 a.m. She was an orphan at five years of age, when taken into the family of Levi F. Goodman, a good, Christian gentleman. Under the care of him and his good wife she received a religious training. She joined the Methodist Church, South, in early life, of which she remained a member until about four years ago, when her husband professed religion and joined the Baptist Church, and she joined that branch of the Christian church with him. To say that she was a consistent member is not enough to say. She was a devoted Christian until death severed her relation to the church on earth and she joined the church triumphant. It was my privilege and profit to visit her during the last four months of her affliction. It was indeed a benediction to hear her talk of Jesus and her heavenly home; of her devoted husband and kind neighbors. I have heard it said that we will not have dying grace until the dying hour, but Sister Dumas had

it to live with, and did not have to ask it in the hour of death. She was conscious until the last, and died triumphantly. She leaves a husband and three children (sons), the eldest eight years old, the others six and four respectively. May the Lord help the bereaved husband and father to train them in the way they should go, as the mother was trained, and like her may they "never depart from it." For the comfort and encouragement of Bro. Dumas I will call his attention to what King David said when his child died: "I cannot call him back again, but I can go to him." You would not if you could call Sister Emma back to suffer with that dreadful disease; but you can go to her. "O, think of the home over there!" She, like the Savior, has gone before you. May you and the children so live that you will have a happy reunion in that home where there is no more death.

W. N. Bonner.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 17, 1888, p. 8, c. 1
Obituary.

Mrs. Emma S. Dumas, Tyler, April 28.

Casualties.

Willie Adams, son of the proprietor of the Tyler Daily Courier, fell through a trestle work and broke his neck.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 24, 1888, p. 8, c. 1

J. T. Plunkett, of Tyler, has invented a valveless engine which is creating a great deal of interest in scientific circles at Washington, D. C.

Tyler is to have a new and elegant passenger depot.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 31, 1888, p. 8, c. 3

H. J. McIntosh, Deputy Clerk of Smith county, had his arm broken by his horse running away.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 7, 1888, p. 3, c. 3

DOES THE END JUSTIFY THE MEANS?

Are church festivals, ice cream parties, and such like, to obtain money for church purposes, conducive to piety? Is it not conforming to the world? The Bible teaches, "Be not conformed to this world." Rom. xii:2. Does advertising theatres and encouraging theatre-going, by the newspaper man, assist in building up a town or city, morally or financially? May not the church and the newspaper man mistake in supposing the "end justifies the means?" The church may say, we have our festivals and ice-cream parties to obtain money to build and repair churches and supplement the pastor's salary. The newspaper man may say, I advertise and encourage theatre going to obtain means to support himself and family, and feel I am justifiable, because I am engaged in a legitimate business. It is true that publishing a newspaper is a legitimate business. But may you not mistake as to the matter you publish? May it not result in moral and financial evil, rather than good? Do not theatrical companies have a tendency to corrupt the morals of the people that attend the theater, and do they not carry away more money than they bring with them? If so, then, the theater is a financial, as well as a moral evil. Therefore let not the church patronize them.

W. N. Bonner.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 14, 1888, p. 7, c. 4

MARION.—Mrs. S. C. Marion was born in Chambers county, Alabama, April 24, 1845. She was married to James Marion, Nov. 22, 1859; professed religion in Starville [sic-Starrville], Smith county, Texas, and united with the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent member of the same until death took her from among us, out of the church militant to the church triumphant. She died April 2, 1888, after suffering for several months, which she bore with a great deal of patience and Christian fortitude. Sister Marion was a good and pure woman, amiable in disposition, kind in heart, obliging in life, a true wife, a fond mother. She had many friends to sympathize with her in her afflictions, which she appreciated greatly. She leaves a husband and daughter to mourn her absence. May the daughter, who was so tender and devoted to her mother in life, especially in her affliction, be rewarded in answer to a fond mother's prayers. We believe Sister Marion was ready for the summons. She expressed herself as being perfectly resigned to the will of the Lord. Her race is run and we trust the victory gained. While it is sad to part with her, yet we submit to God's will, believing he doeth all things well. We would point the grief stricken husband and daughter to the land where there is no death nor parting, but where friends meet to part no more.

Albert Little.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 14, 1888, p. 8, c. 1
Obituary.

Mrs. C. A. Teagarden at Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 21, 1888, p. 7, c. 4

SPRUCE.—Hearn, son of J. F. and E. H. Spruce, was born Feb. 5, 1882, and departed this life Jan. 27, 1888, at Omen, Texas. He was the youngest of four little boys—the baby, the pet of the family. His short life exemplified the beauties of Christian training from infancy. Bible truths made great impressions on his mind, in which he manifested unusual interest, often astonishing his elders by the appreciative understanding of the words of divine promise. He often spoke of the uncertainty of life and expressed a desire to live a Christian and get to heaven. He has now realized this the greatest of all blessings. God saw fit to take him home. A shadow of sorrow rests upon the household which nothing but His promises can drive away; but heaven has a fresh attraction; another link has been added to the chain to bind it to that sun-bright clime. When they cross the river of death he will be over there to welcome them home. He cannot come to them but they can go to him.

His Loving Auntie.

Omen, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 28, 1888, p. 8, c. 1
Obituary.

R. M. Cain, at Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 26, 1888, p. 2, c. 3-4
Tyler District.

. . . From Committee on State of the Church: "After listening closely to reports, * * * we are prepared to say the spiritual state of our Zion is on the advance. We note with regret, however, that many of our members visit too much on Sundays and desecrate the Sabbath in other ways,

while in some places some attend the theater, the ball and drink and swear. Some conversions in nearly all the charges."

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 26, 1888, p. 4, c. 5

Tyler.

--C. H. Smith, July 19: We have had a gracious revival at Walnut Grove church on Larissa circuit. The church greatly revived; nine happy professions and nine accessions to our church. Seven or eight conversions at other places in bounds of the circuit. Camp-meeting at Cove Springs embraces the first Sunday in August.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 26, 1888, p. 7, c. 2

DEAN—PAUL.—At the bride's residence, in Smith county, Texas, June 28, 1888, by Rev. P. O. Tunnell, Mr. S. L. Dean and Miss Rosalia Paul.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 26, 1888, p. 8, c. 2

Smith county will have a horticultural fair July 26, 27.

Mrs. W. C. Cain, of Tyler, discovered a burly negro burglar on the premises, secured a revolver and made him stand in his tracks until her husband, cashier of a bank, could come answer to 'phone message, and take Mr. Burglar to the sheriff.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 2, 1888, p. 8, c. 1

The East Texas Horticultural Society had an enthusiastic session at Tyler the past week. The hospitality of even Tyler was tested to accommodate the visiting crowds. The displays and exhibitions were first-class in every particular.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 2, 1888, p. 8, c. 2

W. R. High, a railroad watchman at Tyler, shot, it is thought fatally, Louis McDougal. McDougal is a nephew of Attorney-General Hogg.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 9, 1888, p. 4, c. 6

Pine Springs.

--C. H. Smith, Aug. 1: We have had a gracious revival at Pine Springs, Larissa circuit, East Texas Conference. Seventeen professions and thirteen accessions to the M. E. Church, South. The church must revived. Also at Springhill, on same circuit, four professions and four accessions. Bros. C. B. Smith, Griffin, Bracewell, local preachers, gave efficient aid.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 9, 1888, p. 8, c. 2

Obituary.

J. F. Patterson, late a prominent merchant, at Tyler; he had just returned from a health-seeking tour, and died at the depot, his wife only arriving at his side just in time to see him alive.

Texas Casualties.

R. W. Daws, a clerk of Tyler, suicided with morphine. He had through drink lost his position. Jack Malone, a plasterer late from Tyler, but whose home was Shreveport, was found dead in Longview.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 9, 1888, p. 8, c. 3

The Governor has appointed the following delegates to the Denver deep water convention: John Hancock, of Austin; Walter Gresham, Galveston; John Ireland, Guadalupe; T. R. Bonner, Tyler; W. Lott, San Antonio; B. Gibbs, Dallas; T. D. Rock, of Tyler county, and for the State at large: Temple Houston, Mobeetie; J. A. Carroll, Denton, and S. B. Maxey, Paris. Many other names have been submitted and are under consideration.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 16, 1888, p. 4, c. 6

--The Rev. H. M. DuBose, of Tyler station, East Texas Conference, with his wife, are now in New York city.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 23, 1888, p. 8, c. 4

A meeting of the employees of the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas railroad was held at Tyler for the purpose of discussing means to further investigate the reports of bad treatment, indecent burials, and etc., at that road's hospital in Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 23, 1888, p. 8, c. 5

The Dixie Foundry, owned by P. J. Plunkett, burned at Tyler. Loss \$12,000, with \$7,000 insurance.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 30, 1888, p. 5, c. 4

The north end of the big two-story store and packing house of the Tyler Canning Co. came down with a crash. The storerooms contained about 150,000 cans and the weight on the pillars was estimated at 400,000 pounds. The house was broken in, crushed through the center, as the north end, which was about five feet from the ground, gave way. The damage to the building is estimated at \$1000 and the damage to the goods at \$500.

The machine shops and foundry of P. J. Plunkett, at Tyler, were burned to the ground.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 30, 1888, p. 5, c. 4

Obituary.

DIED.—T. R. Swann, a highly esteemed citizen, at Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 6, 1888, p. 5, c. 2

Tyler.

Lacy Boone, Aug. 29: Tyler City Mission Church was organized with eight members Aug. 19th; quarterly conference Aug. 23d. A protracted meeting, lasting twelve days, closed last night, during which six more members were added. The meeting was an old-fashioned Methodist revival. Conversions were bright and satisfactory, and some shouted aloud the praises of the Lord. Thanks to W. N. Bonner for assistance.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 6, 1888, p. 5, c. 3

Tyler.

C. H. Smith, Aug. 24: At Mount Carmel, on Larissa circuit, we had a fine revival—twenty-three professions. Only six additions to our church. Also at Bullard, on the same circuit, had a pretty good meeting for a short time—three professions and four accessions to our church. Bros. Smith and Griffin, local brethren, did good service.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 13, 1888, p. 7, c. 3

BROWN—PHILIPS.—In Smith county, Texas, Aug. 23, 1888, by Rev. P. O. Tunnell, Mr. J. M. Brown and Miss Gennettie Philips.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 27, 1888, p. 5, c. 2

White House

C. H. Smith, Sep. 20: We have had at White House church, on Larissa circuit, a gracious revival. Some fourteen or fifteen professions and nine accessions to the Methodist E. Church, South, and the church generally revived. Bro. Griffin, local preacher, was all the ministerial help I had, but God was there in great power. May his name be praised through all the earth.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 27, 1888, p. 7, c. 2

MCDUGAL.—Joseph Blake, only son of J. Riley and Annie McDougal, of Center M. E. Church, South, Tyler circuit, on the 26th of August was transplanted from the earthly to the heavenly home. Joseph Blake was born Nov. 19, 1885, and was therefore only two years, nine months and seven days old. During this short stay on earth how he made joyous the heart and home of loving parents, and now that he is gone, how dark it seems to loved ones left behind. He was a bright, sunny child, and in him centered hopes of years to come. But "God took him." Truly human life is as a vapor—man "cometh forth like a flower and is cut down." The Christian religion alone casts a halo of light upon the awful darkness of such bereavements. Blake is gone; but to the eternal home and loving embrace of a more than earthly Father. May the grace of God sustain the dear parents until they meet again where death and sorrow can never come.

S. W. Turner.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 4, 1888, p. 7, c. 2

CROW—DOBBS.—At the bride's brother, Mr. Robert Dobbs, at Union Springs, Smith county, Texas, Sept. 27, 1888, by Rev. C. H. Smith, Mr. C. J. Crow and Miss Ada L. Dobbs.

HAMILTON—GRAYSON.—At P. O. Tunnell's residence, Smith county, Texas, Sept. 23, 1888, by Rev. P. O. Tunnell, Mr. W. B. Hamilton and Miss Sue E. Grayson.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 11, 1888, p. 7, c. 3

LONG.—Nancy J. Long, wife of Captain R. B. Long, of Tyler, Texas, departed this life August 7, 1888, aged sixty-three years and seven months. She was raised in Shelbyville, Bedford county, Tenn.; was married to R. B. Long, in the year 1840; moved to Texas in the year 1850, and settled in Smith county, where she remained till her Savior called her from her earthly home to her home in heaven. She embraced religion and joined the Baptist Church of which she was a faithful member till about ten years ago she joined the Methodist Church, South, that she might be in the same communion with her husband, who, a few years before, had professed religion and joined that church. Sister Long was a good woman; a Christian in the true sense of that term; an earnest, faithful follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. Her life, as wife and mother, was adorned and made beautiful with the Christian graces. Her influence among her neighbors was most salutary. She was decided in her convictions; strong in her attachments; true in her friendship; tender and devoted in her love for her family. In her home life she was hospitable, entertaining cheerfully and gladly all the ministers of the gospel who chanced to stop for the night, or for a few days' rest; and verily a pleasant retreat it was for the wayworn itinerant. She

was a benediction to her devoted husband and to her children, of whom five remain, three sons and two daughters, all married and settled in life, and all members of the churches, respected and beloved by all who know them. They honor and revere her memory, and fondly cherish the hope of reunion with her in the beautiful eternal home of the saints. "They rise up and call her blessed; and her husband, also praiseth her." Her son-in-law, Rev. T. [illegible] Smith, of the East Texas Conference, remarked to the writer, that after a long acquaintance with her, during which he lived with her and her family for five years, he believed she was one of the best women he ever knew. During her sickness, which continued many months, her trust in God was strong and unwavering to the last. She died in the faith, and in peace. Her life's work is done, and well done; and she has gone to her reward. The angels have taken her away, up through the opening gates of glory to the palace of God and his saints, to be "forever with the Lord." She can never come back and live with her friends on earth; but they can go and live with her in heaven; for "the righteous shall live for evermore. Their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Most High. Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom and the beautiful crown from the hand of the Lord."

John Adams.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 25, 1888, p. 7, c. 4

SMITH.—Amplias Smith was born in Halifax county, North Carolina, March 4, 1813. He died in Garden Valley, Smith county, April 19, 1888. He was a member of the church most all his life, and was a friend to Methodism. He raised a large family, most of whom are Christians and in the church. He was a great sufferer, but was never heard to complain. After reflecting on his long life he calmly said: "It is all well. Glory to God!" The Lord comfort those that mourn for him.

W. H. Crawford.

Lindale, Texas.

STOUT.—Mrs. James Anna, wife of Samuel Stout, died at Tyler, Texas, Sept. 26, 1888, aged twenty years, four months, and seven days. The deceased joined the M. E. Church, South, at Overton, Rusk county, Texas, at the age of thirteen years; lived a faithful Christian, and died in peace. About three months before she died, she dreamed that her mother came as a bright messenger from the spirit world, and took her under her wings to heaven. O, how soon she was to go and meet that mother in that "beautiful land!" She leaves a disconsolate husband to tread the dreary walks of life alone, and a motherless little boy who will never know the guiding hand of a loving mother. But bless God! she waits for her husband and child in that land so fair and bright, and beckons them to join her in the happy bowers 'neath the tree of life.

Lacy Boone.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 24, 1888, p. 8, c. 2

The synod of Texas assembled at Tyler the past week at the First Presbyterian church with near 100 delegates in attendance.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 1, 1888, p. 7, c. 5

MAPES.—Leonora Mapes, daughter of Joseph T. and N. J. Hood, and wife of W. M. Mapes, died in Tyler, Texas, October 1888. She was born January 26, 1869. She professed religion at the age of thirteen years and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. From childhood it was her custom before retiring to bed to pray, after reading a lesson from the

Bible. She was a consistent Christian, and her death was but to change her membership from the church militant to the church triumphant above. She was married to Mr. W. M. Mapes, October 20, 1886. She had two children, but the youngest died a few weeks ago. Her husband, widowed mother and one little child are left to mourn their loss. But they mourn not as those who have no hope. "God has devised means that his banished be not expelled from him." By faith in Christ these bereaved ones can meet her where "sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more." Let faith inspire their hearts to make preparation to meet her in heaven.

W. N. Bonner.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 8, 1888, p. 7, c. 4

TATE.—Sister Nancy Tate, wife of Jimmie Tate, was born Sept. 29, 1820, and died at her home, near Lindale, Smith county, Texas at 6 a.m., October 16, 1888. Sister Tate had been a faithful and devoted Christian and consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, for about thirty years prior to her death. She and her devoted husband, though aged and infirm, knelt together in prayer at the close of each day. Their hearts were one, united by the strongest of earthly ties. They are severed now, and Uncle Jim (as we call him) weeps over her grave. To-day she is in heaven, for she said: "It is all well with my soul." Then we will not sorrow as those who have no hope for we believe in the resurrection of the just.

W. H. Crawford.

Lindale, Texas.

PAYNE.—Resolutions adopted by the quarterly conference of Lindale charge, Tyler circuit, East Texas Conference:

Whereas, It has pleased an Allwise God in his infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved brother and father in Israel, W. H. Payne, who has for so many years met with us in quarterly conferences, now meets with us no more, therefore; be it

Resolved 1. That in the death of Brother Payne the church has lost a devoted Christian, a faithful steward, and a worthy citizen.

Resolved 2. That we tender to his beloved wife and children our warmest sympathies and pour out our earnest prayers to God for them.

T. B. Vinson,
E. J. Lake,
P. G. Hawkins,
Committee.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 22, 1888, p. 7, c. 4

WELLS.—Little Johnnie Wells, son of Jacob and Sarah Wells, was born Nov. 18, 1881, and died Oct. 1, 1888, aged six years ten months and twelve days. Little Johnnie's parents loved Jesus and taught him those lessons of love so important to childhood. From the first he seemed to know that his time had come. He had been an affectionate and loving child during his short stay on earth, and won many hearts to himself, which are now left to lament their loss. His parents said to me: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Then be faithful dear parents, and you shall meet your little boy in that "land that is fairer than day."

W. H. Crawford.

Lindale, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 22, 1888, p. 7, c. 3

WILLIAMS—OGBURN.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Lina Ogburn, on Oct. 11, 1888, by Rev. W. H. Crawford, Mr. J. F. Williams, of White House, Texas, to Miss Mattie Ogburn, of Lindale, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 22, 1888, p. 7, c. 4

TURNER.—Died in the city of Tyler, Texas, Oct. 7, 1888, Mrs. S. W. Turner, mother of Rev. Stephen W. Turner, late of the East Texas Conference. Sister Turner was born in Mecklenburgh county, Va., on Oct. 29, 1814. She was a Christian from early childhood, and a devoted member of the M. E. Church, South, to her death. She was a woman of extraordinary gifts of mind. Her thoughts dwelt always on the nobler things of life, and caught their inspiration from a source not reached except by those of large intellectual capabilities and great spiritual purity. To have known and to have enjoyed her conversation is accounted by this writer a rare privilege. Hers was a ripe, full life, garnered as the sheaf of corn in its season.

H. M. DUBOSE.

CLOUD.—Joseph E. Cloud was born in South Carolina, Dec. 19, 1853, and came to Texas in after years and was married to Miss J. A. Baker, of Smith county, Texas, Oct. 8, 1882. He joined the M. E. Church, South, at Red Springs, Tyler circuit, under the ministry of Rev. C. H. Smith, in 1872. Bro. Cloud lived a quiet and peaceable life. He was a kind husband and loving father. He was kind to all those whom he met. He departed this life Aug. 20, 1888, leaving a wife with two little children to mourn his absence. The night before he died he called his wife and children to his bedside and bid them good-bye, and told them he was prepared to die, and to meet him in heaven; also addressing his friends around him bade them all farewell, urging them to meet him in the better world. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from all their labors.

J. C. Mullins.

Red Springs, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 6, 1888, p. 4, c. 5

Tyler District.

John Adams, P. E.

Tyler Station—D. F. C. Timmons, W. N. Bonner, sup.

Tyler City Mission—Lacy Boone.

Tyler Circuit—J. M. Mills.

Mineola Station—M. G. Jenkins.

Lindale Circuit—W. H. Crawford

Canton Circuit—J. C. Calhoun.

Edom Circuit—D. P. Cullen.

Athens Circuit—A. Little, W. M. Wainright, sup.

Larissa Circuit—C. H. Smith and D. C. Fontaine

New York Circuit—D. W. Towns.

Lawndale Mission—E. R. Large.

Marshall District.

T. P. Smith, P. E.

Troupe and Overton Circuit—F. J. Browning.