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# HISTORY

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## PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL TEXAS.

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## History of the Presbytery of Central Texas.

In 1837 Rev. Hugh Wilson visited Texas. Of the particulars of this visit, what points he preached at, we have no information. Returning to Tennessee, he came out again the next year with his family. Stopping near San Augustine, he found there a group of Presbyterians on June 2, 1838, and organized them into a church—the first Presbyterian church in Texas, four miles west of San Augustine. The church as organized, numbered twenty-two members, and was named Bethel. Some years afterwards the location and name were changed to San Augustine. Mr. Wilson continued to preach to the church till October of that year. In February, 1839, he organized a church at Independence. Houston church was organized by Rev. W. Y. Allen, April, 1839. Austin church by the same, October, 1839. Galveston church by Rev. John McCullough, January 1, 1840. April 3, 1840, the three ministers above named, and one ruling elder, John McFarland, of Independence church, who had come with Mr. Wilson's family, from San Augustine, met at Chrisman's school house, near Independence, and organized the Brazos Presbytery, connected with the Synod of Mississippi. In 1850, the Synod divided the Brazos Presbytery into three Presbyteries of Brazos, Eastern Texas and Western, the boundaries dividing them being the Colorado river and the Trinity river to the 33d degree north latitude, thence due north to the Indian Territory. The Presbyteries thus formed petitioned the General Assembly to be erected into the Synod of Texas, and the petition being granted, the first meeting of the Synod was held at Austin, October 30, 1851. It adjourned to meet at Huntsville June 30, 1852, but there being no quorum at that time, it met at the call of the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Baker, at Huntsville, April 8, 1854.

### PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL TEXAS.

The records of the Presbytery of Central Texas contain the following preliminary statement: "The Presbytery of Brazos

which met in Huntsville, Texas, on Thursday, April 6, 1854, made an overture to the Synod of Texas that a new Presbytery be set off from the northern part of their territory. Therefore at a meeting of the Synod held at Huntsville in Austin College on Monday, April 10th, the overture was considered, and it was

*Resolved*, That all the territory embraced between the Trinity and Colorado rivers north of the north boundary line of the counties of Colorado, Washington, Brazos and Leon, be set off as a new Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of Central Texas, the Rev. Hugh Wilson to call and moderate the first meeting."

The act of the Synod does not name the ministers and churches constituting the new Presbytery. The churches in the territory were seven: La Grange, Round Top, String Prairie (now Hugh Wilson), Austin, Deer Creek (now Carolina), Concord and Oak Island.

All the ministers residing in the territory—Hugh Wilson, John T. Balch, Wm. M. Baker and R. F. Bunting—being present at the meeting of Synod, met according to the direction of Synod at 2 o'clock p. m., in the college building, and organized. W. M. Baker was Temporary Clerk and R. F. Bunting was elected Stated Clerk, and directed to act as Treasurer. W. M. Baker and Elder A. H. Cook were chosen Commissioners to the General Assembly, which met in Buffalo, New York, the next month. The third Thursday of April and the last Thursday of October were appointed the times for the stated meetings.

A permanent committee on Missions was appointed, also a committee to mature a plan for scholarship in Austin College. The minutes of the next meeting make no mention of the Commissioners to the General Assembly reporting their attendance, and probably neither of them attended.

Permission was given licentiates T. W. Erwin and L. Ténney to labor within the Presbytery. The latter, though not a member, was present at this and the next meeting.

The Second Meeting was at the String Prairie church, October 26, 1854. All the ministers were present, and Ruling Elders J. H. Hutchings, Austin; W. C. Cunningham, String Prairie; T. W. Archibald, Oak Island; A. V. Sea, Deer Creek; Dr. Thos. Barbee, Round Rock. Rev. J. T. Balch was Moderator. At this meeting licentiate T. W. Erwin was ordained, Rev. Michael Dickson was received from the Presbytery of Talladyer. The churches of Round Rock, organized by Rev. W. M. Baker, and Chambers Creek, organized by Rev. J. T. Balch, were received, and the name of Deer Creek church changed to Carolina. A committee was appointed to confer with a candidate, T. J. Stone, understood to be residing within the Presbytery. This commit-

tee was continued for several sessions without meeting Mr. S. He left the State, but returned about 1878 or '79, and preached in the Presbytery of Dallas.

Earnest action was taken on the subjects of Systematic Benevolence, taking collections for the boards and ministerial support. It was resolved to establish a perpetual scholarship in Austin College. The plan adopted was to pay the interest annually, \$50, and the churches were assessed at the rate of 20 cents per member to raise the money. This interest was paid four years, and in 1858 something over \$100 was paid on the principal. But the scholarship was never issued, and in April, 1859, it was voted to recede from the action.. Rev. J. T. Balch and Elder A. H. Cook were elected Commissioners to the next General Assembly. All the members who sat in this Presbytery, except T. W. Erwin, who sat for a short time after his his ordination, have gone to their reward; the last of them Elder J. H. Hutchins, who died at his home in Austin, July 22, 1893.

The Third Meeting was held at the Oak Island church, April 19, 1855. All the ministers were present except Mr. Erwin, and Elders Jas. Means, Oak Island; Richard Sansom, Round Rock; John Loughridge, Chambers Creek; A. V. Sea, Carolina, and W. B. McAllister, Blue Ridge. In the fall or early winter of 1854, six ministers arrived in Texas from Indiana; five of them in one company—Samuel Taylor, Thos. Alexander and J. M. McChord, men advanced in life, and Robert F. Taylor, a son, and W. C. Rice, a son-in-law of Samuel Taylor. The three former stopped near Waco. The two young men went to the Eastern Texas Presbytery, and a few years after to the east of the Mississippi.

Mr. Rice died young. Mr. Taylor while in Eastern Texas supplied the Lancaster church, in this Presbytery, for a short time. The sixth was R. M. Overstreet, who settled at Georgetown. Messrs. S. Taylor, Alexander and McChord were received by the Presbytery at this meeting, also L. Tenney, who had been ordained by the Brazos Presbytery in the fall, and dismissed to this Presbytery. He had spent the previous summer preaching and teaching at Round Top. Mr. Overstreet was present but had not his dismission. The church of Blue Ridge, organized by Rev. J. T. Balch, was received. Messrs. Taylor, Alexander and McChord were appointed to organize a church at Waco.

Messrs. Taylor and McChord were recommended to the Board of Domestic Missions for salaries of \$300 each, to labor on the frontier. Mr. Taylor died on the 9th of June following. Mr. McChord did not meet the Presbytery again to make any report of his labors, and was dismissed the next spring to the Presby-



tery of Vincennes, having left the State perhaps during the summer. Mr. Taylor was a native of Nova Scotia, but reared principally in New Hampshire and Ohio. He had preached in Kentucky and Indiana for about thirty-two years, and was in his sixtieth year at his death.

The practice of appointing two ministers to preach on specified subjects at following meeting, was commenced at this time. Some subjects occupying the attention of the church at large at the time were considered. The matter of establishing a Board of Missions at New Orleans was favored. A proposed change of the Church Extension Committee of the B. of D. M. to a Board was disapproved. The Board of Publication was requested to commission Dr. Thos. Barbee, an elder of Round Rock church, as a colporteur. This request was granted, and Dr. Barbee spent several months in the work, but died during the next year. The churches of Round Rock and Carolina were recommended to the Board of Missions for aid. It may be added here that during the years previous to the civil war every church in the Presbytery, except String Prairie, applied for and received recommendations for aid.

The Fourth Meeting was held at the Round Top church, on October 27, 1855. Only five of the nine ministers now belonging to the Presbytery were present—Baker, Alexander, Balch, Bunting and Tenney—and Elders A. R. Jones, Round Top; T. W. Archibald, Oak Island; Richard Sansom, Round Rock.

Rev. Daniel Baker, D. D., was present and preached several sermons during the time of the meeting.

T. W. Erwin was dismissed to Bethel Presbytery, having left the State several months before. He returned to Texas about 1880, and is now in Dallas Presbytery. R. M. Overstreet, having been in the Presbytery about a year, being known to the members and giving good reasons for not being present, was received as a member without examination, the Presbytery thereby incurring the censure of the Synod. The first church organized in McLennan county, organized by the committee appointed for the purpose, with seventeen members, was received. Rev. J. T. Balch reported his attendance on the last General Assembly, and Rev. R. F. Bunting and Elder A. H. Cook were elected commissioners to the next Assembly. In those early years no provision was made to pay the expenses of the ruling elder commissioner, and if one was not found to pay his own expenses, none went. C. J. Erwin was received as a candidate for the ministry, but never entered it for want of the required education.

In connection with the free conversation on the state of religion, it is said: Considerable interest was reported in some of the

churches, and in general an encouraging state of things. The ministers generally reported having fulfilled the requirement to preach two Sabbaths in destitute places. Supplies were appointed for the vacant churches.

The Fifth Meeting was held at the Carolina church, April 17, 1856. Ministers present—Wilson, Alexander, Balch, Dickson, Baker, Tenney. Absent—Bunting and Overstreet. Elders J. J. Long, Carolina; Thos. Barbee, Georgetown; J. McFarland, 1st church McLennan county; James Means, Oak Island; H. Steele, Blue Ridge; W. Smythe, Austin; W. R. Hudson, Milford.

Rev. Bunting had left the Presbytery and commenced his work at San Antonio. Having been elected commissioner to the General Assembly at the fall meeting, he did not ask for a dismissal, but went to the Assembly. The office of stated clerk was declared vacant and Rev. L. Tenney elected to fill it. From this time the clerk received \$20 per year for his work, until 1887, when it was increased to \$40. The Milford church, organized by Rev. M. Dickson, June 25, 1855, with twenty members, was received. Rev. L. Tenney was installed pastor of Carolina church. This relation continued till the end of the year 1859. Half of his time was given to the Carolina church and much of the time he had a monthly appointment at Marlin and at Belton.

The Sixth Meeting was held at Georgetown, October 30, 1856. Six ministers present. By an oversight, doubtless, presence of elders not noted. Rev. F. Bunting was dismissed. Rev. Jos. Boone was received from the Brazos Presbytery. Rev. M. Dickson reported the organization of the Lancaster church, with nine members. Rev. R. M. Overstreet was elected commissioner to the General Assembly, but the alternate, Jos. Boone, attended. Elder Wm. Smythe, of Austin, was also elected commissioner, and attended—the first elder the Presbytery had in the Assembly. The Presbytery had called on the Board of Missions for quite a large amount of money and at this meeting a letter was received setting forth the necessities of the Board. It met a suitable response and generally the churches were liberal, for their means, in giving. The narrative at this meeting says: "There are many things to discourage, especially the unsettled state of the churches. But there appears to be a good degree of diligence and fidelity in preaching the Word. Good attendance on preaching generally, and reason to believe that our church is exerting a healthful influence in this part of the State."

The Seventh Meeting was held at Austin, April 17, 1857. Ministers present—Alexander, Dickson, Baker, Tenney, Wilson, Overstreet. Absent—Balch and Boone. Only two elders reported present—A. H. Cook, of Austin, and Samuel Carothers.



Pleasant Hill had been organized by Rev. Overstreet, Feb. 14. In the reports concerning collections it is noted that no collections had been taken in the Austin church on account of the absence of the pastor during the greater part of the year. Nearly all the churches reported collections. This meeting was held a few days after one of the most disastrous spring freezes in the history of the country—two freezes, indeed, five or six days apart. The wheat was killed in all the wheat growing region, the young corn also, and as old corn was very scarce in the country, the prospect was gloomy indeed. In view of this and of the spiritual dearth, Wednesday, the 29th of the month, was appointed a day of fasting and prayer, to be observed by our churches. A form for keeping session books was adopted and recommended to the sessions, and though not followed in full, it has probably had a good deal of influence since upon the manner of keeping the books. It was drawn up by Rev. M. Dickson.

The Eighth Meeting was held in the Milford church, October 29, 1857. Six ministers present; absent, Alexander and Baker. Only two elders present, J. Means, of Oak Island, and H. G. Bostwick, of Milford. On account of the small number of elders present at several meetings, a rule was adopted that each minister present, if unaccompanied by an elder, should give a reason therefor. The minutes of the meeting show the usual earnest attention to the spiritual situation and to benevolent work. Yet the narrative says: "There have been no revivals and few additions—worldly-mindedness perhaps more than usually prevalent. Yet there is manifestly a growing interest in, and increasing attendance upon the preaching of the Word. There is also a pressing desire in every direction for the labors of ministers of our church." A committee was appointed to inquire into the expedience of establishing a Presbyterial Academy.

The Presbytery met by adjournment November 6th, during the sessions of Synod at Palestine, and received Rev. A. J. Loughridge from the Presbytery of Eastern Texas.

The Presbytery now contained nine ministers and thirteen churches. For several years there was little change in the situation, and little growth. The narratives from time to time show that the members of the Presbytery were alive to the condition of things, and were earnestly at work.

The Ninth Meeting was held at the String Prairie church, April 8th, 1858. Present, six ministers; absent, Alexander, Balch and Baker. Two elders only were present. Mr. Baker was absent from the Presbytery for several months at this time, writing his biography of his father, Rev. Dr. Daniel Baker. The effort to have two presbyterial sermons at each meeting had not

been very successful, and at this time the rule was changed, and only one appointed. The Oak Island church was recommended to the Church Extension committee for aid—\$250—to complete their house of worship. The General Assembly, at New Orleans, this year was attended by Rev. L. Tenney.

The Tenth Meeting was held at the Oak Island church, October 28th, 1858. Present, six ministers; absent, Baker, Balch, Boone. Only one elder reported present. Rev. Thos. Alexander had removed to Oak Island some time before, and at this meeting he received a call and was installed pastor of the Oak Island church. The installation sermon did double duty, being also a dedication sermon for the new house of worship. The first meeting of the Presbytery with this church was held in a log building. Rev. J. T. Balch was dismissed to the Presbytery of Red River. He died at Minden, La., about the end of the year 1861. He was a native (probably) of Tennessee; had preached in Arkansas some time before coming to Texas, and when this Presbytery was organized was stated supply to the Oak Island church, in which work he continued till a short time before he left the State. At this meeting, appointments were made for a visitation of the churches of the Presbytery, two ministers being sent to each church.

The Eleventh Meeting was held at Carolina church, April 21st, 1859. Five ministers present; three absent. Four elders present. The committee on Presbyterial Academy reported that it had no action to recommend, and the subject was dropped. After the death of the colporteur, Dr. Barbee, the books he had on hand had been taken by the members of the Presbytery, to pay for and dispose of as best they could. An effort had been made to get another colporteur, but was unsuccessful. It had been proposed also that each minister should take \$12 worth of books annually, and dispose of them. The report at this meeting showed only a very small measure of success. T. M. Carter, a licentiate of Transylvania Presbytery, was given permission to labor in the Presbytery. He had prepared for the ministry, but a serious impediment in his speech prevented his preaching much. After the war, he joined a colony to Brazil, and died there. A second appointment was made for a visitation of the churches, going "two and two." The appointments made at the last meeting were reported generally filled. The Presbytery was represented in the General Assembly this year by Rev. T. Alexander and Dr. R. S. Shannon, elder, of La Grange.

The Twelfth Meeting was at La Grange, October 28th, 1859. Present, five ministers and three ruling elders. Rev. Amzi Bradshaw, from Tennessee, a minister of the New School church, had

preached for some time at La Grange, and died there June 5th, 1859. A memorial of him was placed on the records of the Presbytery. The subject of the committee of Missions, to be established at New Orleans, came before the Presbytery, and the clerk was directed to correspond with the Secretary of the Board of Missions with regard to the meaning of the act establishing the committee. The objection to it was that it threw the church in the South entirely on its own resources, the board at Philadelphia not being expected to give any aid, a thing which we had not previously supposed was intended.

The Thirteenth Meeting was held at Georgetown, April 19th, 1860. Present, six ministers. Only one elder present, R. Sansom, of Georgetown. Rev. J. M. McChord having returned from Indiana, was present, but was not received till the next meeting. A resolution was passed cordially approving the establishing of the "Advisory Committee of Missions" at New Orleans. Rev. R. M. Overstreet was commissioner to the General Assembly. The narrative of the state of religion makes a comparison with the state of things four years before, to show how little growth there had been, with all the labor expended. In '56, 8 ministers, 2 candidates, 11 churches, 27 added on examination, 45 on certificate, 13 colored communicants, 328 total number of communicants, 7 adults and 36 infants baptized, 227 children in Sabbath-schools, \$3771 total contributions. In '60, 8 ministers, no candidates, 13 churches, 16 added on examination, 24 on certificate, 11 colored communicants, 386 total communicants, 2 adults and 21 infants baptized, 117 children in Sabbath-schools, \$4599 total contributions.

The Fourteenth Meeting was held at Round Top, October 27th, 1860. Present, five ministers and three ruling elders. An overture was ordered to be sent to the Synod to divide the Presbytery on the line of the Brazos river, and to add to the new Presbytery on the east side of the river the counties of Leon and Robertson from the Brazos Presbytery. A committee was appointed on application of persons at Clifton to organize a church at that place.

The Fifteenth Meeting took place at the Blue Ridge church, April 18th, 1861. Present, five ministers; absent, four. Four elders enrolled. The churches of North Bosque and of Belton were received under the care of the Presbytery. The Stated Clerk, L. Tenney, being engaged in teaching, which for the time prevented his regular attendance at the meetings, sent in his resignation. Rev. J. M. McChord was elected clerk. Rev. Wm. Baker was chosen commissioner to the General Assembly, and attended the memorable session of that body in Philadelphia in

May, 1861. He did not meet the Presbytery to afterwards render a report of his attendance. The story was told by some who were there, that in making a speech upon the issues of the day, he began with, "I am the son of Daniel Baker," and went on to say that he was glad that his father had not lived to see that day.

The Sixteenth Meeting was held at Milford, October 10th, 1861. The troubles of the "war times" were beginning to be heavily felt, and the Presbytery was called upon to define its position in regard to the changes taking place in church relations. Yet the meeting was a small one, M. Dickson, J. M. McChord and L. Tenney being the only ministers present. The ruling elders were Dr. T. L. C. Means, of Oak Island; T. W. Archibald, of North Bosque; H. G. Bostwick, of Milford, and A. V. Lea, of Carolina. The usual routine of business was gone through. Rev. S. Martin, of Ningpo Presbytery, received permission to preach for the Lancaster Presbytery till the next meeting. Mr. Martin had spent some time as a missionary in China, and expected to return there. Whether he did or not, the writer is not able to say.

The following paper was adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, by declaring in their resolution, that we are under obligations to promote and to perpetuate, so far as in us lies, the integrity of the United States, and to strengthen, uphold and encourage the Federal Government, has required of its members in the Confederate States to do that which would be treasonable against the powers that be in these States, thereby leaving no course open for us to pursue but to separate from that General Assembly; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, 1st. That our connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America be and is hereby dissolved.

2nd. That this Presbytery will appoint commissioners to unite with commissioners from the other Presbyteries in the Confederate States in organizing a General Assembly, at Augusta, Georgia, on the 4th day of December next, or at whatever time and place the majority of them may designate, and to consult, vote and determine on all things that may come before that body according to the principles and constitution of this church in the Confederate States of America.

Another resolution affirmed adherence to the constitution as it then existed.

Rev. L. Tenney and Elder J. H. Dobbin were chosen commis-

sioners to the Assembly. The former attended the meeting, the latter did not.

The narrative noted the fact, that in the midst of general coldness one church, Carolina, showed signs of a revival, and an appointment was for a protracted meeting there.

The Seventeenth Meeting was held at Carolina church, April 17th, 1862. Present, four ministers and three ruling elders. Rev. Jos. Boone was dismissed to Brazos Presbytery. Commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly, but it would have been scarcely possible for them to attend. Appointments were made for missionary work as usual. Mr. Boone had spent most of the time he was in the Presbytery at La Grange, preaching to that and the Round Top churches. He was the first Texas raised young man, though not a native of this State, to enter the ministry of our church.

The Eighteenth Meeting was appointed to be held at Belton, October 30, 1862. Only two ministers appearing, preaching was kept up each day till Sabbath night. In connection with this meeting the writer made one of the horseback trips which made those times memorable to the ministers who were preaching here. Two days' ride to the Presbytery, thence to Chappell Hill, three days, to attend the meeting of the Synod. Arriving there, he found himself necessary to a quorum, being the only one present from this Presbytery, and only two other Presbyteries represented. Returning, the Sabbath was spent at Carolina to preach a funeral sermon for some young persons who had died of disease, brought from the army, the trip occupying three weeks. This was the only meeting of the Synod from November, 1860, till May, 1865.

The Nineteenth Meeting was at Oak Island church, April 16th, 1863. Present, three ministers and three ruling elders. The usual routine was gone through. A petition to the Synod was adopted to change its time of meeting from November to October. The older members could not attend the meetings in November on account of the danger of exposure to cold. The narrative speaks of some encouraging things, especially several conversions reported at Austin.

The Twentieth Meeting at String Prairie, October, 1863, failed for lack of a quorum. The Twenty-first was held at String Prairie, April 21, 1864. Present, three ministers and one ruling elder. This meeting was saddened by two things. Bro. Loughridge had come from his home at Blue Ridge, but before the time for meeting, a messenger came to call him home on account of the dangerous illness of his wife, He reached home just in time to see her breathe her last. The other was the call to commemorate the death of Rev. Thos. Alexander, a month before.

Mr. Alexander was born near Paris, Kentucky, March 29th, 1800. He studied theology at Princeton, and spent a year in missionary labor in Western Missouri. He preached for a number of years at Selma, Ala. An elder who had known him there, when he heard he was in Texas, said he never saw a better trained Presbyterian community than that which grew up under Mr. Alexander at Selma. After spending several years in Indiana, he came to Texas, as has been said, in 1854. After the organization of the McLennan county church he preached for it at two or three points, and did missionary work besides, till he was called to Oak Island. He died March 26th, 1864. A younger brother of his was one of the early missionaries of the American Board at the Hawaiian Islands.

Rev. R. M. Loughridge was received from the Presbytery of the Creek Nation. For the first time the election of commissioners to the General Assembly and preparation of statistical report were omitted. The churches were called upon to contribute for the support of the missionaries in the Indian Territory who were cut off from help from the east of the Mississippi. "Lights and shadows." While this meeting was in progress, the members were invited to attend the marriage of a grand-daughter of Father Wilson to a returned student.

The Twenty-second Meeting took place at Carolina church, October 6th, 1864. Present, six ministers and five ruling elders. No business of special importance transacted. The usual reports were rendered on missionary labor, showing a good degree of activity in the members, and the narrative had some encouraging things, among others that the people were less disposed than they had been to make the stress of the times an excuse for not attending to duty.

The Twenty-third Meeting was at Milford, March 30th, 1865. Present, three ministers and one ruling elder. Rev. Hillery Mosely was received from the Presbytery of Eastern Texas, and permission given the Oak Island church to employ him. He had been teaching for some time at Woodland, six miles from Oak Island church. The name of the first church of McLennan county was changed to Waco. Revs. W. M. and S. A. King were present as corresponding members. The narrative shows the coloring that had prevailed largely during the war—a good degree of interest in the churches generally, some conversions, and a desire to hear the gospel where it is not preached, notwithstanding the wickedness which in such a time largely prevailed in the country. The Synod having been called to meet in La Grange in May, the Presbytery adjourned to meet there. At that time, the union between our General Assembly and the



United Synod having been consummated, Revs. W. M. and S. A. King, according to the terms of that union, became members of the Presbytery. Rev. W. A. Smith was received from the Presbytery of Western Texas. In making this trip to La Grange, nearly 200 miles from Milford, an incident occurred not easily forgotten. A party of four reaching Cameron just at night, could find no place of entertainment, but were told we could procure lodging two miles farther on across Little river. Father Dickson was feeling the infirmities of age and ill health, and was nearly worn out. The writer, having an acquaintance in town whose hospitality he thought he could venture to test, took Father Dickson with him to the house, where we were cordially received. Rev. S. A. King and Elder H. G. Bostwick crossed the river, and following the directions given, found themselves in the dense woods without a road and darkness upon them. They were upon what in high water was an island and no road across it. After *feeling* their way about for an hour or two, they heard the barking of a dog, and by following the sound succeeded in getting out, and arrived at their destination about 9 o'clock. Their host, finding where they had been, told them that, though he had hunted over that place many a time, and knew every foot of it, if he should get caught in there at night, he would not attempt to get out till daylight. Rev. S. A. King attended the meeting of the General Assembly at Macon this year.

The Twenty-fourth Meeting was held at the Oak Island church, September 28th, 1865. Present, five ministers and two ruling elders. The stated clerk, J. M. McChord, was residing at this time in Grayson county. He resigned, and L. Tenney was elected to the office. The churches were charged to send up statistical reports to the next meeting, as this had not been done for some time. A Domestic Missionary Committee was appointed, but could not accomplish much. Mr. McChord, though living at Sherman, was preaching at the Lancaster church, and during the autumn held a protracted meeting there, at which there were sixteen or eighteen added to the church on profession of faith—one bright spot in the general darkness. The narrative speaks of the ministers being hampered in their work by the necessity of laboring at other employments for support.

The Twenty-fifth Meeting was at Georgetown, March 29th, 1866. The ministers present were M. Dickson, W. M. and S. A. King, R. M. and A. J. Loughridge and R. M. Overstreet, Ruling Elder R. Sansom, of Georgetown, and A. McMillan, of County Line church, recently organized by Rev. H. Moseley.

Mr. Sansom offered a resolution at this meeting signed by himself and Mr. Overstreet: "That this Presbytery now take

steps to return to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America." It was discussed, and when brought to a vote only those who had signed it voted for it. A report on the minutes of the General Assembly expressed hearty concurrence in and co-operation with the measures proposed by the Assembly to get the church in working order, and approval of the statements of the Assembly concerning our relations to the Northern church, and warned the members and sessions of our churches against entertaining or employing any who might come among us to divide and destroy. Rev. R. M. Overstreet was dismissed to the Presbytery of Indianapolis. A letter was received from Mr. Baker, asking that the pastoral relation between himself and the Austin church be dissolved. As the Presbytery had no intimation of the wishes of the church in this matter, it was deferred to an adjourned meeting in Melford, April 21st. At this time a letter was received from Rev. T. McRae, who was preaching to the Austin church, stating that the church gave consent to the dissolution of the pastoral relation, but declined to send a delegate to the meeting because it disclaimed all connection with this Presbytery. It was decided to give Mr. Baker a letter dismissing him to Zanesville Presbytery, but no action was taken on the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

The statistical report of this year, the first sent to the Southern General Assembly, showed the Presbytery to consist of ten ministers and fifteen churches, with 335 members. The total contributions reported were \$2,340.

The Twenty-sixth Meeting was at Lancaster, September 29, 1866. Present, five ministers and three ruling elders. Rev. S. A. King was elected Commissioner to the General Assembly, to meet in November, in Memphis. Jas. C. Milford, was alternate elder, and attended the Assembly. The Presbytery continued to urge upon the churches more earnest action in every department of Christian work. Details would unnecessarily encumber these pages. A committee was appointed to address the churches on the subject of representation in the Presbytery.

The Twenty-seventh Meeting was held at String Prairie church, April 4, 1867. Present, five ministers and two ruling elders. Rev. B. Y. George was received from the Presbytery of Londonderry, P. C., U. S. A. This brother took this road to Missouri, as he could not at that time get a letter to the portion of the church in Missouri which was being treated as in rebellion.

The Twenty-eighth Meeting took place at Eutaw, near where Kosse now stands, August 15, 1867. Present, seven ministers and three ruling elders. Mr. Dickson and Ruling Elder W.

T. M. Dickson, of Oak Island church, were elected commissioners to the General Assembly. The latter attended the meeting at Nashville, Tennessee. After this the General Assembly met in May. The Synod at its meeting in July had appointed an evangelist for each of the Presbyteries; this Presbytery, Rev. S. A. King. The Presbytery recognized the appointment, and authorized the evangelist to organize churches, and in making appointments for vacant churches requested those appointed to meet the evangelist on his visits to the several places. Appointments were also made according to the order of the General Assembly of Ruling Elders, to hold services in the vacant churches. No report of this kind of work done, however, appears ever to have been made. Mr. King spent several months in the work, giving, however, a part of this time to the churches of Milford and Waco, which he had been previously supplying. He organized two churches, Corsicana and Dallas. There had been a church organized at Dallas several years before, but it had disappeared. Most of his time was spent, however, in building up the weak churches already existing. Austin and Georgetown, at this time, required especially this kind of work.

The new book of Church Order having been adopted by the Assembly of 1866, came before the Presbytery. It was voted that in view of the unsettled state of the church, it would be well to defer it to a more convenient season; also that as it had been so short a time before us we decline to vote on the question of its adoption.

On the subject of benevolence, it was recommended that each church should have a book in which should be enrolled the names of those who would give 5 cents a week, those who would give 10 cents a week, and so on up to 25 cents a week. This was to be in addition to the quarterly collections enjoined by the General Assembly.

The first pro rata meeting of the Presbytery was held at Robinson, February 15, 1868, to dismiss Rev. B. Y. George to the Presbytery of Missouri.

The Twenty-ninth Meeting was held at the County Line church, April 3d, 1868. Present, six ministers and five ruling elders. Rev. Neill McDonald was received from the Presbytery of Fayetteville. One part of the business of this meeting was the adoption of a memorial of the life and services of Rev. Hugh Wilson, who had died on the eighth of March. A committee of sustentation, to act in concert with the Assembly's Executive Committee, was appointed, the beginning of the present system of corresponding committees. The narrative says: Owing to the prostration of every kind of business, and the uncertainty which

hangs like a pall over the future, the energies of the church are to a great extent paralyzed, yet a large majority of our churches are carrying out the plan of systematic benevolence, etc. Rev. H. Moseley was commissioner to the General Assembly.

Rev. Hugh Wilson was born in North Carolina, March 16th, 1794. He was the eldest son of Rev. L. F. Wilson, of Fourth Creek church, of whom an account may be found in Foote's Sketches of North Carolina. He was educated at the College of New Jersey, and the Theological Seminary at Princeton. He was married at Princeton, June 12, 1822, to Miss Ethelinda Hall. Soon after he went as a missionary to the Choctaw Indians, and three years after established a mission station, on Cane creek, among the Chickasaws, about eighteen miles from Tuscombua, Alabama, where he remained about seven years. When they sold their lands, he removed to Tennessee, where he resided five years, preaching to the Mountain church (said to be the church now called Mt. Carmel). In 1837, he visited Texas, coming as far west as Washington county. He removed his family to the State in 1838. Stopping for some time at San Augustine, he organized there, May, 1838, the first Presbyterian church in the State. In February, 1839, he organized the church at Independence, and April 3d, 1840, with Revs. W. Y. Allen and John McCullough and Elder John McFarland, who had come west with him, from San Augustine, organized the Presbytery of Brazos. He organized the church at Gay Hill, so long the charge of the late Dr. J. W. Miller, and resided there for some time. In 1850, he removed to Burleson county, where, in 1852, he organized the String Prairie church, to which he continued to preach till just before his death, which occurred after a short illness, on the 8th of March, 1868. He was married in 1858, to his second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Reid, widow of a missionary in the Indian Territory, and sister of Revs. R. M. and A. J. Loughridge. One daughter alone of his family is now living.

Not alone the connection of Mr. Wilson with the early history of our church in the State, but his personal character and the affection he inspired in every one who knew him, made this separation more than ordinarily a sad one to those who remained behind. He was a singularly modest and retiring man, preferring the seclusion of a country charge, yet he was a forcible and instructive preacher, and faithful, working and successful pastor. His end was peace.

The Thirtieth Meeting was held at Milford August 27, 1868. Present, eight ministers and seven elders. The Corsicana church was received.

The Thirty-first Meeting was held at Carolina church April

15, 1869. Present, six ministers and eight ruling elders. Rev. J. A. Smylie was at this meeting, and the Milford church was given leave to employ him. Rev. T. J. Bonner, of the U. R. Presbyterian church was a corresponding member. Mr. Bonner during the time he preached at the County Line church was quite a regular attendant at the meetings of the Presbytery. The standing rules of the Presbytery were collected and embodied. A report to the General Assembly on Sabbath-schools, shows in seven schools about 400 scholars, the others churches working with Union schools, or for lack of church buildings or other causes having no schools. This is the first report to the Assembly on this subject. Rev. A. J. Loughridge and Elder R. H. Orr, of Milford, attended the General Assembly this year.

The Thirty-second Meeting took place at Waco, October 28, 1869. Present, including those received, ten ministers and eight elders. Three ministers absent. Revs. J. A. Smylie, of the Presbytery of Tombigbee, J. A. Walker, of South Alabama and Robert McCoy, of Bethel, were received. Dr. A. A. Porter, having visited the State in behalf of the Home Mission Committee in the fall of 1868, had now returned to Texas, and permission was given to the Austin church to employ him. The name of the String Prairie church was changed to Hugh Wilson.

The subject of the pastoral relation came before the body on resolutions of the Assembly and Synod. It was answered that the weakness of our churches prevented the formation of the relation, that there was careful Presbyterial supervision of the working of the system of State supplies, and the attention of the stronger churches was called to the matter. The church at large was at this time calling loudly for active labor and liberal contributions in all departments, and the Presbytery responded heartily, urging upon the churches their liberal and active participation. The subject of an endowment of \$50,000 for the Publication Committee was presented, and an effort resolved on to endeavor to raise for the purpose an amount equal to 20 cents per communicant.

The Thirty-third Meeting was held at Austin, April 20, 1870. Present, six ministers and six elders. Dr. A. A. Porter was received from the Presbytery of South Carolina. R. M. Loughridge was dismissed to Western Texas Presbytery, and Mr. McCoy to Eastern Texas. A. J. Loughridge accepted a call to the pastorate of the Hugh Wilson church, and was duly installed on the first Sabbath of July. Committees were appointed to visit the churches receiving aid from the sustentation fund to stimulate them to do their whole duty in sustaining themselves. The new book of Church Order was before the body. The judgment



was expressed that no change should be made in the present form of government and book of discipline. S. A. King and Elder R. G. Cooke went to the General Assembly.

The Thirty-fourth Meeting was held at Oak Island, November 1, 1870. Present, twelve ministers and ten ruling elders. No ministers absent. This full attendance was partly due to the fact that the Synod was to meet there just after the Presbytery. The Synod, with the consent of the Presbytery, transferred the churches of La Grange and Round Top at their own request to the Brazos Presbytery. The Richland church in the western part of Navarro county, organized by Rev. J. A. Smylie with fourteen members, was received. The narrative without specifying particulars, speaks of "delightful revivals in several of the churches." In view of rapidly increasing immigration to the country, Rev. McDonald was commissioned evangelist for the unoccupied territory east of the Brazos for the unemployed part of his time, and Rev. L. Tenney for that west of the Brazos. The former resigned at the next meeting of the Presbytery, and during the year removed from Lancaster to the Unity church in Coryell county. The latter having only one Sabbath per month unoccupied, organized in the summer following the Unity church.

The second pro re nata meeting was held at Milford, February 8, 1871, to change the time of the spring meeting to the Thursday before the first Sabbath of April. This made the trip to the meeting at Lancaster a remarkable one on account of the rain and mud encountered. Dr. Porter traveled from Austin to Waco in the stage, from there Mr. Baswick took him and Rev. S. A. King to Milford in his hack. The roads had become so heavy that it was found necessary to make the rest of the trip on horseback. The writer had held a meeting at the North Bosque church the previous Sabbath, and arrived at Milford in the rain Tuesday about noon. Wednesday evening he, Dr. Porter, Mr. King and Mr. Loughridge rode out six miles to Chambers creek. Thursday noon they stopped at a house some miles above Waxahachie to eat their lunch; the ground being too wet to partake of it in the usual way, they found place in a friendly house. Before they were ready to start it commenced raining—a steady down pour till nearly night. The family giving up the main room to the guests, did the best they could in the shed room. Just at night a young stranger also applied for shelter. This gave a prospect of a crowd in one bed, which one of our party avoided by improvising a pallet before the fire. Arriving at Lancaster at noon on Friday, it was found that the Presbytery had adjourned till night, the afternoon being thus lost for work.



At night, March 30th, the opening sermon was preached. On Saturday the business was gone through with in haste, but in order and without any slighting. Not much time was consumed in speech making. There were present seven ministers and four ruling elders. The subject of colportage had been before the body for two or three meetings, and an effort made to set a colporteur at work, but the committee were compelled to report in substance, that at present it seemed impracticable. Dr. Porter had been appointed to preach on the subject of "A call to the ministry." He stated that in studying the subject to prepare the sermon his own views had undergone a change and he was not prepared to preach. The appointment was continued. Dr. Porter and Elder E. H. Carter were elected commissioners to the General Assembly. An arrangement was made to supply each minister and ruling elder with a copy of the minutes of the Assembly.

The Thirty-sixth Meeting was at Carolina church, October 28, 1871. Present, seven ministers and nine elders. The churches of Bethel and Unity were received. Rev. M. C. Conoley was received from the Presbytery of Brazos. It is proper to state, to show the effort of the Presbytery to bring and keep the churches up to a high standard of duty in giving, that an elaborate report was made at this meeting, on the whole subject of systematic benevolence, showing just what each church had given in the previous five years, and comparing it with what *ought to be*.

Dr. Porter preached his sermon on A Call to the Ministry. The sermon took the ground that the usual view that a call to the ministry is a special and immediate work of the spirit, is an error, and that where there is a need of laborers in the vineyard, the possession of the needful talents is in itself a call to the work. The sermon was published in the *Southern Presbyterian Review*, and the Presbytery had 500 copies printed from the types of the *Review* and distributed among the churches. This publication led to a discussion of the subject in the *Review* between Dr. Porter and Dr. J. B. Adger.

The Thirty-seventh Meeting took place at Belton, April 18, 1872. Present, nine ministers and six elders. Waxahachie church was received. Commissions had been appointed at the fall meeting to visit all the churches, and were appointed again at this meeting. The subject of a new arrangement of Presbyteries and division of the Synod had been before the body for several sessions, but came to nothing. The commissioners to the General Assembly this year were J. A. Smylie and Champe Carter, Sr.

The Thirty-eighth Meeting was held at Hugh Wilson church,

October 10, 1872. Present, eight ministers and six elders. Mayesfield church was received. J. M. Robinson, a licentiate of South Carolina Presbytery, received permission to labor in the Presbytery. R. O. Williams was received under care, as a candidate for the ministry. He had studied for a year under direction of the Committee of Education, and was considered a young man of much promise, but at the fall meeting of the next year his death was recorded. The present body of Standing Rules, variously amended, however, since, was adopted.

The Thirty-ninth Meeting was at Waco, April 10, 1873. Present, nine ministers and eleven ruling elders. Among the visitors were Revs. E. B. Wright, of Austin Presbytery, and W. Dickson, of Upper Missouri P. C., U. S. A. Mr. Wright "addressed the Presbytery, giving expression to strong fraternal feeling." A resolution, reciprocating it, was adopted.

Caldwell church (which afterwards became Yellow Prairie church) was received. Rev. J. D. Porter was given permission to labor in the Presbytery at Burnet and Lampasas. It does not appear that he ever rendered any report of labor there. Mr. J. A. Woodburn, a licentiate, was received on certificate from Wilmington Presbytery. He never reported to the Presbytery except to ask a dismission to Mecklenburg, which was given him in April, 1875.

Rev. A. A. Porter, D. D., having died at his home in Austin, Sabbath, December 8, 1872, an obituary of him was adopted. Dr. Porter was born at Asheville, North Carolina, October 12, 1817, but removed to South Carolina, and afterwards to Alabama, while still a boy. He graduated at Princeton with the first honors in 1836. He studied theology at Columbia, and was licensed by Tuscaloosa Presbytery in October, 1842. He preached in several places until, in 1848, he became pastor of Globe Street church in Charleston. In 1851, he took charge of the church in Selma, Ala., and continued there till compelled, in 1860, to give up pastoral work by ill health. He then edited the *Southern Presbyterian* till the close of the war. After preaching for a time in Spartanburg, he visited Texas under direction of the Home Mission Committee in the fall of 1868, being present at the meeting of the Synod that year. The next May he removed to Texas and entered upon the work in Austin, which continued to the end of his life. Abundant testimony is borne by his co-laborers in South Carolina and Alabama to his eminent ability and faithfulness in his work.

Reference has been made to the discussion between Dr. Porter and Dr. Adger in the *Southern Presbyterian Review* of the subject of A Call to the Ministry. In a note to Dr. Adger's last article,

which appeared after Dr. Porter's death, he paid a hearty tribute to Dr. Porter's worth, and said that since the death of Dr. Thornwell, he was second in ability to no man in the church. Though laboring under many disadvantages in Texas, he was equal to the expectations formed concerning him. He had a power in setting forth the truth plainly and forcibly, seldom equalled. Of the pungency of his preaching a judgment may be formed from the remark of one who, after hearing him, said that he left less ground for the sinner to stand upon than any man he ever heard. The last weeks of his life were a time of much suffering; but he left abundant testimony to the faithfulness of the Savior he had so long trusted and so faithfully and ably preached.

Rev. Neill McDonald and Ruling Elder J. W. Shive represented the Presbytery in the Assembly at Little Rock.

The Fortieth Meeting was appointed to be at Austin, November 2d, 1873, but high waters prevented. A pro re nata meeting was called. It was held in Houston, December 4th, and resolved "That this shall be the time and place of holding the regular meeting." Present, seven ministers and two ruling elders. Rev. H. McDonald was received from the Presbytery of Eastern Texas.

Efforts had been continued at the successive meetings to have some arrangement to employ an evangelist. At this meeting, the Sustentation Committee was directed to employ Rev. Dr. Byers, if his services could be procured, but no way was devised to secure a salary.

The Forty-first Meeting took place at Oak Island church, March 26th, 1874. Present, six ministers and nine ruling elders. Six ministers absent. J. A. McMurray and W. H. McCullough were received as candidates for the ministry. Fort Worth church, organized by a committee, J. A. Smylie chairman, was received. Rev. W. M. Kilpatrick, of West Texas Presbytery, received permission to labor, and supplied the Fort Worth church for some time. Rev. Michael Dickson having died on the 8th of March, a memorial of him was placed on record. He was born February 8th, 1797, consequently was seventy-seven years and one month old. He was licensed to preach in South Carolina, June, 1820. He preached for some time in South Carolina and Georgia, afterwards in Alabama, whence he removed to Texas in 1851. He lived at Springfield, then a flourishing county seat, now, in consequence of the railroad's passing near, a ploughed field, where he and his daughters were engaged in teaching. Soon after the organization of the Milford church, he removed to that place, and supplied the church till 1862. He was also actively engaged in missionary work. He had no

charge after '63, but preached as opportunity offered and his strength permitted. "He was a man pre-eminent for his spirituality and godly walk." Presbytery adjourned to meet at Waxahachie May 30th. At this adjourned meeting, Rev. H. B. Rose was received from Abingdon Presbytery: The Marlin church, organized by H. Moseley and L. Tenney, was received, and licentiate W. S. Johnson received from Eastern Texas Presbytery, and ordained and installed pastor of Waxahachie church. H. Moseley and Elder P. McCammon, of Corsicana, went to the General Assembly.

A pro re nata meeting was held in Waco, August 12th, 1874, to receive Rev. C. H. Dobbs, and appoint an evangelist, if the way should be found clear. Five ministers and six elders were present. Mr. Dobbs was received from Ebenezer Presbytery, but no evangelist was appointed.

The Forty-second Meeting was at Corsicana, October 22d, 1874. Present, ten ministers and twelve elders. Rev. W. M. Kilpatrick was received from the Presbytery of Western Texas. The Weatherford church, organized by a committee, S. A. King, chairman, was received. An evangelist, Rev. R. McInnis, was elected. The Presbytery not being prepared to pay any definite part of the salary, the Assembly's committee was asked to assume it. But in this case, as they had done before, they declined, as it was not in accordance with their instructions as to the manner of carrying on their work.

The Forty-third Meeting took place at the Carolina church, April 15th, 1875.

The churches of Robinson, Kosse, Alvarado, Eureka Valley, and Comanche, were received. One candidate of the Presbytery had just finished his first year in the Seminary. The Presbytery had pledged itself to pay his expenses, and the churches furnished \$170, and paid \$25 besides, to the central committee. Eight churches were added to the list during the year, and the increase of the number of communicants reported was 226, over 27 per cent. Rev. Neill McDonald had died February 10th. He was born and reared in North Carolina, educated at Union Seminary, and had preached about twenty-five years in Fayetteville Presbytery previous to his coming to Texas, in the winter of '67 and '68. Till the fall of 1871, he lived at Lancaster, supplied the church there, and also preached at Dallas, and did other missionary work. He took charge of the Unity church in '71, giving it half his time, preaching also to the North Bosque church, and doing missionary work. He organized the Comanche church in December, '74, and it was in returning from an appointment there that he took the disease that terminated his

life. He was a modest, unassuming man, but an earnest, faithful and sound preacher. He was in his sixty-third year.

At an adjourned meeting, in Austin, May 7th to 9th, Rev. J. H. Grasty, D. D., was received from Louisville Presbytery, and installed pastor of Austin church.

A resolution was passed approving the action of the committee that had been appointed by the last Assembly to confer with a committee of the Northern Assembly on the subject of fraternal relations.

An overture to the Assembly was adopted, asking that there be a change in the policy of the Assembly on the subject of evangelistic work; the Assembly to assume the work in such fields as this, and not expecting the Presbytery to pay the salary of the evangelists, or a large proportion of it. The overture states, among other things, that "The territory is about equal in extent to one of the older States. Of the twenty-nine churches, only seven own houses of worship, some of them unfinished, and one or two built years ago, inadequate to their present wants. Many of the members have been but a short time in the country, did not bring much pecuniary means, and are struggling to get their houses in a condition that they may live in some comfort. The complaint of poverty is much better founded than if there was not thus an urgent call for the investment of every dollar beyond what is needed for their daily wants." The answer of the Assembly was to authorize the committee to construe liberally the provision for exceptional cases in its application to this Presbytery. Commissioners to the General Assembly, L. Tenney and T. L. C. Means.

The Forty-fourth Meeting took place at the Hugh Wilson church, October 29, 1875. Present during the sessions thirteen ministers and sixteen elders. Rev. G. P. Richardson was received from North Mississippi, and Rev. L. D. Lea from Knoxville; Licentiate J. M. Robinson from South Carolina, and the churches Nazareth, Ennis and Cleburne enrolled.

The support of candidate McMurray had been taken up by the Assembly's committee, but the churches were urged to contribute liberally toward it, and the whole subject of systematic benevolence was pressed upon them as it had been so often done. Rev. H. Moseley was appointed evangelist (during the adjourned session at Austin) and the sustentation committee directed, in case he did not accept, to look for another man, and if one were found, to call a pro re nata meeting to make the necessary arrangements. A meeting was called for January 20, in Waco, but there were present at it, besides the Rev. H. McDonald, whom it was pro-

posed to appoint, only W. M. and S. A. King and three elders. Nothing was done.

The Forty-fifth Meeting took place at Milford, April 6, 1876. Present, ten ministers and fourteen ruling elders. Rev. W. M. Kilpatrick was dismissed to the Presbytery of Western Texas. Rev. W. F. Gillespie was received from Presbytery of Louisiana. G. R. Waddell was received under care as a candidate. Alvarado church was dissolved and the members transferred to the Cleburne church. The General Assembly of 1875 having taken favorable action concerning the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance, a paper was offered, requesting the Assembly to refuse to join the alliance. The vote on the paper was seven ayes and sixteen nays. Rev. W. H. Vernor, then of the Brazos Presbytery, was present and made an animated address on the subject of establishing a Presbyterian Female College in the State. The Presbytery gave a hearty and favorable response.

The publication committee, W. S. Johnson, chairman, had at this time a depository at Waxahachie, and two colporteurs were employed for a time. Rev. J. M. McChord died on the 22d of March. He was the son of Rev. James McChord, of Lexington. He was educated at Hanover College, and spent the early years of his ministry in Indiana. His coming to this State has been mentioned in these pages. He lived mostly at or near Cotton Gin, except a short time at Sherman. He supplied stately for a time the churches of Chambers Creek and Lancaster. Otherwise he appears to have preached only as occasional opportunities offered and as he was appointed to special services by the Presbytery. He served as stated clerk from April, 1861, to September, 1865. "He was a gentle, amiable, humble Christian, and in his earlier years an efficient and active minister." He was about sixty-five years of age. Rev. C. H. Dobbs was elected evangelist. Commissioners to the general assembly—S. A. King, J. H. Hutchins.

At a pro re nata meeting, at Mexia, June 23, present three minister and one elder, the pastoral relation between Dr. J. S. Grasty and the Austin church, was, on joint petition of pastor and people, dissolved.

The Forty-sixth Meeting took place at Waxahachie, October 27, 1876. Present, ten ministers and twelve ruling elders. Rev. J. S. Grasty was dismissed to the Presbytery of Missouri. The churches of Mexia, Rockdale, Mizpeh (Hill county), and Graham were enrolled. The evangelist C. H. Dobbs made a report of his work. He had held 122 services at about twenty different places; preaching in private houses, school houses, under arbors and in the woods, and in ten counties; had assisted in organiz-



ing three churches; had received seventy-eight members, forty-eight of them on profession of faith; baptized fourteen adults and six infants; had elements for organizing three more churches and had engagements to preach and organize. He had traveled some 2200 miles; he had spent three months in finding out what was to be done, and when the field opened up was bewildered at its magnitude. Financially, \$80 had been collected, with about \$20 promised. With the report he offered his resignation as evangelist, which was accepted. Since the spring of 1869 the stated clerk (not ex officio) had held the position of chairman of the sustentation committee. In connection with his resignation of the office of evangelist, Mr. Dobbs proposed a new plan for the sustentation work: That a committee of five members, living near each other, should be appointed; that this committee should be empowered to divide up our territory into convenient fields of labor and employ ministers and settle them in these fields, were the main features. The plan was adopted, and Revs. C. H. Dobbs and S. A. King, and Elders F. H. Carter, W. F. Hague and Jno. Robinson were elected the committee. The work of thus dividing up the Presbytery was found encumbered with greater difficulties than was anticipated, but the efforts made and continued since, to group the fields, have doubtless accomplished much good. At a brief session at Dallas, during sessions of Synod, Rev. O. F. Rogers was received from the Presbytery of Chickasaw.

The Forty-seventh Meeting was held at Georgetown, April 26th, 1877. Present during the sessions, nineteen ministers and eighteen ruling elders. The following ministers were received: B. D. Thomas and W. W. Brimm, from Presbytery of Eastern Texas; R. M. Loughridge, from Western Texas; R. K. Smoot, D. D., from Muhlenburg, and A. S. Doak, from Holston. Candidate J. A. McMurray was licensed. L. T. Wilson, a candidate, was received on certificate from East Hanover and licensed, and as he was expected to labor in a new field on the frontier, was ordained. S. M. Frierson was received as a candidate. He did not carry out his intention of preparing for the ministry.

Rev. W. F. Gillespie was installed pastor of Georgetown church, and arrangements were made for the installation of Dr. Smoot at Austin, and Mr. Brimm at Fort Worth.

The new book of Church Order was before the church and the Presbytery voted against its adoption, 16 to 15.

The narrative stated that at this time, of the thirty-six churches, three have preaching every Sabbath, ten twice a month, nineteen once a month, and four none. Commissioners to the General Assembly, A. J. Loughridge and E. H. Carter.

At a pro re nata meeting in Waco, June 28th, L. B. Chaney, candidate, was received from Lexington Presbytery and licensed.

A meeting was called at Corsicana, July 20th, and a quorum was present, but owing to a mistake in the call, no business could be transacted.

The Forty-eighth Meeting was held at Waco, October 17th, 1877. Ministers present in all, fourteen; elders, fourteen. Breckenridge church was received. Licentiates J. M. Robinson and J. A. McMurray were ordained. Rev. C. H. Dobbs was installed pastor of Prairie View and Robinson churches during the week, after the meeting. A warning was given the churches against lay evangelists, so-called. The subject of a division of the Presbytery, or a general rearrangement of the Presbyteries of the State, had been before the body at several meetings, and had been acted on, sometimes favorably and sometimes unfavorably. At this meeting a petition to the Synod, to form a new Presbytery, was adopted. Rev. T. D. Lea was dismissed to the Presbytery of Eastern Texas. Mr. Lea had had no charge during the two years he was connected with the Presbytery.

The Forty-ninth Meeting was held at Weatherford, April 11th, 1878. Ministers present (including two ordained), eighteen; elders, thirteen. Licentiate C. W. Peyton was received from the Presbytery of Highland, P. C., U. S. A., and ordained. L. B. Chaney was ordained and installed pastor of the Weatherford church. Rev. Robt. Logan was received from Atlanta Presbytery. West Fork church, organized by L. T. Wilson, and Salt Spring church, organized by W. A. Smith, were received. The new book of Church Order was again voted against, 16 to 11.

Commissioners to the General Assembly, W. S. Johnson (Alt.), C. H. Dobbs, S. P. Green.

At an adjourned meeting at Prairie View church, and the camp ground near by, July 15th, Rev. W. S. Johnson was elected Evangelist, and the pastoral relation between him and the Waxahachie church dissolved.

The Fiftieth Meeting took place at Marlin, October 2nd, 1878. Ministers present, thirteen; elders, twelve. Lebanon church, in Ellis county, was enrolled. Rev. O. F. Rogers was dismissed to the Presbytery of Western Texas. Mr. A. C. Boyle was received as a candidate for the ministry. He did not enter the ministry. The meeting was saddened by the recent deaths of Revs. J. A. Smylie and M. C. Conoley. The new book of Church Order was referred to the sessions to examine and send up their views to the spring meeting. The sessions were requested to have histories of the churches prepared. The growth of the Presbytery for some years had been rapid. It now contained

twenty-four ministers and forty-two churches, and at this meeting permission was given to five ministers and two licentiates to labor in the Presbytery. An overture to the Synod was adopted asking that the Presbytery be divided by setting off a new Presbytery to comprise the territory north of the counties of Navarro, Hill, Bosque, Hamilton, Comanche, Brown, Coleman and Runnels, together with so much of Hill county as lies north of a line running east and west, and passing through Fort Graham. When the matter came up in the Synod, it was proposed to take from the Presbytery of Eastern Texas, and add to the new Presbytery, the counties through which the H. & T. C. railroad passes. After a somewhat protracted and animated discussion, the Presbytery of Dallas was thus formed.

James Smylie, a ruling elder, emigrated before the revolutionary war from Scotland to North Carolina, and from there in 1809, to Amite county, in Mississippi, where he lived to an advanced age. His second son, Rev. James Smylie, came to Mississippi in 1805, the first Presbyterian minister that settled permanently in the Southwest. John Smylie, another son of James Smylie, and father of our subject, was a ruling elder of Bethany church, and for many years probate judge of Amite county. John Archibald Smylie was born November 6, 1812. In 1830 he entered Oakland College soon after the college was opened. In 1832 he made a profession of religion and united with the church in Port Gibson, under Rev. Zebulon Butler. He had intended to study law, and had the brightest prospects for the fulfillment of the high hopes of worldly preferment. To surrender all this cost him a severe struggle. He graduated with the highest honors in 1835, and studied theology for a time with his Uncle, Rev. James Smylie. He was one of a class who studied theology for a time in the newly organized department of theology in Oakland College. The funds of the college being lost in the financial panic of '37, the school was not continued. He was licensed to preach by the Mississippi Presbytery September 19, 1838. He preached for a time at Pisgah church, and in 1840 became pastor at Camden. Three or four years after he was called to Bethany church near which he was born, and served it and Liberty twelve or fifteen years. In 1857 he moved to Point Cooper Parish and supplied several places in that section. In 1866 he lost his wife, and to educate his sons he removed to Meridian and opened a classic school. In January, 1869, he was invited to take charge of the Milford church, in this Presbytery, where he remained till his decease. He was elected commissioner to the General Assembly, and was preparing to go when he was struck down with paralysis. He rallied from this, and it appeared

probable that his health would be restored, but on September 20th, he was taken with a chill, and died on the 23rd, forty years and four days after he was licensed to preach. While at Milford he organized the Richland and Eureka Valley churches, and supplied them in connection with Milford till his death. He was instrumental in organizing the Waxahachie church and preached to it for some time.

He was an able, faithful and earnest preacher of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, and the church grew whenever he ministered to it. He was earnest and successful in defending the truth, and gave much attention to systematic theology. He was much interested in the subject of church government, and wrote considerable upon it. He held that our system in practice did not do full justice to the office of ruling elder, making too wide a distinction between the teaching and ruling elder. Mr. Smylie had twelve children, eight of whom survived him. He had the privilege of welcoming them all the communion of the church.

Rev. Malcom C. Conoley was born in Robinson county, North Carolina, August 20, 1807. He studied theology at Union Seminary. He preached in North Carolina fifteen or sixteen years, and came to Texas about 1857. He settled at Columbia, Brazoria county, and took charge of the Columbia church, teaching also part of the seven years he remained there. His ministry there was very acceptable and he was much beloved. From 1859 he taught most of the time, in Richmond and Brenham till the winter of 1867-'68. The latter part of the time he supplied the Galatia church. Thence he removed to Milam county, in a neighborhood where there were no Presbyterians, opened a school, and with his own family as a nucleus organized the Bethel church, and continued to teach and preach six or seven years. In 1871-'72 he supplied the churches in Williamson county, one of them fifty miles from his home. He also supplied the Mizpeh church one or two years. During the last year of his life he was too infirm to preach much. Being engaged so much in teaching he could not attend Presbytery regularly, and being of a retiring disposition seldom took an active part when present. He was a thorough and successful teacher, and an able, faithful preacher. He had a warm place in the hearts of those who knew him best, as a brother amiable and beloved, "an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile."

Of the seven ministers who went to the Dallas Presbytery in the division, only one is now on the list of ministers in Texas—Mr. Logan, who has for some time been infirm. L. T. Wilson demitted the ministry in '82, B. D. Thomas died in '81, and in

'82 W. S. Johnson died in Memphis, and H. McDonald in Alabama. L. B. Chaney is in Nashville Presbytery, and W. W. Brimm in Mason.

The Fifty-first Meeting was held at Oak Island, April 3d, 1879. Present, ten ministers and eleven ruling elders. Rev. J. A. Walker was dismissed to the Presbytery of Western Texas. W. S. Johnson, evangelist, reported the organization of Zion church, with thirty-one members and two ruling elders. By arrangement with Dallas Presbytery, Mr. Johnson continued for a time to serve as evangelist in both Presbyteries. His report at this time states, among other things, that he had traveled by private conveyance 2161 miles, by rail 751, visited ten counties, eleven churches, organized two churches, preached seventy-six times in twenty-five different places, and received fifteen members on profession, and seventy-three on certificate. The votes of the churches on the new book were ten for and five against, and fifteen not voting. It was adopted by the Presbytery by a vote of eleven to ten. Commissioners to the Assembly, H. Moseley and J. W. Storey.

At a pro re nata meeting in Waco, September 3d, Mr. Johnson, at his own request, was released from his engagement as evangelist. Mr. R. A. Robinson, a member of the Robinsonville church, was received as a candidate.

The Fifty-second Meeting was at Robinson, October 23d, 1879. Present, ministers, thirteen; elders, fifteen. Rev. R. M. Tuttle was received from the Presbytery of Paducah. Rev. H. Moseley was again elected evangelist, to make his headquarters at Comanche, and the presbytery adjourned to meet at Marlin to install him. The churches at Oak Island and Mexia, however, remonstrated so strongly against his removal from that field, that he was released, and Rev. J. A. McMurray was elected. At the meeting of the Synod, at Fort Worth, information was received that a church had been organized at Coleman, and circumstances rendering it expedient that the church be received as soon as practicable, the Synod was requested to order a meeting of the Presbytery for this purpose. The Synod granted the request, and the meeting was held and the church received under the name of First Church of Coleman. February 12th, 1880, at a called meeting, in Waco, Rev. J. A. McMurray was installed in the office of evangelist.

The fifty-third Meeting was held at Rockdale, April 22d, 1880. Ministers present, fifteen; ruling elders, fifteen. Licentiate A. H. P. McCurdy was received from the Presbytery of Western Texas, ordained, and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of Hutto church, which was enrolled at this meeting.

The Synod having, at the meeting in '79, ordered an overture sent to the Assembly to divide the Synod, this Presbytery, and two others sent overtures in opposition to it, and two others asking a modification of the plan. Of course the Assembly did not grant the request of the Synod. Commissioner to General Assembly, A. S. Doak.

The Fifty-fourth Meeting took place at Belton, October 14th, 1880. Present, ministers, twelve; ruling elders, nine. W. G. McDonald was received as a candidate. The organization of a church at Hamilton was reported, but as it had no officers its enrollment was deferred. The evangelist reported that in the frontier field in which he had labored there was not only a scarcity of Presbyterian ministers, but of Presbyterian people. He had traveled, approximately, 3000 miles; had preached about 100 times, but had found material to organize only the one church at Hamilton; but he hoped soon to organize at one or two other places.

An adjourned meeting was held at Waco, November 17th. Rev. R. M. Loughridge was dismissed to the Presbytery of Nesho P. C., U. S. A. The report on the minutes of the Assembly pressed upon the Presbytery and churches, especially, the subjects of evangelistic labor and colportage. The Presbyterial Committee of Sustentation was directed to meet monthly, to receive reports from evangelists, and publish such portions of them as they saw fit.

It was voted to procure a horse and vehicle for a colporteur; and to look out and employ a suitable man at \$20.00 per month and expenses. The depository at Waxahachie, after a good deal of good work done, had been closed up.

After the adjournment at Waco, the Presbytery, by order of the Synod, met again November 17th to elect an evangelist. Rev. S. M. Lockett was elected.

March 8th, 1881, a called meeting was held in Waco to elect an evangelist, but the way was not clear to do so.

The Fifty-fifth meeting took place at Zion church, April 7th, 1881. Present, ministers, fifteen; ruling elders, fifteen. Rev. H. W. Woods was received from the Presbytery of Ozark, P. C., U. S. A., and arrangements were made for his installation as pastor of Corsicana church. The Hamilton church was enrolled. Rev. H. B. Rose was elected and installed evangelist to labor on the line of the Santa Fe road and vicinity. A committee had been appointed by the Synod to confer with a committee of the Synod of the Northern church. The committees had met and formulated a plan of non-interference with each other. A paper was adopted concerning this action, strongly dissenting from it,



mainly on the ground that the rights given by the constitution could not be interfered with; that the action of the Synod was extra constitutional and dangerous, and that to comply with the propositions submitted, would require a change in the organic law of the church. A committee on "Retrenchment and Reform" recommended some changes in the working of the executive committees of the church for the sake of economy, and favored biennial sessions of the General Assembly.

The report of the Home Mission Committee showed pressing need of more help in the sustentation work. The churches had contributed only \$157.70. The Central Committee was pressed and unable to give all that was asked for. There had been contributed in the Presbytery \$600 for evangelistic work, of which \$200 was from the churches of Comanche and Hamilton, in the evangelist's field. The revised directory was criticised. Commissioners to the General Assembly: R. M. Tutton and T. C. Smith. The meeting was saddened by the recent death of Rev. A. J. Loughridge.

Andrew Jackson Loughridge was born in Laurens District, South Carolina, July 28, 1818. He studied under Dr. Waddell, and graduated at Oakland College, in 1850, and Columbia Seminary, in 1853. He was soon afterward licensed by Tombigbee Presbytery; removed to Texas and was ordained by the Presbytery of Eastern Texas. He preached for a time at St. Augustine, and did missionary work till he came into this Presbytery, in 1857. He supplied the Blue Ridge church most of the time until 1869, teaching and surveying a large part of the time for his support. In the early part of 1869 he removed to the Hugh Wilson church, of which, on the first Sabbath of July, 1870, he was installed pastor. In this relation he continued until his death, March 19, 1881. He was married in 1862 or '63, but his wife died in the spring of 1864, leaving an infant daughter. Mr. Loughridge was a faithful, earnest and able preacher, a pastor greatly beloved. He was a faithful Presbyterian. As a companion he had an overflowing fund of good humor. He always looked on the bright side of things. As a friend he was faithful and devoted and was a wise counsellor.

The Fifty-sixth Meeting was held at Prairie View church on September 1, 1881. Present, ministers eleven; ruling elders fourteen. Rev. J. T. Paxton was received from the Presbytery of Eastern Texas. Rev. W. F. Gillespie was released from the pastorate of the Georgetown church, and dismissed to the Presbytery of Western Texas. Instead of joining that Presbytery, Mr. Gillespie joined the Northern church. He has recently returned and is now a member of the Presbytery to which he was

dismissed. Licentiate W. W. Ruff was received from Montgomery Presbytery and ordained as an evangelist. Malcom Black was received as a candidate. The name of Caldwell church was changed to Yellow Prairie, and that of Georgetown to the First Presbyterian Church of Georgetown. The candidates were advised to attend our own theological seminaries. The churches of Wilson Valley and Iredell were enrolled. Mr. Rose, having been severely injured by an accident, resigned as evangelist. Two men from abroad were elected evangelists, but did not accept the call. At a called meeting, December 7, Rev. A. S. Doak was elected evangelist, to take the place of Mr. Rose.

The Fifty-seventh Meeting was held at Mexia, April 28, 1882. Ministers present twelve, ruling elders sixteen. The Temple church was enrolled. Arrangements were made for the installation, as pastors, of Rev. S. A. King, at Waco, H. Moseley, at Georgetown, and W. W. Ruff was installed at Mexia. Thos. McCuchon was licensed to preach as an extraordinary case. R. L. Moser was received as a candidate. Mr. Moser did not enter the ministry. The Revised Directory was adopted. A commission was appointed to visit Corsicana to endeavor to settle some difficulties in the church. The commission reported at the next meeting the action taken, which was in the main successful, but a called meeting was held at Georgetown, July 10th, at which the pastor, Rev. H. W. Woods, was released from the pastorate and dismissed to the Presbytery of Highland, Kansas, P. C., U. S. A. Commissioners to the General Assembly R. K. Smoot and R. H. Flanniken. Dr. Smoot was moderator of the Assembly.

The Fifty-eighth Meeting was held at Burnet, September 20, 1882. Ministers present eleven, ruling elders fifteen. The Cameron church, organized by evangelist, A. S. Doak, was enrolled. A. H. P. McCurdy was released from the pastoral charge of Hutto church and dismissed to the Presbytery of Western Texas. The Mizpeh church was dissolved at the request of its only elder. W. S. Red was received as a candidate, examined in part for licensure, and exercises as parts of trial were assigned to Mr. Red, M. Black and W. E. Shive. The action of the Atlanta Assembly in establishing correspondence called forth an overture to the next Assembly to declare that "fraternal correspondence, whether by wire, by letter, or by interchange of delegates, does not imply unity of doctrine or identity of ecclesiastical principles," nor is the action that was taken "an indorsement of the doctrines or principles of any church, or the deliverances of the courts of other churches, nor in the least withdrawing the testi-

mony of the church concerning the independence and spirituality of the Redeemer's kingdom," etc.

Rev. Wm. Montgomery King, father of Rev. S. A. King, was born in Georgia, October 6th, 1796. His father came from Scotland shortly before the revolutionary war, and served in the army. The family having removed to Tennessee, W. M. King studied under Rev. Gideon Blackburn. While a licentiate, he traveled in Tennessee and Mississippi, doing missionary work. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Louisville, and labored in Kentucky and Illinois till his removal to Texas, in 1851. He taught and preached in the Northeastern part of the State till 1864, when he came to Milford and to the vicinity of Waco, in 1867. He became a member of this Presbytery in 1865. At this time he had become so enfeebled by age and ill health that he never afterwards undertook any regular charge, but continued to preach occasionally, and to engage in other labors, till he had passed his four-score years. He retained, to the day of his death, a deep and strong interest in the welfare of Zion. He loved the Word of God, and feasted on its strong meat. His presence in Presbytery and Synod, when he was able to attend, was always a delight to the younger members. In his long waiting for his change, he enjoyed the full assurance of faith and hope of immortality.

At a called meeting, at Temple, December 19th, Rev. A. S. Doak presented his resignation as evangelist, and it was accepted.

The Fifty-ninth Meeting was held at Temple, April 18th, 1883. Present, ministers, fifteen, and ruling elders, twenty-one. Rev. M. C. Hutton was received from the Presbytery of Chickasaw, and arrangements were made for his installation as pastor of Zion church. Rev. C. W. Alexander was received from the Presbytery of Dallas. Licentiate Thos. McHutchon was ordained. J. S. Granlee was received as a candidate, and he and W. S. Red and W. E. Shive were licensed. The Synod, in '82, changed the boundary lines, to add to the Presbytery two tiers of counties, from the Brazos west, from the Dallas Presbytery, and from the Western Texas Presbytery all its territory north of the southern boundary of the counties of Llano, Mason, Menard and Tom Green, and a straight line thence west to the Rio Grande. By this change, Rev. O. F. Rogers, of Dallas Presbytery, and Rev. J. H. Zivley, of Western Texas, and the churches of Abilene, Colorado and Anson, from the former, and San Saba, Llano and Mason from the latter, were transferred to this Presbytery. The whole of Hill county was placed in the Dallas Presbytery. In '84, another change was made, by which the

churches of Abilene, Colorado and Anson were returned to Dallas Presbytery, and the southern line of the counties through which the T. & P. railroad runs was made the dividing line. East of the Brazos, a change was made, making the line to run from the west corner of Navarro county to the north corner of McLennan, leaving the part of Hill between McLennan and Navasota in this Presbytery.

At the request of pastor and church, the pastoral relation between Rev. C. H. Dobbs and the Prairie View church, was dissolved. Rev. C. H. Dobbs was elected evangelist. A subscription for his salary was raised, amounting to \$850. A commission was appointed to visit and confer with Robinson church, and dissolve the pastoral relation between Mr. Dobbs and that church. This commission found the church very unwilling to give up their pastor, but on a full presentation of the case, the consent was given, and the pastoral relation dissolved April 25th. It was stated in the report of the evangelistic committee that a young man of the name of Hodge had been secured to take part of the field in which Mr. McMurray was laboring, enabling Mr. McMurray to go west. Mr. Hodge visited the field and preached a few times, appeared at the next meeting of the Presbytery, was received as a licentiate from the Presbytery of Holston, and dismissed to the Presbytery of Brazos. Commissioners to the General Assembly, R. K. Smoot and J. N. Lyle.

At a pro re nata meeting, held at the camp ground, in Milam county, July 20th, 1883, R. B. Palmer and S. J. McMurray were received as candidates for the ministry.

The Sixtieth Meeting was held at Yellow Prairie, November 2d, 1883. Ministers present, eleven; ruling elders, nine. Rev. J. M. Cochran, who had recently commenced preaching at Abilene and Anson, was received from the Brazos Presbytery. Coleman church was placed under his charge. The churches of Jonesboro, Hebron and McGregor were received. The evangelists, McMurray and Dobbs, presented reports of their labors. The reports were not recorded, but the evangelists were commended for their zeal and efficiency. Mr. McMurray offered his resignation, to take effect at the next meeting, and it was accepted; but at the next meeting the action was revoked.

The Sixty-first Meeting was at Temple, April 3d, 1884. Ministers present, including those received and those ordained, twenty; ruling elders, twenty-one. There were received, from the Presbytery of West Hanover, R. L. Dabney, D. D.; from Dallas, R. E. Sherrill; from Holston, Geo. T. Lyle; from Brazos, Hugh Calvin Smith. Licentiates J. S. Greenlee and W. E. Shive were ordained. Candidate W. H. McCullough was dis-

mitted to the care of Harmony Presbytery. Rev. J. T. Paxton was dismissed to the Presbytery of LaFayette, and Rev. C. W. Alexander to Dallas. The name of Pleasant Hill church was changed to Leander. The subject of the debt of Austin College was before the Presbytery, and \$2000 were pledged towards it, provided the other Presbyteries would do likewise. Rev. A. B. Wilkes was at this time preaching at Llano, and was recommended for aid from the sustentation funds. Not long afterwards, he gave up preaching and abjured his faith, without having ever applied for membership in the Presbytery. Commissioners to the General Assembly, C. H. Dobbs, L. Tenney, A. A. Black, and W. D. Paden.

REV. H. MOSELEY.

Hillery Moseley was born near Courtland, Ala., May 28th, 1830, and died at the Manse, in Georgetown, December 3d, 1883. In the fall of 1847, his father's family removed to Oakland College, and Hillery entered the freshman class in October, and graduated in April, 1851, taking the college and Belles Letters Society diplomas. The college was then in the height of a prosperous career under the presidency of Dr. Chamberlin, and among those who filled its classes were a number of young men who have since done good services for the church and country. Mr. Moseley had made a profession of religion in 1843 at a camp meeting and been received to the communion of the church the following year. He studied theology at Princeton Seminary, graduating in 1854. While in the Seminary, he was approached by a Northern student, with a paper in his hand, containing a picture of a runaway slave, pursued by dogs. He asked if such things took place at the South, and being answered in the affirmative, he said he had been accustomed to think that a man could not be a Christian and a slaveholder. Mr. Moseley replied: "That is one picture; let me give you another. When I went home last vacation, some of the negroes saw me approaching. The word quickly passed among them, 'Massa Hillery is come,' and they all rushed to meet me at the gate, and before I could salute my mother, I had to receive their greetings, and then they took me up in their arms and carried me to the door." The Northern student asked if that was true, and being assured that it was, was silenced—for the time at least.

Mr. Moseley was licensed by the Presbytery of Mississippi, April 14th, 1854, and ordained in November following. He commenced his labors in Louisiana, preaching to the Gros Tete church and on a plantation. In May, 1856, he was installed pastor of the Jackson church, Louisiana, but gave it up in No-



member of the same year, that he might accept the presidency of the Silliman Institute. He filled this post well and successfully, ministering at the same time to the church at Clinton. In May, 1858, he came to Texas and spent some time in missionary labor in Brazoria county. He was present at the meeting of the Synod of Texas that year at Huntsville. The next month he married in Huntsville his second wife, and immediately afterwards removed to Palestine and took charge of the church at that place, also of the church of Mound Prairie. In connection with his work in these churches, in the six years he remained there, he did a good deal of missionary work in the country around, and the latter part of the time taught a large female school. In October, 1864, he removed to Woodland, in Freestone county, where, for about four years, he taught a large school, supplying, at the same time, the Oak Island church, six miles distant. He joined this Presbytery at its session at Milford in March, 1865. In 1869, his house, recently built for school and residence, was burned, and he removed to the Oak Island church. He preached to that church one-half the time for seventeen years, from October, 1864, till December, 1881. Twice during the time the Presbytery elected him evangelist, but the church was so unwilling to have him leave, that he did not enter upon the work. During those years he had charge, for a longer or shorter time, of the churches of Corsicana, Ennis, Mexia, Blue Ridge and Marlin. In January, 1882, he removed to Georgetown, and in July following was installed pastor of the church. In the summer of 1883, he had become so much enfeebled that his people insisted on his traveling for his health. He spent a few weeks in Kentucky and Virginia. He was a fluent conversationalist and made his way easily among strangers, and it was a great surprise in hearing him speak of his trip that he seemed to have taken very little pleasure in it. His thoughts were with his home and his work. Perhaps this was one reason that he was not more benefited. He had a severe illness after his return, but so far recovered as to attend the Synod at Victoria, just twenty-five years after he first attended the Synod of Texas, though not a member, at Huntsville. Shortly after his return home he took a severe cold which resulted in pneumonia, and ended his earthly career four days afterwards. Thus he was called from the service of the church militant to the joyful service of the church triumphant. Mr. Moseley represented the Presbytery of Eastern Texas in the first Southern General Assembly in 1861, and this Presbytery in the Assemblies of 1868, 1874 and 1879.

At a called meeting at Temple, June 24th, 1884, Malcom Black was licensed to preach, Robert H. Greenlee was received as

a candidate, and Rev. Wm. Boyd was received from the Presbytery of Brazos. Mr. Boyd, under repeated permits to labor in the Presbytery, had served the Yellow Prairie church two or three years. Mr. Greenlee never entered the ministry.

The Sixty-second Meeting was held at Georgetown, October 24, 1884. Ministers present eighteen, ruling elders twenty-one. Rev. W. T. Spears was received from the Presbytery of Ebenezer, and Rev. M. W. Millard from the Presbytery of Holston, Rev. G. T. Lyle was dismissed to the Presbytery of Greenbrier. Licentiate Malcom Black was ordained, and candidate W. G. McDonald licensed. The churches of Corn Hill and Golinda organized by the evangelist, C. H. Dobbs, Hico organized by evangelist, J. A. McMurray, and Fairfield and Mathison by W. W. Ruff, were enrolled. Jonesboro church was dissolved. G. W. Stafford, of Austin, was received as a candidate. He did not become a minister. A commissioner that had been appointed to visit Mexia, reported that they had dissolved the pastoral relation between that church and Rev. W. W. Ruff. The Mexia church was given permission to employ R. H. Byers, of the Brazos Presbytery. By the change of boundary, which has been mentioned previously, made by the Synod which met at Belton immediately after this meeting, J. M. Cochran, J. A. McMurray and O. F. Rogers were transferred to the Dallas Presbytery. Mr. McMurray had made his headquarters for some time at Colorado. Resolutions were adopted on the subject of evolution, expressing decided disapprobation of the retention of a professor in the Theological Seminary who taught or believed in it, and directing that no money raised in this Presbytery for education should be given to aid any student in Columbia Seminary under its present management, and overturing the Synod to give an expression of its disapprobation.

The want of a school of theology at home had long been felt in this Presbytery and others. Students who went from here to the older States often found attraction there to prevent their returning; and it was thought that it would be better for the young ministers to have their training among the people for whom they expected to labor. At the request of a number of members of the Presbytery, Drs. Dabney and Smoot had commenced a class in theology the first of the month, thus beginning the work to which they have since given so much time and labor without pecuniary reward, and indeed at no little expense to themselves, of money as well as time. Though the students have not been numerous, the results have been such as fully to justify the enterprise. Licentiate G. L. Bilzer was employed to teach Greek and Hebrew. The Presbytery heartily endorsed the



movement and voted to establish the Austin School of Theology. The Synod was also asked to take control of the school and provide for its wants.

At this meeting also it was resolved to establish a male and female college under the care of the Presbytery. A board of trustees was appointed, also a commission to select a location for the school.

At a called meeting at Waco, February 3, 1885, candidate Richard Robinson was dismissed to the care of the Presbytery of West Hanover.

The Sixty-third Meeting was held at Hamilton, April 23, 1885. Connected with this meeting was a singular episode in the Presbyterial history. About twenty of the members took the train on the Texas Central at Waco, on the 22d, to go to Hico, from which place the members of the Hamilton church were to furnish them conveyance to Hamilton, twenty-two miles south of Hico. It was a time of wet weather and bad roads. The train had hardly started when it commenced raining, and poured down steadily for several hours. Doubts soon began to be expressed about reaching Hamilton. Some of the party had recently been ill and dreaded exposure. At Walnut Springs Mr. Dobbs, the evangelist, joined the party. He was the only one who was acquainted with the country through which they had to go. It was supposed that there would not be members enough coming by other routes to make a quorum, and before the train reached Iredell, where it met the down train, it was decided to take that train and return to Waco and hold the meeting there, which was accordingly done. Four ministers, however, J. H. Zivley, Malcom Black, H. B. Rose, R. E. Sherrill and four ruling elders appeared at Hamilton and held the regular meeting. The small number present prevented the transaction of all the business in a satisfactory manner, and in consequence a meeting was called at Temple, May 3rd, to supply what was wanting. The churches of San Angelo and Taylor were enrolled. Rev. Wm. George was received from the Presbytery of Dallas and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of the Belton church on the 31st of May.

Commissioners to the General Assembly, which met this year in Houston: R. E. Sherrill, M. C. Hutton, J. C. Peoples, B. L. Frierson.

At a called meeting at Austin, June 2, 1885, the time and place fixed for the fall meeting were reconsidered. It was resolved to employ Mr. C. M. Staples, of Austin, as colporteur for the summer months, to work under the direction of the evangelist.

A meeting was also called at Waco, June 23, at which the Cor-

sicana church received permission to prosecute a call for the pastoral services of Rev. Thomas Wharey, of Roanoke Presbytery.

The Sixty-fourth Meeting was held at Taylor, September 18, 1885. Ministers present, ten; ruling elders, eighteen. Rev. A. S. Doak was dismissed to the Presbytery of Augusta, and Rev. Hugh Calvin Smith to the Presbytery of Louisville. The Caldwell church, organized by evangelist C. H. Dobbs, was enrolled. Licentiate W. G. McDonald was ordained. C. M. Staples was received as a candidate. Rev. C. H. Dobbs resigned as evangelist. Rev. J. H. Zivley was elected. The commission appointed for the purpose of selecting a place for the Prebsyterial school reported that Round Rock had been chosen, and the offer of the citizens of that place of a building for the school had been accepted.

At an adjourned meeting at Austin, October 19, just before the Synod met, the pastoral relation of Rev. J. H. Zivley and the San Saba church was dissolved. The San Angelo church desiring to secure Rev. Zivley's services for one-half of the time, the arrangement was made for him to take charge of that field and give the other half to evangelistic work.

The Sixty-fifth Meeting was held at Burnet, April 15, 1886. Ministers present, thirteen; ruling elders, sixteen. Rev. Thos. Wharey was received from the Presbytery of Roanoke. Arrangements were made for his intallation, as pastor of Corsicana church, on the first Sabbath in June. It was ordered, also, that Rev. M. C. Hutton be installed pastor at Georgetown on the second Sabbath of May. Rev. W. T. Spears was dismissed to the Presbytery of Ebenezer. Richland church was dissolved. The Revised Directory was rejected and the General Assembly was asked to discontinue the revision. C. M. Staples was licensed to preach. The subject of permitting ruling elders to act as moderators, was before the church at this time. The Presbytery adopted a resolution against it by a vote of sixteen to thirteen. The controversy concerning evolution in connection with Columbia Seminary and Prof. Woodrow was at this time at its height. An overture was sent to the Assembly containing a quite elaborate statement of the views of the Presbytery concerning it. Action had been frequently taken at the meetings of the Presbytery, directing the pastors and stated supplies to perform more or less missionary labor. At this meeting they were requested to devote the fifth Sabbaths to evangelistic work. A committee was appointed to attend the examination of the theological class at Austin. A vote of thanks was given to the professors for their disinterested services. Commissioners to the General Assembly: R. K. Smoot and O. F. Rogers.

## REV. THOS. M'HUTCHON.

Rev. Thomas McHutchon died February 13, 1886. He was born July 4, 1830, near Glasgow, Scotland. In his early life he was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He came to this country about 1862, and lived in Indianapolis, Indiana. In his youth he displayed the same traits that marked his mature years, the ease in making his way to the hearts of his companions, and earnest desire to serve his Savior. He labored in mission schools in Indianapolis; one of these schools was in a part of the city so rough that it was at the risk of life that Christian labor was carried on. The school grew into a church, and at the time of Mr. McHutchon's death it was said that "eight ministers have come out of that school and the church, its outgrowth." The state of his health constraining him to seek a milder climate, he came to Texas in 1876, and after spending two or three months in Williamson county, he removed to Robinson, where he resided until licensed to preach at Mexia in April, 1882. He soon became superintendent of the Sabbath school of the Robinson church, and in addition labored in other Christian work, such as prayer meetings in the country. "In all that country the name of McHutchon is almost synonymous with Christian love, faith and zeal." He had not the academic and theological training required ordinarily to enter the ministry of our church, but his extended experience and thorough knowledge of the Scriptures, with his loving zeal, rendered his labors in the ministry most acceptable and effective. After his licensure he labored for a time at Comanche and Coleman, and in October went to Unity church, in Coryell county, and served it, Hamilton and Wilson Valley for two years, and then Unity, North Bosque and Gatesville. He was ordained as an evangelist at Temple, April 21, 1886. Mr. McHutchon was married in Indiana, in 1878, to Miss S. E. Ferguson, who, with three daughters, survive him. Having suffered long with consumption, his life was protracted beyond what he expected. He died as he had lived, in full hope of a glorious immortality.

At an adjourned meeting at Temple, May 4, Rev. J. K. P. Newton was received from the Presbytery of Chickasaw, and Cameron and Maysfield churches given permission to employ him.

The Sixty-sixth Meeting was held at Coleman, September 2nd, 1886. Nine ministers and seven ruling elders were present. Ballinger church, organized by evangelist J. H. Zivley, being enrolled. Mr. Zivley resigned the position of evangelist. His resignation was accepted with a hearty expression of appreciation of his diligence and fidelity.

Rev. J. N. Bradshaw, of Savannah Presbytery, being on a visit



to Texas, was present at the meeting and was elected evangelist, but did not accept.

At an adjourned meeting at Round Rock, October 6th, candidate S. J. McMurray was licensed. A further adjournment was had to meet in Austin, October 9th, at which time J. N. Lyle, a ruling elder of eleven years' standing, and of liberal and professional education, was licensed to preach. At a called meeting at Austin, November 15th, candidate R. B. Palmer was licensed, and R. E. Lentz was received as a candidate. Another meeting was called at Austin, January 26th, 1887, to appoint a committee to organize a church at Mt. Calm.

The Sixty-seventh Meeting was held at Cameron, April 7th, 1887. Eighteen ministers and twenty-three ruling elders were present. Rev. J. H. Leps was received from the Presbytery of Western Texas, and Rev. John Woodruff, from the Presbytery of Solomon P. C., U. S. A. The churches of Mt. Calm, Meridian and Goldthwaite were enrolled. Licentiates W. S. Red and R. B. Palmer were ordained. Arrangements were made to install Mr. Palmer as pastor of San Saba church on the fifth Sabbath of May. This was a time of severe drouth, affecting nearly the whole State. In view of it the seventeenth day of April was appointed a day of fasting and prayer for rain. An overture was sent to the Assembly to take steps for a change in the constitution so that clerks should be elected only for a limited time, not longer than five years. Another overture was that the Assembly should direct the clerks to advertise for bids for printing the minutes. The result of this was that the printing of the minutes was given to the Publication Committee. There was considerable excitement at this time upon the subject of organic union with the Northern church. The Presbytery, by a vote of thirty-one to one adopted an overture to the Assembly, asking that they give no favor to it, but discourage any movement looking to organic union. Rev. H. B. Rose had been for some time selling books, partly as a colporteur for the Presbytery. At this meeting an arrangement was made to employ him for the year ensuing, giving him \$300 in addition to the profits on sales. Commissioners to the Assembly: S. A. King, R. K. Smoot, R. H. Flaniken, T. E. Lankford.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Austin, May 4th, at which time H. M. Smith was received as a candidate on a certificate from Mississippi Presbytery. John Young, candidate, was received from the Presbytery of Western Texas and licensed. Licentiate S. J. McMurray accepted a call to the pastorate of Burnet church. Rev. Wm. Boyd asked that he be allowed to dimit the ministry. The Presbytery adjourned again to meet at

the same place on the 18th of May. Rev. R. E. Sherrill was dismissed to the Dallas Presbytery. Candidate J. P. Robertson was received from Arkansas Presbytery and licensed.

A called meeting was held at Burnet, July 22nd, 1887, to ordain licentiate S. J. McMurray and install him pastor of the Burnet church. The Presbytery examined Mr. McMurray, ordained him, and appointed a committee to install him. It does not appear that this committee reported their action, so that the minutes contain no record of the installation.

The Sixty-eighth Meeting took place at Caldwell, August 31st, 1887. Twelve ministers and nineteen ruling elders were present. This meeting was memorable for coming just after a rain that caused the most extensive damage to the railroads ever known in the State. The damage in the bounds of this Presbytery was mostly in the northeastern part of it, but it interrupted and disarranged the running of trains extensively, and it was only by watching opportunities and catching "stray trains," that many of the members reached the place of meeting on the second and third day. That the records were there at all was due to the wife of the stated clerk, who accompanied him fifty miles in a buggy, when he was fortunate enough at Clifton to find a locomotive that had brought up a load of timber to the road repairers (working then about two miles above), ordered back to Temple, and got passage in the caboose, the locomotive and tender running backwards, thus reaching Temple at 9 o'clock Thursday night. From Temple he had the company of several other delayed members on a freight train, which reached Caldwell about noon on Friday. Rev. W. L. Lowrance was received from the Presbytery of Dallas, and arrangements were made to install him pastor of Mexia church. Licentiate John Young was ordained and order made for his installation as pastor of Temple church on the fourth Sabbath of September. Rev. M. W. Millard was dismissed to the Presbytery of Memphis. The pastoral relation between Rev. Wm. George and the Belton church was dissolved, and he having calls in Western Texas Presbytery, was given permission to labor outside our bounds. Mathison church was dissolved, and the members transferred to Mexia. Peculiar circumstances seeming to render a reorganization of the Dublin church desirable, it was dissolved, and permission given to organize at or near Dublin. J. W. Smith, C. H. Dobbs, jr., and M. D. Sansom were received under the care of the Presbytery as candidates for the ministry.

Rev. Wm. Addison Smith had died shortly before this meeting. He was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, June 10th, 1808. He graduated at Jackson College, Tennessee, in 1836,

and Princeton Seminary in 1840, and was licensed by New Brunswick Presbytery in 1841. He labored two years in Kentucky, and three in Illinois, and was pastor for about seven years of Bethel church, in Mississippi. He came to Texas in 1852, and lived in Western Texas. He became a member of this Presbytery in 1865. At that time, he was living in Bastrop. He preached for some time at Georgetown, and for the Pleasant Hill (now Leander) church, and afterwards at Unity and Comanche. The last six years of his life, he resided with his son, Rev. J. Addison Smith, at Des Peres, Missouri, where he died August 4th, 1887.

A called meeting took place at Temple December 1st, 1887. Rev. R. K. Moseley was received from the Presbytery of Western Texas. Including Mr. Moseley, there were seven ministers and two elders present. Rev. C. H. Dobbs was elected evangelist, and requested to enter upon the work at once.

The Sixty-ninth Meeting took place at Mexia, April 18th, 1888. Ministers present, including those enrolled, nineteen; ruling elders, thirteen. Rev. L. H. Kimmons was received from the Presbytery of Washburn. Licentiate J. P. Robertson was ordained. W. J. Tidball was licensed. A commission was appointed to install Rev. R. K. Moseley as pastor of the Cameron church, on the second Sabbath in June. The churches of Taylor, Hebron and Goldthwaite were dissolved. At Goldthwaite, the majority of the members had moved to California a few months after the church was organized. Mason church having transferred herself to the Northern church, was dropped from the roll. This church had received \$200 from the Church Erection Fund. This money was returned. The Presbyterial Committee of Sustentation was directed to take liens on all church buildings aided from the Home Mission funds. The churches were directed to take collections for Round Rock Institute. An overture from the Cameron church, respecting religious newspapers, was answered, showing that the editors of such ought to be held accountable to the church courts for the character of the matter they publish concerning the doctrines, institutions, courts and officers of the church. Commissioners to the Assembly, S. A. King, R. K. Smoot, J. W. Storey, and J. F. Thompson.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Belton May 8th. Rev. W. George was dismissed to the Presbytery of Western Texas. Candidates J. A. Montgomery and J. M. Purcell were received from the Presbyteries of Orange and Arkansas respectively. Order was made to ordain licentiate W. J. Tidball, at Round Rock, on the third Sabbath in May, and to ordain and install J.

M. Purcell pastor of the Belton church on the fourth Sabbath of May.

REV. THOMAS WHAREY, D. D.

Thomas Wharey was born in Louisa county, Virginia, March 22d, 1833, and died in Corsicana, March 24th, 1888. He was the son of Rev. Jas. Wharey, long a pastor in the old Presbytery of Hanover, who died in 1842. His mother was a daughter of Major James Morton, in Prince Edward, sister of Mrs. John H. Rice and of Dr. Wm. Morton. After her husband's death, she returned to the vicinity of Hampden Sidney College, and lived there during the education of her children. Her sons graduated with distinction, under the presidency of Dr. Lewis Green. Thomas held the position of tutor in the college for some time, but about 1854, entered Union Seminary, from which he graduated in 1857. He was ordained and became pastor of Briery church, Roanoke Presbytery, in 1858, in which relation he continued till he removed to Texas, in 1885. During this time, he was assistant instructor in the seminary one year, '59-'60, and pastor of Drake's Branch three years, '78-'81. He became a member of this Presbytery in the spring of '86, and was installed pastor of Corsicana church the first of June of that year. While yet a student, he was attacked by pulmonary disease, which showed from time to time in copious hemorrhages from the lungs, one of which, following after an attack of jaundice, terminated his life. He thus lived a large part of his life face to face, as it were, with death; and told his friends, during his last illness, that he and death had looked each other in the face so often that they were old and familiar acquaintances. Yet he was the soul of cheerfulness, entering with zest into every form of social enjoyment, and charming the young by his wit and humor and warm impulses. With his able, and often eloquent preaching, he was thus a pastor greatly beloved and often sought after, and was permitted to see much of the fruits of his labor while yet on earth.

The Seventieth Meeting was held at Bartlett (Nazareth church) October 3, 1888. Ministers present sixteen, ruling elders sixteen. The Grove church with eighteen members, and Dublin with twenty-one members, organized by C. H. Dobbs, evangelist, were enrolled. Rev. J. H. Leps was dismissed to Montgomery Presbytery and Rev. J. H. Zivley to Nashville. E. L. Storey was received as a candidate, and a commission was appointed to examine and receive E. L. Weiss. Rev. John Young was released from the pastoral charge of Temple church and an order made for his installation at Gatesville and Unity on the second

Sabbath of November. Rev. W. G. McDonald had removed to the bounds of the Eastern Texas Presbytery and asked for a dismission at the spring meeting. Complaints concerning him having come to the Presbytery from Comanche, where he had been preaching, a commission was appointed to inquire into the matter. On the report of the commission, a dismission was granted him, but accompanied by an admonitory letter. This was the most serious judicial business that the Presbytery thus far in its history had been called on to transact.

An overture was ordered sent to the Assembly protesting against the proposal for co-operative union with the P. C., U. S. A., at this time being agitated.

The committee in charge of the invalid fund was instructed when in need of information concerning the circumstances of persons applying for aid to ask it of the deacons of the church to which the applicants belonged, and they would be required to give the information in their official capacity. To an overture from Georgetown, it was answered: "That the Presbytery has the constitutional authority to appoint a minister to perform a duty that requires him to be absent from his pulpit, without the approval of the session."—Form of Government, Chap. V., Sec. IV., Par. VI. Concerning the Austin School of Theology, the Presbytery expressed their thanks to God for his continued blessings on this school, and to the self-denying teachers who have so willingly given to it their time and talents. The work of the evangelist was highly commended.

At a called meeting at Waco, February 27, 1889, Rev. C. R. Dudley, D. D., was received from the Presbytery of Mississippi, and a commission was appointed to install him pastor of Corsicana church on the fifth Sabbath of March. An urgent request came from Dallas for Rev. W. L. Lowrance to engage in work in new churches to be organized in that city. The Mexia church sent an earnest protest against their pastor being taken from them, but Mr. Lowrance stated that with the lights before him, he had decided to ask to be released. After careful consideration the pastoral relation was dissolved, and Mr. Lowrance was dismissed to Dallas Presbytery. Including Mr. Lowrance and Dr. Dudley, there were present five ministers and five ruling elders. Three of the elders were from churches interested in the business of the meeting.

The Seventy-first Meeting was held at Austin, May 7, 1889. Present, ministers, eighteen; ruling elders, twenty-two. Rev. C. M. Hutton was received from Tuscaloosa Presbytery. Rev. S. J. McMurray was released from the pastoral charge of Burnet church, and R. B. Palmer from that of San Saba, and they were dis-



missed, the former to Western Texas Presbytery, and the latter to Pueblo, P. C., U. S. A. Mr. Palmer was in bad health and did not live long. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. M. Purcell and the Belton church was dissolved, and a commission was appointed to install Rev. J. P. Robertson pastor of that church on the fifth Sabbath of June. J. A. Montgomery, E. L. Weiss and R. E. Lentz were licensed. Mr. Montgomery was dismissed to the Brazos Presbytery. The case of Rev. A. B. Wilkes has been mentioned. As he had never united with this Presbytery the question arose whether he was under our jurisdiction or that of Columbia Presbytery by which he had been dismissed. The case had been referred to the Synod, and it decided that this Presbytery had jurisdiction. The Presbytery was not satisfied that this was correct, and by an overture at this meeting asked the General Assembly to decide the question. The Assembly decided that the Presbytery which had dismissed him, had still jurisdiction over him.

It was ordered that hereafter all honorary or official titles except Rev., in connection with the names of members of this body, be omitted from the minutes. The presbytery in a body attended the examination of the students in the Theological school. Rev. T. E. Johnson, who had been teaching Greek and Hebrew in the school, was elected professor. Commissioners to the Assembly, R. K. Moseley, C. H. Dobbs, R. H. Flaniken, J. M. Brown.

The Seventy-second Meeting took place at the Unity church, September 4, 1889. Ministers present, eleven; ruling elders six. That the place of meeting was fifteen miles from the railroad, perhaps was in part the reason for a small attendance. L. H. Kimmons was dismissed to the Presbytery of Missouri, and W. J. Tidball to Dallas Presbytery. The Wilson Valley church was dissolved and the members transferred to the Unity church. N. W. McMillan, a ruling elder of the Grove church, and G. W. Morris, a minister of the Baptist church, were received as candidates. Licentiate L. M. Weiss was dismissed to the Western Texas Presbytery.

At a called meeting at Temple, October 14th, the pastoral relation between Rev. R. H. Moseley and the Cameron church was dissolved. Present at the meeting four ministers and two ruling elders.

The Seventy-third Meeting was held at Temple, April 3, 1890. Present, ministers, fourteen; ruling elders, twenty-two. Rev. Joshua Phipps was received from Holston Presbytery. Rev. J. S. Willbanks was received from the Presbytery of Arkansas, and an order made for his installation as pastor of Mexia church on

the 3rd Sabbath of May. R. K. Moseley was dismissed to Dallas Presbytery, and W. S. Red to Brazos. Licentiate R. E. Lentz was ordained. Licentiate T. C. Johnson was received from Greenbrier Presbytery. P. H. Burney was received as a candidate. The pastoral relation between Rev. John Young and Unity church was dissolved. The Presbytery, on report of an ad interim committee on the subject of societies, recommended that the Assembly encourage the formation of local societies under the care of the sessions, but declare against their organization into Presbyterian or any other kind of unions, also that it impress upon the lower courts the impropriety of employing societies outside the church as agencies for the collection of funds, or any work for which the organized church is responsible. On the subject of the tithe, that the law of the tithe is not in force under the New Testament, but there are no objections to individuals adopting this method, and its general adoption would probably result in a large increase in the funds of the church. The revised directory was again before the body and was rejected, with a recommendation that the Assembly place it in the hands of the new committee for revision.

An apportionment among the churches of the amounts needed for the various causes of benevolence was ordered printed and distributed among the churches. Commissioners to the General Assembly, M. C. Hutton, I. N. White.

An adjourned meeting was held at Cameron, April 17th. Rev. J. T. Sailes was received from Red River Presbytery, and order made for his installation as pastor of Cameron church on the first Sabbath of May. A special committee was appointed to endeavor to secure the services of a second general evangelist.

The Seventy-fourth Meeting was at Robinson church, August 27th, 1890. Ministers present, including those ordained, nineteen; ruling elders, thirteen. Rev. C. L. Ewing was received from Holston Presbytery. Licentiate E. L. Siler was received from Mecklenburg Presbytery, and R. C. Anderson from Roanoke. Licentiates H. M. Smith, E. L. Siler, R. C. Anderson and T. Carey Johnson, were ordained. Order was made for the installation of Mr. Anderson, as pastor of San Angelo church, on the 4th Sabbath of September, and E. L. Siler, as pastor of Caldwell church, on the 2d Sabbath of September. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. Young and the Gatesville church was dissolved. R. E. Harding and S. J. Keeble were received as candidates. Licentiate J. N. Lyle was permitted to return his license. The Golinda church was dissolved, and the members transferred to Robinson. The Round Rock Institute had received, from time to time, a good deal of attention. A school

had been kept up from the beginning, but the difficulties of running it without endowment were great, and at this meeting it was determined to give up the enterprise and return the building to the citizens of Round Rock. A commission was appointed to investigate certain rumors concerning Rev. John Young. Prof. T. C. Johnson resigned his position in the Austin School of Theology, and the Presbytery pledged itself to pay a \$400 salary to any one the trustees might appoint. The narrative contains the following: "We have an evangelist who has been in diligent work in the field, as the result of which there have been nearly one hundred additions to the membership of the churches. An additional evangelist has been employed in two of the counties, supported by private subscription. It is a gratifying fact that we have added nine ministers to our roll, and two others are expected by the meeting of Synod. Two houses of worship are building, \$500 has been subscribed for a third, and considerable improvement made on a fourth. Two manses have been built."

REV. J. H. LEPS.

Circumstances had prevented Rev. J. H. Leps from uniting with the Presbytery to which he was dismissed, and on May 3rd, 1889, he died. Under these circumstances the Presbytery placed on record a memorial of him. He was born near Copon Springs, Hampshire county, West Virginia, May 23rd, 1823. He prepared for college under Rev. W. Henry Foote. He graduated at Princeton College and Theological Seminary. He was ordained by Greenbrier Presbytery in 1853, and for four years was pastor of the church at Kunawha Salines. In after years he had occasion to rejoice in the fruits of his faithful planting in this field. In May, 1857, he became pastor of the Parkersburg church, Winchester Presbytery. In this charge he continued till the breaking out of the war. He entered the army as chaplain and was distinguished for fearlessness on the field as well as for zeal in preaching Christ, and enjoyed the unbounded confidence of all who knew him. After the war he took charge of Frankford and Falling Spring churches, and for a time of the high school in Frankford. His labors, both in the school and in the church, were abundantly successful, and he was honored and beloved in all that country. In 1884, he removed to Seguin, Texas, and for two years was actively engaged in evangelistic work in Western Texas Presbytery. In July, 1886, he removed to Marlin, and for two years preached to that field. His fine social qualities and earnest and faithful preaching endeared him to all who knew him here as in other places. In 1888, he returned to Virginia, when, a few months afterwards, he was called to his reward.

At a called meeting held in Austin, October 14th, the commission on Mr. Young's case rendered their report, recommending that an admonition be administered, which was accordingly done. Candidate J. E. McLelland was received on a certificate from Nashville Presbytery.

At a called meeting held in Waco, October 24th, Rev. C. R. Dudley was released from the pastoral charge of the Corsicana church and dismissed to Dallas Presbytery.

At a called meeting held in Waco, January 15th, 1891, Rev. E. L. Dale was received from Pine Bluff Presbytery, and S. W. Mitchell from Eastern Texas Presbytery. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. S. Willbanks and the Mexia church was dissolved, and at Mr. Willbanks' request, a commission was appointed to investigate certain rumors injurious to himself.

Another called meeting was held in Waco, February 5th, 1891. Rev. T. C. Johnson was dismissed to the Presbytery of Louisville. The commission appointed at the previous meeting rendered their report, and Rev. J. S. Willbanks was impeached for immoral conduct and summoned to appear at the spring meeting for trial.

The Seventy-fifth Meeting took place at Ballinger, April 15, 1891. Ministers present, eighteen; ruling elders, fourteen. Rev. J. N. McFarlane was received from the Presbytery of Upshur, Missouri. C. M. Hutton and Malcom Black were dismissed to Dallas Presbytery and J. Phillips to Western Texas. Rev. C. L. Ewing was installed pastor of Ballinger church. Licentiate N. W. McMillan was ordained. The church of Mart, organized by evangelist C. H. Dobbs, was enrolled. C. H. Dobbs offered his resignation of the office of evangelist, and his resignation was accepted. Rev. L. Tenney resigned the office of stated clerk and Rev. C. W. Peyton was elected stated clerk. It was made a standing rule that the stated clerk should be elected at the spring meeting, every three years, by ballot. Frank R. Robinson, member of Llano church, and Samuel Roach, of Coleman, were taken under care as candidates. The churches of Blue Ridge, Round Rock, Prairie View, Brown county, Meridian and Fairfield were dissolved. Rev. J. S. Willbanks, charged with violation of seventh commandment as interpreted in our standards, was tried, convicted and deposed from the ministry.

An overture, referred to an ad interim committee at the fall meeting, asking whether, if a church member in regular standing, requests the dissolution of his church relationship, and the session grants his request and erases his name from the roll, the action is constitutional, was answered in the negative. An overture, asking whether names of members returned upon a separate roll are to be reported to Presbytery, was answered in the nega-

tive. Commissioners to the General Assembly: C. W. Peyton, J. M. Purcell, W. C. Dodson, J. I. Guion.

At a called meeting, held at Austin, May 8, candidates J. W. Smith and J. M. McLelland were licensed. Mr. Smith was transferred to Dallas Presbytery and Mr. McLelland to Western Texas.

At a called meeting, held at Corsicana, May 28, a call from the Corsicana church for the pastoral services of Rev. J. N. McFarlane, was placed in his hands, and it being accepted, he was installed.

August 11th, a called meeting at Cameron, dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. T. Sailes and the Cameron church and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Red River that he might enter on evangelistic work there.

The Seventy-sixth Meeting was held at Caldwell, October 16, 1891. Ministers present, twelve; ruling elders, eleven. Rev. J. C. Grow was received from the Presbytery of Paris; J. W. Siler from Mecklenburg, and W. J. Tiddball from Dallas. R. E. Lentz was dismissed to Mecklenburg. Candidate R. E. Hardin was licensed. The Hubbard church, organized by Rev. S. A. King, was enrolled. Candidate J. Johnson was received on a transfer from Arkansas Presbytery. The license of C. M. Staples was recalled. Rev. H. B. Boude was elected evangelist, but did not accept.

At a called meeting in Austin, January 22, 1892, an order was made to organize a church in the eastern part of the city. The Presbytery then adjourned to the 31st, and at that time organized the church with twenty members, one ruling elder and one deacon. The church was named Highland.

February 1, 1892, a meeting was called at Belton, to elect an evangelist. Rev. A. R. Shaw, of the Fayetteville Presbytery, was elected.

At a called meeting at Temple, March 10, the time for the stated meeting was changed from April 6th to April 13th. Rev. S. W. Mitchell was dismissed to the Presbytery of Memphis, and the Robinson church received permission to prosecute a call for the pastoral services of Rev. S. J. McMurry.

The Seventy-seventh Meeting was held at Georgetown, April 15, 1892. Present, ministers, eighteen; ruling elders, twenty-two. Revs. Wm. Hughes, from the Presbytery of Boston United Presbyterian church, and A. R. Shaw, from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, were received. Highland and Lott churches were enrolled. Arrangements were made for the installation of R. L. Dale as pastor of the Temple church. R. C. Anderson being led by domestic affliction to tender his resignation as pastor of San



Angelo church, the relation was dissolved and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Montgomery. The name of the Waco church was changed to First Presbyterian Church of Waco. A commission was appointed to ordain R. E. Hardin, which was done at Hubbard City on April 26. L. L. McShaw (colored), a member of Cameron church, was received as a candidate and recommended to the faculty of Tuscaloosa Institute. The Presbytery again voted, unanimously, against the revised directory. Commissioners to the Assembly: J. P. Robertson, S. A. King, G. M. Suggs, J. P. Vance. Dr. King was chosen moderator of the Assembly.

The body adjourned to meet at Robinson on June 1st. There being no quorum at that time, adjourned again to July 1st, at the same place. Rev. S. J. McMurry was received from the Presbytery of Western Texas, and a commission appointed to install him pastor of Robinson church, which was done on the first Sabbath of July, 1892. Rev. C. H. Dobbs was given a dismissal, and candidate C. H. Dobbs, Jr., a transfer to Greenbriar Presbytery. Rev. J. W. Siler was dismissed to Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Seventy-eighth Meeting took place at Gatesville, August 31, 1892. Present, seventeen ministers and twelve ruling elders. Rev. R. M. Loughridge was received from the Presbytery of Muskogee P. C., U. S. A. Order was made for the installation of J. M. Purcell, as pastor of Highland church, on the second Sabbath of September.

At an adjourned meeting in Corsicana, during the sessions of the Synod, Rev. G. T. Storey was received from the Presbytery of Central Mississippi, and an order was made for his installation as pastor of San Angelo church, on the third Sabbath of November.

At a called meeting in Waco, February 1, 1893, S. J. McMurry requested that the pastoral relation between him and the Robinson church be dissolved. The request was refused.

Domestic affliction led Rev. E. L. Siler to ask for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between the Caldwell church and himself, and a dismissal to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, and the request was granted at a called meeting at Belton, April 3, 1893.

The narrative of the fall meeting mentioned the death of Rev. W. W. C. Kelly, who had been in the Presbytery but a short time and had had no charge as a member of it. He died October 20, 1891. He had come to Texas, about 1871, from Mississippi, and settled at San Marcos, and at that place and Lockhart, or in that region, preached or taught until he came to Austin, where he was engaged in teaching until he became too infirm. He became a member of this Presbytery in October, 1885.

The Seventy-ninth Meeting was held at Cameron, April 26, 1893. Present, seventeen ministers and fourteen ruling elders. Rev. W. S. Baker was received from the Presbytery of Arkansas, and Rev. H. M. Sydenstricker from the Presbytery of Trinity P. C., U. S. A. Rev. Wm. Hughes was dismissed to the Presbytery of Dallas, and Rev. J. S. Greenlee to the Presbytery of Brazos. Rev. S. J. McMurry was released from the pastoral charge of Robinson church and dismissed to the Presbytery of Western Texas. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. M. Purcell and the Highland church was dissolved. Candidate D. W. Morris was licensed, The churches of Santa Anna, Spring Creek, and Lingelville were enrolled. A. R. Shaw offered his resignation as evangelist, which was accepted. C. L. Means was received as a candidate. The Brownwood church dismissed to this Presbytery by the Trinity Presbytery, P. C., U. S. A., was enrolled. The practice that had been followed for a number of years of requiring written narratives from church sessions, spring and fall, was changed by substituting for the fall meetings the older custom of a Free Conversation on the State of Religion. An offer being made to transfer Daniel Baker College, at Brownwood, to this Presbytery, a commission was appointed to attend to the business.

The Presbytery enjoined upon the sessions under its care to exercise the greatest caution in admitting persons to their pulpits, that none except those who have been called by the Spirit, and with the approval of an organized court of the church of Christ, are entitled to exercise the functions of the Gospel ministry in our pulpits. An overture to the General Assembly, to define more closely the relation of candidates to the Presbytery, was answered by that body thus: "Candidates are under the direction and control of the Presbytery, both in regard to their conduct, and the schools, colleges and seminaries they shall attend; but the authority in regard to schools attended should be exercised with prudence."

Commissioners to the General Assembly: S. A. King, J. N. McFarlane, W. McB. Smith, D. M. Currie.

At a called meeting at Temple, May 22, the commission on the matter of the transfer of Daniel Baker College, made their report. Terms had been agreed upon, but they were subsequently changed.

At an adjourned meeting at Waco, the Second Presbyterian church of Waco was organized, with 41 members dismissed from the First church. Rev. A. R. Shaw was installed pastor of the church.

Rev. A. H. P. McCurdy was elected evangelist, but did not accept.

The Eightieth Meeting was held at Brownwood, September 13th, 1893. There were nineteen ministers and twenty ruling elders present. Rev. G. S. Robinson was received from the Presbytery of Lexington. Licentiate D. N. Yarbrow was received from the Presbytery of Paducah and ordained. Order was made for the installation of Rev. H. B. Rose as pastor of Highland church. John A. Black and Hugh V. Tull were received as candidates.

At the spring meeting steps had been taken looking to the restoration of J. S. Willbanks to the ministry, and he had been authorized to preach as a probationer. He was now dismissed to the Presbytery of Eastern Texas. At this meeting the order was made for the writing of this history.

A memorial of J. H. Hutchins, who had been an elder in the Austin church from before the organization of the Presbytery, was adopted. He was one of the few in the Austin church, as it was in the time of the war, who stood firmly on the side of the Southern church, and one of about a dozen who, when at the close of the war, the majority voted to go with the Northern church, stood firm and were recognized by this Presbytery as the Presbyterian church of Austin. He died July 24th, 1893, in the 80th year of his age.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Fort Worth during the sessions of the Synod. Rev. J. M. Cochran was received from the Presbytery of Eastern Texas, and J. A. Creighton from Dallas.

Daniel Baker College occupied a large share of the time both at Brownwood and at Fort Worth, but no arrangement that proved satisfactory was arrived at.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

A biographical notice of Rev. Hugh Wilson is contained in the history at its proper place. A brief notice of the other original members is in place.

REV. JOHN T. BALCH, was born in Green county, Tennessee, December 12, 1809. He studied theology at Princeton. After preaching two years in Tennessee and eight years in Arkansas, he came to Western Texas in 1850, and to the Brazos Presbytery in 1853. He died in Minden, Louisiana, on his fifty-second birthday, December 12, 1861. After his death his family returned to Texas. One of the candidates, now under the care of the Presbytery, Mr. H. V. Tull, is his grandson.

REV. WM. M. BAKER, after he went North in 1866, pursued a literary career besides his labors in the ministry. He wrote his

father's biography in 1858 and 1859, and while living in Austin during the war wrote, "An Inside View of Secessia." He wrote afterwards several works of fiction, and acquired a considerable reputation in this field. One of his books, *Carter Quarterman*, contains in *Dr. Quarterman* a more vivid picture of what his father, *Dr. Daniel Baker*, was, than does his biography of him. He died in Boston, Massachusetts, August 20, 1883.

REV. R. F. BUNTING'S career, after he left this Presbytery, is pretty well known. When he took charge of the church in San Antonio, he set himself to the task of securing a house of worship for the congregation, and succeeded in bringing to the state in which it was used for years, the present church building. During the war, or most of it, he was the efficient chaplain of the "Texas Rangers." He was for some time pastor of the first church in Nashville, Tennessee, afterwards in Galveston, and other charges. For a time he was financial agent of the S. W. Presb. University. He died suddenly of heart disease on the cars, September 19, 1891. Dr. Bunting was a most active and tireless worker at whatever he undertook.

## Organization and History of Churches.

### FREE CHURCH, AUSTIN.

In October, 1839, Rev. W. Y. Allen, having sent an appointment before, rode an Indian pony from Houston to Austin, then about four months old and having about six hundred inhabitants, to preach. He spent the Sabbath on the way at a camp-meeting at Ruttersville, conducted by the distinguished Methodist pioneer, Rev. Rob't Alexander. Arriving in Austin at night on the Saturday following, he preached on the Sabbath, October 18th, in Bullock's Hotel, and in the afternoon organized a Presbyterian church of six members. The ruling elders were Mr. Bullock and James Burke. Mr. Allen says of the communion that it was something that had never been witnessed so far southwest by Protestants on the American continent. The church was one of the five enrolled by the Brazos Presbytery at its organization the following April. In 1840 a Mr. Crow, from Indiana, preached for the church some months. The same year a church building of logs was erected on the ground now occupied by the Cumberland Presbyterian church. It was not finished, and was never occupied, and in 1844 was blown down by a tornado. In 1842, in consequence of an invasion of Mexicans and Indians, the town was deserted for a time by the government and most of the people. So far as is known, no records of the church have been preserved. In 1846, it is mentioned in the records of the Presbytery, with the statement that it was not then known whether any members were left, and in 1848 it was omitted from the roll. In that year, Dr. Baker commenced preaching in the town, and in May, 1850, a church was organized by Rev. W. M. Baker, with five members. It was enrolled by the Presbytery Oct. 29th, 1851, having then thirty-eight members and two elders. At the same time an order was made for Mr. Baker's installation as pastor of the church on the 2d of November: Rev. S. F. Cocke to preach the sermon, Rev. J. W. Miller to give the charge to the people, Dr. Baker to the pastor. In 1861, the church reported ninety-one members. Mr. Baker continued pastor till 1866, when he removed to Ohio. The majority of the church resolved to adhere to the church, North. They also held the church building, a small house standing



where the Northern church now stands. About a dozen members, including two of the elders, determined to adhere to the Southern church, and were recognized by the Presbytery of Central Texas as the Austin church.

For several years they had no preaching, except as supplies were sent from time to time by the Presbytery. In the fall of '68, Rev. A. A. Porter visited the church, and in the following spring removed to Texas and took charge of the church. He was sent by the Home Mission Committee. Dr. Porter supplied the church till prostrated by the sickness which ended in his death December 8th, 1872. During this time the membership increased to about seventy, and the site for the present house of worship was secured.

Dr. Porter was succeeded by Rev. Henry McDonald. During his time, twenty-one members were added, and the foundation laid and the walls erected of the present house of worship. At the laying of the corner-stone, Dr. B. M. Palmer made an address, holding a large audience, mostly standing, immovable for nearly two hours. He also preached, while there, several times in the capitol.

In July, 1874, a call was extended to Dr. R. K. Smoot, of Bowling Green, Kentucky. He visited Austin, and was instrumental in starting an effort, which met with a good measure of success, to raise money to carry on the work upon the church edifice. He did not accept the call. In November, '74, Rev. John S. Grasty, D. D., of Shelbyville, Kentucky, was called to the pastorate. He took charge of the church soon after, and was installed pastor May 9th, '75. By joint request, the relation was dissolved June 23d, '76, Dr. Grasty having removed to Missouri some time before. During the first part of his ministry, services were held in Smith's Opera House. Money was borrowed to complete the church building, and it was occupied for the first time in June, 1875. In the autumn of that year, the Synod of Texas met in the building. During his pastorate, there were forty-five accessions to the roll of members.

Dr. Smoot was again called to the pastorate, and having accepted the call, took charge of the church in October, '76, and was installed May 13th, '77. This pastorate still continues, and for ten years the pastor has performed the additional labor of a professor in the Austin School of Theology, and has had the largest share of the care and labor of organizing the school. The church has enjoyed a steady prosperity and growth in numbers. From April, '77, to April, '94, the additions reported are 613—285 on examination, and 328 by letter. The present membership, 319. In '86, the house of worship was remodeled and

enlarged, and the church was incorporated under the name of the Free Presbyterian Church. The disbursements for church purposes have been about \$111,000. At the time of the disruption, the elders were A. H. Cook, J. H. Hutchins and Wm. Smythe. The two former had held the office from near the time of the organization, in 1850.

#### ELDERS.

- A. H. Cooke. Died February 22, '84.  
 J. H. Hutchins. Died July 24, '93.  
 G. Rogar. Died May 9, '80.  
 Dr. Cluff.  
 Dr. Rob't Grant, July 18, '75. Died July 17, '88.  
 J. N. Lyle, July 18, '75. Dis. July 28, '78.  
 J. B. Winn, December 31, '83.  
 J. M. Brown, December 31, '83.  
 L. A. Graham, March 12, '93.  
 W. R. Moore, March 12, '93.  
 J. L. Blain, March 12, '93.

#### DEACONS.

- Z. T. Fulmore. Res. May 6, '78.  
 Dr. J. H. Burt. Died July 10, '86.  
 R. J. Loving, July 1, '77.  
 Benj. S. Pillow, July 1, '77.  
 E. B. Mitchell, July 1, '77.  
 Calvin McCorkle, '79.  
 Clark Red, '79.  
 J. T. K. McPhail, October 10, '79.  
 T. W. Gregory, October 10, '79.  
 C. B. Daniel, October 10, '79.  
 C. W. Hopkins, October 10, '79.  
 R. C. Walker, September 7, '84.  
 Chas. Moore, Jan. 31, '92.  
 W. W. Wiggins, February 19, '93. Dis. to Fort Worth.  
 J. B. Davis, May 25.  
 Milton Morris, May 25.

#### BALLENGER.

The First Presbyterian Church of Ballenger was organized July 25, 1886, by evangelist J. H. Zivley, with nine members and one ruling elder. Mr. Zivley was S. S. for about two years. Evangelist C. H. Dobbs preached some for the church, but the records do not show how much. Also D. A. Planck while he was at San Angelo. Rev. C. L. Ewing took charge of

the church June 1, 1890, and April 19, was installed pastor by the Presbytery then in session in the church.

The growth of the church has been steady and substantial, and seasons of revival have been enjoyed from time to time. Present membership, 70. Total, 111.

## RULING ELDERS.

J. R. Burt, at organization.  
 M. Barker, June 23, 1888.  
 I. F. Vaughn, December 15, 1889.  
 J. I. Guion, December 15, 1889.  
 P. McGregor, July 16, 1893.

## DEACONS.

R. H. McAlpine, at organization.  
 J. J. Erwin, December 16, 1889.  
 A. H. Van Pelt, December 16, 1889.  
 J. A. Gammil, December 15, 1889.  
 Jas. Wilson, July 16, 1893.  
 The house of worship was completed in 1891, but was not dedicated till October 29, 1893. The church also owns a comfortable manse worth \$1000.

## BELTON.

Rev. L. Tenney preached at Belton monthly from 1855 to 1857. There were a few Presbyterians there but not enough to warrant organizing a church. Early in 1860, he commenced again a monthly appointment, and October 21st, of that year, organized the church with eight members, and Erasmus Walker and Robt. Miller as elders. He continued to preach to the church through 1861. In 1862 or '63, R. M. Overstreet was employed, but how long he preached is uncertain. Some members were received, among them J. J. Robertson, now a member of the Session. L. Tenney preached again monthly from early in '69 to the spring of '75. He had preached for the first time in Belton, in April, '54, in a school house weather-boarded with rough split boards. The Cumberland Presbyterians soon after built a house, mostly at the expense of one man. That church did not last long, and the building was afterwards turned into a school house. The services from '55 to '57, were in this building, from '69 for a time in the Methodist church, and afterward in a Union church. There were twenty members in the spring of '75.

Rev. W. F. Gillespie was S. S. from May, '75, to November 18, '76, preaching about half the time.

C. W. Peyton, licentiate, ordained April, '78, was S. S. from the fall of '77, till May, '85.

Rev. W. George, D. D., P., May 31, '85, to September, '87.

J. M. Purcell, licentiate, S. S., November, '87, to May, '88; P., till May, '89.

J. P. Robertson, P., June 1, '89.

#### RULING ELDERS.

E. Walker, October 21, 1860. Died 1893.

Robert Miller, October 21, 1860. Dismissed; died at Hamilton.

A. A. Black, June 25, 1871. Dismissed at organization at Temple.

R. M. Huie, June 25, 1871. Dismissed.

J. J. Robertson, June 4, 1882.

A. M. Montith, June 4, 1882.

W. T. Shannon, August 15, 1886.

J. C. Means, May 17, 1891.

W. McB. Smith, May 17, 1891.

J. W. Lee, May 17, 1891.

#### BETHEL.

Rev. M. C. Conoley settled in the western part of Milam county in the winter of 1867-'68, and opened a school in a neighborhood where there were no Presbyterians. He did not become a member of Central Texas Presbytery till the fall of 1871. June 11th of that year the Bethel church was organized by A. J. Loughridge and elders R. H. Flanniken and J. W. Shive, a committee of the Presbytery. There were seven members, mostly of Mr. Conoley's family. Mr. Conoley supplied the church till the spring of 1877; A. J. Loughridge, 1877-1879; R. M. Tuttle, 1879-1880; W. F. Gillespie, 1880-1881; G. T. Lyle, 1883-1884. R. E. Sherrill was invited to preach to the church in 1884, but preached only a few times on account of ill health. In 1891, after the church had been vacant about seven years, N. W. McMillan was invited to take charge. Only ten or twelve members could then be found within reach, but there are now nearly forty names on the roll, and a good Sabbath school and prayer meeting. The number of members enrolled has been about sixty, about forty-five of them on profession of faith.

#### BEULAH.

The Beulah church, at Shive, Hamilton county, was organized February 24, 1884, by evangelist C. H. Dobbs, with ten

members and one ruling elder, J. W. Shive. Mr. Shive and his family, and his son's family, had settled there a short time before. There were a few members already residing there. They started a Sabbath school, which has continued to the present time, and, though in a community little used to such things, and little disposed to keep the Sabbath, it has drawn many from outside the church and exerted a very great influence for good. W. E. Shive preached to the church in 1884, and M. Black from 1886 to 1889; C. H. Dobbs, part of 1891 and 1892; otherwise the services have been only occasional. The total number of members enrolled is thirty-six, and there are now on the roll seventeen. In February, 1884, Job Cooper was made an elder a few days after the organization, and in November, 1891, J. G. Jones. Mr. Cooper was an old man, and died some years since. The Shive families moved west in 1891 or 1892. There is now but one ruling elder, Mr. Jones, and the members are mostly females and children, but the Sabbath school is kept up, and the church seems to give promise of bearing good fruit.

The church has had deacons, R. L. Shive, M. F. Clark and M. B. Roddy, only one of whom is now serving.

#### BURNET.

In May, 1874, Rev. H. B. Rose, who had come from Virginia some months before, was received by the Presbytery at an adjourned meeting at Waxahachie. At the same meeting Mr. Rose and Elder P. H. Turk, of Pleasant Hill church, were appointed a committee to organize a church at Burnet. August 12th of the same year the church was organized by them with twelve members: Capt. D. P. Curry, Dr. John McSwean, A. M. Ramsey, and their wives, Misses Sallie R., Susan W. and Minnie C. Curry, Miss Ida McSwean, Mrs. Fannie Warden and Mrs. A. R. Culton. Capt. Curry, Dr. McSwean and Mr. Ramsey were made ruling elders.

Mr. Rose preached for the church monthly till October, 1875, services being held in the rock school house. Some months after, W. F. Gillespie commenced monthly services and continued till September, 1881, when Mr. Rose returned to Burnet and preached monthly till the house of worship was erected in 1883. The house was completed in July; cost about \$2000, all paid up. From this time there were services three, and part of the time four Sabbaths per month, and a prayer meeting and Sabbath school were organized. The church continued to grow till, in 1887, sixty members were reported. For some years past the membership has greatly diminished, mainly by removals, the



number reported in 1893 being only twenty-eight. Seven members were dismissed to the Spring Creek church when it was organized in January, 1893. The Sabbath school has been kept up continuously, though not more than half as large now as it was some years ago. "The few earnest members left have labored hard to keep the church together." The total number of members that have been enrolled to April, 1893, is about 125.

#### MINISTERS.

H. B. Rose, S. S., August, '74, October, '75; also September, '81, April, '86.

W. F. Gillespie, '75, September, '81.

S. J. McMurry, S. S., October, '86; P., July, '87, May, '89.

H. M. Smith, S. S., April, '90, March, '91.

J. C. Grow, S. S., May, '91.

#### RULING ELDERS.

Capt. D. P. Curry, August 12, '74. Died, May, '83.

Dr. J. McSwean, August 12, '74.

A. M. Ramsey, August 12, '74.

D. L. Emmett, March, '81.

John Carruth, 1883. Died, June, '84.

E. B. Carruth, '83. Dis., March, '87.

Jas. W. Kyle, '83. Dis., August, '89.

Chas. R. Sherrill, July, '87. Dis., July, '93.

Maj. John B. Sherrard, September, 1891.

#### DEACONS.

D. L. Emmett, August, '79, March, '81.

M. J. McSwean, August, '79. Died, July, '84.

J. R. Hudson, '81. Dis., November, '93.

D. L. Luce, '87. Dis., July, '90.

Henry P. Rose, November, '91. Dis., March, '93.

#### CALDWELL.

[See Yellow Prairie.]

The present Caldwell church was organized by C. H. Dobbs, evangelist, with eleven members—S. G. Ragsdale and J. H. Wallace, ruling elders—July 1, '85. (There seems to be a confusion of dates, placing the election and installation of officers and first meeting of session, June 29.) The records make no mention of any supply, except the evangelist, till the early part of '88, when J. P. Robertson became S. S., and continued with

the church till the latter part of '89, supplying two or three other churches at the same time. From '89, E. L. Siler served the church as S. S. till September, '90, and thence as pastor till '93. Total members from beginning, 37; present number, 26.

## CAMERON.

The Cameron church was organized September 17th, '82, with thirteen members by Rev. A. S. Doak, Presbyterian evangelist. The ruling elders were T. E. Lankford, John B. McLane, R. I. McCalla and W. D. Paden. The church has been active and liberal. A handsome church building was erected in the spring of '87 at a cost of \$6500. A manse has also been erected on the same block with the church, costing \$2000. The total number of members enrolled to April, '84, is 142. The present number, 94. Licentiate D. N. Yarbro was ordained while serving the church, October, '93.

## MINISTERS.

M. C. Hutton, S. S., January 1, '83, to December 31, '85.

J. K. P. Newton, S. S., January 1, '86, to July 1, '87.

R. K. Moseley, P., August 1, '87, to November, '89.

J. T. Sailes, P., February 16, 1890, to July 1, '91.

J. W. Siler, S. S., September 1, '91, to July, '92.

Dr. J. T. Hendricks, S. S.

D. N. Yarbro, S. S., July 1, '93, to July 1, '94.

J. K. P. Newton, S. S., August 1, '93, to December 31, '94.

John M. Shive, P. E., '95.

## RULING ELDERS.

T. E. Lankford, September 17, '82. Died, October 15, '87.

John B. McLane, September 17, '82.

R. I. McCalla, September 17, '82.

W. D. Paden, September 17, '82.

E. J. McIver, November 9, '87.

J. F. Thompson, November 9, '87.

C. A. Lankford, November 9, '87.

## DEACONS.

W. H. Frirson, March 11, '87.

Johnson Robertson, March 11, '87.

C. A. Pitts, January 17, '88.

C. W. Lawrence, January 17, '88.

Samuel Streetman, November 21, '89.

Robert McLane.

## CAROLINA.

The Carolina church was organized October 12, 1853, with eleven members and two ruling elders, A. V. Lea and J. Hobbs, by Rev. John T. Balch. The organization took place at the house of A. V. Lea, on Elm Creek, five miles from Cameron, near where the Cameron and Port Sullivan road crosses the creek. The church was at first named Elm Creek, but as most of the members soon after determined to move to Deer creek, in Falls county, it appears that the name was changed to Deer Creek before the organization was reported to the Presbytery. It was changed to Carolina in October, 1854. A young man, A. B. Frazier, was appointed clerk of sessions, but it does not appear that he was an elder. He was drowned soon after in Elm creek. The removal took place in the fall of 1854. Mr. Hobbs did not go to Deer creek, and some time after he and his wife joined the Methodist church. Rev. L. Tenney took charge of the church in December of 1854, was installed pastor in April of 1856, by the Presbytery, which held its spring meeting then, and this relation continued till the end of 1859. The first church building was erected in 1855 by Mr. Lea's sons, of lumber which they sawed by hand. The present church was erected in '83, and dedicated in '84, H. Calvin Smith preaching the sermon. Mr. Balch preached for the church several times and ordained the elders chosen in '54. L. Tenney preached to the church most of the time from '63 until '68, and again supplied it from '71 until '75. Rev. S. A. King was S. S. during '69, and J. A. Walker in '70; R. M. Loughridge from '76 to '80; J. F. Paxton in '81 and '82. Since then it has been grouped with Robinson church, A. S. Drake being S. S. in '84 and '85; C. W. Peyton, '85 to '90; S. W. Mitchell, '90 and '91; S. J. McMurry, '92 and '93; J. M. Cochran from October, '93. Total number of communicants enrolled, 154; present number, 48.

## ELDERS.

- A. V. Lea, from organization until death, about 1871.  
 J. Hobbs, from organization until joined Methodist church.  
 John J. Long, October 12, '54; removed. (Dead).  
 Isaac D. Wright, October 12, '54; removed and joined Methodist church. Died in '51 or '52.  
 G. W. Storey, September 12, '68.  
 W. L. Pattillo, September 12, '68; dismissed to Marlin, '74.  
 E. P. Lea, January 22, '73; removed to Sweetwater about '87.  
 John Bouchillon, December 26, '75.  
 David M. Currie, December 26, '75.  
 Benj. F. Bouchillon, November 16, '84. (Dead.)  
 Thos. B. White, 1890.

## DEACONS.

J. B. Storey, December 21, '84.

B. F. Bouchillon.

D. M. Currie.

J. D. Storey, 1890.

## COLEMAN.

The Coleman church was organized October 26, 1879, by Rev. O. F. Rogers, who had been appointed to the work by the Presbytery, with eleven members. J. E. McCord and J. P. Price were installed ruling elders, and J. R. Dobbins and J. L. Spicer, deacons. Mr. Spicer was ordained. The earliest records of the church were lost. Rev. O. F. Rogers served the church for a time, then J. A. McMurray, evangelist. While at Abilene, Rev. J. M. Cochran preached at Coleman once a month, a part of the time at least. W. G. McDonald was S. S. in '86. J. H. Zivley preached a short time; W. E. Spicer from the Spring of '88 about a year. D. A. Planck was S. S. in '89, and C. L. Ewing from July, '90, until August, '92. The church has been vacant a large part of the time, and has been visited and services held at different times by the Presbyterial evangelists and other ministers. Rev. G. S. Robinson is at present supplying it. The total enrollment from the beginning is about 90; present membership, 58. The first house of worship, erected in '83, at a cost of about \$3000, was blown down in '84. The present commodious building was completed in '86. In June, '93, the manse was completed. The church property is valued at \$5000.

## COMANCHE.

Comanche church was organized by Rev. Neil McDonald on the fourth Sabbath (27th) of December, '74, with four members, R. P. McCrary, ruling elder. Rev. McDonald had visited and preached in Comanche several times previously. Returning from his next visit after the organization of the church he contracted pneumonia, which terminated his life on the third of February. First communion mentioned April, '76, two Cumberland Presbyterian brethren assisting. During '76 the ruling elder was killed and R. H. Carr and D. C. B. Dunlap were chosen, June 7, '77, Rev. L. Tenney preaching the ordination sermon. Rev. W. A. Smith served the church from '75 to '79; J. A. McMurray, evangelist, '80 to '84; J. S. Greenlee, '84 and '85; W. G. McDonald, '85 to '87; C. H. Dobbs, evangelist, '88 and '90; R. M. Tuttle, '90 and '91; C. H. Dobbs, '91 and '92. In '92 W. S. Baker preached a few times, and C. L. Ewing commenced to supply the church. Mr. Dunlap having removed, T. O. Moore was chosen

ruling elder in '85, is still in office, and has superintended the Sabbath school. Mr. Carr died in '92, and C. N. Curtiss was chosen ruling elder. The church has a house of worship which was erected about '84. Total membership to date, 61; present number, 30.

#### NAZARETH.

Nazareth church was organized by L. Tenney and Elder R. M. Hein, of the Belton church, June 20, '75. A. J. Loughridge and Elder Sydney Seymour were on the committee, but were not present. The organization took place near Indian creek, four miles west of Bartlett. The members were nine—Mrs. Mary Kelso, her sons and daughters, one daughter-in-law and one son-in-law, J. M. Robinson. They had come from Spartanburg district, South Carolina, some time before. Mr. Robinson had been licensed to preach in South Carolina. Two ruling elders were elected and installed, J. F. Kelso and J. M. Robinson, the latter being ordained. J. S. Kelso was ordained and installed deacon.

Mr. Robinson served as ruling elder until he was ordained to the ministry in October, '77. He was S. S. from the organization until the spring of '83. During the first part of the time W. F. Gillespie preached on the fifth Sabbaths, by invitation.

G. T. Lyle, S. S., one-fourth the time, March, '83-'84.

R. E. Sherrill, one-half the time, Sept., '84-March, '87.

C. H. Dobbs, evangelist, August, '84 to end of year, monthly.

L. H. Kimmons, S. S., one-half time, March, '88-Feb., '89.

C. M. Hutton, S. S., one-fourth time, April, '95-April, '90.

J. M. Robinson, S. S., one-fourth time, Nov., '91-Sept., '93.

J. M. Purcell, S. S., one-fourth time, since Sept., '93.

#### RULING ELDERS.

J. M. Robinson, June 20, '75 to Oct., '77.

J. F. Kelso, June 20, '75.

W. F. Bouchelle, Nov., '75. Dismissed May, '85, to Corn Hill.

Augustus Moss, June, '84. Died January, '93.

J. S. Kelso, August 9, '90.

C. H. Smith, August 9, '90.

#### DEACONS.

J. S. Kelso, June 20, '75, to August 9, '90.

T. B. Moss, May 11, '84. Died June 8, '86.

H. R. Kelso, May 11, '84.

John D. Robinson, August 9, '90.

Original members, 9. Total enrolled, 57. Present number, 41.



## CORN HILL.

The church of Corn Hill, in Williamson county, twelve miles north of Georgetown, was organized by C. H. Dobbs, evangelist, June 8, 1884, with eight members, G. B. Morgan and W. E. Bouchelle, ruling elders. The total number enrolled from the beginning is thirty-one; present number, sixteen. But of the sixteen, the elder, G. B. Morgan, and his family, seven members, have removed to Copperas Cove, forty miles away, leaving in the neighborhood of Corn Hill only nine, and those much scattered. The church has been served at irregular intervals by C. H. Dobbs, J. M. Robinson, R. E. Sherrill, and J. M. Purcell and J. P. Robertson while licentiates; also statedly by M. C. Hutton, from October, '86, to December, '88; Joshua Phipps one year, from fall of '89, and N. W. McMillan one year, from fall of '90. An additional elder, S. G. B. Morgan, was installed August 29, '86. J. J. Morgan was installed as deacon, in July, '85, and Frank L. Massey, August, '86. The latter has since joined the Methodist church. During Mr. Hutton's ministration a meeting was held at which there were seven or eight additions.

## CORNICANA.

Corsicana church was organized by Rev. S. A. King, evangelist, May 30, 1868, with six members; Robt. Cook, ruling elder.

"There is no mention of any special season of outpouring, but the church seems to have kept growing like other Texas churches; that is spasmodically. Perhaps to-day there is more true growth of divine life within our membership than at any previous time."

## MINISTERS.

Hillery Moseley, S. S., '68, November 13, '75.

J. G. Fackler, S. S., '76.

J. A. McMurray, S. S., '77, November, '79.

S. M. Lockett, S. S., latter half of '80.

H. W. Woods, pastor, January, '81, June, '82.

H. Calvin Smith, S. S., January, '84, June, '85.

Thos. Wharey, D. D., pastor, May, '85. Died March 24, '88.

C. R. Dudley, D. D., pastor, December 1, '88, November 1, '90.

J. N. McFarlane, S. S., November 1, '90, pastor, May 28, '91.

Total members, 435; present number, 152.

## RULING ELDERS.

Robert G. Cook, at organization. Died in office.

Mark H. Bird, installed March, '71. Died July 3, '82.

R. S. Davidson, ordained and installed March 12, '71. Dismissed October 16, '72.

J. W. Gulick, installed January 20, '72. Expelled October 8, 1881.

P. M. Cammon, January 20, '72. Died, '90.

F. T. Gillespie, ordained and installed February 20, '78. Removed to Florida, '85.

J. T. Vance, ordained and installed February 1, '82.

W. T. Hall, installed February 1, '82. Dismissed October 2, 1892.

John Wareing, ordained and installed March 14, '86.

James S. Roxburgh, ordained and installed May 28, '89.

A. B. Frey, installed September 11, '92.

R. G. Latting, jr., November 20, '92. Dismissed.

Present Session: J. T. Vane, J. Wareing, A. B. Frey, J. L. Roxburgh, S. C.

#### DEACONS.

H. M. Morrison, ordained and installed January 20, '72; dismissed February, '82; reinstated July 1, '88. Died January 12, 1893.

B. B. Frye, ordained and installed January 20, '72. Resigned July 21, '72.

J. W. Goodman, ordained and installed February 20, '76. Resigned August 17, '91.

J. M. Blanding, ordained and installed October 31, '80.

J. P. Vance, ordained and installed October 31, '80. Became elder February 1, '82.

H. C. Moseley, ordained and installed February 1, '82. Resigned August 17, '91.

W. H. Matchett, ordained and installed August 23, '85. Resigned August 17, '91.

Geo. Brandrett, ordained and installed May 4, '84. Dismissed December 9, '88.

F. R. Smith, ordained and installed May 4, '84. Resigned 1886.

H. L. Moseley, ordained and installed October 24, '86. Resigned August 17, '91.

J. W. Crawford, ordained and installed August 28, '92.

J. E. Decherd, ordained and installed August 28, '92.

#### DUBLIN.

A church was organized at Dublin with eleven members, A. W. Reisin, ruling elder, by C. H. Dobbs, and enrolled by the Presbytery April 24, '85. Rev. J. S. Greenlee preached to the church that year and L. Tenney in '87. There were found to be a number of other members in the vicinity, but under the existing condition of things they were not willing to unite with the

church. It was thought best to dissolve the church, which was done September 3, '87. October 3, '88, Mr. Dobbs reported again the organization of a church at Dublin, with twenty-one members and two ruling elders. J. Walker Ross and Mr. Dobbs supplied the church from May, '91, to July, '92, and W. S. Baker some months in '92 and '93. Members enrolled, 48; present number (April, '93) 32.

## GATESVILLE.

The Gatesville church was organized March 1st, 1885, by evangelist C. H. Dobbs, with sixteen members and two ruling elders. This church, since its organization, and the Unity church, have for the most part been served by the same minister. For a short time Gatesville and McGregor were joined.

Thos. McHutchon, S. S., '85.

John Woodruff, S. S., May, '86, to April, '88.

John Young, pastor, October, '88, to October, '90.

R. L. Dale, S. S., November, '90, to September, '91.

H. M. Smith, S. S., December, '91, to August, '92.

C. W. Peyton, S. S., December, '93.

## RULING ELDERS.

J. D. Bishop, ordained March 1, '85.

Frank Torman, installed March 1, '85.

G. M. Suggs, installed June 9, '91.

J. W. Sherrell, installed June 9, '91.

J. D. Mecklin, installed June 9, '91. Dis. April 11, '92.

## DEACONS.

Chas. Reynolds, ordained March 1, '85. Joined another church.

G. W. Pitman, ordained March 3, '89. Dis. December 27, '91.

R. L. Suggs, installed June 9, '91.

Total membership enrolled, 65; present number, 39.

## GEORGETOWN.

The Georgetown church was organized at Round Rock, June 12th, 1854, by Rev. Wm. M. Baker, with ten members and two ruling elders, Dr. Thos. Barbee and Richard Sansom. It was enrolled as the Round Rock church by the Presbytery in October of the same year, and Dr. Barbee represented the church at that meeting. The name was changed to Georgetown in October, 1855, by the Presbytery at Round Top, Mr. Sansom being a member.

In November, 1854, Rev. R. M. Overstreet, from Indiana,

settled in Georgetown and took charge of the church. He continued in charge, giving about half his time to the church, till the spring of 1866. During this time thirty-one members were admitted to the church. Dr. Barbee died in 1856, and in November, 1861, Sidney Seymour was made an elder.

In April, 1866, the Presbytery met in Georgetown, and Mr. Sansom, representing the church, offered a resolution that the Presbytery take steps to return to the Northern church. The only votes in its favor were those of Messrs. Sansom and Overstreet. Mr. Overstreet soon left for the North.

In July following (the 28th) a congregational meeting was held, at which it was resolved to withdraw from the Presbytery of Central Texas. The vote (including votes registered after the meeting) was fifteen to five. Mr. Seymour gave notice that he, and those who voted with him, would not leave the Presbytery. He also wrote to the Presbytery which met September 20th, and the Presbytery recognized him, and those who stood with him, as the Georgetown church. The members were Mr. and Mrs. Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay, who lived twenty miles away, Mrs. Shaffer, Miss Wilbarger (now Mrs. Walker) and Miss L. Barbee. Mrs. Dimmitt must have been added soon after this. A good church building had been erected with a school-room adjoining. The Northern party held the church building, and under the ministrations of Rev. John McMurray, much of the time would not allow our church the use of it, and for several years when they had preaching, it was in the court house. Mr. Sansom, who offered the resolution to leave the Southern church, returned to it some years afterwards, and his name again appears in the list of ruling elders. Mr. Seymour lived two and a half miles in the country, and for several years there were of the members, in the town, only three ladies.

#### STATED SUPPLIES AND PASTORS.

W. A. Smith, '67 and probably '68.

L. Tenney, April, '69, to December, '72.

M. C. Conoly, during '73.

H. B. Rose, part of '74.

W. F. Gillespie, S. S., August 23, '75; installed pastor, April 30, '77; pastoral relation dissolved, October 1, '81.

H. Moseley, S. S., January 1, '82; installed pastor June 25, '82. Died December 3, '83.

W. T. Spears, August, '84, to August, '85; elected pastor, but did not accept.

M. C. Hutton, S. S., January 1, '86; installed pastor May 9, '86.

## RULING ELDERS.

- Dr. Thos. Barbee, June 12, '54, till his death, '56.  
 Richard Sansom, June 12, '54, August, '66.  
 Sidney Seymour, November 9, '61. Died August 16, '89.  
 Dr. R. S. Shannon, December 8, '72. Dis. March 11, '76.  
 Samuel D. Carothers, December 8, '72. Died December 31, '77.  
 R. L. McElroy, April 22, '77. Dis. December 22, '79.  
 Richard Sansom, March 25, '77. Died June 30, '80.  
 W. K. Makemson, June 17, '80. Retired.  
 J. A. Montgomery, April 8, '83.  
 John J. Dimmit, April 8, '83. Died May 9, '84.  
 J. E. Cooper, June 7, '80.  
 Thos. P. Hughes, June 7, '80.  
 Dr. W. P. Fleming, August 27, '93.

## DEACONS.

- J. R. McCormick, March 25, '77. Removed to Austin, April 15, '83.  
 J. C. Cameron, June 7, '80. Died October 5, '92.  
 Wm. S. Leake, March 22, '84.  
 Ed. H. Moseley, March 22, '84. Dis. December 3, '86.  
 Jos. A. Metcalfe, March 22, '84. Dis. July 8, '88.  
 Cooper Sansom, March 22, '84.  
 Scott Watson, April 11, '86. Dis. February 15, '87.  
 B. S. Sherwood, January 16, '87.  
 Dr. S. E. Weatherford, March 10, '89. Dis. May 31, '91.  
 H. W. Knight, December 21, '92.

The total number of members enrolled, 307; present number, 107. A Children's Mission Band and the Earnest Workers were organized in April, 1893.

## HAMILTON.

The Hamilton church was organized September 5th, 1880, with nine members, by J. A. McMurray, evangelist. No officers were elected at the time, but December 5th following, W. T. Cropper, A. J. Foster and N. C. Howard were elected, ordained and installed elders, Mr. McMurray officiating.

In October, 1883, Robert Miller and R. W. Lloyd were installed elders, and C. S. Doubleday and Andrew Miller ordained and installed deacons. W. L. Morrison was installed deacon October 4th, 1885. Rev. Thos. McHutchon commenced preaching, probably in the winter of '82 and '83, and continued till October, '84; his last sermon the first Sabbath of October, being the first preached in the church building.

Rev. J. M. Smith was S. S. six months from April 1st, '85.



Malcom Black, S. S., October, '85, to April, '88.

L. Tenney, S. S., June, '88, to June, '90.

C. H. Dobbs, S. S., April, '91, to July, '92.

W. S. Baker, S. S., September, '93.

Elder N. C. Howard was dismissed December 4, '87.

Elder W. T. Cropper was dismissed April 12, '91.

Elder Robert Miller died September 18, '92.

The total number of members enrolled, 81; the present number (March, '94), 26. The newly elected evangelist, H. M. Sydnestricker, held a meeting from the 3rd to the 15th of February, ult., at which ten members were added.

The church building was commenced in the fall of '83 and finished in '84. It was at Hamilton that Mr. McMurray was warned that he could not organize a Presbyterian church, because there was too much religion in that church for that town.

#### HICO.

The church at Hico was organized by evangelist J. A. McMurray, October 3, 1884, with ten members. It had no officers until November 2, '86, when W. H. Keffer and W. J. Cox were elected and installed elders (the latter ordained), and J. M. Temple deacon. Rev. J. S. Greenlee preached for a short time. L. Tenney had a monthly appointment from the summer of '86 to that of '88; R. M. Tuttle from the autumn of '89 to that of '90, and C. H. Dobbs from the spring of '91 to that of '92. A small but handsome and convenient house of worship was erected in 1890. W. S. Baker, the present S. S., has been with the church since the autumn of '92. Total members enrolled, 67; present number, 38.

#### HIGHLAND.

In the spring of 1891, Rev. J. M. Purcell, principal of Stuart Seminary, bought a lot in the eastern part of Austin and built a house on it, at his own expense, in order to carry on a mission work. With the aid of six or seven teachers a large Sabbath school was established and maintained, and Mr. Purcell preached every Sabbath night to good congregations. January 31, 1892, the Presbytery met at the mission rooms, and at the request of a number of Presbyterians and with the consent of the session of the first church of Austin, organized a church with twenty members, one elder, E. P. Penick, and one deacon, M. M. Johnson. The name of Highland was given to the church. Mr. Purcell was unanimously invited to supply the church. At the spring meeting of Presbytery a call was presented to him to become pastor, and on the fourth Sabbath of April he was installed. In April, 1893, the pastoral relation was dissolved. There were

nearly thirty additions to the church during the year, mostly on profession of faith.

#### HUBBARD CITY.

The Hubbard City church was organized August 16, 1891, by Rev. S. A. King, D. D., and elder W. H. Godber, a committee of Presbytery. Rev. R. E. Hardin supplied the church from its organization until the spring of 1893. A few months afterwards Rev. J. A. Creighton commenced preaching to it one-fourth of the time, and still continues. There are twenty-six communicants. The church has four elders and one deacon. W. E. Connelly is clerk of session. A Sabbath school was commenced soon after the organization and still continues. The ladies have commenced raising a fund for a church building.

#### HUGH WILSON.

The Hugh Wilson church was organized May 22, 1852, by Rev. Hugh Wilson, he having removed thither with others, members of the church to which he ministered in Washington county a short time before. The members lived in two neighborhoods, fourteen miles apart, String Prairie lying between them. The church was named String Prairie, but the year after Mr. Wilson's death the name was changed by the Presbytery, at the request of the church. The church building is near Tanglewood P. O., in Lee county. The first building was an oak frame, hewed by hand, weather-boarded and roofed with split boards. The present building is a substantial frame building, costing \$1200. When the church, as during most of its history, has had the whole time of a minister, the part where the church building is, "Our Prairie," has had services three Sabbaths per month, and the other, in San Antonio Prairie, one Sabbath. Rev. H. Wilson supplied the church from its organization until just before his death; L. Tenney, from February, '68, until the close of the year, twice a month, riding 70 miles to reach the San Antonio neighborhood.

A. J. Loughridge was S. S. from January, '69, until July, '70, when he was installed pastor, and so continued until his death in March, '81.

L. Tenney, S. S., May, '81, to May, '86.

J. P. Robertson, S. S., April, '88, to April, '89.

O. B. Caldwell, S. S., April, '90, to September, '90.

Eugene L. Siler, September, '90, to '92.

N. W. McMillan, '93.

## RULING ELDERS.

- Murdo Murchison, May 22, '52. Died.  
 W. L. Cunningham, May 22, '52. Died.  
 Wm. A. Knox, April 13, '56. Died.  
 J. C. Mitchell, April 13, '56. Died September 18, '68.  
 Dr. Jas. Pankey, April 5, '56. Died April 29, '66;  
 Jas. W. Shive, April 2, '67. Dismissed Nov. 25, '83.  
 W. J. McClellan, April 2, '67. Dismissed June 18, '71. Died.  
 Robt. H. Flanniken, April 2, '67.  
 D. A. Castleberry, Nov. 22, '73. Dismissed Sept. 5, '75.  
 A. J. Owen, Oct. 20, '78. Dismissed Dec. 7, '90.  
 R. A. Knox, Oct. 27, '78. Dismissed March 21, '83.  
 Henry J. Bissell, April 19, '85.  
 Jacob S. Gould, April 19, '85. Died.

## DEACONS.

- W. A. Pankey, Nov. 22, '70.  
 R. L. Shive, Nov. 22, '70. Dismissed Nov. 25, '83.  
 A. J. Owen, Nov. 22, '70, until made elder.  
 W. W. Cunningham, Oct. 20, '78. Dismissed Aug. 13, '81.  
 H. J. Bissell, Oct. 20, '78, until made elder.  
 Jas. M. Scott, April 19, '85. Dmitted March 30, '90.  
 Geo. A. Linn, April 19, '85.  
 M. Murchison, W. A. and R. A. Knox, James and W. A. Pankey, and W. J. McClellan lived in San Antonio Prairie, the others in "Our Prairie." The church has always had a Sunday-school, under control of the session, and many of its members have united with the church.

Original number of members, 22; total enrolled, 237; present number, 38.

In the fall of 1893 the members living in San Antonio Prairie petitioned to be organized into a separate church, which was accordingly done by a commission of Presbytery, N. W. McMillan and D. N. Yarbro. The church is named——, P. O. Dime Box. Rev. J. W. Montgomery, of Giddings, Brazos Presbytery, preaches there monthly.

The church was for years noted for its liberality, for which it was indebted to the example of Father Wilson. The reports show that from 1870 to 1887, with a membership of less than 60, one year with another, it contributed, outside of its own expenses, over \$3700, an average of \$3.60 per member annually. The unhealthiness of the timbered country caused most of the members to remove, and for the last seven or eight years the church has been weak in numbers and financially. It was never rich in this world's goods.

## HUTTO.

The Hutto church was organized December 28th, 1879, by Rev. W. F. Gillespie and Elder Sidney Seymour, with fourteen members, two ruling elders and two deacons. Licentiate A. H. P. McCurdy appears to have preached for the church from its organization. In April, '80, he was ordained, and on November 10th of that year was installed pastor. The pastoral relation was dissolved September 22d, '82.

G. T. Lyle, S. S., spring of '83 to spring of '84.

R. E. Sherrill, October, '84, to December, '86.

W. J. Tidball, several months in '88.

J. Phipps, about 18 months from March, '90.

J. P. Robertson supplied the church for a time, but at what time and for how long the records do not show.

N. W. McMillan, February, '92, is now preaching to the church one-half the time.

## RULING ELDERS.

R. L. McElroy, December 28, '79.

D. J. Davis, December 28, '79. Died April, '90.

Andrew Wilson, September 11, '87.

J. A. Metcalfe, June 11, '90.

J. P. Davis, June 11, '90.

E. W. Frame, January 14, '94.

## DEACONS.

Jas. Metcalfe, sr., December 28, '79. Died January 18, '87.

Thos. M. Metcalfe, December 28, '79. Dis. May 24, '89.

J. P. Davis, September 11, '87. Elder, June, '90.

E. H. McElroy, June 11, '90.

Jas. Brown, June 11, '90.

John Harkness, June 11, '90.

C. T. Wright, January 14, '94.

Total members enrolled, sixty-three. Present number, thirty-nine. June 13th, '92, the recently erected house of worship was dedicated, "the nicest Presbyterian church in the country." "About one third of the members good old Scotch members, a flourishing little Sabbath-school, and a good and faithful man of God preaching for us one-half of the time."

## IREDELL.

The Iredell church was organized May 29th, 1881, with six members and one ruling elder, P. C. Buchanan, by evangelist J. A. McMurray. It was ministered to, more or less, by Mr. Mc-

Murray, till some time in '84, and a house of worship built. C. H. Dobbs, as evangelist, also preached some time to the church. In '84, W. E. Shive was S. S. Some eight or nine members were added after the organization. The only elder, P. C. Buchanan, died February 11th, 1886. Four or five others of the small membership were removed by death, and others were dismissed, leaving only four or five on the roll. The church has since had little more than a nominal existence.

#### LEANDER.

The Leander church was organized at Bagdad, a mile west of the town of Leander. Rev. R. M. Overstreet had had a monthly appointment at the place a year previous. His was the first Old School Presbyterian preaching in the neighborhood. By appointment of the Presbytery, he organized the church February 14th, 1857, with seven members, six of whom had belonged to the Austin church, but had come from North and South Carolina. S. D. Carothers, who had been an elder in Carolina, was elected and installed ruling elder. The church was named Pleasant Hill, from a church in Carolina. Part of the members lived at Bagdad, and part six or seven miles northeast, on the north side of the S. Gabriel. The name was changed to Leander in April, '84.

R. M. Overstreet was S. S., '57 to '59.

W. A. Smith, S. S., '67 and '68.

Mr. Beall, of Northern church, preached a few times.

L. Tenney, '69-'72.

M. C. Conoley, '73.

H. B. Rose, '74-'81.

A. H. P. McCurdy, '82.

H. B. Rose, '83-'85.

W. G. McDonald, part of '85.

Joshua Barbee, part of '86.

J. P. Robertson, '87 and '88.

M. C. Hutton, '88-'92.

During Mr. Rose's second term of service, the house of worship, worth about \$1500, was built. Dr. A. A. Porter did the preaching at a protracted meeting in Bagdad in 1872. In the earlier times of the church, the preaching was held at two places — at Bagdad, and at a school house near Mr. Carothers', or at Liberty Hill. The following ministers have held meetings at the church: A. J. Loughridge, C. H. Dobbs, evangelist; John Young, C. M. Hutton, S. J. McMurry, W. J. Tidball, J. C. Grow, A. R. Shaw, evangelist.

## RULING ELDERS.

S. D. Carothers, at the organization. Removed of Georgetown, became an elder in that church in '72, and died December 31, '77.

J. C. Park. Died May, '81.

P. A. Turk. Died July 21, '79.

E. A. Walker, ordained February 15, '80. Died July, '86.

J. A. Faubion, ordained October 2, '87.

J. T. Schooley, ordained October 2, '87.

C. C. Mason, ordained July 5, '91.

R. C. Walker was elected and ordained deacon February 15, '80. Dismissed to Free church, Austin.

Total membership, 90; present number, 32.

## LINGLEVILLE.

The Lingleville church, at Lingleville, some sixteen miles north of Dublin, Erath county, was organized by evangelist A. R. Shaw, March 9th, 1893, with twelve members. The way had been prepared by Rev. C. H. Dobbs, during his last year in the Presbytery. W. S. Baker had preached there also several months previous to the organization, and has continued to supply the church since. Eight members have been added to the original number. Ruling elders: W. P. McCarley and E. S. Hamlett. Deacon: W. A. George.

## SANTA ANNA AND SPRING CREEK.

The churches of Santa Anna, in Coleman county, on the Santa Fe road, with eleven members and two ruling elders, and Spring Creek, near Burnet, with ten members and two ruling elders, organized by Mr. Shaw, were enrolled by the Presbytery at the same time as Lingleville, April, '93.

## LOTT.

The church at Lott was organized March 27th, 1892, by a commission, C. W. Peyton, J. W. Siler, and Elder J. F. Thompson, with seven members. No elder was elected at the time, but Dr. E. C. Gordon was elected and installed deacon. In August, '92, J. O. Mecklin was elected, and September 27th was installed, ruling elder. Evangelist A. R. Shaw and others have preached some for the church. In the fall of '93, Rev. J. M. Cochran commenced to preach once a month. A church building had been erected, and was destroyed by a storm May 6th, '93. It has been rebuilt. Nine members, three of them on profession of faith, have been added since the organization. Present number, sixteen.



## MARLIN.

The Marlin church was organized May 2d, 1874, by H. Moseley and L. Tenney, who had been appointed by the Presbytery for that purpose. There had been one or two members of the Carolina church residing there since 1856, and for several years of the time there had been monthly preaching in Marlin. The number of members was seven. Mr. W. L. Pattillo, who, while living in Marlin, had been for some years an elder in the Carolina church, and Dr. S. A. Weiseger, were elected and installed ruling elders. The latter was ordained.

C. H. Dobbs was S. S. one-fourth the time in '74 and '75.

R. M. Loughridge was S. S. one-fourth the time in '76-'79.

H. Moseley was S. S. one-fourth the time in '80-'81.

Malcom Black was S. S. one-fourth the time in '84.

J. H. Leps was S. S. one-half the time in '86-'88.

C. W. Peyton was S. S. one-half the time in '90-'92.

## RULING ELDERS.

W. L. Pattillo, May 3, '74.

Dr. E. S. Weiseger, May 3, '74. Removed soon after.

A. J. Kirkpatrick, May 2, '91.

J. C. Peoples, June 23, '93.

## DEACONS.

T. C. Spencer, December, '84. Dismissed.

Q. J. Cockerel, May 21, '91.

K. Sewall, June 25, '93.

Total enrollment of members, 104; present number, 58. The church has kept up a Sabbath-school about ten years, Mr. Pattillo being superintendent. Within the last two years, a lot has been purchased, costing \$500, and a commodious church building erected, costing about \$2250.

## MART.

The Mart church was organized in 1889, by Rev. C. H. Dobbs, Presbyterian evangelist, with twelve members. Isaac Reed was chosen ruling elder. He died in 1891. R. B. Lumpkin was chosen elder. Rev. A. R. Shaw, evangelist, held a series of meetings in 1892, and five members were added. A church building was erected and was dedicated July 16, 1893. At the same time T. H. Lumpkin was elected and ordained ruling elder, and J. T. Dooly and James Tull deacons. In '92, Rev. R. T. Hardin supplied the church, and Rev. R. M. Loughridge for a time afterwards. At the present time, March, '95, Rev. R. W. Shive is supplying it. The church numbers thirty members and has a good Sabbath school.

## MAYESFIELD.

The Mayesfield church was organized by Rev. L. Tenney, in August, '73, with nine members and two ruling elders. He had preached there several times previously. The Mayes family were old settlers, and T. N. Mayes, the elder, had been a church member many years before, and one, only, of his children was a church member. Soon after the organization several of the members removed, and the prospect looked gloomy. But the few that remained held on. L. Tenney continued to preach to the church once a month till 1876. O. F. Rogers was S. S. in '77, R. M. Tuttle, '78 to '82, M. C. Hutton, '83 to '85, J. K. P. Newton from '86 to the present. Mr. Newton has lived at Mayesfield and supplemented the support the church was able to give him by teaching. Recent accessions to the membership give the hope that the church will soon be able to sustain him and employ him for the whole of the time. The house of worship was built in 1883, and dedicated in the spring of '84, Dr. S. A. King preaching the dedication sermon.

The total membership, 90; present number, 59. This is previous to the recent accessions spoken of. The first S. S. from '72 to '76, rode from his home, thirty miles, over what was then, for twenty-five miles, an almost unbroken prairie, where now the Aransas Pass road, and farms and pastures and thriving towns occupy the whole route. On one occasion a heavy rain all Saturday night, and lasting till late Sabbath morning, prevented having any service. On Monday high waters turned him several miles from his course, and soon after the middle of the day, having dismounted for a little while, his horse left him, and contrary to his usual habit refused to be caught, and he was forced to turn back to a house to get a horse. A heavy shower came on which drenched him to the skin. When he started again night was not far distant, and promising to be one of intense darkness, to travel over several miles without a road on a strange horse seemed out of the question. Turning aside he found shelter at the house of a friend and the comfort of dry clothing, after two or three hours of wet ones. Starting at daylight the next morning, lest the arrival of his horse at home without him should excite unnecessary alarm, he rode seven miles and overtook the horse before he had reached home. A pair of saddle-bags lying loosely on the saddle had been carried about eighteen hours without losing their place. If any apology for this story is necessary, the request of friends who wished to see some of such experiences in print, must supply it.

## MEXIA.

The church at Mexia was organized May 13, 1876, by a commission consisting of Revs. H. McDonald, Hillery, Moseley and Elder T. L. C. Means, with thirty members. The church has had a steady growth; and now numbers 125. The total number enrolled is 225.

Rev. H. Moseley was S. S. from organization till 1880.

W. W. Ruff, S. S., July, '81, to April, '82.

W. W. Ruff, pastor, April, '82, to April, '84.

E. T. Palmer, S. S., two and one-half months in '84.

R. H. Byers, S. S., March, '85, to March, '87.

W. L. Lowrance, S. S., July, '87, to October, '87.

W. L. Lowrance, P., October, '87, to March, '89.

J. S. Willbank, S. S., October, '89, to May, '90.

J. S. Willbanks, P., May, '90, to January, '91.

R. E. Hardin.

## RULING ELDERS.

Roderic Mathison, May 14, '76. Died December 25, '83.

F. E. Dey, May 14, '76. Dismissed February 11, '77.

Benj. H. Storey, May 14, '76. Dismissed May 27, '78.

W. P. Moseley, May 14, '76. Died June 16, '85.

J. S. Michard, March 7, '79. Retired in '89.

J. W. Seehorn, January, '81. Died September, '93.

Millard Storey, January, '81. Dismissed '89.

J. M. Lewis, April 29, '83. Died December, '89.

J. A. Arvin, August 23, '85.

J. E. Ross, June 2, '89.

Arthur Moseley, June 2, '89. Dismissed August 14, '89.

Murphy Williams, February 2, '90.

R. E. Moss, February 2, '90.

A. E. McNair, April 20, '90.

## DEACONS.

J. E. Ross, March 9, '79; ordained elder, '89.

D. A. Murphy, March 9, '79.

W. L. Allison, January 10, '81; ordained elder, '89.

W. E. Doyle, June 2, '89.

J. E. Parker, June 2, '89.

R. E. Moss, June 2, '89; ordained elder, '90.

I. L. Means, June 2, '89. Dismissed February, '90.

Chas. M. Alderman, February 2, '90.

S. P. Moseley, February 2, '90. Dismissed, '90.

L. A. Michaels, '90.

Reuben Anderson, April 20, '90.

T. F. Oates, April 20, '90.

## MIDWAY.

By appointment of Presbytery, Rev. H. Moseley organized a church at the County Line school house, on the line of Freestone and Navarro counties, October 14, 1865. A majority of the six-teen members were from the Associate Reformed church, that church having then no Presbytery in Texas. It was voted to call it the County Line A. R. church, and place it under the care of the Presbytery of Central Texas. The church was enrolled by the Presbytery April, '86, and permission was given to employ Rev. T. J. Bonner, Ass. Reformed as S. S. H. Moseley, S. A. King, A. J. Loughridge and M. Dickson assisted at meetings of the church at different times. Mr. Bonner continued S. S. till October, 1876, and usually attended the meetings of Presbytery. The number of members enrolled had reached seventy-three. In October of that year, thirty-eight members were dismissed to form themselves into two Ass. Ref. churches, leaving thirteen names on the roll. Twenty-two had died or been dismissed. The church now resolved to drop Associate Reformed from the name, and the Presbytery approved it. In October, '84, the name was changed from County Line to Midway. Mr. Bonner continued to preach to the church (the place of meeting being changed to Birdston), till the summer of '77, then J. A. McMurray till November, '79; G. P. Richardson from spring of '80, one year; W. W. Ruff one year ending in the spring of '82. About this time Rev. W. Patterson, an Associate Reformed minister, commenced preaching in the afternoon one Sabbath, monthly, and has continued ever since, the place of meeting being now changed to Midway. J. A. Montgomery, student in the Seminary at Austin, preached during the summer of '88. R. E. Lentz, one year, from spring of '89, and R. E. Hardin, part of '92 and '93. The present number of members is sixteen. The elders at the organization were J. M. McGilvary and Andrew Mc-Millan. The latter was dismissed January, '67, and the former died '72 or '73.

Alex. McGilvary, September 16, '66. Died before April, '73.

B. F. Irvine, September 20, '69. Dismissed January 1, '71.

Matt. Shanks, January, '71. Dismissed October 16, '76.

Wm. Bonner, January, '71. Dismissed October 16, '76.

Robert Davidson, January, '73. Dismissed October 16, '76.

Dr. J. F. Joor, September 28, '78. Dismissed, '84.

J. E. Knowles, September 28, '78.

J. C. Pillans, September 28, '78.

## DEACONS.

T. O. Bonner, ordained September 28, '78.

A. T. McGilvary, ordained September 28, '78.

## NORTH BOSQUE.

The North Bosque church, Clifton, was organized with twelve members, January 12, 1861, by Rev. L. Tenney, he having been appointed to the service by the Presbytery at its previous fall meeting. The church was supplied, part of '61, by Rev. M. Dickson; in '62 and '63 by Rev. L. Tenney, then only as supplies were appointed by the Presbytery till '71.

After the organization of the Unity church, North Bosque was supplied, generally, by those who preached there: Neill McDonald, till '74; L. Tenney, '76 to '78; A. S. Drake, '78 to '81; Thos. McCutcheon, '83 to '86; J. Woodruff, '87. At present Rev. R. M. Loughridge is preaching to the church. The total number of members enrolled is 27. The present number is only 2. The first elders were John McFarland and T. W. Archibald. The former was the same who represented the Independence church in the Brazos Presbytery at its organization. He was also one of the first elders of the Waco church. The latter represented the Oak Island church, of which he was the first elder, in the first meeting of the Synod of Texas. He died June 25, 1892. Mr. McFarland died January 11, 1863. R. L. Scott and W. T. Archibald were elected elders in 1884. The latter died.

## OAK ISLAND.

The Oak Island church was organized September 11th, 1847, by Rev. J. Limber. Mr. Limber had come to Texas from the Indian Territory, where he had been for some time engaged in missionary work. He resided in Washington, preaching there and in the surrounding country wherever opportunity offered. He is said to have been one of the most diffident of men, but full of zeal for his work, and "everybody loved him." Not long after organizing the Oak Island church, he was married in Kentucky. On his return, having taken passage at New Orleans for Galveston, he went ashore to procure some books. He was known to have visited the book store, but after leaving the store, was never heard of.

The church was organized with five members: T. W. Archibald, ruling elder; Samuel N. Archibald, Mrs. Mary A. Archibald, Mrs. Mary A. Patton and Miss Eloisa I. Patton. Of these members Miss Patton is the only one now living.

Rev. P. H. Fullenreider supplied the church (monthly probably) from July, '49, to November, '52.

J. T. Balch, September, '53, to April, '56.

Thos. Alexander, April, '57; installed pastor, October 31, '58. Died, March 24, '64.

Hillery Moseley, S. S., Sept., '64-Dec., '81.  
 W. W. Ruff, S. S., Jan. '82-Nov., '85.  
 R. H. Byers, S. S., Feb., '86-July, '86.  
 W. L. Lowrance, S. S., August, '87-Feb., '89.  
 J. S. Willbanks, S. S., August, '89-Dec., '90.

## RULING ELDERS.

T. W. Archibald, Sept. 11, '47. Dismissed May, '60. Died June, '92.

E. L. R. Patton, July 28, '50. Removed April, '61. Since dead.

James Means, May 29, '52. Died '66.

Charles Ficklin, March 6, '61. Since dead.

T. L. C. Means, " " Dismissed Feb. 28, '92.

S. N. Archibald, " " Died '62.

James Steele, Oct. 23, '64. Died '65.

W. T. M. Dickson, March 3, '66. Dismissed Aug., '68.

W. P. Means, " " " " " "

J. A. Blackmore, " " Dismissed Dec., '78. Since dead.

James N. Kennedy, Aug. 7, '70. Died '79.

J. W. Storey, March 22, '79. Dismissed July, '91.

R. E. Steele, " " " " " "

W. M. Griffith, " " Dismissed April, '84.

When the Presbytery met at this church in April, 1854, the meeting was held in a log building in the edge of the tract of timber from which the church took its name. In 1858, a commodious house was built in the prairie, a mile or so east of the Island, and was dedicated in connection with the installation of Mr. Alexander, October 31, the Presbytery being in session there at the time. In 1866, the church reported 38 members. There was a steady growth till 1875, when the number was 140.

In 1876, the Mexia church was organized, and made heavy drafts on the Oak Island church, and removals to other places became frequent, and the membership gradually diminished, till only 12 are reported. From 1886 to 1892, 154 members were added on profession of faith, and 81 by certificate.

## RICE'S CROSSING.

The church at Rice's Crossing, S. E. part of Williamson county, was organized by evangelist C. H. Dobbs, July 15th, 1887, with seven members. The only male member was J. A. McCutcheon, who was elected and installed ruling elder. J. P. Robertson was preaching at the place before the church was organized



and continued to supply the church till November. W. J. Tidball was S. S., 1888 and 1889; Joshua Phipps, 1890 and 1891; N. W. McMillan commenced to preach to the church in 1892 and continues to the present time. Total members enrolled, 17; present number, 9.

## ROBINSON.

When the Waco church was organized in May, 1855, two of the members, Mrs. Eliza Robinson and Mrs. Sophia C. Robinson, lived at the place now called by their name. During the days of small things in the Waco church, a large part of the time a day school, a Sabbath school, and monthly preaching services were maintained, mainly by the Robinson families. Rev. T. Alexander preached there some during his residence in the county. L. Tenney had a monthly appointment there during several years of the time between 1855 and 1865, but there is probably no record existing to give material for a particular history of these times. In 1867, Rev. S. A. King removed from Milford to Robinson. From this time he had a monthly appointment here. The church was organized by him December 4, 1874. He continued to supply it till August, 1876.

Rev. C. H. Dobbs, pastor, Aug. 9, '76, to April 30, '83.

A. S. Doak, S. S., April 30, '83, to March 1, '85.

C. W. Peyton, S. S., May 13, '85-May 3, '90.

S. W. Mitchell, S. S., Aug. 28, 90-March 22, '91.

S. J. McMurry, P., June 1, '92-April 23, '93.

J. M. Cochran, S. S., July 15, '93.

## RULING ELDERS.

J. A. McMurray, Dec. 4, '74. Died Dec. 12, '90.

W. F. Hague, Dec. 4, '74. Died Oct., '78.

John Robinson, May 2, '75. Died Oct., '79.

J. W. McKee, Sr., July 1, '75.

Walter Keeble, July 1, '75. Died April 2, '89.

W. A. Minter, Dec. 5, '79. Dismissed to Waco, Jan., '81.

W. A. Daniel, Dec. 5, '80.

L. H. McKee, Feb. 22, '81. Dismissed June 10, '88.

E. F. Pritchett, March 7, '81. Dismissed Oct. 30, '83.

J. W. McKee, Jr., April 27, '84. Dismissed to Golindo, Aug., '84. Transferred back Aug., '90.

T. E. Hague, June 3, '90.

L. S. Robinson, June 3, '90.

## DEACONS.

T. B. Hoy, Dec. 4, '74. Deceased.

L. H. McKee, July 1, '77. R. E. Feb. 22, '81.

E. F. Pritchett, —, '78. R. E. March 7, '81.

Geo. McMurry, —, '78.

J. W. McKee, Jr., Feb. 22, '81, to April 27, '84.

L. B. Foster, July 1, '82.

A. A. Robinson, June 3, '90.

T. J. Andrews, June 3, '90.

Total members enrolled, 242; present number, 72. At one time the membership numbered 116. The changes from removal have been very great.

The church building was commenced in 1877 and finished in 1878, at a cost of \$2500. About \$600 have since been spent in improvements and repairs.

## ROCKDALE.

The Rockdale church was organized probably in May, 1876, by a committee of Presbytery consisting of A. J. Loughridge, L. Tenney and elders J. W. Shive and R. H. Flanniken. The larger part of the members lived several miles distant. Rev. O. F. Rogers was living in Rockdale, engaged in teaching, and supplied the church until 1878. The organization of Zion church, in February, 1879, took away most of the members.

R. M. Tuttle became S. S. in 1879, and remained till 1882. While there, at the cost of a good deal of effort, and probably considerable money of his own, he had a church building erected. There were very few additions to the church, however, and after he left, very little effort was made to keep up the church. The building went to ruin, and the church has had little more than a nominal existence.

## SAN ANGELO.

The San Angelo Presbyterian church was organized by Rev. J. H. Zivley, evangelist, in the Methodist Episcopal church, on Sabbath, February 1, 1885, with seven members, viz.: J. N. P. and Mrs. M. A. Cramer, Mrs. Sallie Hancock, now Mrs. B. C. Jackson, Mrs. A. J. Baker, J. R. and Mrs. P. J. Burt, and Mrs. E. G. Burt, mother of R. R. Burt. All these are now with us, except Mrs. E. G. Burt, who joined the church triumphant April 12, 1888.

J. R. Burt was elected and installed elder, and J. N. P. Cramer elected, ordained and installed deacon. Amid many discouragements the church grew. During the first year twenty-two mem-

bers were received. At the end of this year there were twenty-seven members. Our first anniversary was celebrated with appropriate services amidst much rejoicing and a sermon from the pastor. A thank offering collection was taken up, amounting to \$112. On this day, February 7, 1886, Geo. Bound was elected, ordained and installed ruling elder. July 18, J. N. P. Cramer was elected and installed ruling elder. Three lots were bought on which to build a church. September 11, R. S. Tarver was elected, ordained and installed ruling elder, and Peter Freeze deacon. January 11, 1888, died ruling elder R. S. Tarver, "an earnest Christian, a good citizen and a noble man."

August 1, 1888, Rev. J. H. Zivley, who had served the church three years and six months, accepted a call to Tullahoma, Tennessee. The following minute was unanimously adopted: "It is with sorrow and regret we are called upon to sever the relationship of pastor and people that has existed for the past four years between Rev. J. H. Zivley and this church. We bear testimony to his fidelity, ability, scholarly attainments and eloquence; also his profound convictions of the soundness and importance of the Presbyterian doctrines and polity. We herewith convey to him this token of our love and esteem, and our appreciation of his labors in our behalf, both in season and out of season. We humbly petition the throne of Divine Grace to accompany him wherever he may go, to continue him in life and strength, and so order his steps that his last days may be his best days."

During his ministry the lots now occupied by the church and manse were purchased for \$500. In 1887 a house of worship was built, at a cost of \$1110, and dedicated in September, Rev. S. A. King, D. D., preaching the sermon.

Rev. D. A. Planck served the church as stated supply, giving it one-half of his time and receiving a salary of \$50 per month from May till November, 1889, when to our surprise and sorrow he announced his intention of accepting a call to the Jackson Street Church, Mobile, Ala. Mr. Planck came to the church during a period of greater depression and discouragement than any other in its history. His ministry, though short, was powerful for good. The church was established and built up, and entered upon an era of prosperity that has continued to this day. He was greatly beloved and his memory is still green in the hearts of the people.

Licentiate R. C. Anderson began serving the church May 1, 1890. In July he was called as pastor for three-fourths of the time, and was ordained and installed. In February, 1892, a sore bereavement caused him to remove to Virginia, where he soon

afterwards accepted the pastorate of the Second church, Roanoke. During his pastorate sixty members were received.

July 5, 1890, John Abe March and Chas. L. Kaiser were elected, ordained and installed ruling elders. Mr. Kaiser died July 7, 1881. "The church mourns an affectionate brother, a wise counselor, a faithful friend and an earnest Christian."

November 1, 1891, J. C. Roseborough and T. E. Cramer were installed ruling elders. D. F. Rackley and T. S. Sharp were elected, ordained and installed deacons.

The following minute was adopted on the death of the wife of our beloved pastor, Rev. R. C. Anderson, who died February 12, 1892: "This beloved friend came a beautiful bride amongst us a short time ago, and won the esteem and confidence of our congregation and entire community. Her character was of the most elevated Christian type and refined as pure gold, making her a devoted wife, a true friend and an ornament to society. Bearing painful illness for fourteen long weeks without a murmur and with true Christian grace, she crossed the river slowly and grandly, demonstrating what a blessed thing it is to live and die in Christ. She was a member of the church since her tenth year, and seemed created for the exalted position she so sweetly filled, a pastor's wife. When told of the approach of death she said 'It is well,' and her only unhappiness was to leave loved ones behind, but whom she hoped to meet in that land where there is no death."

In the spring of 1890 the study was built, at a cost of \$350. About the middle of January, 1891, the manse was completed at a cost of \$2200. Mr. Anderson departed amidst tears and blessings of the whole church. He was not only a preacher and pastor, but friend and brother. His name is still a household word in the homes of the church.

Rev. G. T. Storey was called as pastor in June and commenced his work August 1, 1892, giving his whole time to this congregation, at a salary of \$100 per month and use of the manse.

May 14, 1893, C. H. Powell and Rhodes Baker were elected, ordained and installed deacons. During the eight years of the existence of the church we have received 136 members; the present roll numbers 80; we have no church debt. At this date, September 17, 1894, the officers of the church are: Rev. G. T. Storey, pastor; elders, J. R. Burt, J. N. P. Cramer, John Abe March and T. E. Cramer; deacons, D. F. Rackley, T. S. Sharp, C. H. Powell and Rhodes Baker.

#### TEMPLE.

In 1870 Mr. A. A. Black and his son-in-law, Mr. Sloane, with

their families, settled in the prairie near where Temple now is. They had come from Mississippi and lived two years on the Colorado, some ten miles below Austin, where their crops were drowned out by overflows both years. They brought certificates from the Austin church and united with the Belton church, of which Mr. Black was soon made an elder. Other Presbyterians settled in the neighborhood, and after Mr. Taylor commenced his labors at Belton they had more or less preaching out there, mostly at night. In '81, the Santa Fe railroad was built past there, and the town of Temple started. In September of that year, the Presbytery, by request, appointed a commission consisting of Revs. R. M. Tuttle and C. W. Peyton and Elder A. A. Black, to organize a church in Temple. The commission met in October, '81, in a vacant store house. Mr. Tuttle preached, and after the sermon twenty-four persons presented letters of dismission from the Belton church and were organized into the Temple church. A. A. Black and E. T. Crawford were elected ruling elders, and J. L. Gray and H. C. Black, deacons. A. A. Black and Mr. Gray were installed, the others asking time to consider. The next night there was preaching again, and they were installed.

Before the commission adjourned, money enough was subscribed and "in sight," to build a house of worship 24x36 feet, on a lot donated by the railroad company, they having offered a lot free to any church that would build on it. This was the first church building in Temple. By the end of November it was far enough advanced to be used for public worship. In December a Sabbath-school was organized with about forty scholars, A. A. Black, superintendent. Rev. C. W. Peyton supplied the church monthly till '84. About this time a prayer-meeting was organized, "which we have never suffered to languish."

M. W. Millan, S. S., all the time from November, '84 to November, '85.

C. H. Dobbs, evangelist, occasional, till spring of '87.

John Young, S. S., till September, '87, P. till September, '88.

C. H. Dobbs, occasional.

C. M. Hutton, S. S., February, '89, to November, '90.

R. L. Dale, S. S., September, '91; P., April, '90.

#### RULING ELDERS.

A. A. Black, October, '81.

E. T. Crawford, October. Dimitted '85.

I. N. White, '84.

T. E. Cramer, '84. Dismissed September, '88, to a church in California.

H. C. McCelvey, '84.  
 Dr. W. M. Woodson, '87.  
 E. Keach, December, '88.

## DEACONS.

J. L. Gray, October, '81. Dismissed to Belton, '89 or '90.  
 H. C. Black, October, '81.  
 A. P. Harris, '89 or '90.

Sabbath-school superintendents: A. A. Black, five and one-half years; T. E. Cramer, two years; I. N. White, two years; E. Keach, two years.

Up to this time, last of 1890, the number of members enrolled was 160; membership at that time, 83.

The church continued vacant till September, '91, when Rev. R. L. Dale took charge as S. S., and in March, '92, was called to the pastorate, and was installed soon after the meeting of the Presbytery. In 1893 the new house of worship was erected at a cost of \$5,200. It was dedicated in August, Rev. C. R. Dudley preaching the dedication sermon, and continuing a meeting thirteen days, as the fruits of which, and a meeting in December, conducted by Rev. W. H. Claggett, more than forty members were added, and the number reported to the Presbytery April, '94, was 116. Total enrolled from beginning about 225.

## THE GROVE.

October 3, 1888, evangelist C. H. Dobbs reported to the Presbytery the organization of a church near the Leon river in the lower part of Coryell county, with eighteen members and two ruling elders. John Young was S. S. in '89, since which time it has had only occasional supplies. Several members were added by examination, and in '92, twenty-six members were reported. In '91, one of the elders, N. W. McMillan, was ordained to the ministry.

## UNITY.

Unity church, in the northern part of Coryell county, was organized in the Bosque school house by Rev. L. Tenney, September 10, 1871. There were nine members, of whom two, Wm. B. Young and John Armstrong were elected, ordained and installed ruling elders. On October 22d, John H. Hurst was also elected and ordained ruling elder. The congregation continued to worship at the school house two miles from Turnersville till about '77, when the services were held for a time in the school house then recently erected at Turnersville. The present house of



worship wns erected in '82. When the church has had regular services it has been for the most part for one-half the time.

Neill McDonald, S. S., December, '71, to February, '75.

W. A. Smith, S. S., July 1, '75, to March, '76.

L. Tenney, S. S., April 1, '76, to April 1, '78.

A. S. Doak, S. S., April, '78, to December, '81.

Thos. McHutchon, S. S., October, '82, to February, '86.

John Woodruff, S. S., May, '86, to May, '88.

John Young, pastor October, '88, to April, '90.

R. L. Dale, S. S., November, '90, to April, '91.

H. M. Smith, S. S., April, '92, to July, '92.

C. W. Peyton, S. S., December, '93.

#### RULING ELDERS.

John Armstrong, ordained September 10, '71. Removed. Since died.

Wm. E. Young, ordained September 10, '71.

John H. Hurst, ordained October 22, 1871. Died December 3, 1885.

Wm. S. Goulby, installed June 15, '73. Died Dec. 13, '77.

J. W. Gideon, installed March 24, '78. Dismissed Aug. 14, '84.

W. J. Miller, ordained March 24, '78. Dismissed Jan. 11, '80.

G. M. Suggs, installed March 21, '80. Dismissed May 31, '91.

J. W. Sherrill, installed May 9, '86. Dismissed May 31, '91.

W. W. Cunningham, ordained May 9, '86. Dismissed March, 1893.

J. H. Grigsby, ordained November 19, '93.

#### DEACONS.

John S. Hall, June 19, '81. Dismissed October 18, '91.

Fred Foot, ordained March 16, '84.

J. M. Burkett, ordained May 8, '86. Dismissed Oct. 16, '92.

R. L. Suggs, ordained May 8, '86. Dismissed March 22, '91.

S. M. Carr, ordained November 19, '93.

W. D. Freeland, ordained November 19, '93.

Total enrollment of members, 176; present number, 44. A Sabbath-school has been maintained most of the time since the organization of the church. "Started about the time the Indians left the country." For several years it was large. The changes and removal of members have left the present membership so scattered that it is difficult to maintain the school.

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WACO.

At the spring meeting of the Presbytery, 1855, at the request of members of the Presbyterian church in Waco village and vi-

cinity, Revs. Samuel Taylor, T. Alexander, and J. M. McChord, who had come from Indiana to Texas the autumn previous and settled near Waco, were appointed to organize a church. The church was enrolled by the Presbytery at the fall meeting, but the record does not mention the date of the organization, which must have been in April or May. Mr. Taylor died on the 9th of June, after an illness of twelve days, and in his obituary it is stated, "Here he collected a little band and organized a church," thus showing that he had done most of the preliminary work. Mr. McChord returned to Indiana during the summer. Mr. Alexander had purchased land, and lived in a house of his own building, twelve miles from Waco, very near where the Cotton Belt road crosses the South Bosque. He removed, in the autumn of 1857, probably, to Oak Island, being installed pastor of that church on the 31st of October.

The number of members was seventeen. Two ruling elders, John McFarlane and Charles Ficklin, were installed. The former was the elder who, in 1840, participated in organizing the Brazos Presbytery; the latter had been of the party who came from Indiana, Mr. McChord being his son-in-law, and during the summer he also returned to the North. The members lived two at Robinson, some in Waco, and the remainder eight or ten miles west of Waco, on or near the South Bosque. Mr. Alexander preached till his removal, but of the amount of his preaching there is probably no record. In the latter part of '58, and during '59, L. Tenney supplied the church, having appointments at Waco, on the Bosque, and at Robinson, sometimes riding twenty-five miles Saturday morning to preach at 11 o'clock on the Bosque, and eight more to preach at Waco at night. In one of these early morning rides, he was probably the only witness of a meteor of extraordinary size which flashed before him for a few moments, looking as large as the sun. In the fall of '59, most of the members on the Bosque, including the elder, Mr. McFarlane, removed to Clifton, Bosque county, where they were organized into the North Bosque church, leaving in that neighborhood only Mrs. McLennan, the matron of the family from which the county was named, and her daughter, Mrs. Jones. Mr. Abernathy removed to the prairie south of Waco. From this time, there was no regular service till Rev. S. A. King commenced a monthly service in 1863. This was continued through '65. There were a number of refugees in Waco during the war, who aided in sustaining the church; but at the close of the war so many of them left, there was little more than the former membership. Services were discontinued until January, '67, when Mr. King, yet living at Milford, commenced preaching at Waco

two Sabbaths per month. During part of the year, Mr. King was engaged in evangelistic work, by appointment of the Synod, giving a part of the time, however, to Waco and Milford. In the latter part of the year, he removed to Robinson, and has since given his time mainly to the Waco church.

From this time, the church grew. For two or three years longer it had no house of worship, but the meetings were held in school rooms, for which they were indebted to the courtesy of Baptists and Methodists. On the first Sabbath in 1871, the church first worshipped in the basement of its own house, on Second street, and in the spring of '72 the auditorium was finished and occupied. In '71 the membership numbered only fifty-three, but were active and vigorous. In '74 twenty-one members were dismissed to form the Robinson church. Two of these were ruling elders. In the spring of '82, Dr. King, having served the church nineteen years as stated supply, was installed pastor. The fact of having this relation established after such a time, is evidence of the hold he had upon the hearts of the people. Soon after this the church building, not being large enough for the growing congregation, and inconveniently situated, was sold, and the present house, on Austin street, commenced, and in the spring of '84 began to be used.

#### RULING ELDERS.

- John McFarlane, May, '55. Dismissed to N. Bosque '59.  
 Charles Ficklin, May, '55. Removed summer of '55.  
 Francis Stone, October, '58. Unknown.  
 Robert J. Abernathy, October 18, '63. Dismissed to Robinson November 29, '74.  
 J. F. Wheeler, February 21, '64. Dismissed.  
 H. G. Bostwick, June 16, '67. Retired May 21, '82; died, '90.  
 E. H. Carter, June 16, '67.  
 F. H. Sleeper, December 20, '68. Died June 19, '81.  
 W. F. Hague, December 20, '68. Dismissed to Robinson November 29, '74.  
 A. A. Cassidy, December 13, '73. Died October 21, '80.  
 Thos. C. Smith, February 11, '77.  
 W. C. Dodson, February 11, '77.  
 W. A. Minter, May 21, '82. Dismissed August 21, '83.  
 Dr. J. C. J. King, May 21, '82.  
 Sam'l A. Killough, May 21, '82. Died November 17, '91.  
 F. O. Rogers, November 30, '84.  
 W. H. Godber, November 30, '84.

## DEACONS.

Dr. W. H. Brown, January 15, '71.

S. A. Killough, January 15, '71. Ruling elder May 21, '82.

J. K. Harrison, January 15, '71. Died October, '93.

Dr. J. C. J. King, October 5, '73. Ruling elder May 21, '82.

W. H. Godber, '76. Ruling elder November 30, '84.

J. B. Gilmer, April 11, '80. Resigned October 1, '88.

F. O. Rogers, August 27, '92. Ruling elder November 30, '84.

R. F. Gribble, August 27, '82.

Edward Rotan, December 7, '84.

J. D. Morrow, December 7, '84. Resigned November 22, '91.

The church was at first named First Presbyterian Church of McLennan County, but it was always known as the Waco church, and in 1865 this name was given it by the Presbytery. In April, '92, the name was again changed to First Presbyterian Church of Waco.

Rev. Wm. Hughes was employed several months, in '92, as city evangelist, with view to the organization of a second church. The Presbytery held an adjourned meeting in Waco June 28th, and organized the

## SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WACO,

with forty-one members dismissed from the first church, and Rev. A. R. Shaw was installed pastor of it.

The total number of members enrolled to April, '93, is about 625. The number on the roll at that time was 313.

The long service rendered by the pastor of the church justifies a few words more personal while he yet lives.

Dr. King was educated principally by his father. He entered the ministry at an early age, in connection with the United Synod, and preached for some years in Leon county and in Crockett. He came to Milford, in Ellis county, in 1862, and the next spring commenced his labors in Waco. His attractiveness and power in the pulpit have led to his being often called to preach on particular occasions, away from home. At home, he has long been held in high honor, not only by his own people, but by the whole city. Most of the time that the Synod of Texas was connected with the Southwestern Presbyterian University, he was one of the directors. From the University, he received the degree of D. D. He has often represented the Presbytery in the General Assembly, and in '92 was moderator of that body. May he be long spared to serve the church and the Master.

## LANCASTER.

Lancaster church was organized July 26, 1856, by Rev. Michael Dickson, with nine members, three of them having been elected ruling elders.

The following ministers served the church prior to the division of the Presbytery:

## MINISTERS.

Robert F. Taylor, S. S., '56-'57.  
 M. Dickson, S. S., '57-'61.  
 S. M. Martin, S. S., '62-'64.  
 J. M. McChord, S. S., '65-'67.  
 Niel McDonald, S. S., '67-'71.  
 J. A. Walker, S. S., '72-'73.  
 W. S. Johnson, S. S., '75-'78.

## RULING ELDERS.

Jno. Harris, '56-'61. Died.  
 W. R. Moffett, '56-'71. Resigned.  
 H. J. Moffett, '56-'89. Died.  
 Robert Willis, '59-'70. Resigned.  
 A. M. Scales, '69-'70. Resigned.  
 G. S. Davidson, '69-'73. Resigned.

In 1866 the church reported 29 members. Of these 10 or 12 were the fruit of a protracted meeting held by Rev. J. M. McChord not long before. There were few additions afterward. Previous to '78 and after '71 removals and deaths reduced the number till there were only 12. Mr. Taylor belonged to the Eastern Texas Presbytery, and has been mentioned in the early pages of this history as the son of Rev. Samuel Taylor. Mr. Martin belonged to the Ningpo Presbytery, China, being a missionary there, at home on a vacation; whether he fulfilled his purpose of returning to China, the writer does not know.

## WAXAHACHIE.

Waxahachie church was organized by Rev. J. A. Smylie, November 19, 1871, with 16 members. Mr. Smylie probably preached there sometime before the organization, and for some months afterwards.

## MINISTERS.

J. A. Walker, S. S., April, '72, to Oct., '73.  
 W. S. Johnson, P., May, '74, to July, '78.

## RULING ELDERS.

- W. B. Mattox, November 19, '71, to October, '76.  
 J. C. Rogers, November 19, '71, to March, '74.  
 H. A. McWhorter, November 19, '71, to November, '74.  
 A. C. King, March 28, '75, to June, '75.  
 Thos. Baxter, September 5, '75.  
 John Sharpe, August 6, '76.  
 H. A. McWhorter, February 17, '78.

## DEACONS.

- Thos. Baxter, May 2, '75, to September 5, '75.  
 A. D. McDuffie and J. B. Anderson, September 14, '72.  
 H. W. Graber, February 17, '78.  
 Total enrolled to 1878, 81. Number at that time, 49.

## FORT WORTH.

A committee was appointed by the Presbytery in October, 1872, to organize churches at Fort Worth and other places, if the way should be found clear. In April, 1873, the committee was continued, and May 25, two members of the committee, J. A. Walker and J. A. Smylie, met at Fort Worth and organized the church, with ten members. One was elected ruling elder, but declining to serve, the organization was not completed till April, 1874, when Rev. W. M. Kilpatrick was authorized to complete it. He having received fifteen additional members, a congregational meeting was held and O. C. Billings was elected ruling elder and B. B. Paddock, deacon. They were installed May 2, 1874. Mr. Kilpatrick was S. S. till 1876, during which year C. H. Dobbs, evangelist, preached to the church a considerable part of the time.

## MINISTERS.

- W. W. Brimm, pastor, March, '77, to spring of '87.  
 Wm. George, D. D., pastor, May, '81, to autumn of '84.  
 R. H. Nall, D. D., pastor, Nov. 1, '85, to June, '93.  
 M. W. Dogget, pastor, February 4, '94.

## RULING ELDERS.

- O. C. Billings, May 2, '74. Died May 4, '75.  
 J. P. Morrison, February 21, '75. Died, '87.  
 L. S. Hays, February 25, '77. Dismissed October 15, '77.  
 S. P. Greene, February 25, '77.  
 R. R. Fakes, February 25, '77. Dismissed February 16, '79.  
 W. H. Field, July 8, '77.



Wm. McMurry, June 23, '78. Dismissed June 28, '85.

Thos. H. Roe, June 23, '78.

T. L. Lane, June 23, '78.

The total number of members enrolled up to April, 1878, was 157; the number of members at that time, 114.

The house of worship was erected and began to be used in the summer of 1877; previous to that the meetings had been held in the court house and various public halls.

#### YELLOW PRAIRIE.

A church was organized at Caldwell by Revs. A. J. Loughridge and M. C. Conoley and elders R. H. Flanniken and J. W. Shive, Nov. 17, '73, with eleven members and one ruling elder, S. W. Penn. It was named Caldwell church. November 28th, '74, a committee of the Presbytery, J. M. McChord, A. J. Loughridge and R. H. Flanniken, visited Yellow Prairie, seven miles north of Caldwell, received into the Caldwell church a number of members, and installed M. Black and J. H. Wallace ruling elders. From this time the majority of the members appear to have been at Yellow Prairie; and in September, '81, the name was changed to Yellow Prairie. The church was served for a time, S. S., by A. J. Loughridge and O. F. Rogers, occasionally by R. M. Tuttle. From '81 to '86, Rev. Wm. Boyd was S. S. In the summer of '82, a protracted meeting was held, and about twenty members were added. J. B. Robertson was S. S. in '88 and '89; E. L. Siler, '90 to '93. Total members from the beginning, 77; present number, 21.

#### ZION.

Zion church was organized February 9th, '79, by W. S. Johnson, Presbyterian evangelist, with 31 members from the Rockdale church, and two ruling elders, W. D. Paden and W. H. Frierson, and two deacons, T. E. Lankford and S. L. Blakeley. The organization took place at Union chapel on the San Gabriel river, nine miles west of Rockdale. In '80 it was moved four miles north, to a school-house, near where the church building now stands. R. M. Tuttle commenced to preach to the church in March, '79. The house of worship was built largely through the agency of Mr. Tuttle, and dedicated in April, '81. In the same month the Presbytery met in the house. M. C. Hutton commenced preaching in January, '83, and June 10th he was installed pastor for half the time. At this time the church had over fifty members (an active membership, too), and the prospect seemed good for continued growth, but within twelve months nearly half the members removed, and in April, '84, the pastoral

relation was dissolved. Mr. Hutton continued to preach to the church once a month, till January, '86.

M. W. Millard, S. S., one-half time, Feb.-Sept., '86.

J. K. P. Newton, S. S., one-fourth time, Aug., '87-Feb., '88.

L. H. Kimmons, S. S., one-half time, Feb., '88-Jan., '89.

C. M. Hutton, S. S., one-fourth time, April, '89-April, '90.

E. L. Siler, S. S., one-fourth time, July, '90-Oct., '92.

#### RULING ELDERS.

W. D. Paden, W. H. Frierson, at organization; Andrew Gordon, S. L. Blakeley, B. L. Frierson, S. M. Frierson, I. N. White, F. McCalla, C. A. Lankford, S. M. Dunlap, J. W. Hopkins, W. E. Massie, A. A. Frierson, I. F. White, R. A. White.

The total enrollment of members, 115; present number, 16.

#### MILFORD.

The Milford church was organized June 23d, 1855, by Rev. Michael Dickson, with 17 members, of whom only three are now living. Like several other churches in the early days of the Presbytery, it was organized without a committee appointed by the Presbytery. Mr. Dickson did not attend the meeting of the Presbytery in the fall of '55, and the church was consequently not enrolled till April, '56. The church worshiped in a rock building erected by the community for school purposes, till '60, when the present house was built. It is of wood and cost \$3000. In the latter part of '67, the roof was blown off and was replaced the next year.

Mr. Dickson served the church as S. S. from '55 to '62, when he was released on account of age and infirmity.

S. A. King, S. S., '62-'68.

J. A. Smylie, '69, till a short time before his death in '78. Since the division, S. M. Luckett, R. E. Sherrill, O. B. Caldwell, C. S. M. See and E. M. Munroe have served the church.

#### RULING ELDERS.

H. G. Bostwick, June 23, '65. Dismissed Feb. 9, '67. Died '92.

N. S. Couchman, June 23, '65. Died June 15, '87.

W. R. Hudson, June 23, '65. Dismissed Oct., '68, to Larissa.

W. F. Hague, June 16, '61. Dismissed March, '68, to Waco.

E. H. Carter, June 16, '61. Dismissed Feb. 9, '67, to Waco.

I. N. Buie, May 6, '66. Dismissed June 1, '84, to Hillsboro.

Jos. C. Wilson, May 6, '66. Died Dec. 27, '79.

R. H. Orr, May 6, '68. Died July 1, '76.

Champe Carter, Sr., Jan. 12, '70. Died Aug. 17, '73.

G. C. Orr, Oct. 7, '77. Dismissed Dec. 10, '93, to Brandon.

W. H. Hudson, Oct. 7, '77.

## DEACONS.

Champe Carter, Sr., Jan. 13, '67. Elected elder '70.

H. L. Caldwell, Jan. 13, '67. Elected elder '80.

John K. Wimple, Jan. 13, '67. Dismissed '70.

J. D. Couchman, June 15, '68. Dismissed Sept., '85.

J. C. J. King, June 15, '68. Dismissed Feb., '72.

J. R. Hudson, March 12, '71.

L. B. Caldwell, March 12, '71. Elected elder '80.

P. H. Carter, Aug. 29, '75. Dismissed '81.

F. P. Wilson, March 11, '77. Dismissed '83.

R. E. Wilson, March 11, '77. Resigned '84.

In '66 the church reported 60 members. From this time till '78 there were 90 additions on profession and 98 on certificate, and the membership numbered 136. The church has continued to prosper. The fluctuations of our population are well illustrated by the fact that with 143 additions on profession and 71 on certificate, since '78, the number of members is now only 144, and at one time decreased to 85. The Sabbath school was organized in '56 and has been carried on without intermission. It was at first a union school, but has been carried on almost exclusively from the first by Presbyterians, and was gradually merged into a strictly Presbyterian school.

## WEATHERFORD.

Weatherford church was organized by a committee, S. A. King, chairman, with ten members, and was enrolled October, '74. It was supplied for a time by W. S. Johnson, and probably by A. S. Doak. L. B. Chaney was received as a candidate on a transfer from Lexington Presbytery, and licensed June 29, '77. He soon after commenced preaching at Weatherford, and in April, '78, was ordained and installed pastor of the church. For two years after its organization there was little or no growth. The number of members reported in '76, being only eight, but in April, '78, the number had risen to forty-three, and the church has since had a prosperous career.

## EUREKA VALLEY.

Eureka Valley church organized by Rev. J. A. Smylie, with ten members and one ruling elder, was enrolled by the Presbytery April, '75. Mr. Smylie supplied the church monthly until his death. It then numbered twenty-eight members.

## ENNIS.

The Ennis church, organized by a committee, W. S. Johnson, chairman, was enrolled October, '75. Fifteen members were re-

ported in '76, and twenty-four in '78. Supplied by W. S. Johnson, '76 and '77, and by H. Moseley in '77 and '78.

#### CLEBURNE.

Cleburne church was enrolled October, '75. Reported April, '76, eleven members; in '78, twenty-three. Supplied for a time by W. S. Johnson.

#### HILLSBORO OR HILL COUNTY.

The Hill County church, organized by a committee, H. McDonald, chairman, was enrolled October, '76. Supplied by H. McDonald. Reported in '77, twenty-nine members; in '78, thirty-four.

#### GRAHAM.

Graham church, organized by the evangelist, was enrolled October, '6. In '77, it had thirteen members, in '78, twenty-two. Supplied by L. T. Wilson, evangelist.

#### BRECKENRIDGE.

Breckenridge church, organized by a committee, was enrolled October, '77, with seven members. Supplied by L. T. Wilson.

#### WEST FORK.

West Fork church, in Tarrant county, organized by evangelist, L. T. Wilson, with seventeen members, was enrolled April, '78.

#### LEBANON.

Lebanon church, with eleven members and one ruling elder, was enrolled October, '78. The division of the Presbytery taking place just afterwards, this church did not find a place in the statistical reports of this Presbytery to the General Assembly.

All these churches are now on the roll of Dallas Presbytery with an aggregate of 1144 members. The name of Lebanon is changed to Avalon, and Eureka Valley to Files' Valley. Breckenridge disappeared from the roll for some time but has been reorganized.

## CHURCHES THAT HAVE BECOME EXTINCT OR MERGED INTO OTHER CHURCHES.

### CHAMBERS CREEK.

A church was organized on Chambers Creek, about sixteen miles east of Corsicana, and reported to Presbytery in October, 1854, by Rev. J. T. Balch. It had eight members and one ruling elder, John Loughridge, a brother of Revs. R. M. and A. J. Loughridge. The church was supplied one year at least by Mr. Balch, and in 1861 by J. M. McChord. Mr. Loughridge died January 29, '65. If there were any members remaining when the County Line church was organized in '65, they probably united with it, and in '66, the name of the church was dropped from the roll.

### BLUE RIDGE.

The Blue Ridge church was organized December 3, 1854, by Rev. J. T. Balch, with four members and one ruling elder. These members were recently from South Carolina. On the 18th of June, 1855, at a session meeting moderated by Rev. T. Alexander, four members from South Carolina were added. July 17, '57, at a meeting moderated by Rev. A. J. Loughridge, then of the Eastern Texas Presbytery, four members were received from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church.

The church was served for some time by supplies appointed by the Presbytery, in 1856, regularly by Mr. Balch, and from early in 1857, most of the time, till the close of 1868, by A. J. Loughridge; in 1869 and 1870, by L. Tenney; in '71, by J. A. Walker; in '72, by supplies appointed by the Presbytery, the names of M. C. Conoley and L. Tenney appearing as moderating the session; in '73, by Hillery Moseley. It appears also that Mr. Moseley supplied the church during a part, if not the whole of 1881. In the summer of '74, C. H. Dobbs took charge of the church, and as stated supply or evangelist, preached till the latter part of '78. While evangelist he held a meeting, assisted by H. Moseley, in the summer of '76, at which there were twenty professed conversions and nine additions to the church. At the

time of the camp-meeting at Hog Island in '77, there were sixteen additions. R. M. Loughridge was stated supply from early in '78, till the spring of '81. C. W. Alexander, from the summer of '82, to that of '83. Malcom Black, in '84 and '85. J. H. Leps, from the summer of '86, to '88, and C. W. Peyton, October, '90, till April, '91.

In the spring of '91, on account of the changes which had taken place, it was thought best to unite Blue Ridge and Kosse churches, and the Presbytery was requested to dissolve the Blue Ridge church, and transfer the members to the Kosse church, which was accordingly done.

For a church in the country with no house of worship of its own, and the membership rather widely scattered, it has had a history worthy of note. The total number of members enrolled is 140. In May, '75, thirteen members were dismissed to form the Kosse church, and in August, '77, fourteen to form the Prairie View church. After '78, the number of members diminished, and at the time of the consolidation with the Kosse church there were only thirty.

The ruling elders of the church have been, W. B. McAllister, installed at the organization, December 8, 1854; Robt. Harper, soon after he was received in 1857; J. C. Peoples, W. R. Erskine and James Todd, June 7, 1874; J. B. Hart, spring of 1877; J. W. Cochran and M. Frazier, October, 1881; Dr. J. C. Shaw, November, 1887. Mr. McAllister is still active, an elder in Kosse church. He has been in office in this Presbytery longer than any other elder now living.

"Grandpa Harper," as he was familiarly called, was an excellent example of a quiet and unostentatious life, governed by a sound theology. At one meeting of the Presbytery he stated that they had kept up a Sabbath school, commenced in Eutaw and continued in Kosse, uninterruptedly, for twenty years. He superintended it two years longer, till he became too infirm. An eccentric Methodist preacher, who lived at Eutaw for a time, used to compare him to Lot among the Sodomites (see 2 Peter, 2: 8), and would sometimes say that Lot ought to move away, and let the Lord rain fire and brimstone on the place. He was one of those dismissed to form the Kosse church. He died May 13, 1880. J. C. Peoples and Dr. Shaw were of those dismissed to form the Prairie View church.

Richland church, near Richland creek, sixteen miles southeast of Milford, and about the same distance west of Corsicana, was organized by a committee of the Presbytery Rev. J. A. Smylie, chairman, May 25, 1870. There had been some Presbyterian families living there, holding membership in the Milford church,



for a number of years, perhaps from about the time the Milford church was organized. Occasional, and probably some of the time stated, services had been held there. The church was supplied one Sabbath per month by Mr. Smylie, till his death in 1878. There were fourteen members at the organization, three ruling elders and three deacons. Up to April, 1878, twenty-six had been added on profession and twenty-two by letter, a total of sixty-two; but the largest number reported at any one time was thirty-five. After 1878, there was no regular supply, and the membership was rapidly diminished by removals. For some years there were no reports from the church, and in April, 1886, it was dissolved, and the members remaining, transferred to Corsicana. J. M. Scales, B. F. Whitton and James Smith were ruling elders.

Alvarado church was organized by a committee, J. A. Smylie, chairman, in the winter or spring of 1875, with ten members. A year later, after the organization of the Cleburne church, the Alvarado church, at the request of the members, was dissolved, and the members transferred to Cleburne.

Mizpah church, in the western part of Lee county, was organized in 1876, with five members and one ruling elder, Dr. L. L. Williams. Two members were afterwards added. The church was supplied in 1778 by M. C. Conoley; in 1880 by W. Addison Smith. Part of the small membership having removed, the church was dissolved at the fall meeting of the Presbytery in 1882.

#### ROUND ROCK.

Round Rock church was organized May 10, 1877, by W. F. Gillespie and R. K. Smoot, D. D., a commission of the Presbytery, with six members. J. S. C. Morrow was ordained ruling elder, and J. W. Sillurie, deacon. Mr. Gillespie preached to the church once a month till 1880. In the spring of 1880, A. H. P. McCurdy commenced preaching two Sabbaths per month. The only elder, Mr. Morrow, having removed, a commission of the Presbytery was sent to reorganize the church. J. N. Lyle and his family were received from the Austin church, and Mr. Lyle was installed ruling elder on the fifth Sabbath of May. Mr. McCurdy preached to the church till October, 1882. During this time the house of worship was built, Mr. McCurdy, it was said, doing much of the work with his own hands.

G. T. Lyle, S. S., June 1, '83, to June, '84.

Geo. L. Bitzer, S. S., Dec., '84, to June, '85.

C. H. Dobbs, S. S., Sept., '85; elected evangelist Dec., '87.

J. P. Robertson, when licensed in May, 1887, was directed by

the Presbytery to preach once a month at Round Rock, but there appears to be no record of his work there.

W. J. Tidball, S. S., March, '88, to '89.

J. Phipps, S. S., '90.

The total number of members enrolled was 74. The number reported April, 1889, was 40. The church was dissolved April, 1891, and the members transferred to Georgetown.

#### PRAIRIE VIEW.

In January, 1877, Rev. C. H. Dobbs, commenced preaching, monthly, at Reagan, and in May at a school-house near Bennet's woods or Hog Island. In August of that year a plan that had been in contemplation for some time, was carried out—to hold a camp meeting in Bennet's woods. Drs. Palmer and Markham, from New Orleans, were present, besides sixteen or seventeen Texas ministers. The meeting was attended by large numbers of people, estimated at between 4000 and 5000. The preaching lasted ten days, and great good was done,—many persons converted and skeptics convinced and brought to Christ. A church of twelve members was organized on the ground, and August 18, J. C. Peoples and R. H. Wheeler were installed ruling elders, and W. Dow and O. J. Cockrell ordained and installed deacons. In October following Mr. Dobbs was installed pastor for half his time, by a committee of Presbytery, Drs. Smoot and W. S. Johnson. In 1878, another camp-meeting was held, at which Dr. Stuart Robinson, of Louisville, Ky., and Dr. Smoot did most of the preaching, and a third in 1880, at which Dr. Palmer was again present. Large numbers of people were present on each occasion and the results were excellent. Most of the additions to the church after its organization were of people who had not been raised under Presbyterian influence. Religion in the community previous to the camp meeting "was at low ebb." The desecration of the Sabbath day—hunting, salting and branding stock, horse racing, drinking, gambling and idling away the day at the dram shops—was so common that it might be called the rule. Two years afterwards the observance of the Sabbath as a day of worship was as pronounced as had been its desecration. The pastoral relations between Mr. Dobbs and the church were dissolved in the spring of 1883. The total number of members enrolled was sixty-one, mostly during Mr. Dobbs' pastorate. The larger part of members were renters and their families, and they went west, largely, to find a more healthy part of the country. The large number of negroes in the Brazos bottom adjoining, operated to induce their removal. Rev. Malcom Black was S. S. part of 1884 and '85, J. H. Leps in 1887 and '88. When

the government census of the churches was taken, in 1890, it was said there was not a member of the church left there, and in the spring of 1891 the Presbytery dissolved the church and transferred the members to Marlin, but it is said Marlin church received no accessions by it.

The Salt Spring church in Brown county was organized by Rev. W. A. Smith, with eight members, and was enrolled by the Presbytery in 1878. W. A. Smith was S. S. in 1878 and '79, and J. A. McMurray, evangelist, preached there more or less from 1881 to '84. For several years the church rendered no reports, and in the spring of 1891 it was dissolved. It was understood that a part of the members had joined the Brownwood church. In 1883 the name was changed to Brown County Church.

The Wilson Valley church, organized by Evangelist J. A. McMurray, with nine members, was enrolled September, 1881. Ten members were afterwards added. It was served by Rev. T. McHutchon as S. S. in 1883 and '84; by M. Black in 1886 and '87. In September, 1889, in consequence of the removal of the larger part of the membership, the church was dissolved. A small house had been erected. It was sold and the proceeds given to the Austin School of Theology.

Hebron church, at Mercer's Gap, in Comanche county, was organized with nine members, by evangelist J. A. McMurray, and was enrolled in November, '83. It had no regular preaching, and no additions were reported, and in April, '88, the elder, D. W. White, being dead, the church was dissolved and the members transferred to Comanche.

Jonesboro church, on the line of Coryell and Hamilton counties, was organized by a commission, J. A. McMurray, chairman, and was enrolled in November, '83. There were nine members and one ruling elder. Most of the members shortly afterward removed to Hamilton, and in October, '84, the church was dissolved and the members transferred to Hamilton.

Fairfield church, organized by a commission, W. W. Ruff, chairman, with eleven members, Dr. W. Griffith, elder, was enrolled October, '84. No reports were rendered by the church. Mr. Ruff probably had a regular appointment there during '85. Beyond this it had very little preaching. In April, '91, the church was dissolved and the members transferred to Oak Island.

Mathison church, at Wortham, was organized by the same commission as Fairfield, and enrolled at the same time. It had nine members and one ruling elder, A. E. McNair. Two members were afterwards added. Partly, probably, on account of

its proximity to Mexia, it was dissolved in September, '87, and the members transferred to Mexia.

Goliad church, organized by evangelist C. H. Dobbs, with eleven members, were enrolled at the same time as Fairfield and Mathison. Four members were afterward added; but the church did not grow, and soon lost half its members. It was supplied probably monthly by A. S. Doak and C. W. Peyton while they had charge of the Robinson church. Ruling Elder J. W. McKee was dismissed to this church from Robinson in August, '84, and became an elder of it. E. H. Hatch was also ordained and installed elder. The church was dissolved and the members transferred to Robinson August 29, '90.

Taylor church, organized by a commission, C. H. Dobbs, chairman, was enrolled April, '85, R. E. Sherrill, jr., ruling elder; members at the time of enrollment, 15. R. E. Sherrill was living at Taylor at the time, but does not appear to have preached regularly to the church. One member only was added after the church was received, and in April, '88, it was dissolved and the members transferred to Hutto.

Meridian church was organized by L. Tenney, as a committee of Presbytery, in autumn of '86, with eleven members and two ruling elders, E. B. Carruth and H. S. Anderson, and was enrolled in April, '87. Mr. Tenney preached to the church monthly two or three years. Three or four members were added on profession, but, most of the members having removed, the church was dissolved and the members transferred to Temple, April, '91.

The church of Goldthwaite was organized in the winter of '86-'87 by Rev. B. T. McClelland, then of Trinity Presbytery, P. C., U. S. A., and was supplied by him for some time. It was received by the Presbytery of Central Texas in April, '87. Most of the members, however, soon after removed to California, and the church was dissolved in April, '88.



## THE AUSTIN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

In July, 1884, nearly half the members of the Presbytery were at a camp meeting at Belton. The subject of our great need of more ministers being discussed among them, it was decided to ask Dr. R. K. Smoot to open a class for students in theology in Austn. Dr. Dabney had recently become a member of the Presbytery, being Professor of Moral Philosophy in the Texas State University. He was asked by Dr. Smoot to assist in the enterprise, and on the first Wednesday of October, '84, they opened the school with four students, Dr. Dabney teaching theology, and Dr. Smoot church history and government and pastoral theology. They, in addition to teaching without pay, became personally responsible for all the expenses of the school for the first year. Licentiate Geo. L. Bitzer was employed to teach New Testament Greek and Hebrew. Dr. Smoot also assumed the responsibility of the personal expenses of the students above what they should be able to pay. Voluntary contributions were sent in, however, to pay a considerable part of the expenses.

The Presbytery met in Georgetown, October 24th, of that year, and passed a resolution, formally establishing the School of Theology, requesting the several teachers to teach the branches they had commenced. The Synod was overtured to take control of the school and provide for its needs. The Presbyteries of Eastern Texas and Western Texas, the same month warmly commended the school to the support of the church, and to the young men desiring to study theology. By an oversight, the overture was not presented to the Synod, which met at Belton, October 30, but a resolution commending the enterprise was passed. The State University was open to the students without other expense than the matriculation fee of \$10.

June 2, '82, committees from the Presbyteries of East Texas, West Texas and Central Texas were present at the examination of the class, and in their report spoke in high terms of the character of the instruction given and the progress made by the students.

The second session commenced the last Wednesday in September, '85, with six students. Rev. A. A. Little took the place of Mr. Bitzer as teacher of Hebrew and New Testament Greek.

The Synod met in Austin October 20th. Action was taken cordially approving the effort to raise a native ministry, recommending Presbyterians to advise their students to attend the school and encouraging churches and individuals to contribute to its expenses. This action was taken after considerable discussion, some looking upon the school as a rival of Austin College. The work of the school was again warmly commended by those who attended the examination at the close of the session.

The third session commenced the last Wednesday in September, '86, with seven students, two from Arkansas, two from North Carolina, and three from Texas. Licentiate W. S. Red, (who was ordained the next spring) taking the chair of Hebrew and New Testament Greek. During the year the work of securing a building for the school was commenced, and Rev. R. E. Sherril made a large contribution of books for the library. Dr. Dabney's study and the lecture room of the Presbyterian church had been thus far used for the exercises of the class.

The fourth session opened with nine students. The Synod had taken no further action looking to taking the control of the school, and at its session this year (October, '87) said that, "It does not see its way clear at the present time to take further action in that direction," but heartily commended the school to the patronage of the Presbyteries and their candidates.

At the fifth session there were twelve students, one from Georgia, one from Ohio, one from Tennessee, three from North Carolina, and six from Texas.

The building was completed, the library had grown in the short time since it was commenced, to about fifteen hundred volumes, a part of them from the library of the late Dr. J. W. Miller, donated by Mrs. Miller.

In 1890 Rev. J. M. Purcell was elected a professor, and taught two years without compensation.

During the session of '91-'92, Rev. J. A. Le Fevre, D. D., was in Austin, and rendered most efficient, voluntary assistance in the school. In the spring of '92 he was elected a professor, and continued in the office till the spring of '94, when his resignation was accepted. The school has continued, though with a small number of students, to do efficient service to the church and to the Presbytery at the cost of much self-denying labor to the teachers. Rev. M. J. Tidball was elected teacher of Greek and Hebrew in the fall of '90, and has continued in the work till the spring of '95.



## LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERY.

- Hugh Wilson, by division of Brazos Presbytery, April, '54; died March, '68.
- John T. Balch, by division of Brazos Presbytery, April, '54; dis. Red River, Oct. '58; died end of '61.
- Wm. M. Baker, by division of Brazos Presbytery, April, '54; dis. Zanesville, April, '66; died '84.
- R. F. Bunting, by division of Brazos Presbytery, April, '54; dis. W. Texas, Oct., '56; died.
- Michael Dickson, Talladega, Oct., '54; died March 8, '74.
- T. W. Erwin, ordained Oct., '54; dis. Bethel, Oct., '55.
- Sam'l Taylor, Vincennes, April, '55; died June 9, '55.
- Thos. Alexander, Indianapolis, April, '55; died March 26, '64.
- J. M. McChord, Crawfordsville, April, '55; dis. Vincennes, April, '56.
- J. M. McChord, Vincennes, Oct., '60; died Nov. 22, '76.
- L. Tenney, Brazos, April, '55.
- R. M. Overstreet, Muncie, October, '55; dis. Indianapolis, March, '66.
- Jos. Boone, Brazos, Oct., '56; dis. Brazos, April, '62.
- A. J. Loughridge, Eastern Texas, Nov., '57; died March 19, '81.
- R. M. Loughridge, Creek Nation, April, '64; dis. W. Texas, April, '70.
- R. M. Loughridge, W. Texas, April, '77; dis. Neosho, Nov., '80.
- R. M. Loughridge, Muscogee, P. C., U. S. A., Jan., '92.
- Hillery Moseley, E. Texas, March, '65; died Dec. 3, '83.
- Wm. M. King, Texas, U. S., May '65; died June 1, '82.
- S. A. King, Texas, U. S., May, '65.
- W. A. Smith, W. Texas, May, '65; died Aug. 4, '87.
- B. Y. George, Londonderry, April '67; dis. Missouri, Feb., '68.
- Neill McDonald, Fayetteville, April, '68; died Feb. 3, '75.
- J. A. Smylie, Tombigbee, Oct., '69; died Sept. 23, '78.
- J. A. Walker, S. Ala., Oct., '69; dis. W. Texas, April, '79.
- Robt. McCoy, Bethel, Oct., '69; dis. E. Texas, April, '70; died.
- A. A. Porter, D. D., S. Carolina, April, '70; died Dec. 8, '72.
- M. C. Conoley, Brazos, Oct., '71; died Sept. 21, '78.
- Henry McDonald, E. Texas, Dec., '73, Dallas, by division, '78; died Oct., '82.

- H. B. Rose, Abingdon, May, '74.  
 W. S. Johnson, ordained May, '74; Dallas, by division, '78; died '82.  
 C. H. Dobbs, Ebenezer, Aug., '74; dis. Greenbriar, July, '92.  
 W. M. Kilpatrick, W. Texas, Oct., '74; dis. W. Texas, April, '76.  
 J. S. Grasty, D. D., Louisville, May, '75, dis. Missouri, Oct., '76; died '83.  
 G. P. Richardson, N. Miss., Oct., '75; dis. Dallas, Oct., '80; died '86.  
 T. D. Lea, Knoxville, Oct., '75; dis. E. Texas, Oct., '77; died.  
 W. F. Gillespie; Louisiana, April, '76; dis. W. Texas, Oct., '81.  
 O. F. Rogers, Chickasaw, Nov., '76; dis. W. Texas, Oct., '78; died '94.  
 R. K. Smoot, D. D., Muhlenberg, April, '77.  
 B. D. Thomas, E. Texas, April, '77; Dallas, by division, '78; died '81.  
 W. W. Brimm, E. Texas, April, '77, Dallas, by division, '78.  
 A. S. Doak, Holston, April, '77; dis. Augusta, Sept., '85.  
 L. T. Wilson, ordained April, '77; Dallas, by division, '78.  
 J. A. McMurray, ordained Oct., '77; transferred to Dallas, Oct., '84.  
 J. M. Robinson, ordained Oct., '77.  
 Robt. Logan, Atlanta, April, '78; Dallas, by division, '78.  
 L. B. Chaney, ordained April, '78; Dallas, by division, '78.  
 C. W. Peyton, ordained April, '78.  
 R. M. Tuttle, Paducah, Oct., '79; dis. Missouri, May, '85.  
 A. H. P. McCurdy, ordained April, '80; dis. W. Texas, Oct., '82.  
 H. W. Woods, Ozark, P. C., U. S. A., April, '81; dis. High-land, P. C., U. S. A., July, '82.  
 J. T. Paxton, E. Texas, Sept., '81; dis. La Fayette, April, '84.  
 W. W. Ruff, ordained Sept., '81; dis. Greenbriar, April, '86.  
 J. H. Zivley, West Texas, Oct., '82; dis. Nashville, Oct., '88.  
 M. C. Hutton, Chickasaw, April, '83.  
 C. W. Alexander, Dallas, April, '83; dis. Dallas, April, '84; dead.  
 Thos. McHutchon, ordained April, '83; died Feb. 13, '86.  
 J. M. Cochran, Brazos, Nov., '83; Dallas, Oct., '84.  
 J. M. Cochran, East Texas, Oct., '94.  
 R. L. Dabney, D. D., West Hanover, April, '84.  
 Geo. T. Lyle, Holston, April, '84; dis. Greenbriar, Oct., '84.  
 Hugh Calvin Smith, Brazos, April, '84; dis. Louisville, Sep-tember, '85.  
 R. E. Sherrill, Dallas, April, '84; dis. Dallas, Sept., '87.  
 J. S. Greenlee, ordained April, '84; dis. Brazos, April, '93.  
 W. E. Shive, ordained April, '84; dis. St. Johns, April, '85.

- W. T. Spears, Ebenezer, Oct., '84; dis. Ebenezer, April, '86.  
 M. W. Millard, Holston, Oct., '84; dis. Memphis, Sept., '87.  
 Malcom Black, ordained Oct., '84; dis. Dallas, April, '91.  
 Wm. George, D. D., Dallas, April, '85; dis. West Texas, May, '88.  
 W. G. McDonald, ordained Sept., '85; dis. E. Texas, Oct., '88.  
 W. W. C. Kelly, West Texas, Oct., '85; died Oct. 20, '91.  
 Thos. Wharey, D. D., Roanoke, April, '86; died March 24, '88.  
 J. K. P. Newton, Chickasaw, May, '86.  
 W. S. Red, ordained April, '87; dis. Brazos, April, '90.  
 R. B. Palmer, ordained April, '87; dis. Pueblo, P. C., U. S. A., May, '89.  
 J. H. Leps, West Texas, April, '87; died May, '89.  
 John Woodruff, Solomon, P. C., U. S. A., April, '87; dis. Tuscaloosa, Oct., '88.  
 S. J. McMurry, ordained August, '87; dis. W. Texas.  
 W. L. Lowrance, Dallas, Sept., '87; dis. Dallas.  
 John Young, ordained August, '87; died '90.  
 R. K. Moseley, W. Texas, Dec., '87; dis. Dallas, April, '90.  
 L. H. Kimmons, Washburn, April, '88; dis. Missouri, September, '89.  
 J. P. Robertson, ordained April, '88.  
 W. J. Tidball, ordained May, '88.  
 J. M. Purcell, ordained May, '88.  
 C. R. Dudley, Mississippi, Feb., '89; dis. Dallas, Oct., '90.  
 C. M. Hutton, Tuscaloosa, May, '89; dis. Dallas, April, '81.  
 Joshua Phipps, Holston, April, '90; dis. W. Texas, April, '91.  
 J. S. Willbanks, Arkansas, April, '90; deposed April, '91.  
 R. E. Leutz, ordained April, '90; dis. Mecklenburg, Oct., '91.  
 J. T. Sailes, Red River, April, '90; dis. Red River, Aug., '81.  
 C. L. Ewing, Holston, August, '90.  
 E. L. Siler, ord. August, '90; dis. Mecklenburg, April, '93.  
 H. M. Smith, ord. August, '90; dis. Dallas.  
 R. C. Anderson, ord. August, '90; dis. Montgomery, April, '92.  
 T. C. Johnson, ord. August, '90; dis. Louisville, Feb., '91.  
 R. L. Dale, Pine Bluff, January, '91.  
 S. W. Mitchell, E. Texas, Jan., '91; dis. Memphis, March, '92.  
 J. N. McFarlane, Upper Missouri, April, '91; dis. '94.  
 N. W. McMillan, ordained April, '91.  
 J. C. Grow, Paris, Oct., '91.  
 J. W. Siler, Mecklenburg, October, '91; dis. Mecklenburg, July, '92.  
 Wm. Hughes, Boston, N. P., April, '92; dis. Dallas, April, '93.  
 A. R. Shaw, Fayetteville, April, '92.  
 R. E. Hardin, ordained April, '92.

- G. T. Storey, Cent. Miss., October, '92.  
W. S. Baker, Arkansas, April, '93.  
H. M. Sydenstricker, Trinity, P. C., U. S. A., April, '92.  
G. S. Robinson, Lexington, Sept., '93.  
D. N. Yarbrow, ordained Sept., '93.  
J. A. Creighton, Dallas, Oct., '83.  
B. T. McClellan, Trinity, P. C., U. S. A., January, '94.



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