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TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 4, 1894, p. 7, c. 2

BELL--KINSEY.—At the bride's residence, Smith County, Texas, Mr. Leonard Bell and Miss Rebecca Kinsey, December 17, 1893, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

BROWN—MORRIS.—At P. O. Tunnell's, Smith County, Texas, December 20, 1893, Mr. A. T. Brown and Miss N. L. Morris, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

ALEXANDER—SWINNEY.—At the residence of the bride, Smith County, Texas, December 21, 1893, Mr. W. N. H. Alexander and Miss Anna Swinney, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 11, 1894, p. 7, c. 5

STONE.—Mrs. Lanora Stone, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Wofford, and wife of Mr. F. Stone, who died in 1889 and left her with four children, two girls and two boys. She died December 18, 1893. She professed religion in August, 1888, at a meeting held under what is known as the Mission Oak, City of Tyler, Texas, Rev. Lacy Boone, preacher in charge. There were two sisters, twins, Stone and Harris, gave their hands for prayer, and both professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, baptized and had their children baptized. They were born into the world same time, likewise into the kingdom of God. Perhaps there never were two persons more devoted to each other than Sister Stone and Harris. She lived right; therefore she died right. She said to Sister Harris, "All is well; grieve not for me; we will meet again." She called her children and kissed them, and said, "Meet me in heaven." Sister Harris says were it not for her consistent life and triumphant death, she could not be reconciled to give her up.

TYLER, TEXAS.

W. N. BONNER.

WYNN.—Little Ethel, daughter of J. S. and Carrie Wynn was born in Tyler, Texas, August 15, 1892; fell asleep in Jesus December 22, 1893, aged one year. Your dear babe has gone to dwell with Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Little Ethel was a sweet, pretty child, with a pleasant, smiling face, calculated to bring bright sunshine and joy to any home. Weep not, dear brother and sister. Put your trust in Jesus; by so doing you will meet little Ethel in heaven. She was buried by the writer, in the presence of many relatives and friends, in the family cemetery at Reeves' Chapel, to await the resurrection morn.

J. F. BEVEL.

MARTINBURG, TEXAS.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 18, 1894, p. 5, c. 4

Tyler.

T. T. Booth: Our reception at Tyler, Cedar Street, as preacher in charge, was perfectly satisfactory, though nothing more than is common to most people happened. Our first Quarterly Conference was held by the presiding elder, Rev. T. P. Smith, the first day of the new year, and the first on the Tyler District for 1894. Bro. Smith in his preaching and rulings impressed every one that he is in dead earnest. The stewards made a liberal assessment for their preacher, and propose to pay it monthly. The congregation is growing in numbers at every session. Quite a number of young people have asked for prayers, and the Church is praying for more love.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 18, 1894, p. 5, c. 3
Troupe and Overton Circuit.

Wm. Pope Pledger, Jan. 12: I came to my work immediately after the adjournment of our Annual Conference, and have been entirely round my work, and thus far to say I am more than delighted but mildly expresses my feelings. To cap the climax, the first night after I brought Mrs. P. and the baby to Troupe, we had a new experience—a first-class pounding. The circuit has furnished the parsonage out and out, except one room, which they will furnish soon.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 18, 1894, p. 7, c. 4

SORELLE.—Behind the curtain of sadness there is often a joy, both sweet and heavenlike. Frail humanity oftentimes bedews the pathway of life with tears unrestrained, in the absence of submissive spirits. How much more of sunshine and happiness would encircle our earthly sphere could we feel that "Good doeth all things well." The subject of this writing, Mrs. Moselle SoRelle, daughter of Prof. John A. Boon and Mrs. M. V. Boon, was born in Marshall, Texas, February 26, 1871, and died in Denver, Col., December 4, 1893. She was married in Rockport, Texas, to Mr. Wm. E. SoRelle, of Denver, April 7, 1892. She was the baby girl of her devoted parents, and though grown to the years of womanhood, she still craved and received their fond caresses. But the baby daughter will never imprint any more good-night kisses upon the foreheads of her dear parents. Shortly previous to her death she expected to visit her parents at Tyler, and her parents were looking forward to this happy greeting, but sad indeed was their disappointment. She came not, but was brought into their home in a sealed casket. She could offer no kisses to mamma and papa and other loved ones. Those eyes, once so bright and lovely, were hid behind pale and motionless curtains; those hands, so warm and cordial in life, lay upon a silent breast; that voice, once so sweet and cheerful, moved not the closed and pallid lips. Parents, brothers, sister, and husband, with hearts all broken, could but look upon the sleeping one. They might repeat her name, Moselle, in loving accents, yet instead of recognition, the silence of death prevailed. So pleasant and natural was the smile that rested upon her face that her dear little babe of ten months knew her mother and tried to embrace her, lying in the coffin. Mrs. SoRelle was a lady of rare beauty and culture, possessing a disposition which won for her many friends. She was a woman of noble attributes. She was an affectionate wife and was the idol of a devoted husband. She was full of life and happy expectations, and was surrounded by everything necessary to comfort and happiness. But she had to leave all and obey the summons to come up higher and enjoy the mansions which Christ, her Savior, has prepared for her. Her dear parents and others dear, were not there to bid her adieu, but after awhile they will greet her at the portals of a home where death and good-byes are never known. Such was her life, as a member of the Methodist Church, that we feel assured that she is at rest and enjoying the society of loved ones that have gone before. Her earthly remains repose beside her dear sister in the Tyler cemetery. Her grief-stricken husband is left, to comfort him, a sweet babe. May God grant a happy reunion of all the dear ones on the other bright shore.

W. N. BONNER.

TYLER, TEXAS.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 25, 1894, p. 5, c. 2
Tyler.

W. M. Hayes: Tyler Methodists are not a whit behind the best in their loyalty to the Church, and love to their pastors. Cultivated and generous, they know what to do and how. In a quiet, gentle, unpretentious way my Church, on the 1st of January, pounded the parsonage with many good things. I am sure their good wishes and earnest prayers came with the good things of larder and store. God bless them and give us a great year.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 1, 1894, p. 7, c. 3

TATE—RIDLEHUBER.—At the residence of the bride, January 23, 1894, by Rev. W. L. Pate, Mr. Gimri Tate and Mrs. M. E. Ridlehuber.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 8, 1894, p. 7, c. 1

SCOTT—GILLIAM.—At Bascom Chapel Church, Smith County, Texas, January 21, 1894, Mr. H. P. Scott and Miss Sallie Gilliam, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 8, 1894, p. 8, c. 4

Troupe and Overton Circuit.

W. P. Pledger, Jan. 29: Our first Quarterly Conference has just been held at Overton. It was the best I ever attended. Bro. T. P. Smith, our presiding elder, was with us and preached three good, sensible sermons. His sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday, on "The Support of the Ministry," would have done a Bishop credit. All the apportionments were represented, and one fourth of the assessment for the support of the ministry was laid on the table in cash. We had a very profitable love-feast Sunday afternoon; also an interesting children's service. We raised our assessment for foreign and domestic missions for Overton in cash. Overton is a fine place and treated us all grandly.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 15, 1894, p. 8, c. 2

Bullard.

William Sproule, Feb. 12: I have just completed my second round on the Whitehouse Circuit, and look forward hopefully to a good year on this charge. I am serving a kind, generous people, and pray that God may help me to give them faithful and efficient service. We are praying and working for a revival in the Church and the conversion of sinners, and the Lord is with us in our Church services. One conversion and accession to the Church last month at one of my appointments, and interest increasing at other places. We are living in a comfortable parsonage, and we are constantly receiving from our people substantial tokens of their good will and kindness, for which we feel grateful. I am doing all I can for the ADVOCATE. Our people love it.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 22, 1894, p. 8, c. 4

The State Swine Breeders' Association met at Tyler last week.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 15, 1894, p. 7, c. 6

SMITH.—Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Charles A. Smith, M. D., and Mrs. Elizabeth Gonner Smith, was born January 19, 1894, and died February 8, 1894. She was a beautiful little child. Her stay was of but short duration—only twenty days. Parents and friends did all they could to protract life, but she is not, "for the Lord took her to himself." A little three-year-old cousin said: "Her soul is in heaven, but her body is in the ground." After the usual religious

services she was laid away in Tyler cemetery, near the grave of her grandpa, Judge M. H. Bonner, who preceded her to the better land November 28, 1883. She was dedicated to God in holy baptism by her great-grandpa, who conducted the funeral services in the presence of a goodly number of relatives and friends. She was my thirty-ninth living great-grandchild.

W. N. BONNER.

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 29, 1894, p. 7, c. 2

NOLAN—DENTON.—At the bride's residence, Smith County, Texas, March 11, 1894, Mr. Alphonzo Nolan and Miss Alice Denton, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 5, 1894, p. 5, c. 2-3

Tyler.

T. P. Smith, March 28: The first round of Quarterly Conferences on the Tyler District has been completed. All of the appointments have been met, and marked improvement has been made. The charges are all blessed with faithful pastors, men of God, tried and true. I have never known a band of men more thoroughly consecrated and devoted to their work, and in the main they have an intelligent and liberal people to serve. It is pleasant indeed to be associated with such preachers and people. We bought an excellent district parsonage in the city of Tyler two years ago, upon which we paid \$800, and still there has been a decided increase in the amounts raised on the conference collections. We paid our part of the missionary debt (\$350) in full last year, and also our full assessment (\$80) for delegates to the General Conference. The district stewards apportioned \$1350 for the presiding elder this year, a considerable advance over any former year. The stewards have been liberal in providing for the comfort and support of their preachers. The Lord has been with us and we have had many manifestations of his power and presence, and over 2000 souls have been converted during the past two years. We praise him and take courage, and we intend by Divine help to place the Tyler District in the front rank. Our District Conference will convene at Lindale July 5. The editors of TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE are especially invited.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 5, 1894, p. 7, c. 3

HARDIN—DARK.—At the bride's father's Mr. H. H. Hardin and Miss M. A. Dark, March 25, 1894, all of Smith County, J. W. Griffin officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 5, 1894, p. 7, c. 5

TUCKER.—Daniel P. Tucker was born in Abbeville District, S. C., October 22, 1810, and died in Lindale, Texas, June 2, 1893. At the age of fifteen he was converted and joined the Methodist Church and remained a consistent member until his death. In 1829 he was married to Miss Wilmoth Thompson. Bro. Tucker died in peace. He leaves a host of relatives to mourn his death. May they all meet him in heaven.

W. L. PATE.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 12, 1894, p. 7, c. 6

MATTHIAS.—J. A. Mathias was born in Henderson County, N. C., September 9, 1838, and died in Lindale, Texas, September 13, 1893. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life. He died without leaving any expression concerning his future. He leaves

four daughters and one son to mourn their loss. Bro. Matthias was a loyal citizen and a friend to our Church. We miss him much.

W. L. PATE.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 3, 1894, p. 5, c. 4
Cedar Street, Tyler.

T. T. Booth, April 25: We are all happy at Cedar Street. Our Sunday-school has increased in numbers from 25 to 97, and is still growing. Our prayer-meeting is also growing rapidly, both in numbers and interest. Our class-meeting, which meets monthly, is well attended. The official Quarterly Conference more than doubled its first report on finance and otherwise, and besides all this, we have just closed one of the best meetings we ever witnessed. The meeting was protracted two weeks, beginning April 8 and closing the 22d. The Spirit of the Lord was present at every service. There were 23 happy conversions and 37 accessions to the Church, and the end is not yet, for many were left anxious to be saved, and the Lord, the preacher and Church are anxious also, and then they must be saved. We were assisted by Rev. S. N. Allen of Edom Circuit, in the meeting. He did us good work. Bros. T. P. Smith, my presiding elder, Dr. R. S. Finley, N. E. Shepherd, Wm. Hayes and W. N. Bonner were often present, and the three first preaching occasionally. Thanks to each of the brethren for their presence to help. We were assessed at Cedar Street \$63.50 on the general collections for this year, and on the second Sunday of the meeting we raised in money and subscription \$92. The claims of the ADVOCATE are urged by the preacher. Got three new subscribers the last day of the meeting.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 17, 1894, p. 4, c. 6

On Sunday last a colored minister, by invitation of the rector, participated in the services of Christ Episcopal Church, Houston, Texas. Quite a number of the congregation, incensed at the proceeding, left the Church. When interviewed on the subject, Bishop Kinsolving said to the reporter: "I am sorry to admit that a few of the congregation got up and left the church when Rev. Thompson, the colored deacon of St. John's Episcopal Church at Tyler, Texas, appeared in the sanctuary at yesterday's services, and I am grieved that any Christians should act in such a manner. * * * The members who took offense at his participation in the services insulted the Church by their leaving; it was not a slam on the ministers but an insult to the Episcopal Church. I am sorry to see it and I really pitied those of the congregation who could picture the incident in the true light of Christians."

The reporter further states: "The situation is destined to create a great deal of embarrassment in the Church here, as many of the members, and perhaps as good Christians as there are anywhere, are much put out over the matter. Several of the children of the choir have already tendered their resignations and leading members are much worked up over it. One said to-day he never expected to see a minister officiate in Christ church that he would not entertain at his home, but he has seen it. The News stated that there were a dozen people who left the church. The correspondent learns to-day that there was nearly twice that number. Many of the leading members are against the occurrence.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 24, 1894, p. 4, c. 6
Tyler.

W. N. Bonner, May 22: We have organized a Sunday-school in the northwest part of the city of Tyler. We have enrolled 102 pupils. We also have weekly prayer-meetings every Friday

evening. We have just closed a meeting of ten days, conducted by Dr. Wesley Lowery and Byron, evangelists. Results: 53 professed, giving their hands to the preacher; 12 joined the Methodist and 2 the Baptist Church. Dr. Lowery is a strong man in the pulpit, full of the Holy Ghost. Byron is a good singer and preacher, laboring for the salvation of souls. Bro. Hayes is expecting Rev. Culpepper in a few days. We hope to capture the city for Jesus.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 24, 1894, p. 5, c. 2

Rev. John B. Culpepper will begin a meeting here about the 25th inst. We pray for Divine power on him and in the meeting. We expect a great time. I give a cordial invitation to the ministerial brethren who can run in and enjoy and help. Tyler, with her usual kindness, will be glad to entertain you. Report to me on arrival. I ask the Church to pray for us.

H. M. HAYES.

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 31, 1894, p. 7, c. 6

HOWARD.—Sister L. A. Howard, daughter of Bro. C. H. (Uncle Caleb) and Elizabeth Smith, was born August 17, 1853, in McNairy County, Tenn.; professed religion under the ministry of Bro. J. S. Mathis, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Bascom Chapel, Smith County, Texas, July, 1868; was married to Bro. B. A. Howard October 22, 1876, and died April 5, 1894. It was my privilege to be well acquainted with Sister Howard from childhood. She was always a consistent, good girl, embracing religion in her sixteenth year, and having the superior advantage of wise Christian counsel at home and in the Church in which she lived, there was reason to hope for a well-developed Christian life, which was surely attained and enjoyed in her Christian experience. As a Christian woman, all who knew her had great confidence in her religion. It was said at her burial: "We have lost one of our best women." She was one of the best women I ever knew. There was not a more faithful member of the Church to which she belonged, always present ("when able") at preaching, prayer-meeting, class-meeting and Sunday-school. She will be sadly missed in these departments of Church work. She dearly loved her sweet communion, solemn vows. Many times have I heard her sing, pray and shout the praise of God in the Church militant; but God has taken her to the Church above, where she will watch and wait for us. She was the mother of five children. One with her in heaven; four still living, three of whom are members of the Church. To the bereaved we would say: "Daughter, sister, wife and mamma is not dead, but sleepeth." Imitate her Christian example, who said: "I am clinging to Jesus." May the blessings of God rest on the bereaved, and especially on the dear children left behind, and may they meet in heaven.

P. O. TUNNELL.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 21, 1894, p. 5, c. 1

Tyler.

In a private letter from Dr. R. S. Finley, of Tyler, to his son, Judge N. W. Finley, of this city, we learn that on June 19 the meeting at Tyler closed with fine results after running three weeks. "Between 300 and 400 applied for membership into the Churches. About 100 seekers were left at the altar!" The Doctor further states that "a powerful effort is being made to life the Church debt and with astonishing success. Money and prayers are being turned into the treasury of our Lord." Then, true to the instincts of an old-time Methodist warrior, Dr. Finley closes by saying "Glory to God." And the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE answers, Amen!

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 28, 1894, p. 5, c. 1

Tyler's Great Meeting.

W. M. Hayes: By common consent, we have just had the greatest meeting ever known in Tyler. At my invitation Rev. John B. Culpepper, of Macon, Ga., came and held the meeting for us. He is a man of God. His zeal is tireless. His enthusiasm bounded only by his ability. His faith is in God only, and never wavers. Bro. Culpepper has with him a local preacher, Bro. Kilgore. He managed the tent and leads in the singing. Tuesday night, May 29, there began a meeting the like of which I have never seen or heard of. It continued till Monday night, 18th inst. The whole town, black and white, were reached. The spell is still on the town. Everybody is talking religion. We hope it will abide and be intensified. I think the accessions to the Churches are nearly 400. I think there are yet 500 convicted people in the city. We think in twelve months or less we will pay our large church debt, and have the largest and best organized Church membership in the State. A number of the brethren came in from round and about. We were truly glad to see them with us. All the evangelical Churches co-operated with us in the meeting.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 5, 1894, p. 4, c. 6

Tyler.

W. M. Hayes, June 27: Last Sunday was a great day in Tyler. There were received by baptism, profession and letter into the Churches members as follows: First Baptist, 81; Second Baptist, about 20; Cedar Street Methodist, about 20; Southern Presbyterian, about 10; Cumberland Presbyterian, 37; Campbellite, 4; Marvin Methodist Church, 97. Perhaps there will be added during the week 100 to the different Churches. The good works goes on.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 12, 1894, p. 7, c. 2

CONNOLLY.—Lovick Pierce Connolly, born March 26, 1878, and died June 22, 1894. Lovick was of a good, sturdy race on both branches of his family. His name—Lovick Pierce—shows their connection with Methodism. His mother died when he was quite young. He grew up to be manly and was ambitious to be a successful business man; but was not a Christian. His conversion during his last illness reads like the history of the early Church. A few days before his death I saw him; told him I was praying for him. He was grateful. The night before his death his father told him of his critical condition. He spent most of the night in earnest prayer. Between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning he called his nurse to him and said: "God has pardoned my sins; I love you; I love everybody; I want to hug you; tell everybody I love them." His father and older brother came in about this time. He continued his praise to God, and began to exhort all present to meet him "on the other shore." "I am going on to meet mother and the redeemed." Almost without abatement till 10 o'clock he continued in this beautiful strain, talking of his pardon, and preparation to meet God. He exhorted much. I got to him about 9 o'clock. He wanted to join the Church. I received him into full connection at once. Thus his last hours were a triumph. His last words expressions of hope and advice and encouragement, and his death a sermon. Sad in the separation, but mighty in victory to those who are left behind. Thank God for sustaining grace in this great hour.

W. M. H.

TYLER, TEXAS.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 19, 1894, p. 2, c. 1

Tyler District Conference.

The eleventh session of the Tyler District Conference met in the M. E. Church, South, at Lindale, Texas, Thursday, July 5, 1894, with T. P. Smith, presiding elder, in the chair. Bro. J. M. McCarter preached the opening sermon at 11 o'clock a.m. Thursday. The sermon was able and timely.

Every pastor of the district was present at the conference, with a good attendance of lay delegates, local preachers and elders.

The main business of the conference was transacted through committees. The various pastors reported the spiritual state of the Church good in the main. Since our last Annual Conference these reports show over 430 accessions to our Church, and but few protracted meetings yet. Over 250 of these accessions were by ritual. The reports also show 55 Methodist Sunday-schools, with a total membership of 3062, and nearly as many organized Sunday-schools as our district has churches. A large per cent of the children of these schools are members of our churches. Communications from Bro. H. C. Morrison, Missions, Southwestern University, Education, and Dr. W. B. Rankin, Bible Cause, were referred to committees on those subjects, and their reports were adopted by the conference.

Bro. A. A. Kidd, Walton, Texas, was appointed to solicit and secure subscriptions for "Review of Missions."

Prominence was given to divine worship and the preaching was soul-stirring. Almost every sermon was preceded by a short prayer-meeting, and we had glorious good times from commencement to close.

The Little Giant Orphan, W. H. Vaughan, was with us on Thursday, and as he wanted to hurry on to other fields, and the conference wanted to hear him, we were favored at 3:30 o'clock, and my, how he did preach! Surely every heart was touched. True religion opens the pocket as well as the heart. This was evidenced by a donation of \$243.50 cash and subscription to the Methodist Orphan Home at Waco, Texas, so perfectly represented and managed by Bro. Vaughan. God bless Bro. Vaughan in his work. On Friday afternoon an hour was allotted to the Ladies' Parsonage and Home Mission Society. Sister Watkins, of Tyler, the District Secretary, was present and addressed the conference on the subject. Her address was followed by Bros. J. C. Calhoun and W. M. Hayes. May the Lord inspire his children to assist Sister Watkins and these good ladies in their grand work! Sister Watkins is ready at all times to anywhere in the district and assist in organizing societies. Sisters, send for her. Bro. G. J. Nunn, President of Alexander Institute, was present and addressed the conference in behalf of same. Bro. W. M. Hayes followed and asked for a donation to the Institute. Response \$77 in cash and subscription.

The TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, as usual, was an important personage in the conference. The following is a part of the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals as adopted by the conference:

"As our TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is so ably edited and outspoken against those evils as existing both in doctrine and in the lives of men; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we, as pastors, will renew our efforts to supply our people with wholesome literature, and especially that every member may possess a Bible, hymn book, Discipline and our Church paper."

Our visiting preachers were Bro. Vaughan, already mentioned, Dr. Alexander and Bro. Haslon Twomey. Dr. Alexander preached us two sermons, and all who have heard, or heard of him, know what a sermon from Dr. Alexander means. Every time your scribe hears him he wishes for the next. Bro. Twomey preached us a sermon, practical and soul-stirring. Although

Bro. Twomey says he feels young and don't like to be called old, your scribe wants to say, God bless such old fathers in Israel.

A resolution of thanks to the citizens of Lindale and community for the generous and hospitable manner in which they had entertained us, and to our Baptist brethren for offering their church for divine services, was "unanimously elected" by the conference.

Bro. Pate was always at the right place at the right time to see after our every comfort. God bless him and the people of Lindale and community. Every visitor seemed to think that he or she had the best home. As to your scribe, he came home so near spoiled that it may take his "better half" a while to "bring him down to brass tacks" again.

Now listen, I "kinder" want to tell it, anyway: A sum of money was contributed by the brethren of the conference and presented to me at my table, with instructions for me to buy myself a gold pen with it. I haven't been able to find a pen that costs such a sum, stock and all. What am I to do about it? The Lord bless their good hearts. I didn't deserve the gift. When presented by one of the brethren it came so unawares that—well, what a speech of thanks I did make! Ought to have been a shorthand writer there. A syllable of two words. If I made my bow at all I imagine it was about as graceful as a bean-pole, and, clearing my throat, I said, "Thank you," and "sot" down. Wasn't that thrilling? Why couldn't I have borrowed something eloquent? No, why couldn't I have expressed the gratitude of my heart?—that's it. On Sunday morning we had, oh, such a love feast! led by Bro. B. C. Ansley. Right here we want to say that if our Church ever establishes an itinerancy for love feasts Bro. Ansley will surely be a Bishop. In this love feast we actually had regular old fashioned Methodist shouting, and the "Bishop" was as happy as anyone there. Was it remarkable that we believed that God was pleased and that the angels joined us in the shout? Bro. Smith, if possible, endeared himself more than ever to our hearts by his kind spirit in the chair. Well, such a District Conference as we had was well described by a brother present, who was attending his first, in the love-feast, he said, "I have tried almost everything else and this is the best thing I ever struck. I like the business."

We had a mass meeting Sunday afternoon, with two speeches on Sunday-school work.

Our next conference will be at Canton, in Van Zandt County.

The following delegates were elected to our next Annual Conference: B. C. Ansley, Dr. J. W. Shuford, B. E. Moore, and L. R. Parks.

L. R. PARKS,
Secretary.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 26, 1894, p. 5, c. 4

Tyler.

C. H. Smith, July 21: God has blessed us on Tyler Circuit, East Texas Conference, in a gracious revival at Center Church. The meeting lasted six days. The Church greatly revived; 12 or 14 happy conversions; 7 accessions to our Church by ritual. We are at Bascom Chapel this week. About 22 conversions to date.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 26, 1894, p. 5, c. 5

Bullard.

Wm. Sproule, July 23: We closed our meeting at Flint on the 18th. Results: The Church greatly blessed, 11 conversions and 8 accessions by ritual. Bro. J. M. McCarter was with us two days and preached four excellent sermons that did much good. Afterwards Bro. L. A. Burk

preached five able sermons that won the hearts of our people. The services of these brethren have under God been a great blessing to the church at Flint.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 2, 1894, p. 5, c. 3

Tyler.

C. H. Smith, July 28: The final results of my Bascom meeting are about 27 professions, 21 accessions to our Church. Just closed another meeting at Pleasant Grove yesterday with some 24 professions; 19 accessions to M. E. Church, South; Church greatly revived at each place. Bro. Webb, of Mineola, did me good service at Bascom; Bros. Tunnell and Stephenson at Pleasant Grove, and the Church works at each place like Turks.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 9, 1894, p. 4, c. 6

Bullard.

William Sproule, Au. 3: Our meeting at Liberty Hill two and one-half miles east of Tyler, continued ten days: Results: The Church greatly blessed; 17 accessions and about the same number of conversions and reclamations. I had no ministerial help, except three excellent sermons preached by Dr. R. S. Finley, and one by Bro. W. M. Hayes. We met next night to hold a Church Conference, and organized an Epworth League. We have organized with twenty-one members, but expect to increase the number. We have now a good band of faithful workers in the Church.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 16, 1894, p. 7, c. 3

BLACK.—Mrs. Eliza Black, wife of Shemmy Black, was born in Eatonton, Putnam County, Ga., March 14, 1824; married May 28, 1840, and died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. L. B. Latta, Tyler, Texas, April 14, 1893, aged sixty nine years, one month and one day. She was a member of the M. E. Church over fifty years. So passed away one of the purest spirits that ever shed the light of influence upon the associations of life. In all the traits that adorn and elevate Christian womanhood she was a steadfast example. She was modest and unobtrusive in her manner. She walked firmly in the path of rectitude, devoted in the performance of her duties as mother and wife, and as a friend faithful and true. Her heart was always full of kindness to every living creature and the constant home of sympathy to her neighbors. Her piety was deep, fervent and uniform. She loved the Church, its privileges, its services and its ministry. She drank deep of the well of salvation for more than a half century. Her pastor visited her in her sickness, and she conversed with him freely and said all was well. She saw her way was clear over the river, where she could dwell with her Savior forever and drink freely of the waters of life. When the icy hand of death was on her she called her devoted children around her bedside and, looking at them in angel-like manner, kissed them and said, "Meet me in heaven," and then fell sweetly in Jesus' arms. While in the strong arms of death she sang sweetly, with her pastor, "Jesus, lover of my soul." We weeping children will ever plant a weeping willow over the grave of the dear, sainted mother who has ever taught to live to be prepared for death. Sleep on, dear mother; no rude sound of this stormy land can mar thy peaceful rest. In the morning of the resurrection we will all strike hands with our precious mother. One who loved her dearly,

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 6, 1894, p. 5, c. 1

Dr. H. A. Bourland, writes: Rev. W. M. Hayes, of Tyler Station, East Texas Conference, has been elected Financial Agent of Waco Female College, and will enter at once upon the active duties of his agency. Bro. Hayes has rare gifts for the work, having been successful in like undertakings in Georgia. He is a good business man. He will remove his family to Waco this week, and be ready to give his whole time to the work. We bespeak for Bro. Hayes the hearty co-operation of all our pastors and people.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 6, 1894, p. 4, c. 5
Lindale.

John C. Burgamy, Sept. 1: Bro. W. L. Pate, our pastor at this place, is quite sick with slow fever. I am satisfied that overwork has brought it on. For the last month he has been preaching almost every day. He has certainly been doing some faithful work as pastor. Has just closed a glorious meeting; some 30 conversions, and has organized a Church of near 30 members; all in good working order.

Tyler.

C. H. Smith, Sept. 1: I have held three more meetings on Tyler Circuit. One at Antioch with the Church greatly blessed; about a dozen reclamations; five professions; five accessions to our Church. Next at Ebell, with a fine revival in the Church; 3 professions and 2 accessions. Next, the camp meeting at Pleasant Retreat, with about 50 reclamations; about 45 professions; 20 accessions. The presiding elder, T. P. Smith, T. T. Booth, Dr. Finely, Dr. Hayes and others helped me at camp-meeting. In all to date about 125 professions and 105 accessions to the M. E. Church, South.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 13, 1894, p. 5, c. 3
Troupe and Overton Circuit.

W. P. Pledger, Sept. 8: We have completed our round of protracted meetings. Total results, about 50 conversions and 25 additions. The membership of the Church has been greatly revived. The circuit is in good condition, healthy and growing. I hereby thank all those who assisted me in the meetings. I think our report at conference will show this to be the banner circuit.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 13, 1894, p. 7, c. 3

SLAGLE.—Bro. H. N. Slagle was born in Macon County, North Carolina, June 22, 1856; was happily married to Miss Mary R. Wharton, June 25, 1878. Two sweet children blessed this union. He was converted in 1875, and joined the Methodist Church, in which he lived until death, at his home in Tyler, Texas, July 2, 1894. Bro. Slagle was a happy Christian and bright example in his home and in the Church. A more loving, conscientious and self denying husband and father would be hard to find. He did all that he could to make home pleasant and happy. It was his delight to entertain his preacher, and he enjoyed the society of all good people. He was a steward of Cedar Street Station, and filled the office with credit. He was unusually happy and zealous in the cause of Christ during the few last weeks of his life. All unite in saying he was a good man. May God, by his grace and people, comfort the hearts and sustain the bereaved until death is swallowed up in victory.

T. T. BOOTH, P. C.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 20, 1894, p. 5, c. 2

Lindale.

W. L. Pate, Sept. 18: My round of protracted meetings is completed. Have had about 50 conversions and 35 accessions. I am under obligations to Rev. L. A. Burk for efficient help at Harris Chapel. During my recent illness Rev. J. C. Carr, of Gilmer, preached ten days here at Lindale. The people were much pleased with his preaching. R. S. Finley, D. D., filled my appointments at Lindale the first Sunday in September. He preached two able sermons. His visit to the parsonage, and his fervent prayer at my bedside was certainly a benediction of our hearts. May God bless him forever. I am regaining my strength slowly. I will soon be able to resume my work.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 20, 1894, p. 6, c. 7

TYLER DISTRICT—Fourth Round.

Tyler, Cedar Street, at Cedar St.....	Sept 23 24
Lindale cir, at Red Springs.....	Sept 29 30
Mineola sta, at Mineola.....	Oct 7 8
Canton cir, at Edgewood.....	Oct 13 14
Grand Saline cir, at Oakland.....	Oct 20 21
Athens and Malakoff sta, at A.....	Oct 17 18
Lawndale cir, at Phillip's Chapel.....	Oct 18 19
Troupe and Overton cir, at Troupe.....	Nov 3 4
Edom cir, at Tunnell's Chapel.....	Nov 10 11
New York cir, at New Hope.....	Nov 17 18
White House cir, at Union Springs.....	Nov 21
Tyler cir at Bascom Chapel.....	Nov 24 25
Tyler sta, at Tyler.....	Dec 2 3
Larissa cir, at Providence.....	Dec 8 9

Local preachers and Boards of Trustees will please be present with written reports. Let the stewards attend on this round with the full amount of the pastor's salary if possible.

T. P. SMITH, P. E.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 4, 1894, p. 6, c. 5

HILL—ELLIS—At the residence of the bride's mother, September 23, 1894, near Pleasant Retreat, in Smith County, Texas, Mr. Oliver Hill and Miss Bertie Ellis, Rev. C. H. Smith officiating.

ADAMS—BLACK—At Pleasant Retreat, September 23, 1894, Mr. J. W. Adams and Miss Adan Black, Rev. C. H. Smith officiating.

MYERS—WOOLUM—At the bride's residence, near Tyler, Smith County, Texas, September 27, 1894, Mr. T. H. Myers to Miss Evie Woolum, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 18, 1894, p. 7, c. 1

Parker—Ogburn.—At the residence of J. W. Ogburn, Lindale, Texas, by Rev. W. L. Pate, Mr. H. H. Parker, of Tyler, Texas, and Miss Littie Ogburn, of Lindale, October 9, 1894.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 24, 1894, p. 7, c. 1

Goddard—Shaw.—In Tyler, Texas, at 10:30 o'clock, October 23, 1894, by Rev. J. C. Calhoun, Dr. R. L. Goddard, of Kaufman, and Miss Maud Shaw, of Martin's Mill, Van Zandt County, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 1, 1894, p. 5, c. 4
Tyler.

T. T. Booth, Oct. 24: We have just closed another good meeting at Cedar Street with 16 accessions, making 83 accessions for the year up to date. During the last meeting we had four sermons by Rev. C. H. Smith, one by Rev. T. P. Smith, and one by Rev. J. C. Calhoun. Thanks to all these brethren. The collections ordered by the Church all in sight. The preacher's salary will all be paid. We have three weekly prayer-meetings, a monthly class-meeting, all well attended; and last, but not least, a Ladies' Aid Society, which promises much to the Church. Our Sunday-school is most excellent, and the preacher and his people generally are happy, but there is still much work to do and we take pleasure in trying to do it.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 1, 1894, p. 7, c. 1

Neill—Bell—At the bride's residence, near Tyler, Smith County, Texas, October 21, 1894, Mr. D. L. Neill and Miss Florence Bell, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 15, 1894, p. 5, c. 5
Troupe and Overton Circuit.

Wm. Pope Pledger, November 10: Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held by our presiding elder, Bro. T. P. Smith, on Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4. Bro. Smith preached us three able sermons, and our people were greatly benefited by his visit. His visits and preaching among us this year have been a great inspiration to both pastor and people. We have had a pleasant and successful year. There have been about 50 conversions and 30 additions to the Church. Two of our church buildings have been greatly improved by our good women. At Overton the ladies have had the church nicely repainted and otherwise repaired and beautified. At Troupe the Ladies' Aid Society, which is only a little over one month old, has carpeted the aisles and pulpit, put in a nice altar railing, and put blinds on the windows. The parsonage has also been comfortably furnished, and good things to eat have been brought by kind hands nearly every day to the preacher and his family. Our assessments ordered by the conference, aggregating \$264, were reported paid in full at the fourth Quarterly Conference. Presiding elder's and pastor's salaries will be paid in full. We have a good people, a noble presiding elder, and I am a happy preacher.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 22, 1894, p. 7, c. 3

Currie—Applewhite—At Mr. Murry's, Smith County, Texas, November 11, 1894, Mr. J. E. M. Currie and Miss M. F. Applewhite, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

Austin—Martin—At the bride's residence, Smith County, Texas, November 15, 1894, Mr. C. B. Austin, of Gregg County, Texas, and Miss Bertha Martin, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 6, 1894, p. 2, c. 5
An Experience.

When I was born into the world I suppose I was a little child like other children, but I have grown to be a man. My father and mother were Christians—Methodists—had me baptized in infancy, and tried to "train me up in the way in which I should go," but I was waiting to grow old enough to know what it was to be a Christian.

Father died when I was a little turn of five years old.

When I was near fourteen I attended a camp-meeting, twenty-five miles from home, with a married sister. I had never been so far from home before. She attended preaching the first night and professed religion and lived a Christian life, and then joined father and mother in heaven. I went to bed and slept. Next morning I was told that sister had professed religion the night before. I felt that I was far away from home, among strangers, and that my only friend had left me. I then resolved to seek religion and go with sister. Then I began to seek salvation, but had to return home not comforted, but I continued to seek. Several weeks later I attended another camp-meeting. I could only stay two days. I resolved to make the best use of time possible. When the invitation was given for penitents I made my way to the altar. It was full to the overflowing. Like Christ, I did not find where to lay my head, and I failed to get the instruction I expected. Therefore, I began to inquire in mind what I must do to be saved. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." I believed Jesus Christ was the Son of God, but the burden was still on me. Then what is it to believe to the salvation of my soul. Shall I believe him as I do mother? Yes! I believe what mother said was so. Right then and there the burden rolled away and I found peace, and felt the way of salvation was so simple that and plain that I could explain it to all that desire to be saved. I arose to tell it.

There was a period of time in which I do not know what I did or said. When I came to myself I was near the center of a large arbor and had the attention of a large audience. There was an infidel doctor of my acquaintance looking me in the face apparently amazed. He was somewhat impressed, for ever afterwards he treated me with great respect.

When I saw the crowd and the attention given me, boy as I was, I was embarrassed and left. The next morning I retired to the grove for secret prayer. The Lord blessed me abundantly. I returned to the camp happy, and remained happy day and night. Asleep and awake I was happy all the time. My dear mother died some six months after this. I then went to live with my sister that professed religion; that led me to Christ. I slept in a house some distance from the family residence. My brother-in-law would frequently ask me what was the matter with me last night; but would not tell me why he asked the question. So one night I awoke exhorting at the top of my voice, which revealed to me why he asked what was the matter with me last night. I was a child in years and a babe in Christ, and decided that I would pray less, if I could not be religious without disturbing the family. I did not know the evil results of such a course. Prayer is food to the soul. We are born into the world but once and we are born into the kingdom but once. . . .

W. N. BONNER.

TYLER, TEXAS.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 6, 1894, p. 4, c. 4

Lindale.

W. L. Pate, Nov. 29: Our second year's work on the Lindale charge is about done. We have spent two pleasant years with the good people of this charge. Our last stewards' meeting was held yesterday. Finances are behind yet, but three of the four churches, I think, will pay out. Bro. T. P. Smith, our presiding elder, every kindly came up and preached twice yesterday, to the delight of our people, and helped the brethren with his wise counsel and words of encouragement. The stewards have worked heroically to raise pastor's salary. May God bless them for their earnest efforts. Nothing cheers a pastor's heart more than for his people to provide for his and his family's wants.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 6, 1894, p. 4, c. 3

Troupe.

W. P. Pledger and Wife, Dec. 1: Please allow us space in your paper in which to express our gratitude to the good ladies of Overton for a beautiful silk quilt. We very highly appreciate the gift itself, but much more the kindly spirit which prompted the donors. No town in East Texas can boast of better women than Overton has, and may God bless them forever.

Lindale.

Mrs. Sallie W. Pate, Nov. 29: I wish, through the ADVOCATE, to thank the good women of our Church here at Lindale for presenting to me an elegant wrap. With the wrap there came a slip of paper bearing the following names: Mrs. D. C. Lake, Julia Ogburn, Maggie Tate, Lulu Ogburn, Mary Love, Julia Watson, H. L. Tate, M. C. Handley, Lina Ogburn, Georgia Mayne, Lou Copeland, Nettie Conrad, Harriet McGill, Mrs. Burgamy and Mrs. Seaberry. These good women know how to make their pastor's wife happy. May God bless them for their kindness. We shall ever remember them, and cherish fondly their love and friendship.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 6, 1894, p. 7, c. 4

SIMS.—Edna Sims was born in Fort Worth, October 11, 1890, and died in Greenville, Texas, November 7, 1894. She was the only living child of Ed and Anna Sims, of Tyler, Texas. She was beautiful and sprightly, the pride of her young parents and the admiration of the circle of family friends. A narrow street separated Edna's home from the home of the thirteen-year-old girl who writes these lines of loving remembrance. How I loved her! She died of diphtheria. She seemed to be conscious that she would die, and said some beautiful things. Throwing her arms around her mother's neck she exclaimed: "Sing—sing 'Jesus, lover of my soul.'" She was a religious child, only a little more than four years old. She is a little saint in heaven now.

EMMA HADEN.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 13, 1894, p. 1, c. 7

Tyler District.
T. P. SMITH, P. E.

Tyler, Marvin—H. M. DuBose.

Cedar Street—T. T. Booth.

Tyler Circuit—T. B. Vinson.

Mineola Station—A. C. Benson.

Walton—P. R. White.

Canton—D. W. Towns.

Grand Saline—M. I. Brown.

Edom—C. H. Smith.

Athens and Malakoff—W. P. Pledger.

Lindale—G. W. Riley.

White House—J. M. McCarter.

Troupe and Overton—S. N. Allen.

New York—A. A. Kidd.

Wills Point—L. A. Webb.

Wills Point Circuit—R. J. Birdwell.

Emory—E. R. Large.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 20, 1894, p. 2, c. 2

The Board of Church Extension . . . distributed as follows:

Liberty Hill Church, Smith Co. 50 00

Parsonage appropriation:

White House, Tyler District 40 00

The following named ladies are the officers of the Woman's Department for the next conference year:

Mrs. John Adams, President Tyler

District Secretaries

Tyler, Mrs. J. M. McDougal Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 20, 1894, p. 7, c. 4

Emmons—Smith.—At Mr. Harrod's, in Smith County, Texas, December 16, 1894, Mr. John H. Emmons and Miss Laura Smith, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 3, 1895, p. 5, c. 2

Troupe and Overton Circuit.

S. N. Allen, Dec. 22: We reached Troupe last Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and was met at the train with a hack. Wife, seven children and myself got in and the driver made for the parsonage, which was lit up, and a good, warm fire was burning. Directly there came a good woman with a fine, warm supper. We all knelt around the table and asked God to bless us in our new home, and we will pray God's blessings on our friends here. We met a kind reception and think the outlook good. We want to do the best work of our life.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 3, 1895, p. 6, c. 5

Tyler District—First Round

Mineola Sta, at Mineola
Athens and Malakoff sta, at Athens
Emory, at Emory
Will's Point cir, at Independence
Will's Point sta, at Will's Point
Troupe and Overton, at Overton
Edom cir, Ben Wheeler
New York cir, at Centerview
Canton cir, at Canton
Grand Saline cir, at Village Creek
Lindale cir, at Harris Chapel
Walton cir, at Walnut Creek
Tyler cir, at Antioch
Tyler, Marvin, at Marvin
White House cir, at Walnut Grove.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 3, 1895, p. 7, c. 6

OVERHEISER.—Mrs. Mary Overheiser (nee White) was born in Smith County, Texas, October 10, 1871; married Mr. Lynn Overheiser June 27, 1888. To them were born three children, two of whom had preceded their mother to glory. One little girl, two years old, remains

behind. Sister Overheiser professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, when about seventeen, living a consistent member thereof until her death, December 8, 1894. It was the writer's privilege to visit her frequently during her last illness, and he is rejoiced to state that he ever found her cheerful and confiding in Christ. She bore her sickness with great fortitude. Toward the last she lost hope of recovery, and emphatically expressed her readiness to go. She manifested great concern for the salvation of her devoted husband, and deep solicitude for the surviving child. May God bring them to her in the sweet by-and-by. The blessings of heaven abide upon all the bereaved.

J. M. ARMSTRONG.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 10, 1895, p. 7, c. 2

Freeman—Thedford.—Sulser—Thedford.—Sheets—Martin.—Mr. M. C. Freeman and Miss Mittie Thedford; also at the same time and place Mr. R. C. Sulser and Miss Fannie Thedford; and, again, on December 24, 1894, Mr. W. F. Sheets and Miss Lula Martin, Rev. T. T. Booth officiating; all of Smith County, Texas.

Smith—Zorn.—At the residence of the bride's father, Rev. A. J. Zorn, in Smith County, Texas, December 25, 1894, Mr. G. W. Smith and Miss Cliffie Zorn, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 17, 1895, p. 5, c. 3

Bullard.

J. M. McCarter, Jan. 9: We are comfortably domiciled in our new home at Bullard, Whitehouse charge. Have been received with great cordiality by this kind people. Many tokens of appreciation have been given us, not the least of which was the generous pounding which began on the evening of our arrival and has been protracted. The pantry and culinary departments have been supplied with good things for many days. For all of which we express unfeigned thanks. Our opening service for the New Year was held with the good people of Chandler, and in their nice new church, on last Sabbath, the 6th inst., the services both morning and evening were delightfully spiritual and profitable. The outlook for this charge is full of promise.

Lindale.

Geo. W. Riley, Jan. 14: I reached this place on Saturday, January 5, and met a warm reception. I have preached four times and visited fifty-two homes. Lindale is a half station, with two full Sundays each month; has a good parsonage, a refined people, a fine Sunday-school, a Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society and a large, attentive congregation. There are more new houses and new improvements generally in and around Lindale than any town of its size I have seen for years. One of the finest graded schools in the State, with a large patronage, is here, presided over by a royal Christian gentleman—Prof. D. C. Lake, a South Carolinian of thorough scholarship, fine physique and broad mind. I have met a noble set of men as stewards of the Church, who are ready to sustain the preacher in the work committed to his hands.

Tyler Cedar Street.

T. T. Booth, Jan. 12: Our first Quarterly Conference is past; had a good time; our beloved grows on us, though this is his fourth year here. His two sermons were the best and did us all more good than usual. The new (old) preacher was received cordially and made to feel at home. His salary was increased, and the brethren have gone to work with a faith that will bring good results all along the line, and our good women are still at work with \$65 or \$70 in hand to

furnish our church, and build a parsonage, and if I can possibly persuade the brethren and friends to agree with these women they will get ready to house their preacher next year. The ADVOCATE is highly appreciated by those who read it. We like its editors and publisher, and will try and show our faith by sending new subscribers.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 17, 1895, p. 7, c. 1

Wooten—Dishroen.—At the residence of the bride's brother in the city of Tyler, January 3, 1895, Mr. J. P. Wooten and Miss Bell Dishroen, Rev. T. T. Booth officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 24, 1895, p. 5, c. 2

Troupe.

S. N. Allen, Jan. 21: We have made one round on our new work and we are well pleased with the Troupe and Overton Circuit. My predecessor did a good work, which I shall try to supplement. We have been abundantly pounded, for which we are grateful. The outlook is good.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 24, 1895, p. 5, c. 3

Tyler Circuit.

T. B. Vinson, Jan. 15: Here we are! happy and pleasantly domiciled in the parsonage at Starrville, surrounded by a warm and generous-hearted people. We have not received such an overgrown pounding as some of the preachers may have received, but, Mr. Editor, they commenced pounding us in Tyler as we came through on our way here, which proved only to be the forerunner of things yet to "come." We have been waiting to write you of the many tokens of love and appreciation shown us by this people, but as the end is not yet we will wait no longer, but will say that this good people know just what things a preacher and his family need; and they are still coming in almost daily, until it reminds us of the little boy's deer, "the further he runs the faster he gets," and truly it is with us, the longer they continue the faster and heavier they pound. Among the many that remember us so kindly are the noble stewards, who by their faithful labors bespeak what they expect of us. So our motto is, many souls for Christ and the decks clear for conference. Amen. God bless the donors.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 31, 1895, p. 7, c. 1

Terry-Ogburn—In the Methodist Church, at Lindale, Texas, by Rev. G. W. Riley, Wednesday night, January 23, Prof. M. W. Terry and Miss Annie Ogburn.

Wade—Woodard.—September 8, 1894, Mr. Thomas Wade and Miss Janie Woodard, Rev. John C. Burgamy officiating; all of Lindale, Smith County, Texas.

Skinner—Wade.—Mr. L. O. Skinner and Miss Nannie Wade, December 9, 1894, Rev. John C. Burgamy officiating; all of Lindale, Smith County, Texas.

Copeland—Taylor.—Mr. S. S. Copeland and Miss S. J. Taylor, December 20, 1894, Rev. John C. Burgamy officiating; all of Lindale, Smith County, Texas.

Zuber—Gragory.—Mr. Robt. L. Zuber, of New Orleans, and Miss Nettie Gragory, of Lindale, Smith County, Texas, January 8, 1895, Rev. John C. Burgamy officiating.

Howard—Johnson.—Mr. Henry A. Howard and Miss Sallie Johnson, January 24, 1895, Rev. John C. Burgamy officiating; all of Lindale, Smith County, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 7, 1895, p. 5, c. 1

Troupe.

S. N. Allen, Feb. 1: Our first Quarterly Conference has been held. Presiding Elder T. P. Smith was on hand and preached two good sermons to the delight of all who heard him. We think the occasion was a blessing to all. Every Church was represented. Assessment for preacher in charge, \$610, and one-fifth paid. We serve a good people. They know how to make a preacher and his family happy. The circuit has assumed \$50 for the repair of parsonage and divided the amount among the appointments, and we think that work will soon begin. The pounding still goes on.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 7, 1895, p. 7, c. 1

Robbins—Prothro.—At the bride's residence, Smith County, Texas, January 20, 1895, Mr. L. A. Robbins, of Angelina County, Texas, and Miss Willie Prothro, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 14, 1895, p. 2, c. 1

Tyler's Fruit Palace.

Tyler is planning to build a fruit palace and to hold in the near future an exposition to display and advertise the fruits of Texas. Those interested are taking hold of the matter and all the omens indicate success. We are glad to see East Texas taking steps to come to the front.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 28, 1895, p. 5, c. 2

Lindale.

George W. Riley, Feb. 23: Our first Quarterly Conference passed a week ago with a good attendance, and a fair beginning on the business of the year. Our presiding elder has a strong hold upon the hearts of this good people, and all seem to regret that his four years' term is so near out. Since the Quarterly Conference the good people of Harris Chapel, where it was held, have sent to the parsonage just such a pounding as only a thrifty country membership can collect. Over fifty pounds of home-cured hams, with chickens, butter, lard, sausage, preserved fruits, dried fruits, etc., in proportionate quantities; besides, that same Church, which never has a deficit, has paid about one-third of its assessments for the year. Harris Chapel society is truly in the front rank, and Lindale is doing its first best to keep up. We have just planted fifty fruit trees for the parsonage within a large lot about 160 by 320 feet, and we will soon be able to report further improvements.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 21, 1895, p. 5, c. 3

Tyler Circuit.

T. B. Vinson, March 12: Our first quarterly Conference embraced first Saturday and Sunday in this month. Each appointment was represented. All four of the local preachers were present. A liberal assessment was made for the preacher's family. Nearly one-fourth of our salary was paid in the first quarter. Bro. T. P. Smith, our presiding elder, is a good fellow. In fact I believe everybody likes him, and he did preach us two splendid sermons at our Quarterly Conference; and when I tell him so much about my pounding down here, he smiles just as if he wouldn't care if he could ride the circuit himself. Last Thursday night, as I opened the door in answer to an alarm, and as one young lady out of a crowd of about thirty stepped in with a piece of plank in hand, and with a threat, saying, "Stand still, sir, we've come to pound you," I humped my shoulders and tried to smile; but, oh sir! this proved only to be a signal of better things to

come, for the crowd rushed to the dining-room and there we were made to realize afresh that we were surrounded by those who love God and his cause. May the God from whom all blessings flow graciously bless the donors, and help us to minister faithfully to them in spiritual things. We all lifted our hearts to God in prayer, standing upon our feet, as we had not room to kneel, then they disappeared and left us to examine the many tokens of Christian love. Now, Mr. Editor, don't think that I would think of trying to buy you in, but if you will publish this postal I will try to work up a pounding for you by sending in a lot of new subscribers to the ADVOCATE, as it is such a help to us boys on our works.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 21, 1895, p. 7, c. 1

Swinney—Everett—Bostic—Carithers.—At the bride's residence, Smith County, Texas, February 24, 1895, Mr. John S. Swinney and Miss Sudie Bell Everett; also Mr. J. R. Bostic and Miss Dora I. Carithers, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

Yancy—Prudom.—At P. O. Tunnell's, Smith County, Texas, march 7, 1895, Mr. D. E. Yancy and Miss Hattie Prudom, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 28, 1895, p. 1, c. 5

Rev. W. N. Bonner, of Tyler, has been confined to his home quite a while from sickness. We are glad to note that he is rapidly convalescing.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 4, 1895, p. 5, c. 2

Troupe and Overton Circuit.

S. N. Allen, March 28: We were notified this morning that there were some boxes at the depot for us. When brought to the parsonage we found they contained a "pounding" from the good people at Overton. There were two boxes filled with groceries and dress goods for wife and babes, and other valuable articles, to make the preacher's heart and his family glad. Thank God for such people as we find on Troupe and Overton Circuit. God being my helper I will do my best for them in spiritual things. God bless them. We must have a revival all around the work. We are working and praying and expecting the blessing.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 11, 1895, p. 7, c. 5

BLACK.—Tommy S. Black, son of J. C. and Bettie Black, was born January 2, 1894, and fell asleep to awake in the arms of the blessed Savior March 4, 1895. Although its stay was brief on earth it was hard to part with little Tommy; but we know he is a bright and shining jewel enjoying the sweet paradise of God. Therefore, papa and mamma, weep not for your little one, but strive to meet him in a better world than this, where there is no parting or suffering.

W. N. WELDON.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 11, 1895, p. 7, c. 2

MARTIN.—Joseph S. Martin was born June, 1861; was married September 13, 1888, and died of black jaundice January 20, 1895. Bro. Martin suffered greatly for two days and nights; but he told me the day before he died that he was in the Lord's hands, and was standing upon the promises of God, and it was all well with him. He said he would like to get well and help to raise his children, but the Lord knew and would do all things for the best, and if he saw fit to take him, he was ready and perfectly willing to go. Bro. Martin was a kind husband, a

loving father, and little children, be true to God and faithful in the discharge of your Christian duties a few days, until the loving Savior comes to reunite you all in heaven. Your pastor,
T. B. VINSON.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 24, 1895, p. 7, c. 3

DEWEESE.—Mrs. Mary Huggins Deweese was born August 22, 1876, and died at the home of her father, Mr. H. C. Huggins, in Tyler, Texas, April 6, 1895. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church when but ten years of age. This experience was referred to by her during her illness as being distinct, and in every way satisfactory when compared with the New Testament ideal of regeneration. Her last days, which were marked by great bodily weakness, resulting from the exhausting march of a pulmonary consumption, were to her spirit a season of merciful and patient waiting for the summons to enter the home on high. The scenes attending her change were touchingly beautiful. Her going was a very translation. The death which brings life eternal can not be counted a loss. All loss were gained that gained so much—"the bliss of the great world to come." No death could be more beautiful than that of this gentlewoman and wife, when yet were scarcely fulfilled the years of her girlhood. Nor martyr-saint, nor hero could have more bravely faced the ordeal of dissolution.

H. M. DUBOSE.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 2, 1895, p. 5, c. 4

Troupe and Overton Circuit.

S. N. Allen, April 26: Our second Quarterly Conference embraces the 18th inst. We had a glorious time. All points represented. Finances pretty well up. Our dear presiding elder did some of his very best preaching to the delight of us all. Our love-feast Sabbath morning at 6:30 was well attended and very spiritual. A large number of communicants in attendance at the sacrament. Troupe and Overton charge is moving on to victory we trust. We begin a protracted meeting at Troupe next Friday night. We must have a revival. There are some who go not out only by fasting and prayer. Go down to your knees, my brethren and sisters.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 9, 1895, p. 5, c. 5

White House Circuit.

J. M. McCarter, May 2: We are moving along nicely on White House Circuit. Our second Quarterly Conference is just over. It was a success in every particular. Every appointment on the work was represented. Finances well up considering the times. Our very worthy presiding elder, Rev. T. P. Smith, was promptly at his post, looking after the various interests committed to his hands in that excellence of spirit and manner which have won for him an enviable position in the esteem of this people. His two sermons, on Saturday and Sunday, were fully up to highwater mark, bubbling over with evangelistic thought and spirit. The periodical visits of such a leader are an inspiration and an uplift to any work. We had also the presence and wise counsel of the venerable Dr. R. S. Finley, of Tyler. Rev. T. T. Booth, of Cedar Street, Tyler, was also with us and preached an excellent sermon. On Sunday, at 11 a.m., \$25 were asked for to cover the assessments ordered by the Annual Conference, which were promptly given in cash and good subscription. We trust to be able to make a good report at Texarkana from White House Circuit.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 30, 1895, p. 5, c. 4

Lindale.

G. W. Riley, May 26: The Churches in this charge are all in harmonious working order. Good prayer-meetings and Sunday-schools well attended is the rule. Our last quarterly Conference was a booming success. A large attendance, fine reports and enlarged plans were the prominent features of the occasion. Our presiding elder, Rev. T. P. Smith, did some strong, wholesome preaching. We were able to report several additions to the Church during the quarter, both by certificate and by ritual. We will begin our round of protracted meetings the first week in June, and expect large results. May the power of God be with us.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 30, 1895, p. 5, c. 3

Tyler Circuit.

T. B. Vinson, May 21: Our second Quarterly Conference embraced the second Sunday in this month. Bro. T. P. Smith, our faithful presiding elder, was on hand and in the Spirit of the Master and the ministry. He gave us two grand sermons—one on the subject of the possibility of apostasy, and one on infant baptism. This he certainly handled in a masterly way, and the fruits of which we expect to reap in time to come. Six out of eight appointments were well represented, both officially and by the membership of the Church. We have a little over one-fourth of our conference assessments in cash, \$51 paid on our salary this quarter of \$125. We have raised about \$20 to go toward furnishing the parsonage. Also the circuit sent to our Orphan's Home, at Waco, \$13. And the best of all, God is with us in the camps. The revival fire is already burning and our people working, praying for and expecting a baptism of fire upon us in the conviction and conversion of sinners, and the general upbuilding of our Redeemer's kingdom. Amen.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 20, 1895, p. 7, c. 4

GALBREATH.—On the 18th of April, 1895, little Mary Vinnie Leal, aged fourteen months, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Galbreath, was taken from her earthly home to her home in heaven. Little Mary was a sweet child, but too pure for this world; only a little bud plucked to be transplanted and bloom in heaven. We know it is hard to give up your little one, but God said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." She has gone to meet her little sisters and dear old grandmother, and is waiting to welcome you as you enter the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem. We pray God's blessings on the bereaved ones. May they ever be faithful, and when their time shall come may it be said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

MRS. H. P. SCOTT.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 20, 1895, p. 7, c. 3

GRAY.—Katie Gray (nee Cain) was born November 22, 1865, in Tishomingo County, Miss.; professed religion August, 1875, at ten years old; married September 19, 1893; died April 28, 1895. Knowing her as I have, as her pastor I can say a happy soul has gone to rest and live with Jesus. Sister Katie was a model Christian, an excellent wife. She was a constant sufferer for nine months. This scribe was often in her room. She liked to talk about her Savior. I was with her on Thursday before she fell on sleep Sunday, and when I went to leave her she said: "Good-bye, Bro. Allen; if I die you know where to find me." She told her husband that all was

well; you know where to find me. God bless you all." Sister Katie is in heaven to-day. While she leaves a dear husband and one sweet little babe, three brothers, all preachers, and one sister and a host of friends to mourn their loss, we would say, weep not, dear loved ones, our loss is Sister Katie's gain. She only waits our coming, and we can look along the shores by faith and see her happy spirit watching and looking for us. Be faithful, my dear friends, and we will meet her by-and-by.

S. N. ALLEN,
Her pastor.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 13, 1895, p. 7, c. 3

Todd--Haislip.—At 5 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, May 30, 1895, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. S. Haislip, Prof. L. L. Todd, of Taylor, Texas, and Miss Louisa Haislip, of Tyler, Texas, by Rev. H. M. DuBose.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 20, 1895, p. 5, c. 6

Lindale.

G. W. Riley, June 14: Revival meeting of ten days just closed; good interest and good results, especially the organization of an enthusiastic League; Mrs. Maggie Tate, President; Mrs. Brim Love, Secretary. Rev. J. L. Dawson, assisted me in the meeting, doing most of the preaching, and he did it well. Our presiding elder spent one day with us, preached at night and administered the sacrament.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 20, 1895, p. 5, c. 6

Troupe and Overton Circuit.

S. N. Allen, June 17: Troupe and Overton Circuit is still manifesting spiritual life. While we lost our cause in the late prohibition election, we will not give up. The United Friends of Temperance are still working. The Grand Council of the United Friends of Temperance will convene with Troupe Council No. 617 on June 26. The Executive Committee requests all dormant Councils to assemble and elect delegates thereto. The brotherhood at Troupe will provide homes for their delegates during their stay.

Troupe and Overton Circuit.

S. N. Allen, June 14: We held our meeting at this place (Troupe), commencing Friday night before the first Sunday in May, and ran until the fourth Sunday, making three weeks. T. W. Spanswick was with me and did the most of the preaching. He is a fine preacher and his Bible readings can't be excelled. Any man who wants the line drawn between the Church and the world, would do well to get him to help him. We had 18 conversions and reclamations, but only 4 accessions to our Church. We are going to attack the devil at every point, so we expect to meet with persecution.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 20, 1895, p. 7, c. 3

Mims—Medlin.—At the residence of the bride's father, Tyler, Texas, June 5, 1895, Mr. E. W. Mims and Miss Altie Medlin, Rev. T. P. Smith officiating.

Terry-Bonner.—At the residence of D. H. L. Bonner, Esq., Omen, Smith County, Texas, June 9, 1895, Mr. J. H. Terry and Miss Claudia Z. Bonner, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 27, 1895, p. 5, c. 3

Tyler, Cedar Street.

T. T. Booth, June 20: We have just closed a good meeting here, with 16 additions to the Church by ritual, 20 conversions, and as many or more reclamations. The meeting continued three weeks and should have accomplished much larger results. Circumstances which could not be controlled by the preacher nor the people, as well as some that could, kept us from accomplishing that amount of good that we desired. We could give quite a list of the reasons why there were not 100 conversions in this meeting, but we will give only one, which will cover all the ground. God must be first in the affections of both workers and seekers, otherwise he can not bless or save any one. Our third Quarterly Conference was held by the presiding elder, Rev. T. P. Smith, in the beginning of the meeting. More money was raised for the preachers than at both of the preceding quarters, and more than the entire assessment ordered by the conference against this charge was raised in cash and subscription during the meeting. The presiding elder remained with us several days, preaching to the satisfaction of all. We had with us also Rev. S. N. Allen, of Troupe and Overton Circuit, and Rev. T. W. Spanswick, each doing faithful and honest work, the latter giving us a Bible reading each day, which was well received, and helped very greatly in establishing the people in their Christian life and work. Bro. Spanswick is a hard Bible student, his Bible readings sound, and will do good wherever delivered. Our Church is a mission Church, receiving from the Conference Board of Missions each year help for the support of its pastor. Our people here, as a rule, are poor, our men, almost without exception, day laborers, most of them railroad men; and notwithstanding more than one hundred persons have been received into the Church here in the last fifteen months, yet it is evident that the Missionary Board will have to help for a time yet. Our Sunday-school is first-class, and will one day make this Church self-sustaining. We have here a noble band of consecrated women who are organized in a Ladies' Aid Society, and by their efforts have raised and spent more than \$100 in the last eight months in repairing the church, so that our presiding elder remarked, that it was the neatest little church in the district. All in all we are doing well at Cedar Street. Give us time and pray for us.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 18, 1895, p. 1, c. 3

The Texas Fruit Palace.

On July 17th, in the city of Tyler, Texas, a fruit exhibition on an immense scale began. It will last two weeks, and gives every promise of being a great success. It has been admirably planned. The grounds are ample, laid out by experienced landscape gardeners, and beautified with grass, flowers and water. The buildings are spacious and admirably adapted to the purpose, and will be filled with specimens of all the fruits grown in the State. The capacity of Texas for stockgrowing, agriculture and such like has been abundantly demonstrated and illustrated. But hitherto Texas as a fruit-growing State has been neglected. But the enterprising citizens of Tyler, the metropolis of Eastern Texas, have resolved to wipe off this reproach and to show the wondrously fine advantages of the State along this line. They deserve to be congratulated, and we sincerely trust the enterprise will prove a great success. Every man in Texas who owns a home, or who ever expects to own one, ought to visit this exhibition. It will prove an education, and probably a stimulus to fruit-growing upon his own grounds. This is the greatest deficiency in Texas to-day, the lack of orchards and fruit. This is the thing which makes many of the old States, which are comparatively barren, so attractive and desirable, viz.: the abundance and variety of the most delicious fruit in the world. A first-class Georgia orchard is worth a section of black dirt any day in the world. There is no reason why Texas should not be just as famous

for fruit as for crops and herds. A little knowledge and enterprise, and the work is done. We confess to a great interest in the show on public and private grounds. We have not tasted a cherry or blue plum in eighteen years. We have not seen a white English peach since leaving Georgia. We never eat a strawberry, unless it is shipped in, and without paying an enormous price for it. Figs and the common fruits upon which we feasted in boyhood have long since been ruled from the category of the attainable. We trust this fruit show in Tyler will inaugurate a new era, and that the restless, wandering population of the West will settle down permanently at last, build and beautify millions of happy homes, and with gardens, orchards, flowers, and all the accessories of comfortable domestic life, spend the remainder of life in plenty and in peace. In addition to the colossal and magnificent display of fruit, there will be music and various forms of innocent amusement, and we trust that hundreds and thousands will avail themselves of this opportunity for recreation and knowledge.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 1, 1895, p. 5, c. 2
Troupe and Overton Circuit.

S. N. Allen, July 27: Our third Quarterly Conference has come and gone. It embraced the second Saturday and Sunday in July. We protracted until the following Friday, the 19th, with the following results: 24 conversions and reclamations, and 6 accessions to our Church. Our elder, T. P. Smith, did us good work; stayed with us until Wednesday, preaching to the delight of us all. Bro. Smith is a grand man. This is his last year, and O how we regret to give him up. The help we had was our local preachers, Bros. C. E. Mock and W. N. Brown, who did us good work. God bless our local brethren! I don't know how we could get along without them. We are in the midst of a meeting at Bethel, at which point we hope to have a glorious revival. Pray for us, brethren.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 8, 1895, p. 5, c. 4
Troupe and Overton Circuit.

S. N. Allen, Aug. 3: Just closed a glorious meeting at Bethel. The Lord came down as in ancient days, and we had an old-time shout, and it had the old-time ring. Praise the Lord! We had 12 conversions and reclamations, 6 accessions to our Church and the Church greatly revived. I begin at Omen next week. Pray for us.

Lindale.

G. W. Riley, Aug. 3: We closed last night a splendid series of services at this place. Rev. J. Ditzler, D. D., has been with us a week, preaching sound doctrine with great power. Our people are pleased, strengthened and encouraged. Great good has been done that will not be forgotten in a day. We begin another meeting to-night at Mt. Sylvan, where Dr. Ditzler will also assist. He is a great man in our Zion, full of faith and good works. Would that every Church in the land could be favored with his services for a week. The results would be indeed wonderful. May heaven's richest blessings attend where'er he goes.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 15, 1895, p. 5, c. 1
Bullard.

J. M. McCarter, Aug. 9: Flint, White House Charge, is in the midst of a glorious revival of religion. Have had 15 conversions, 9 additions by ritual, 2 by letter, and the end is not yet. The meeting has been in progress six days. We were ably assisted during the first of the meeting by Rev. B. C. Ansley, local preacher of the New York Circuit. Our services have grown in

interest from the very first. Great power has attended the word. The hardest hearted men are being reached. Glory to God.

Lindale.

G. W. Riley, Aug. 13: We closed a most glorious meeting at Mt. Sylvan Friday night, and, returning Lindale, Dr. Ditzler preached here again five powerful sermons, closing Monday night, and leaving on midnight train for Farmersville, his next engagement, and other intermediate points. His theme Sunday morning and night was "The Inspiration of and the Achievements of Bible Christianity," answering the objections of modern infidelity. And it is putting it mildly to say that he was master of the situation. Last night, on the right of the sinner top pray and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, his sermon was fresh and sparkling with thought and spirituality.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 15, 1895, p. 7, c. 1

BOON.—Mrs. Martha V. Boon, wife of Prof. J. A. Boon, of Tyler, was born in Newton County, Ga., in 1841, and died at the family home, in Tyler, July 2, 1895. She was converted and joined, at an early age, the Methodist Church, of which she remained a faithful and exemplary member during the remainder of her life. It is little to say that her life was exceptionally consecrated, and her acts continuous tokens of her devotion—a profession of prayerful and obedient service rather than of verbal protestation. At the very beginning of her last illness, though it was not considered dangerous by her physicians, she became impressed that she could not recover, and so began to talk of her approaching translation. To her assembled family, with calmness of spirit and clearness of accent, she spoke, in the last moments, of her faith in Christ and of her supreme wish that all those whom she loved might know the power of his salvation. When her pastor and waiting friends sang at her bedside, "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "Sweet By-and-Bye," she lifted her feeble hands and smote them softly together in a rapture of joy. Thus, almost on the wings of holy song, the spirit of this devout woman was wafted into paradise.

H. M. DUBOSE.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 22, 1895, p. 7, c. 1

Barton—Zorn.—At T. W. Zorn's Smith County, Texas, August 14, 1895, Mr. P. Z. Barton and Miss Gussie Zorn, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 12, 1895, p. 1, c. 6

Tyler Democrat and Reporter: The Rev. H. G. Scuddy has returned to the city, after spending two months attending camp meetings in Maryland, Massachusetts, and at Ocean Grove, N. J. At the latter place he remained three weeks, conducting services every morning, and preaching during the camp meeting in the great auditorium with a seating capacity of ten thousand. He will remain at home ten days, and will begin his fall work in Baltimore, and then hold meetings during the winter in Washington, New York, and Brooklyn.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 12, 1895, p. 5, c. 4

Troupe.

S. N. Allen, Sept. 5: Troupe and Overton Circuit is still in the land of the living. Our meeting at Overton closed out last Sunday night after running nine days. We had 9 conversions, 3

accessions to our Church, and the Church greatly revived. Bros. J. C. Calhoun, of Pittsburg, and A. C. Benson, of Mineola, did us some of their very best preaching. A. F. Downs was with us also and did us good service. We are here to do the best we can in the name of the Lord. Our family has been very sick. We are hopeful of the recovery of our little babe. We begin our last meeting for this year next Friday at London. Pray for us.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 3, 1895, p. 7, c. 1

Hickman—Griffin.—In the Methodist Church, at Pleasant Retreat, at 12:30 p.m., September 29, 1895, Mr. W. T. Hickman, of Tyler, Texas, and Miss Georgia Griffin, of Chandler, Texas, Rev. W. C. Stallings officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 10, 1895, p. 5, c. 5

For the information of the public and encouragement of temperance workers we give below a list of the "dry" places in Texas. Names will be added as they are received.

[no places in Smith County]

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 31, 1895, p. 7, c. 2

SMITH.—Little Maud, daughter of Samuel and Mary Smith, was born in Lindale, Smith County, Texas, August 22, 1893, and died October 15, 1895. She was a sweet, precious child; much endeared to all who knew her well, but had been the sufferer in many afflictions, and the Allwise Father said, "It is enough; come up higher." Her parents have a strong tie in the home of the blest. May they be faithful to God and some day go home to their sweet baby Maud.

G. W. RILEY.

HAZEL.—William M. Hazel was born in Kentucky October 19, 1852; removed to Indiana in early childhood, where he was brought up by his mother, who still lives, his father having died when he was quite small. Bro. Hazel was married to Miss Susan J. Onion, who, with six children, survives him, December 24, 1872; was soon afterward converted and joined the Methodist Church and became a zealous, active Christian worker. He moved to Smith County, Texas, in 1877, where, for years, he continued in faith and good works. About five years ago, however, he forsook the faith on account of some business difficulties, and for a time tried to be an infidel. He was reclaimed in August, 1894, under the ministry of Rev. W. L. Pate, and from then until death called him to rest October 18, 1895, he was a vigorous Christian and leader in his community. He died a triumphant death in the confidence of all who knew him, and was buried on his forty-third birthday. May the comforts of religion about unto his bereaved family.

G. W. RILEY.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 31, 1895, p. 8, c. 1

STITH.—Mary Irene Stith, infant daughter of William and Emma Stith, was born September 12, 1894, and died from the effects of an accidental burn October 24, 1895. Little Mary was a bright, healthy child of seemingly unusual intelligence and affection, and her untimely death is a great affliction to parents and grandparents. The Master said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, * * * for of such is the kingdom of God." Let us strive to enter into his rest and meet the loved ones there.

G. W. RILEY.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 7, 1895, p. 5, c. 4

Troupe and Overton Circuit.

S. N. Allen, Nov. 4: Our fourth Quarterly Conference has come and gone. Our dear elder was with us for his last time this term, as he has been on this district the time appointed by the law, which is four years. We hate to give him up, but such is Methodism. He preached to the delight of all who heard him. Our salary is a little behind, but the brethren say tit will come, and we have learned to believe what this people say. A little behind with the conference collections, but it will come up all right. We serve a good people and can expect great things of our Board of Stewards. They are a good set of men. We are still hoping and praying and holding on to the Lord, and Troupe and Overton still has her head above the water.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 7, 1895, p. 7, c. 1

Chitwood—Ingram.—At the bride's residence, Smith County, Texas, October 24, 1895, Mr. W. H. Chitwood and Miss Emma Ingram, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

Morris—Mills.—At P. O. Tunnell's, Smith County, Texas, October 27, 1895, Mr. J. P. Morris and Miss Lizzie Mills, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

Messer—Carnes—At P. O. Tunnell's, Smith County, Texas, October 30, 1895, Mr. T. J. Messer and Miss Homer Carnes, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 14, 1895, p. 6, c. 1-2

W. P. AND H. M. SOCIETY OF THE EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Our annual meeting will convene at Texarkana December 18, 1895. At that time each auxiliary will be called upon for a report of the past year's labors. Let the reports contain a full and explicit account of all money collected for local purposes, and how much sent to Conference Treasurer, Mrs. John S. Mathis, Crockett, Texas, as dues; also thank-offerings, special donations, shares taken for Cuban schools, boxes of clothes, distributions to the poor, number of cottage prayer-meetings held; how many fallen women talked to or rescued, how many visits made to the jail, how many to the hospital, how many parsonages visited and made comfortable or happy by your going there, how many children persuaded to attend Sunday-school, how many to Church and to the Wednesday night prayer-meeting, how many sick and afflicted have you visited and read God's word to, how many preachers have you asked to help in this grand and glorious work for God? How many bouquets of beautiful flowers, mingled with kind words and glad deeds of love, have you carried to the despondent homes of earth's weary, toiling laborers? What a field of work for those who want to be workers for the Lord! Let all auxiliaries elect their delegates to the annual meeting immediately so they will have ample time to get up their reports in full. Also let each delegate who expects to attend send her name to Rev. J. W. Johnson, Texarkana. I request the President of each society to have a service of prayer Tuesday after the first Sunday in December for the success of our annual meeting and further advancement of the work.

MRS. M. B. ADAMS,
President.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 28, 1895, p. 5, c. 1-2

Troupe and Overton Circuit.

S. N. Allen, Nov. 25: Our Campbellite brethren challenged us for a debate some time ago, so we accepted. The time came on and Gen. Gano, of Dallas, arrived on the evening of the 9th. J. C. Weaver arrived on the morning of the 10th. The first question was, "Infant baptism

authorized by the word of God." Weaver affirmed. Second question, "Immersion in water the only mode commanded by Christ or practiced by the apostles." Gano affirmed. Third question, "Immersion in water to a penitent believer is for or unto remission of sins." Gano affirmed. On Monday at 9 a.m., J. C. Weaver opened up on "Infant baptism," with Gen. Gano denying for two days. When the next question came up, which was "Immersion in water the only mode commanded by Christ and practices by his apostles," Gen. Gano had a sore throat and quit. Rev. J. C. Weaver preached on until Saturday night. Our Church is greatly strengthened in doctrine. Bro. Weaver is a great man. May he live long to bless the Church. We will report everything in full at conference. We serve a good people.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 5, 1895, p. 4, c. 1-2

Mrs. H. M. DuBose.

I write this brief note to announce the death of our sister, the wife of the Rev. H. M. DuBose, the pastor of Marvin Church, in this city.

Wednesday evening, at 5:45 p.m., the spirit of this saintly woman took its flight from the body to the home of the good. While her death was not altogether unexpected, still at that time it was a surprise. Mrs. DuBose had been an invalid for a long time, but the stroke that hurried her spirit away was sudden and unexpected. Mrs. DuBose was thirty-four years old and had been married fourteen years. She was the daughter of Judge Cheney, of Arkansas.

As this notice is not intended as an obituary, but a notice of a sad event, I may only add that she was a cultivated Christian woman, a true wife, a discreet mother, a warm friend and a true Christian. She leaves a doting though stricken husband, a sweet little daughter, and a large circle of relatives, and a multitude of friends and admirers to lament her demise.

R. S. FINLEY.

Tyler, Texas, November 28, 1895.

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Troupe and Overton Circuit.

S. N. Allen, Dec. 3: I dislike to say so much, but please let me say that my heart was made glad by the presentation of a quilt made by the good women of Fort Head Church, with the name of each sister on the square made by her. I have learned to love those people so much until I love to look at the different names on the beautiful quilt. Not only for the value of the quilt do we appreciate it, but for the kind spirit in which it was presented. May God ever bless the hands that made and presented the quilt.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 5, 1895, p. 7, c. 1

Rosson—Hitt.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. CeBerry Hitt, November 24, 1895, Mr. Walter W. Rosson and Miss Ella Hitt; all of Smith County, Texas; Rev. T. B. Vinson officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 12, 1895, p. 5, c. 1

White House Charge.

J. M. McCarter, Dec. 6: We are just finishing up our year's work on White House charge. A very pleasant, profitable year it has been. Good and substantial progress has been made along all lines of Church work. Good revivals have blessed our labors. The spirit of enterprise and progress is among the people. Our assessments for all purposes will be paid in full. We have the

honor to serve a kind and noble people. The hearts of the preacher and wife have been cheered by many tokens of appreciation. Special thanks are due the kind people of Ballard, [sic—Bullard] among whom we live. Mention should be made of a handsome quilt, together with a nice lot of other articles of special use in a preacher's home, donated recently by the good ladies. For all of which we express unfeigned gratitude, and pray heaven's richest blessing upon them and upon the entire charge.

Tyler Circuit.

T. B. Vinson, Dec. 3: Our fourth and last Quarterly Conference for this conference year was held at Bascom Church, six miles east of Tyler, November 30 and December 1. We had a good attendance, both of officials and visiting members from different parts of the work. Four churches out of eight paid out and one paid over their assessment by \$8 or \$10. Three out of the other four say they will yet come out. We will get eighty-five per cent on our conference assessment of \$222.50. We had a most delightful session in our Quarterly Conference Saturday evening. Jesus Christ, the great head of the Church, was present; his spirit uniting our hearts and minds in the work of the advancement of his cause. We all were busily engaged in the work of the Quarterly Conference when Dr. Shuford, our Secretary proposed that we change the order of business for awhile; then handing a box to Bro. T. P. Smith, our beloved presiding elder, who made a nice and fitting address in behalf of Tyler Circuit; then turning to this humble scribe presented us with a nice suit of clothes for conference. Well, we tried to express our thanks and appreciation to the Conference for the token of their love and kindness to us, but words failing to express the thanks of our heart, we commended them to our dear Heavenly Father, who has said: "Give and it shall be given to you again." He only can regard such an act. Then we would resume the regular business; but no, we were called to halt again, when the Secretary handed over to us a box, and after a short address by this scribe, it was our privilege, in behalf of this circuit, in behalf of the Quarterly Conference, to present as a token of love and appreciation of him as a man, a minister and a presiding elder, who was then holding our fourth Quarterly Conference and his fourth year on the district, a nice two-story silk hat—a conference hat, Mr. Editor—to Bro. T. P. Smith, our beloved presiding elder of Tyler District. Then we moved smoothly along until we came to miscellaneous business. There we were brought to a halt again, and after another speech, such as only presiding elders can make, he then, in behalf of the circuit, demanded that I should stand upon my feet and we the order obeyed, and were presented with an overcoat for conference. Now, Mr. Editor, I hope you will publish this, not that we are worthy of note, but our people are and—hold on, brother, I am not through telling you the facts in the case yet. Why, sir, we were not the half! Our beloved better-half was also kindly remembered by the good ladies of the circuit with a nice winter wrap and a nice black dress and breakfast shawl. Now what circuit can beat that? Then on Monday morning Bishop, our youngest boy, was presented with a nice little educated "fice" dog. Now if any preacher can beat that I hope that the Bishop will return him again next year. The recapitulation: This year we have been hogged, dogged, pounded, and suited and will soon be off for conference to wait the order of the Master for our field of labor for another year. May heaven's benedictions rest upon the good people of this circuit and upon us all as we come up from our different fields of labor to the conference, where we can shake hands together and praise God for the triumphs in his vineyard.

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Dunn—Givin—At Mr. J. C. Givin's, Smith County, Texas, December 4, 1895, at 2 p.m., Mr. E. L. Dunn and Miss Mattie Givin, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

Martin—Boon.—At the residence of Mr. Henry Moore, near Omen, Smith county, Texas, December 8, 1895, at 3 p.m., Mr. G. A. Martin and Miss Alice Boon, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 12, 1895, p. 7, c. 3

OGBURN.—Mrs. Lina Ogburn, whose maiden name was Starr, was born in Auburn, Ala., February 13, 1847, but was removed to Smith County, Texas, the same year. She was married to Edwin D. Ogburn January 22, 1868. Unto them were born six girls and one boy, two of whom have died and five girls are living. Bro. Ogburn died July 4, 1887, an honored member of the East Texas Annual Conference, and Sister Ogburn died at her home, in Lindale, December 1, 1895. Sister Ogburn was a devoted Christian woman. On her deathbed she told her experience to her pastor in a clear, calm way, with bright beams of joy lighting up her pale face. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church at thirteen years of age, but for twenty years or more lived a nominal Christian life, when she was deeply moved at a camp-meeting under a sermon from Bro. Blocker, now in heaven, and received the fullness of joy in the Holy Ghost, since when she has ever been a zealous, joyous Christian. Another one of those itinerant mothers in Israel whom Methodism delights to honor has answered to the roll-call on the other shore, and Methodism in Lindale has lost one of her noblest and best members. May the daughters of this noble mother ever be faithful to the God she served and the Church she loved most dearly.

G. W. RILEY.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 19, 1895, p. 4, c. 1

A CORRECTION.

In our report from Tyler Circuit in last week's ADVOCATE it should have read, that "our beloved's (or presiding elder's) wife was remembered by the good ladies of this circuit with a nice winter wrap," instead of our better-half.

T. B. VINSON.

Starrville, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 18, 1895, p. 5, c. 3

Local Option.

J. W. Griffin: Whitehouse voted local option yesterday: 70 for and 41 against. A great victory, we think. Last Tuesday night Elder Wordswoods made a rousing speech of temperance here.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 18, 1895, p. 7, c. 1

Shuttleworth—Smyre.—At the residence of the bride's father, two miles west of Starrville, Texas, at 3 p.m., December 15, 1895, Mr. Manley K. Shuttleworth and Miss Minnie B. Smyre, Rev. T. B. Vinson officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 26, 1895, p. 1, c. 4

Tyler District.

JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

Tyler—Marvin, H. M. DuBose.

Cedar Station—T. T. Booth.

Circuit Mission—P. Barton, supply

Tyler Circuit—T. B. Vinson.
Mineola—D. L. Cain.
Wills Point—L. A. Webb.
Wills Point Circuit—P. R. White.
Emory Mission—John W. Goodwyn.
Canton—D. W. Towns.
Walton Mission—E. R. Large.
Grand Saline—R. J. Birdwell.
Edom Circuit—C. H. Smith.
Athens—W. P. Pledger.
Malakoff—M. I. Brown.
Lindale—G. W. Riley.
White House—J. M. McCarter.
Troupe and Overton—S. M. Allen.
New York—A. A. Kidd.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 2, 1896, p. 7, c. 1

Lowry—Meadors—At the residence of Mr. John Epperson, Smith County, Texas, December 25, 1895, 6 p.m., Mr. D. C. Lowry and Miss Lizzie Meadors, Rev. P. O. Tunnell officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 9, 1896, p. 5, c. 5

Lindale.

G. W. Riley, Jan. 7: We are at work on the second year on Lindale Circuit, and we are all pleased with the appointment for another year. Many little poundings have come to the parsonage since conference, some from the country, some from the town; all appreciated, especially the Christmas turkey.

TEXAS CHRISTMAS ADVOCATE, January 9, 1896, p. 7, c. 2

Lake—Watkins.—Mr. A. T. Lake and Miss Massie Watkins, at Lindale, Texas, December 22, 1895, by Rev. G. W. Riley.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 16, 1896, p. 7, c. 2

Sanders—Adams.—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baird, near Tyler, Texas, on January 7, 1896, Mr. J. S. Sanders and Miss Mattie Adams, all of Smith County, Texas, Rev. W. C. Stallings officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 16, 1896, p. 7, c. 5

KIDD.—Susan Kidd was born May 14, 1815, in Davison County, Tenn., and moved to Pontotoc County, Miss., then married T. D. Kidd in 1840; professed faith in Christ and joined the Old Presbyterian Church; then moved to Texas in 1849; then joined the M. E. Church, South, at Center, Smith County, Texas. She died September 14, 1895. She was a devout Christian and a good wife and mother, and a friend to the preachers. Sister Kidd's husband died about twenty years ago. She leave several children and a large host of friends to mourn her loss. Weep not, children, for mother has gone to rest, but live faithful and you and mother will meet again in the sweet by-and-by.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 23, 1896, p. 5, c. 4

Tyler.

T. T. Booth, Jan. 14: For the third year the writer has been sent to labor with and for the kind people of Cedar Street, which is considered a privilege as well as a duty, for since our connection with the work many things have come to pass that we have enjoyed. Financially, every cent that has been assessed the charge has been promptly met. More than a hundred persons have been added to the membership, our house of worship made more comfortable and greatly beautified, this last having been done altogether by our noble band of consecrated women, who never tire, but are still at work with fair prospects of soon seating our church with new and better seats; then a first class Sunday-school, a weekly prayer-meeting and a monthly class-meeting, a large congregation for so young a Church to preach to; and last, but not least, often the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in all of our meetings, giving emphasis and power to every good word and work is indeed a privilege much enjoyed; but while we thus rejoice we are awake to the facts that the Church is progressive in all its work, and that the devil, as a roaring lion, is still at large putting in his deadly work wherever he can; yet, as was said in the first sermon for the new year, we expect to succeed. Why not? With all the advantages already stated, and which are God-given, together with his precious promises to back us, and which has never yet in the least failed us. Why not again, we ask, succeed? But excuse us, we sit down to tell you something of the openings of the new year, and are almost betrayed into an exhortation. The new year opened propitiously. Many hearty welcomes in words and handshakes were given the old new, or the new old preacher, just as you may choose to put it, which, by the way, helps us very much in getting a good start. We haven't been pounded yet as many brethren have, but the reason is not in the lack of a pounding spirit in our people, for some of the ladies said, "We wish your home was here that we might show our appreciation through Methodist custom." But that was done before we started to conference in December, by the Ladies' Aid Society, which presented us with a neat, nice, new overcoat, which we wore and still wear while we think and pray for the donors. Dr. John Adams, the tried war-horse of the East Texas Conference, is our presiding elder, and we are well pleased. Our first Quarterly Conference has been held, and Bro. Adams was present, preaching with his usual ability and presiding to the entire satisfaction of all. Liberal things were provided for the preacher in charge, so much so that he is satisfied and happy in the work. The dear old ADVOCATE is appreciated, and we will push its claims for the year 1896.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 30, 1896, p. 7, c. 1

OWENS.—George E. Owens was born March 2, 1871, and died in Tyler, Texas, December 16, 1895; was married to Miss Allie McCulloch June 14, 1890, who is now left to mourn her loss and to grapple with a sin-stricken world, in the raising and training of one sweet little boy. But death, the king of terrors and the terror to kings, takes under his icy wings all classes and conditions of our race, whether we are prepared for it or not. Bro. George had been a member of the Methodist Church from his boyhood up to a few months before his death, when he withdrew, but after this he was frequently seen at church and expressed himself to the writer as trying to live for a better world, and said upon his dying bed that he was not afraid to die. He was sick only a short while, but bore his sickness with patience until the end came. He leaves behind him a grief-stricken companion and little child and friends and relatives who miss him.

T. T. BOOTH.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 30, 1896, p. 7, c. 5

BOOKOUT.—Esther P. Rookout [sic] daughter of W. P. Head, was born in Fayette County, Georgia, November 30, 1866; was married to L. L. Bookout January 18, 1885; came to Smith County, Texas, in December 1885, and died at her home January 19, 1896, leaving her husband and five children to mourn their loss, also her father and several brothers and sisters in deep sorrow. Sister Bookout was a devout, earnest Christian, zealous in religion, and regular in her devotion to her Church. She was converted at about fourteen years of age, in Georgia, and joined the Methodist Church, of which she remained a worthy member until death. She suffered much bodily affliction, and always bore it patiently and with gentleness of spirit. May the blessings of God abound unto the bereaved husband and little children.

G. W. RILEY.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 13, 1896, p. 5, c. 4

Lindale.

John C. Burgamy: It has been the custom here of late for different parties living in Neill Chapel community and the adjacent community to come to my house in the absence of this writer and unload and put in my house various articles of food. Some of them I will mention, such as corn, potatoes, meal, dried fruit, turnips, hams, and other good things. They have not only made it convenient to come while I was absent from home, but in one instance they came while I was at home, and without consulting me in the least they just dumped off their cargo right in my house and gallery; and this is not all, they are still threatening me by saying they are not through yet. Now this punishment, they say, is because I have been serving them in the capacity of local preacher for the last three years! Of course I shall keep up my appointment in that community. I must say I have never served a better people than the Neill Chapel community. A better behaved and more attentive people to the hearing of the Word of God preached, is not to be found in any community. May the good Lord abundantly bless the kind donors who have shown such acts of kindness towards us. We want to do something for our dear old ADVOCATE this year. My health has greatly improved and I must work for our paper.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 27, 1896, p. 5, c. 5

Troupe and Overton Circuit.

S. N. Allen, Feb. 24: Our first Quarterly Conference for 1896, met at Overton on 22d inst. Our presiding elder, Bro. John Adams, present. We East Texas preachers feel like we ought to say Father Adams, for dear Bro. Adams has been a father to the most of us. The sermons did us all good. We had a good Quarterly Conference; finances a little behind, but will come out all right in the end. We have made two rounds on our work. This is my second year as pastor of this people. We have learned to love them. We want to do the best year's work of our life. God bless Troupe and Overton Circuit.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 25, 1896, p. 5, c. 1

Tyler Circuit.

T. B. Vinson, March 18: Our first Quarterly Conference embraced last Saturday and Sunday, which were rainy and prevented many from attending, but every Church on the circuit was fully and well represented, and our much loved presiding elder, Bro. John Adams, who has

long been as a father to this scribe, was present and full of the Holy Ghost and power, and gave us two excellent sermons, one Saturday and one Sunday. Our Quarterly conference was a pleasant and delightful occasion, the spirit of the Master uniting every heart for the upbuilding of his kingdom among the children of men. Our Board of Stewards manifested their love to God and their pastor's family in their assessment of our salary, which they put at \$500—the same as that of last year, and not only did they assess, but they paid \$103.90 of the assessment the first quarter. They intend to pay it all! Yes, they do, and I will not ask space in such a valuable paper to tell you about all the many tokens of kindness shown us by this people, but suffice it to say, that we have seen only one end of the pounding since we have been in their midst. They began as we reached the parsonage last December was a year ago, and still the good work goes on. One change, however, is perceptible: while they began near the parsonage with hams of meet [sic] and such other things as is generally needed by all families, it has now gotten [sic] to—well, I guess you have often heard it said—go it, whole hog or none—it has gotten [sic] to that degree on this circuit. Last Tuesday Bro. Starnes, of Winona gave us a fine Berkshire pig, and there is one awaiting us in the Pleasant Retreat community, and nice turkey gobbler is awaiting us in the Ebell neighborhood. Well the old buggy that we had been using for some time was not sufficient for this circuit, so Bro. T. P. Smith, our beloved, under whom we have been serving for the last three years, his time on the district being out, let us have this buggy, and it's a good one, too; and in view of all these facts the pounding is getting ahead of us, sure. Well, no wonder, they have just turned loose on us from every quarter of the circuit. Our continual prayer is that God may most graciously bless the many true servants of the Master, who are so mindful of our temporal wants, and so lead many true servants of the Master, who are so mindful of our temporal wants, and so lead and bless our labors this year that we may witness a great engathering into his fold. The Lord is wonderfully blessing us in our services, both in the sanctuary and around the home altars.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 23, 1896, p. 6, c. 2
[Women's Department]

TYLER DISTRICT

Lindale: Connectional members, 18; added during quarter, 4; total local members, 16; monthly meetings held, 3; members present, 34; subscribers to Our Homes, 11; subscribers added, 4; have you received leaflets? yes; papers and leaflets distributed, 36.

Tyler Auxiliary sent no report.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 23, 1896, p. 8, c. 5

BUTLER.—Florence Head Butler, son of G. H. and Susan L. Butler, was born February 20, 1894, and died April 7, 1896. Little Florence was a sweet, promising little boy, and fondly loved by his parents and family and all who knew him, but was only permitted to remain on earth long enough to so entwine himself about the affections of the family when his little spirit was transplanted from mother's embrace to the loving Savior's bosom, who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." So, dear parents, press onward and upward; while he can not come back to you, you can go up, through faithful discharge of Christian duty, to meet him and be forever with him and the Lord and all the redeemed host of God. Your pastor,

T. B. VINSON.

Starrville, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 30, 1896, p. 7, c. 2

Slagle—Williams.—At the residence of the bride's father, at 8 p.m., April 15, 1896, Mr. D. F. Slagle and Miss Carrie Williams; all of Starrville, Texas; Rev. T. B. Vinson officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 30, 1896, p. 7, c. 3

THURMAN.—A. M. Thurman, was born April 16, 1818, in Walton county, Ga., and died in Smith County, Texas, near Tyler, February 21, 1896, after a long and tedious illness, which terminated in black jaundice. He was converted at the age of nineteen at the Vicksburg Camp-ground, Tallapoosa County, Ala. He joined the Camalite Church in Athens, Henderson County, Texas. He lived his religion. In all the vicissitudes of his long life he was the same Christian gentleman—honest and true. He had lived in five States—Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Texas. Served through the Florida Indian War, and the Civil War. Amid it all he was the same true soldier of the Cross. He married Mrs. Easter Longley, of Smith County, Texas, in 1873. They were blest with one daughter. His wife died five years ago, leaving him in the care of their loving daughter. He was a prominent Mason while he lived in Cherokee County. He leaves his only daughter and youngest sister to mourn for him, but not as those who have no hope. Farewell, dear brother, farewell, till we meet at Jesus' feet. His loving sister,

F. J. THURMAN.

Larissa, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 7, 1896, p. 7, c. 2

Hailey—Ashford.—At the home of the brides' parents, in the town of Mt. Sylvan, Smith County, Texas, May 3, 1896, at 3 p.m., Mr. Wm. W. Hailey and Miss B. F. Ashford; all of Mt. Sylvan, Rev. John C. Burgamy officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 7, 1896, p. 8, c. 3-4

A NOTE FROM SISTER MITCHELL.

We have just removed from Montgomery, Texas, to Tyler, where we expect to spend the remainder of our days. We left Montgomery Monday, April 27; spent the night at Navasota, went to Waco Tuesday, remained there that night, and reached Tyler Wednesday about 1:30 p.m. We were met at the depot by Bro. DuBose, with his buggy, and one of his prominent members with his carriage and beautiful pair of horses, and conducted to a good hotel, where we spent the night and fared sumptuously. Our bill was paid by some good friend or friends; thanks to their kindness. Such attentions were very grateful, especially as my husband was sick and very feeble.

Bro. DuBose kindly showed me through our elegant church, of which he is pastor. It is the handsomest church I have seen in Texas.

Our son-in-law, Mr. Chase, and his family are with us.

Hereafter our friends will please address us at this place.

Mrs. F. T. Mitchell.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 4, 1896, p. 1, c. 4

Rev. J. M. McCarter, of Bullard, Texas, is greatly bereaved in the death of his most estimable wife. She was ready and died in great triumph. Bro. McCarter's many friends sympathize with him in his sorrow. The Advocate tenders condolence.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 4, 1896, p. 5, c. 6

WHITE HOUSE

J. M. McCarter, May 26: White House charge is moving along nicely indeed. Our second quarterly Conference convened the 23d inst. Each appointment on the work, save one, was represented. Our presiding elder, who is that very competent and worthy Christian gentleman, Dr. John Adams, was promptly at his post. That he did his part of the work well goes without saying, presiding to the delight of all, and preaching two sermons and delivering one address, which in all the elements that make a discourse great we have not heard excelled in many a day, if at all. Sixty-five years seem to sit lightly enough upon him. May his bow long abide in strength. Finances far in advance of what they usually are with us at this season of the year. A liberal missionary assessment was asked for and promptly subscribed. Our membership has increased some since conference. Death has been among us, however, and made some very sad hearts. We have a very loyal, progressive people, and they are sanguine as to the future prosperity of our charge.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 4, 1896, p. 7, c. 1

Clark—Cannon.—In the Methodist Church, in Lindale, Texas, April 22, 1896, at 8 p.m., Mr. L. S. Clark and Miss Ora Cannon, Rev. G. W. Riley officiating; all of Lindale, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 4, 1896, p. 7, c. 1

McCARTER.—Mrs. Vennoree McCarter, wife of Rev. J. M. McCarter, pastor of the Whitehouse Circuit, East Texas Conference, died at the parsonage, in the town of Bullard, Texas, at 12 o'clock midnight, May 14, 1896. She had been ill for several months past, and death was not unexpected. She endured patiently a long and painful illness, and died, as all God's faithful ones have died, triumphantly trusting his promises. She was buried in the family burying ground at Livingstone, Polk County. To-day we gathered in the little church at Bullard, and while we waited the arrival of the railway train on which her body was to be borne to its place of rest, talked of her beautiful and devoted life and spoke words of cheer to our bereaved and broken-hearted brother. Our dead are with God.

H. M. DuBOSE.

Tyler, Texas, May 16.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 11, 1896, p. 5, c. 3

TROUPE AND OVERTON

S. N. Allen, June 8: The second Quarterly Conference for Troupe and Overton Circuit met at Fountain Head May 30 and 31, Bro. John Adams, our presiding elder, in the chair, but not well, but did us some of his good preaching. Finances a little behind, but we think our work is looking up. We just closed a meeting at Troupe with a gracious revival in the Church, and some conversions; 14 added to our Church. Bro. J. C. Weaver, of the North Texas Conference, was with us and did some of the grandest preaching we ever heard. The man that gets J. C. Weaver to help him will do the right thing for Methodism. He lays a foundation to build upon. Bro. D. L. Cain, of Mineola, was with us also and did us good work. God bless those two men of God. We are working and praying for a gracious revival all around our work. Pray for us.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 18, 1896, p. 1, c. 4

Rev. H. G. Scudday, of Tyler, will attend the annual camp-meeting at Mountain Lake Park, Maryland.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 18, 1896, p. 5, c. 3

TYLER, CEDAR STREET.

T. T. Booth, June 5: On last Sunday night we closed another glorious revival. We were assisted by Revs. T. B. Vinson, J. C. Calhoun and W. H. Crawford. Brothers Vinson and Crawford did the principal part of the preaching after the first few days. The preaching was clear and in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power. It resulted in a general and genuine revival inside of the Church, which was greatly needed, and which had been prayed and labored for for months before by many of our people. Our prayers were answered and our labors made efficient by our God; and today many rejoice in their great salvation who, before the meeting began, were far from God. The genuineness of the revival is demonstrated in the following particulars: Twenty-three persons were received into the Church and only three of these by letter. Twenty-one of this number were grown people, and yet we are and will care for the children, through their parents and otherwise. The meeting grew in interest from start to finish, so that the last hour's service was the most successful and glorious. Many said in more ways than one and for various reasons, "continue the meeting;" but the time had come to close. The officials, the choir, the Sunday-school and the Church generally took on new strength, so that we look for increased power in the future along all the lines of Church work. Our annual collections were all raised during the meeting—in money and good subscriptions. The Lord be praised for his mercy! The half has not nor cannot here be told, but we are happy on the way.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 18, 1896, p. 5, c. 4

TYLER CIRCUIT.

T. B. Vinson, June 10: Our second Quarterly Conference was held here at Starrville, last Saturday and Sunday; a good attendance both of officials and visitors; six out of eight appointments were represented in person and the seventh was well represented with quarterage. Bro. John Adams, our presiding elder, was with us and full of the Spirit and power of the Master, though suffering intensely from being badly salivated, yet he gave us two excellent sermons one on Saturday and one Sunday—which were enjoyed by large and attentive audiences. The Lord's blessing upon him; \$63.90 paid to preacher in charge, and \$10.80 to presiding elder; raised on Sunday, on missions, in cash \$12.75. The services were all spiritual and will be telling upon the membership of the circuit for days to come. We are expecting a good harvest this year. The pounding continues, the revival fire is burning, and sinners are being saved.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 24, 1896, p. 6, c. 3

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 2, 1896, p. 5, c. 4
Tyler District.

The Tyler District Conference will convene at Troupe July 16, at 10:30 a.m. Sermon at 8:30 p.m. by G. W. Riley. A Sunday-school Conference will be held during the session and short addresses will be made by J. M. McCarter, C. H. Smith, D. L. Cain, T. B. Vinson and A. J. Gray. A meeting in the interest of the Epworth League will be held and addresses will be made by H. M. DuBose, W. P. Pledger and J. W. Goodwin. Also a meeting in the interest of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society and short addresses will be made by L. A. Webb, T. T. Booth, D. W. Towns, A. A. Kidd and R. J. Birdwell. Missionary mass-meeting on Saturday, at 8:30 p.m., conducted by the Conference Missionary Secretary, J. T. Smith. JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

REDUCED RATES.

A rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip will be given to members and visitors of the Tyler District Conference, which will meet at Troupe July 16. Tickets will be sold July 15 and 16 on the certificate plan at the following railroad stations: Wills Point, Edgewood, Grand Saline, Mineola, Lindale, Tyler, Overton, Malakoff, Athens, and Brownsboro.

JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 9, 1896, p. 1, c. 5

Rev. H. M. DuBose, of Tyler, has been in bed several days with a sharp attack of typho-malarial fever. He writes cheerfully, and we hope to be able to report him thoroughly restored before long.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 16, 1896, p. 7, c. 2

LANGFORD.—Bro. H. C. Langford was born in Hall County, Georgia, December 16, 1823; was married to Miss S. E. Merrett, May 18, 1847. She departing this life July 8, 1850, he was again married to Miss S. E. Potts, November 15, 1852, and came to White County Arkansas, where they spent five years; came to Starrville, Smith County, Texas, where he remained until death, which came at 5 o'clock p.m., June 5, 1896, when his blood-bought spirit plumed its wings and soared away to meet its God and await his eternal reward. Bro. Langford was a quiet, unassuming and consistent member of the Methodist Church for more than forty-five years. He was a good husband, kind father and an obliging neighbor. Bro. Langford was also a Master Mason worthy the confidence and esteem of his brethren. He was buried with masonic honors by the fraternity in the Starrville Cemetery to await the resurrection morn. To the bereaved companion, children and friends we would say: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Their pastor,

T. B. VINSON.

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FLINT.—Mrs. Melvina Flint (nee Oglesby) was born in Hardin County, Tennessee, June, 1839; professed religion and joined the Methodist Church when eleven years old. She then moved with her parents to Arkansas. She was married to Mr. R. P. Flint February 15, 1855; came to Texas in 1875. She was the mother of four children, three of whom survive her. She was greatly blessed in having a rich and powerful religious experience. Through all the years since her conversion she has lived a consistent Christian life, always ready to help the distressed and suffering, whether rich or poor. She was an excellent neighbor, a devoted wife and mother, and an ardent lover of God and the Church. Her last moments were gloriously triumphant. Her pastor,

J. M. McCARTER.

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BEWARE OF HIM.

I write to warn my brethren of the ministry against the impostures of a man who claims to be a Methodist preacher, and who may, in fact, be in possession of ministerial credentials. He is about fifty years old; five feet and seven or eight inches high; has greyish beard and a very sleek poll (but a much sleeker manner). He has lost a valise, a purse or some other valuable belonging. He claims to be organizing homes for the rescue of fallen women. He will probably introduce himself to you by asking for a small loan to pay his way to a somewhat distant point. He may also claim to be related by blood to some well known preacher. He has gone under several names in different parts of the State. He is fraud. I will be thankful to any one who will give me information of his present whereabouts.

H. M. DuBOSE.

Tyler, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, July 23, 1896, p. 5, c. 4

Bullard.

J. M. McCarter, July 16: On the night of the 12th instant we closed an excellent meeting at Flint, Smith County. There were three conversions and eight accessions by ritual and two by letter. Services spiritual throughout and the Church greatly revived. We were ably assisted by Rev. H. H. Green, of Whitewright, who did most of the preaching.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 6, 1896, p. 8, c. 1-2

TYLER DISTRICT.

Our conference convened in its thirteenth session at Troupe, Texas, July 16, at 9 o'clock a.m., with Presiding Elder John Adams, D. D., in the chair. Dr. Adams opened the conference by reading and commenting upon the first chapter of Ephesians, after which he led in an earnest and eloquent prayer.

Lon R. Parks and W. P. Pledger, both of Athens, were elected Secretary and assistant, respectively.

The first roll-call showed a rather small attendance, but the delegates and preachers kept coming in until the attendance was very good, all the pastors being present save two—L. A. Webb, of Wills Point Station, and K. P. Barton, supply on Tyler City Mission.

The finances were reasonably well up, and the committee's report was very flattering as to the spiritual state of the Church. Several of the pastors reported successful revivals. All seemed to be hopeful of a successful year's work. The spiritual pulse of the conference was strong at one time after a masterly sermon by J. M. McCarter, reaching the shouting point. Jim McCarter is a fine thinker and a powerful preacher.

"Uncle Caleb" Smith inquired very closely after the class meeting, but only a few pastors could report the old-fashioned kind.

Visitors: Revs. J. M. Mills, of Kilgore Circuit; R. W. Thompson, of Dallas; J. T. Smith, of Marshall Station; I. Alexander, of Jacksonville Station; D. F. C. Timmons, of Palestine Station; L. M. Fowler, of Palestine District; Prof. Williams, of Alexander Collegiate Institute, and Prof. Cody, of the Southwestern University.

. . . On Friday night R. M. Kelley, of Longview, organized our district into a District Epworth League Conference, with Rev. D. L. Cain, of Mineola, as President.

. . . W. P. Pledger, T. T. Booth and S. N. Allen were appointed a committee to petition the next Legislature, in the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Tyler District, to enact a law to prohibit Sunday baseball games.

Dr. Adams conducted the love-feast Sunday morning. It was a precious service. The Methodist pulpit was filled Sunday morning and night by W. P. Pledger and M. I. Brown, respectively, and the Baptist pulpit was filled at 11 a.m. by D. L. Cain, and at 8:30 by A. A. Kidd.

T. T. Booth and G. W. Riley preached a good sermon each during the conference.

Saturday night was a great occasion. J. T. Smith addressed a packed house on the subject of missions and raised a collection amounting to \$271. Smith is a hard-hitter. I wish every congregation in our conference could hear his address on missions. It would bear fruit.

J. N. Mullins, B. E. Moore, Rev. B. C. Ansley and Dr. J. W. Shuford were elected delegates to the Annual Conference.

The next conference will be held at Grand Saline.

Our entertainment by Bro. Allen and the good people of Troupe was all that could be desired.

W. P. PLEDGER.
Assistant Secretary.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 6, 1896, p. 8, c. 3-4

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

In May, 1891, we organized a Sunday-school of fifty, including officers and teachers. H. V. Kennedy, Superintendent; L. E. Verner, Assistant; Miss Mamie Kennedy, Secretary; Miss Kate Knight, organize; Dr. D. H. Connally, teacher of the Bible class. We used Methodist literature. We held Sunday-school and religious services every Sunday afternoon. My daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Davenport Bonner, wife of my son, Col. T. R. Bonner, intended to build a house of worship, but the death of her husband and subsequent failure of the bank of Bonner & Bonner denied her the pleasure of carrying out her plans. We had a lot donated by the Lone Star Leather Company. In order to secure a legal title to the lot I applied to the Quarterly Conference of Marvin M. E. Church, South, to appoint a Board of Trustees to hold the property in trust for

the Church. Marvin Church was largely in debt, and the pastor, Rev. D. F. C. Timmons, opposed and the Quarterly Conference refused to appoint the Board of Trustees. Meeting with so much opposition and discouragements we dropped the school for the time.

Last year (1895) at Texarkana we applied to the East Texas Conference to establish a city mission, which they did—Dr. D. H. Connally the agent; the conference appointed the Rev. Kostoomo P. Barton the missionary. They rented a house and organized a Sunday-school right away. They have built a nice church house 36x50 feet and organized a Church of fifty members. Mr. John Durst donated a beautiful lot 90x180 feet. They have Sunday-school and religious services every Sunday. We ask the prayers of all Christians for the success of the enterprise.

W. N. BONNER.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 3, 1896, p. 5, c. 3

BULLARD.

J. M. McCarter, Aug. 27: On the night of the 23d instant we closed a glorious meeting at Noonday, Smith county, Texas. There were more than one hundred professions, twenty-four accessions to our Church. The community is largely Baptist. Our people were greatly built up, and a new era has dawned upon our Church at that place. Nearly all the preaching was done by Rev. J. W. Lowery, of Navarro County. Bro. Lowery is a strong, conservative, practical, great preacher and worker; a man full of faith and Holy Ghost. Any one in town or country who needs the help of such a preacher (and there are very many who do), may count himself fortunate in securing Bro. Lowery's services. Rev. T. T. Booth, of Cedar Street, was also with us and did some excellent preaching.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 10, 1896, p. 3, c. 5

Attention, Leaguers.

The Tyler District League Conference will be held at Mineola, September 16 and 17, 1896. Let every Leaguer, preacher and visitor who can attend send in their names to me at once that entertainment may be provided.

Come, dear Epworthians, in the power of the Spirit, and let us make this first League Conference of Tyler District a grand success. Under the blessings of God let us make it a glorious occasion and a power for good.

D. L. CAIN, President.

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TAFT.—Samantha Jane Lagrone Taft was born in Marion, Ala., August 27, 1854; was converted and joined the Methodist Church when a girl; was married to Bro. Joseph Henderson when quite young, and with him joined the Presbyterian Church, of which she continued a faithful member until death. Her husband having died she was again married to Bro. J. S. Taft. She died in the faith August 2, 1896, leaving her husband and eight children—four the fruit of her first marriage and four of the second—also a host of relatives to mourn their loss. Sister Taft was an estimable, earnest Christian, a gentle mother, whose household was well ordered, and a generous neighbor, beloved by a large community.

G. W. RILEY.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 17, 1896, p. 5, c. 3

STARRVILLE.

Mrs. Annie Prickett: Our protracted meeting closed Friday night, Sept. 5, with happy results; ten conversions and fifteen accessions. The influence of the Holy Spirit pervaded the Church from the first. Bro. Allen, of Troupe, opened the campaign Sunday morning, August 30. He declared himself at enmity with sin, and like a true soldier of the Cross, wielded the sword of Truth unflinchingly. His words fell with power. Many were convicted and scores of sad and discouraged Christians were made strong in the faith, and, under renewed obligations to God, shouldered the Cross and went to work. Bro. Allen, having labored most earnestly in the pulpit and altar through seven services, was unexpectedly called home Wednesday afternoon. His sudden leave was much regretted as it was unexpected, and naturally some were discouraged, but none felt the burden of the situation more than did our beloved and faithful pastor, T. B. Vinson. However, one remained with him, whose help he fortunately secured through the remainder of the meeting—One from above. O we had a joyful time blending glad tears of rejoicing together and singing praises to God! Two weekly prayer-meetings have been organized—a cottage meeting, for ladies only, every Thursday afternoon promptly at three; general prayer-meeting at the church every Sunday evening at seven, when not conflicting with other religious services.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 24, 1896, p. 7, c. 4

DABBS.—Bro. Robert Dabbs departed this life September 3, 1896. A man of God has fallen. He is not dead, but sleepeth. He gold his friends and pupils at Sunday-school the Sunday before his death that he was prepared for heaven and would be here only a few days longer. God seems to have said: "It is enough, come up higher." He is gone, his voice is hushed, yet he speaks. His life is more than a memory and his example should be an inspiration and his influence a benediction, and his life-work a blessing to his people, especially to his relatives, whom he so earnestly requested his friends to pray for. He was faithful to his Lord, true to his church and upright in all his dealings. He was sick but a few days, and suffered much. The angel of death came, released him of this pain and took him to his long-sought home.

HELEN.

Tyler, Texas.

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Tyler District League Conference.

The Tyler District Epworth League Conference was held in Mineola, September 16 and 17, with President D. L. Cain in the chair. The opening service was held Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 o'clock. After the devotional service the address of welcome was delivered by Miss Lorena Smith, of Mineola; following this was the response in behalf of the Leaguers, by Miss Nora Kerby, of Wills Point.

After the enrollment of delegates the subject, "The Necessity of the League and Its Relation to the Church," was discussed by W. P. Pledger, of Athens, followed by a general discussion on "Difficulties in the Country League and the Remedy." Ten minutes were then given to hand-shaking. Sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. P. Pledger.

In the afternoon the programme was carried out as previously arranged, with a few substitutes. Papers by Mrs. Alice Hodges, of Wills Point; Miss Smith, of Mineola, and Miss Dennis, of Tyler, deserve special mention. Wednesday evening, sermon by A. A. Kidd.

Thursday morning, sunrise prayer-meeting, devotional services and reports from Leagues. At 11 o'clock, sermon by Dr. H. M. DuBose, of Tyler, which was indeed a spiritual and literary treat.

Thursday afternoon, Committee on Temperance read their report, which was strong in denouncing the liquor traffic. The programme was well carried out.

The following officers were elected for the next year: Knox Henderson, Athens, President; Miss Nora E. Kearby, Wills Point, Secretary; Mr. J. N. Mullins, Grand Saline, First Vice President; Miss Nellie Smith, Mineola, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Alice Hodges, Wills Point, Third Vice-President; Miss Savana Lowry, Troupe, Treasurer.

The conference closed Thursday night with a sermon by Rev. L. A. Webb, of Wills Point. The next conference will meet in Wills Point.

NORA E. KEARBY.

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Walnut Grove.

J. M. McCarter, Sept. 29: On last Sunday night we closed our meeting at Walnut Grove, Smith County. It was a grand success in every particular. Results, Church greatly revived, several backsliders reclaimed, twenty-three conversions, nine accessions, with more to follow. Revs. S. N. Allen and J. B. Womack, of our Church, and Revs. Louis and Peters, of the Protestant Methodist Church, were all with us first and last and did good work.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 8, 1896, p. 5, c. 2

TROUPE AND OVERTON CIRCUIT.

S. N. Allen, Oct. 5: We closed our last meeting for this work last Friday night at Jasper Switch; had a glorious meeting. We have had a good year. The Lord has been with us in great power. We have had seventy-five conversions and about sixty accessions to our Church, and the entire work greatly revived. We are winding up for conference.

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MORRIS.—Rev. R. H. Morris, was born in Gadsden County, Fla., in the year 1846; was converted in the forty-second year of his age; was licensed to preach in the forty-fourth year of his life. He was admitted to the bar at twenty-five years of age. He filled some very responsible positions, such as Senator and District Attorney. He felt the fearful disease of consumption stealing on him three years ago. He was confined to his room for three months; at last the good Lord came to his relief and he passed over the river October 2, 1896. Bro. Morris was one of the happiest men I ever met. He died in full view of heaven. He often shouted when we would read the sweet promises of the Lord to him and prayed with him, and we would say to his dear wife and children: trust in the Lord and you will soon meet your husband and father on the other shore. His pastor,

S. N. ALLEN.

Troupe, Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 15, 1896, p. 1, c. 5

Rev. H. M. DuBose, of Tyler, made us a highly appreciated call during the week. He delivered one of his best addresses Sunday night at the anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Texas Conference.

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TEXAS COLLEGE.

A Letter to the Ministers and Members of the M. E. Church, South, of
the Texas Conference.

HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL.

Dear Fathers and Brethren of the Above Mentioned Conference of Texas:

Texas College is an institution of learning under the auspices of the Texas Conferences of the C. M. E. Church in America. This institution was founded or organized in 1893, with Prof. S. A. Coffine, M. A., principal. The school has done well under his administration. Some already, from the two years' work, rank in examination with the older institutions of its kind in Texas. What we need is a better building and more money to place this institution among the first of color in Texas.

LOCATION.

Tyler is the county seat of Smith County, Texas, a railroad town, free mail delivery and a thriving city, ranking among the second cities of Texas, of nearly fifteen thousand inhabitants. The college grounds are one and a quarter miles from the Public Square; the site consists of one hundred and one acres of land; beautiful farm. Our building is a small 18x30 front, with professors' residence attached, with barns, well watered. The contemplated building is to be built in a beautiful grove, well elevated, with pure air, healthy and quiet place for study. The Trustee Board has paid off all the indebtedness but \$1,300, payable in 1897-8. The lands adjacent to it are now selling for from \$75 to \$100 per acre. We have on it a brickyard and plenty of water. The property to-day could be disposed of for \$6000 or \$8000. We have a warranty deed, prepared by Hon. Charles Bonner, one of Texas College's strong friends, along with Dr. DuBose, of Tyler, pastor of the M. E. Church, South. An abstract is attached, giving a chain of title for fifty-odd years. The title of the property is clear in every particular, and when the \$1300 is paid the 101½ acres of land to into the hands of Texas Conferences and General Conference of the C. M. E. Church. We have on foot a movement to build a temporary building 36x96, two stories. This movement has with it an enthused effort. Over \$400 was collected this summer on this work, etc. We must have the money first, as we do not wish to risk any debt. All moneys should be sent to Rev. O. T. Womack, Tyler, Texas, or Rev. C. F. Moore, Sulphur Springs, Tex., Commissioner of Texas College.

We hope the members and friends of the Texas College will inquire into the Texas College, so as to be able this fall to assist us in our educational work in Texas. Our Commissioners, or Bishop Cottrell, will visit your conferences this fall. Texas College is a connectional school. It is o dream, but a living reality. We draw from the general educational fund from \$600 to \$1000 per annum Now is the time for the white citizens of Texas, as well as our Mother Church, to strengthen your first-born daughter. We are taking our place as a Church. We will come if you will lend us assistance. Several of the District Conferences have already taken steps to investigate the conditions of Texas College. The white Baptists of Texas and other white denominations are sending some assistance to their "Brother in Black." We know we have a warm place in the bosom of the grand old Methodist family in Texas. While we cry we are expecting the mothers and fathers to come to our rescue. Brethren, we will visit you this fall. Any information desired will be given respecting Texas College by your humble servant of Christ and the C. M. E. Church.

C. F. MOORE.

Commissioner Texas College.

BULLARD.—John Lovick Bullard was born July 31, 1871, and died in Bullard, Smith County, Texas, October 1, 1896; was converted and joined the Methodist Church in 1892, and was married to Miss Nora Urban August 30, 1892. Bub, as he was familiarly called, had but little religious training, and after his conversion his surroundings were not the very best in order to religious life and living; but we trust it is well with him now. He was at one time Church Secretary, and when near the end expressed a willingness to die, and exhorted others to learn to pray, so he would meet them in a better place, and at another time said he saw his sainted mother who years before had died a Christian; and his young, but heart-broken wife has no fears of his safe arrival in the house of many mansions. The burial services were held by the writer while surrounded by a multitude of sorrowing relatives and friends. O how sad is death! No wonder that Jesus wept; but weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning (Psa. 30:5) to all who love and trust Jesus.

T. T. BOOTH.

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HARRISON.—Mrs. Sarah D. Harrison was born in Arkansas, April 4, 1855, and died in Tyler, Texas, September 10, 1896; was the wife of F. J. Harrison and the mother of nine children, four of whom preceded her to the other world; two of the four were young men, and each lost his life suddenly and unexpectedly, one falling from a tree was killed instantly at Tyler, Texas, July 24, 1894; the other was run over by a railway train and was instantly killed in Tyler, Texas, March 8, 1896. Sister Harrison was sick only six or eight hours before death claimed her as its victim. Oh, how sad is death! but when it comes so suddenly and all in one family, how heartrending. Truly, death is no respecter of persons, time or place, but "Death hath no sorrow that heaven can not heal," and the remedy that was prepared by a Divine hand had been applied in the life of Sister Harrison, for she professed religion and joined the Methodist Church in 1871, and was a member of Cedar Street Church at the time of her death. But now we all miss her among us, but none so much as her sorrowing and heartbroken husband and motherless children. May the grace that sustained and the love that filled the soul of the wife and mother be abundantly shed upon the husband and children, that a happy meeting may take place where there is no death.

T. T. BOOTH.

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Hoskin—Kee.—In the Lane's Chapel Methodist Church, at 11 a.m., November 22, 1896, Mr. H. G. Hoskin and Miss Nannie Kee; all of Smith County, Texas; Rev. J. M. McCarter officiating.

McCutchan—Davie.—At the home of the bride's father, November 29, 1896, Mr. J. J. McCutchan and Miss Laura Davie, Rev. J. W. Griffin officiating. Whitehouse, Texas, Dec. 1, 1896.

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Collins—Null—At the home of the bride's parents, near Lindale, Smith County, Texas, December 3, 1896, Dr. W. D. Collins, of Van Zandt County, and Miss Jessie Null, Rev. W. F. Mayne officiating.

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Tyler District.
JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

Tyler, Marvin Church—B. H. Greathouse.
Cedar Street—W. W. McAnally.
City Mission—J. M. McCarter.
Tyler Circuit—T. B. Vinson.
Walton Mission—E. R. Large.
Edom Circuit—D. L. Cain, J. M. Brewer.
White House—F. A. Downs.
New York—B. C. Ansley, supply.
Mineola—A. A. Kidd.
Wills Point Station—A. Little; R. H. Kimball, supernumerary.
Wills Point Mission—P. R. White.
Emory Mission—G. M. Fletcher, supply.
Canton Circuit—C. H. Smith.
Grand Saline—M. I. Brown.
Athens—W. P. Pledger.
Lindale—G. W. Riley.
Troupe and Overton—S. N. Allen.
Malakoff Station—R. J. Birdwell.
Transferred—H. M. DuBose, to Mississippi conference, and stationed at Jackson.

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Appropriations to the domestic mission works for 1897.
Cedar Street.....140
Tyler City.....100

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McPherson—McFarland.—On December 8, 1896, Mr. W. T. McPherson and Miss Myrtle McFarland; all of Smith County, Texas; Rev. W. C. Stallings officiating.
Laseter—Hazel.—At the home of the bride's mother, near Lindale, Smith County, Texas, December 16, 1896, Mr. J. G. Laseter and Miss Effie Hazel, Rev. W. F. Mayne officiating.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 31, 1896, p. 7, c. 1
Turner—Rice.—At the residence of Mr. R. L. Rice, the bride's brother, eight miles West of Tyler, Texas, December 9, 1896, at 8 p.m., by Rev. W. C. Stalling, Mr. Z. G. Turner and Miss Nettie Rice; all of Smith County, Texas.