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Don't Need to Study.

At one of our recent Conferences a young preacher stated that he had not studied an hour in the past two years, and that, unless the Bishop should give him more important work, he would not have need to study any more. It will be a long time before that brother gets more important work. In all other branches of temporal business men are expected to qualify for the work, by study, before that work is committed to their hands. The same rule obtains in the ministry, only it should be far more severely enforced. Until the brother in question, qualifies for better service he will not only fail to advance, but will soon come to be regarded as a man who is not qualified for any work in the ministry at all. It would seem that the love of Christ and his cause should inspire any Christian to study, that he might grow, both in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. One who only has the instinct of a student would be expected to study the Bible, and Christian doctrine, and literature. The only reasonable conclusion is that a preacher who does not study is neither a Christian nor a student. He ought, in default of these qualifications, to abandon the ministry.

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To the class for admission into the Little Rock Conference Bishop Hendrix spoke substantially as follows:

You come to be received into the traveling ministry, to be subject to its laws, and to know only the work of our ministry as so controlled.

God's thought respecting his ministers are learned from his charge concerning his priests. No man who was unsound, or defective physically could be put into the priesthood. It is a testimony that God would have a perfect man for his minister, fully prepared to receive and to express his truth. A man should be sound physically, mentally and spiritually to receive the divine truth and communicate it to men. It was taught us in the old catechism that "The chief end of man is to serve God and glorify him forever." One has said, in sarcastic criticism of the modern trend of religious thought and life, that the teaching now is that, "It is the chief end of God to glorify man." We accept this statement, though uttered with evil intent, as the expression of a great truth. It is the father-hood of God which inspires the confidence and hope of his children. God does desire to lift up and glorify man. "I am glorified in them" is the teaching of our Lord. The parent desires the highest possible attainment in his children. The vine is glorified in the branch, in its freshness and fruitfulness.

As our Creator, God must desire in us perfection of manhood, both in physical and spiritual life. Job, in his affliction, when to sense no testimony appeared that God regarded him, could not distrust the care of his Creator. He said in confidence "Thou wilt have a desire to the work of thy hands."

To make man glorious in holiness is the purpose of the redemption scheme. For this God sent his son Jesus into the world. When man had fallen from that first estate in which God pronounced him "very good," the Maker, by a recreative act, placed him upon a plain to ascend to the image of God again. God's aim was, and is,

perfection in man. And his Son in whom he is well pleased is set before us as the ideal of that perfection. Jesus said to the young ruler, inquiring after eternal life, "If thou wouldst be perfect, follow me." The answer revealed eternal life—the attainment of divine life. For "as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God." Such as thus receive Christ share in the very being of God "heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ."

God calls us to be perfect. A human parent could desire nothing less for his children. Perfection is God's desire for all his children. Perfection is no monopoly. It is for all.

There is no growth in holiness without growth in knowledge. God holds himself before his children saying, "Be ye perfect as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." As the divine ideal unfolds we advance God-ward. We have, here, the divine life, which is unfolded as we study Christ, "We all, beholding, as in a glass, the glory of the Lord Jesus, are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, by the spirit of God. Now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but when He shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see Him as he is." Failure to see Jesus as he is is what leads to the perversions and distortions of religion. This is eternal life, to know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

But life is responsive. Inanimate things respond not to sun or shower or air, to beauty or music. The dead man responds not to the call of love or sorrow or any thing which delights or afflicts the living. A man is dead in soul when not responsive to good. His responsiveness to good is the measure of his soul-life. Life is in action, in service. By service, not meditations and raptures, is the love of God known. To know God we must test ourselves upon the duties he has set forth. We need to do this to know ourselves. How much of spiritual life shall appear in you depends upon how thoroughly you shall be awakened to respond to God.

The new birth initiates the

process of growth toward perfection. As his childred God desires of you proper growth, and he makes provisions for it. In this progress God himself is always the picture in the back ground.

What alarms me most in the Church to-day is a superficial estimate of religion. A low estimate both of holiness and sin. How alarming when men profess Christian perfection, who are envious, ambitious, and even unfaithful in the common duties of morality. The worst enemy of holiness is the man who lowers the standard of Christian perfection, and holds a flippant and low estimate of it.

I have no fear of the man who is earnestly studying to know God, but I fear the man who has, in his own esteem, attained all God has to give.

Beware of the man who warps the scriptures, turning the text to sustain his whim or hobby. Satan was expert at that. To Jesus he said "It is written." Jesus shows us the refutation and corrective of such perversions. It is a broad, comprehensive, impartial view of all that God has revealed. So Jesus answered, "It is written, again."

Don't preach other men's sermons. Children strutting in men's clothes are grotesque enough. Let your sermons be your own, wrought out with labor and prayer.

Do not be afraid to grow, to leave the things which are behind and go forward.

Seek truth every where. All things teach a thoughtful mind. All teachers, all lives, all experiences give their lessons. Don't stop at any point and say: "I have gotten all." Your real desire to be perfect is only proven by your going on continually. Feed the flock. Be a teacher in the home as well as in the pulpit. Go from your knees to minister to the distressed and the tempted. You enter now the harvest field. The harvest field is not a place for idlers. The Master calls. The harvest is white. He that reapeth receiveth wages.

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Let Pastors Beware.

It is quite common in these days of religious zealots of various kinds to ask pastors for lists of membership names to whom to send so-called evangelistic literature. He is a very unwise shepherd who grants such requests. The pastor is the custodian of our church records, which should be kept as sacredly guarded as the ark of an eye. There are wolves in sheep's clothing prowling around the country seeking for prey. When they cannot visit a place in person, they try to introduce their newspapers and tracts for the accomplishment of their objects. Some of these rascals are operating in Michigan. They generally assume some gospel name, and pose as bearers of glad tidings to the souls. They make onslaughts on the "sects," claim to have the essence of truth in their own hands, and in wily ways insinuate themselves into the confidence of teachers and people. Occasionally our Churches are unwittingly opened to these deceivers, and the deepest kind of heresy is dispensed to them over our own sacred altars. It is a shame and a sin. Beware, ye preachers! Guard your records. Guard your members. Repel the rogues out.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

A Word to Lawyers.

Tell you, you lawyers ought not to do so, plead the civil law all day Saturday, and with such earnestness and force as to impress one knowing, that you were Methodist exhorters in the midst of a revival, till a late hour at night, then get on your horse, or in your buggy, and spend the whole Sabbath getting home or to the office of the next court. Every one knows that you are members of the Church, professed followers of Him who taught the way of God in truth, taught it with more exactness and authority than Moses and the prophets, the whole of man. I was delighted to see you walk to the judges' bench, with great deliberation take down the digest, turn to the very page, and in my deafness I imagined I heard you say, "This is law." This was eminently true, and if it had been in order I could have said most heartily amen. I, too, would quote a little law from the lips of one who said, "Whoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, shall teach more so, shall be condemned the least in the kingdom of heaven." "Keep the commandments." No dodging this, it is as binding on lawyers as anybody else. "Thou, therefore, that believest, a man should not steal, dost thou steal the Sabbath? What right have you to appropriate one hour of the Lord's day (for He is Lord of the Sabbath) to your personal interest, or pleasure? Not one iota. The law is holy, and the com-

mandment holy and just and good." Is it not time for lawyers to do not a little good honest thinking on this line, and to turn their thinking to good account by conscientiously observing the "thou shalt," and the "thou shalt not" of the one Lawgiver of heaven and earth? If lawyers disregard the higher law, how can they expect the authority of Caesar to be regarded? If consistency is a jewel let lawyers seek it, win it and wear it. Our nation's life, socially, politically and morally is bound up with the law of God. We yield to no one in genuine regard for the legal fraternity, all honor to them. But do let them, especially our professed Christian lawyers, prove their unswerving loyalty to the statutes of the "King eternal, immortal, invisible God." If they do, then will they be a power for good; if they do not, well may they tremble at the words of the Judge of all the earth, "Woe unto you, ye lawyers."

J. E. CALDWELL.



The widow appeals to the sympathy of even the most callous-hearted. Here is a woman still in the springtime of life, deprived of the stay and support upon which she had every right to depend, and her future overshadowed by the loss of the one man in all the world upon whom she had centered

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trying to make the impression that
the M. E. Church was in a fair
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different impression had he told
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Church, as he expressed it, than in
ours. He frankly admitted to some
of our preachers that it was a case
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Literary Table.

Washington Letter.

Our Regular Correspondent.

The most important event of the year in Church circles was the 10th annual convention of the District of Columbia, which embraces nearly all of the white Protestant Sunday-schools in Washington. The president's report showed an increase of four in the number of day-schools and an increase in total membership of the schools, 1,033. He said, while the increase had not been what it should have been, it was better than any increase. But by general consent the report of the field worker, on the recent house-to-house canvass in Washington, under the auspices of the Union, was regarded as the most interesting part of the convention, including, of course, the discussion of the report by the delegates. It was the first time the figures of that canvass had been made public. The report attracted attention to this canvass, having been the first of its kind in Washington, although it has been tried with good effect in other places, and regretted that the lack of experience on the part of many of the canvassers had caused them to fail to get as much information as was desired from those they interviewed. The totals are as follows: Persons visited 165,432 (a little more than half the population); Church members, 80,884; persons over 21 years of age in day-schools 15,500; under 21, Sunday-schools, 32,300; persons between the ages of 3 and 21 not in Sunday-schools, 19,865; persons in Church members but who expressed a Church preference, 29,000; persons who expressed willingness to join Sunday-school or home department, 7,888; persons holding Church membership elsewhere, 3,000; families and individuals with Bibles 3,965; printed invitations sent, 36,512; number of canvassers 1,366.

Don. Hiram Price, ex-Congressman from Iowa, told some bitter truths at a temperance meeting held in Foundry Church. For instance, he said: "When it is known that smallpox or some other contagious disease has developed in a city, the victims and the locality

where they live are kept separated from the rest of the community, because human life is in danger, and human life is sacred and must be protected. But all the deaths caused by contagious diseases are small in comparison with the thousands slain each year by the liquor traffic. And yet our laws authorize and protect the liquor traffic, while every moral and legal influence is brought to bear to protect the lives of citizens against contagious diseases, and so we keep on straining at small gnats and swallowing large droves of camels. Some savages kill men. Cannibals eat men. The liquor traffic kills men and eats up their property. So the liquor traffic is both a savage and a cannibal. We authorize with all the solemnity of a law, for a money consideration, a class of men to pursue a business which, in its consequences, is in direct and open violation of the letter and spirit of that which we call our charter of rights and the palladium of our liberties. The important lesson which temperance people have to learn before we can hope for complete success in this contest with the grogshop forces, is that we must agree among ourselves as to some plan of united action. Minor differences must be held in abeyance and subordinated to the great purpose of "destroying the traffic, then the rest of the work will be comparatively easy of accomplishment."

The first convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of Washington, a branch of the National Christian Alliance, which has its headquarters in New York, was held here this week, and was a success. The reports indicate that the aim of the alliance, to lift up and reform the degraded and to assist the poor and helpless, is being carried out as well as the means at hand will allow.

A memorial meeting was held in the First Congregational Church on the fiftieth anniversary of the massacre by Indians of Dr. Whitman (the noble missionary whose horseback ride from Oregon to Washington saved that great state for this country), his wife, and twelve others, November 29, 1847. Among those who eulogized Dr. Whitman were Mr. Justice Brewer, Dr. Newman, Gen. O. O. Howard, and Senator Wilson, of the State of Washington. Men die, but noble deeds live forever.

The last vestige of a lottery in the United States was killed this week when Mr. Justice Harlan handed down the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the case of the Frankfort lottery against the State of Kentucky, which declared the franchise of the Frankfort lottery to be invalid. It was claimed by the parties to this suit that the provision of the Kentucky constitution of 1891, revoking all lottery charters and forbidding the existence of lotteries in the State, was a violation of the United States Constitution, which prohibits the making of laws by the states which impair existing contracts. The opinion says in part: "Is a state forbidden by the supreme law of the land from protecting its people at all times from practices attended

by such ruinous results? Can the legislature of a state contract away its power to establish such regulations as are reasonably necessary from time to time to protect the public morals against the acknowledged evils of lotteries?" The decision answers these questions in the negative.

The official decision of the executive committee of the National Educational Society to hold the next annual meeting of the society in Washington, July 9 to 14, inclusive, 1898, was received with pleasure by our citizens, many of whom are deeply interested in the work and objects of the society.

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Paul's Last Words.

2 TIMOTHY IV. 1-8, 16-18.

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Topical Outline: I. Paul's Age. (Verses 1-4.) II. His Confession. (Verses 6-8.) The Lord's Deliverance. (Verses 16-18.)

Age: A. D. 60 or 67.

Place: Written from Rome.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK.

Paul's Last Words, 2 Tim. iv.

Moses's Last Words, Deut. xxxi.

Exhortation, Josh. xxiii.

Proclaiming Truth Fast, 1 John ii.

Looking for Mercy, Jude.

Looking Upward Phil. iii.

The Crown of Life, Jas. i.

Conference Word, "Fight."

Session Hymn, No. 579.

INTRODUCTION.

Paul wrote three Epistles which are called pastoral Epistles. Two of these were to Timothy, one to Titus. They were letters of instruction and advice from an old man to his sons in the gospel. The second Epistle to Timothy, which our lesson is taken from, was written during Paul's last imprisonment at Rome, and just before his death. Timothy is first mentioned in Acts xvi. 1. See also xvii. 14; xviii. 5; xix. 22; xx. 4; Romans xvi. 21.

Every reader who has followed the study of Paul's life, and who has engaged us for the last months, will remember that Timothy was one of Paul's converts. A young man whom he found on his out-of-the-way trip into the region of Derbe and Lystra. The time Paul went into those regions he took Timothy with him, training him as a preacher of the gospel. From that time forth, Timothy in the gospel was much like the great apostle in his travels and labors. Paul tenderly loved and greatly trusted him.

Some time previous to his imprisonment, Paul directed Timothy to take the oversight of the Church at Ephesus and the surrounding region. Over these Churches Timothy had episcopal supervision. It is very natural that the heart of Paul should turn to Timothy at the time this letter, the second written to Timothy, was written. Paul was now an old man; nearing the close of his imprisonment, for his trial was soon to be had; lonely, he writes, "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men

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forsook me," and now that the final hearing was drawing nigh, he said only Luke is with me. Doubtless Nero and his infamous Jewish wife, Poppæa, were making it too perilous around him at this time for the nerves of the friends who had stood by Paul in calmer days. Withal Paul felt that his trial would end in his conviction, in his death. The storm had gathered around his weary, travel-worn, aged frame; the world was growing dark with frowns—the end was near.

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p. 9.

DECEMBER 12, 1897.

The Church of St. Paul.

ITS UNITY IN DIVERSITY.

Eph. vi. 11-13.

Our lesson relates to the various
classes of teachers in the Church.
These are (1) "Apostles," the
directly chosen by our Lord
in his personal ministry, to
preach the gospel and lay the founda-
tion of the Church. They had
received the doctrines of the kingdom
of heaven from Jesus's own lips.
They had also seen in Jesus's life
the revelation of divine life on
earth. The crucifixion they had
witnessed. They had seen the
Lord Jesus ascend into heaven.
The doctrine of salvation through
Christ was the gospel which they
preached, and their teaching was
the source of authority for all sub-
sequent teachers.

(2) "Prophets." These were
such as foretold coming events, or
were specially instructed the people in the
divine will, for prophesying often
being only instructing as teachers
under divine authority.

(3) "Evangelists," such as went
forth to carry the gospel where it
had not been proclaimed; they
were only heralds of the truth who
claimed salvation through faith
in Christ, but they held no author-
ity over local congregations.

(4) "Pastors." Such as steadily
and constantly ministered to local
churches and exercised discipline
on them.

(5) "Teachers," those who were
instructed in the gospel and able
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the ministry," that ministering, or
aiding in the development of Chris-
tian life, might be provided in every
form in the Church, "for the edify-
ing" or building up of the
Church, which is "the body of
Christ."

"Till we all come in the unity of
the faith and the knowledge of the
Son of God to the stature of a per-
fect man, unto the measure of the
stature of the fullness of Christ."

One faith and spirit bind the
Church, and true unity prevails
more and more as Christians have
more of the knowledge and love of
God. Knowledge banishes vain
and strange doctrines, and love
banishes prejudice. Individual
believers and the Church grow
strong as they are instructed.

LEAGUE NOTES.

The White River Conference has
made some gain in the league work
this year.

The need of our Leaguers is earn-
est work for the conversion of sin-
ners. We desire to hear of con-
versions in league meetings.

The gains in our league work are
to be counted more from increased
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E. GODBEY, D. D., Editor.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8, 1897.

Little Rock Conference.

The weather was most propitious for the convention of this body for its forty-fourth annual session at Pine Bluff. The day before the opening was given to conducting business to their homes for the purpose of the examination of the undergraduate ministers on their courses of study, and the examination of candidates for admission to the Conference. By the thoughtful attention of Rev. A. O. Evans, pastor in charge of First Church, and by the other two pastors of the city, admirable provision had been made for accommodating the delegates in all things needful.

It had been thoughtfully arranged that the patriarch of the Conference, Dr. Andrew Hunter, should preach the first sermon of the session. Dr. Hunter has just completed his sixty-first year in the pastoral ministry in Arkansas. The venerable Doctor was feeble, but delivered his sermon from his pulpit to a full house of interested hearers. He preached with force and was easily heard by all.

On Monday, December 1st, at 9 a. m. the Conference was called to order by Bishop E. R. Hendrix. The religious services were earnest and profitable. It is to the credit of the Conference that scarcely a member was absent from the opening exercises.

The roll call showed a good attendance.

J. R. Moore was elected secretary, J. M. Hawley assistant, and Clara statistical secretary.

The usual committees were organized; communications from connectional boards read and referred to. D. Barbee, Book Agent, J. Tigert, editor of the Arkansas Methodist Review, were introduced to the Conference, also Rev. F. S. Johnston, agent for Hendrix.

By 10 o'clock the Bishop was addressing the presiding elders from their districts. If these reports foreshadow aggregate results, there will be some gain shown in the statistics.

Bishop Hendrix never forgets the claims of the veterans of the Conference. The superannuates

were called and all who were present made brief statements to the Conference. Bros. R. C. Atchley, Caldwell, B. G. Johnson, W. Hunter, W. H. Browning, Winfield, J. M. Cline and J. H. Pett, made brief speeches to the Conference as their names were

called, telling of their toils and triumphs in the past, their present happy experience and bright outlook for the future. Their speeches inspired love and courage in their brethren. The names of A. Avery, H. R. Withers, J. S. Nicholson, J. H. Blakely and J. S. Scott, were also called on the superannuated roll, but they were absent. R. H. Sanders, had died during the year.

The committee on admission reported, James Mims Workman, Starling Richmond Twitty, and Forest Frances Harrell, who were duly recommended and received.

The Bishop announced the transfer to the Conference of Cadesman Pope, from the Kentucky Conference, John F. Hawkins, from the Memphis Conference, M. B. Corrigan, from the White River Conference, D. D. Warlick, from the Arkansas Conference, John Williams, from the Indian Mission Conference.

J. H. Cummins was elected to deacon's orders, Charles Green, of the same class, was already a deacon. These two brethren were called before the Bishop and instructed to prepare to assume the vows on Friday.

S. W. Rainey, W. P. Whaley, W. W. Christie, Llewellyn C. Wozencraft, O. E. Goddard, and J. H. Glass, were elected to elders orders.

Francis Early Dodson, Richard Spann, Forrest F. Harrell, John D. Sorrells, Joseph W. Dickinson, John J. Bearden, John L. Cannon, James M. Cannon, George N. Cannon, and Thomas Howell Crowder, local preachers, were elected deacons.

Thomas M. Beck was recognized in elder's orders, from the Congregational Methodist Church.

The second day of the session was devoted to the routine business—passage of character and hearing from connectional officers, and presidents of our Conference and state schools.

On Friday morning the candidates for admission into full connection were received and the delegates elected to the General Conference. They are: Dr. Andrew Hunter, J. R. Moore, and J. H. Riggan, clerical, with T. D. Scott, alternate, and J. H. Hinemon, J. D. Clary, and R. N. Ross, lay delegates, with I. N. Runyon, reserve.

On Saturday afternoon memorial services were held in memory of the traveling preachers who had died during the year. B. F. Wilson, Robert Sanders and John L. Shaw. Annie L. Dickerson, late wife of J. R. Dickerson, who last year served the DeAnne circuit,

was remembered in a touching memoir.

The Sunday services were as follows:

First Methodist Church—9:30 a. m., Love feast, led by Dr. Hunter. 11 a. m., Preaching by Bishop Hendrix; ordination of deacons and elders. 3 p. m., Young People's Mass Meeting, addresses from O. E. Goddard and James Thomas. 7 p. m., Preaching by J. E. Godbey. Lakeside Methodist Church—11 a. m., J. A. Sage. 7 p. m., Jas. Thomas.

Riverside Methodist Church—J. M. G. Douglass, L. B. Hawley.

Second Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., W. P. Whaley. 7 p. m., W. J. Hearn.

First Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., C. E. Patillo, 7 p. m., J. M. Hawley.

First Baptist Church—11 a. m., A. C. Millar, 7 p. m., R. R. Moore.

Christian Church—11 a. m., T. O. Rorie, 7 p. m., J. J. Bond.

St. John's Colored Methodist Church—11 a. m., M. M. Manville, 7 p. m., T. D. Scott.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

On Thursday evening Bishop Hendrix dedicated the Riverside Church at Pine Bluff. Rev. J. F. Carr during the past year moved the Church to a more eligible lot, enlarged the building and built a very commodious parsonage, hence the church was rededicated.

A touching incident of the Conference was the baptism of a baby girl, daughter of our late beloved brother, Rev. Benjamin Franklin Wilson. The sweet babe had never seen the face of its father, but the bereaved mother must needs give the little one her father's name, and she was baptized by Bishop Hendrix "Bennie Franklin." The grand parents, Rev. O. H. Keagle and wife, sat beside the mother and the Conference devoutly prayed God's blessing upon the dear child and its mother.

Brother Boggs sent to the Conference the following communication:

"In the midst of many labors and with shadows of sorrow gathering I send greeting to the brethren of the Little Rock Conference. I shall ever hold in sweet recollection my association with you, and while I submit myself to the providential causes that have led me into another field, I shall feel that I have a place in your hearts and assure you of one in mine.

There seems to be a little improvement in my wife's condition this morning, but I am afraid, almost, to hope that it is permanent. She is patiently waiting the Mas-

ter's call and is in the fullness of his love.

The brethren of the West Texas Conference have given me a most fulsome welcome. The Biggses and Baker greeted me as a new comer from the old conference. You have no cause to be ashamed of the men you have sent to this field, and I shall try to let some future comers write the same after awhile. I trust the grace of our Lord will be multiplied unto you, and that his spirit may guide you in your work. With affectionate regard for you all, I am,

Fraternally, W. E. BOGGS.

We are not able to give the statistical and financial reports of the Conference. The report as read was defective by failure of 21 charges to report in whole or in part. The report was recommitted with instructions to amend before printing.

CONFERENCE PERSONALS.

Rev. Jas. A. Anderson, of the Arkansas conference, attended the conference at Pine Bluff.

Rev. J. S. Hawkins, a transfer from the Memphis Conference, preached at 3 p. m. Thursday.

R. L. Davis of Lonoke, a local preacher had his credentials restored by vote of the conference.

Dr. Barbee preached on Thursday evening. The brethren reported his sermon as strong and edifying.

Rev. C. C. Godden made a very strong plea for Galloway Female College. This is a great interest, and dear to the heart of all the church in Arkansas.

Dr. Tigert made his first visit to the Little Rock Conference, this session. He presented the interests of the Review, and preached Wednesday evening.

This editor and his wife had a delightful home at the conference with the family of Mr. Geisreiter. Their delicate and thoughtful care of their guests we shall long remember.

A telegram to the conference Wednesday, announced the death of Sister White, wife of Rev. B. A. White, one of the members of the conference, and a collection was taken up for Brother White.

The second day of the conference Dr. Cadesman Pope received a telegram stating that Judge R. D. Hern, of Arkadelphia, had just passed to his rest. He was a member of our church, and a noble man.

Dr. Cadesman Pope was called home from the conference, by the death of Judge Hern of Arkadelphia. The Doctor is President of

Philadelphia Methodist College. School is prospering under his

conference passed the following resolution in respect to Rev. White, whose wife died during conference session.

extend to Brother B. A. and his children our warm sympathy, and pray for them sustaining and comforting in of "God's grace."

J. R. CASON,
E. L. BEARD.

conference adopted the fol-

Little Rock Conference regrets its loss in the of Rev. W. E. Boggs, whom learned to trust and to

ved that we assure him of sympathy in the affliction rendered his transfer necessary that we invoke the divine on him and his."

J. R. MOORE
J. E. GODBEY

Church Notes.

teen young men were admitted on trial in the Indian Mission conference at its last session.

clerical delegates from the Conference to the general conference are: R. H. Mahon, Moore, G. W. Wilson and Freeman.

B. F. Haynes has purchased Christian Soldier, edited and by L. L. Pickett at ville, also the subscription the Sentinel at Waco, Tex.

Personal.

dent A. C. Millar, called on his Pine Bluff Thursday.

H. B. Wheatley, of Hazen, was a caller Thursday.

postoffice address of Rev. S. on, will be at Greenwood, Ark.

W. J. Stone, wife and little boy Thursday on their way to visit on at Rison.

M. M. and Mrs. Rachel Corruith, vel, Ark., celebrated their ruby ng very happily on the 24th of ber.

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MR. EDITOR:—Please announce that Bishop Hendrix has changed Rev. W. P. Talkington from Bald Knob mission to Lorado circuit on the Jonesboro district, and appointed Rev. H. H. Hunt, of Lorado circuit to the Bald Knob mission.

S. L. COCHRAN,
Mammeth Spring, Ark., Dec. 4.

Episcopal Visitations, 1897-98.

FIRST DISTRICT—BISHOP KEENER.
Oct. 20. Tennessee Conference, Shelbyville, Tenn.
Nov. 17. North Alabama Conf., Florence, Ala.
Dec. 1. Alabama Conference, Union Springs, Ala.
Dec. 9. Florida Conference, Tampa, Fla.

SECOND DISTRICT—BISHOP WILSON.
Nov. 10. Indian Mission Conference, Musco gee, I. T.
Nov. 24. North Mississippi Conference, Oxford, Miss.
Dec. 2. Mississippi Conference, Jackson, Miss.
Mar. 24, '98. Baltimore Conference, Hinton, W. Va.

THIRD DISTRICT—BISHOP GRANBERRY.
Nov. 3. West Texas Conference, Cuero, Tex.
Nov. 17. Northwest Texas Conference, Weatherford, Tex.
Nov. 24. North Texas Conference, Dallas, Tex.
Dec. 8. Texas Conference, Bryan, Tex.
Dec. 15. East Texas Conference, Palestine, Tex.

FOURTH DISTRICT—BISHOP HARGROVE.
Dec. 1. North Carolina Conference, Raleigh, N. C.

FIFTH DISTRICT—BISHOP DUNCAN.
Oct. 7. Northwest Mex. Miss. Conf., City o. Mexico.
Oct. 21. Central Mexico Mission Conference, City of Mexico.
Oct. 28. Mexican Border Mission Conference, Saltillo, Mexico.
Nov. 4. German Mission Conference, Bartlett, Texas.
Dec. 8. South Carolina Conf., Florence, S. C.

SIXTH DISTRICT—BISHOP GALLOWAY.
Nov. 10. Memphis Conference, Treaton, Tenn.
Nov. 24. North Georgia Conference, Athens, Ga.

SEVENTH DISTRICT—BISHOP HENDRIX.
Nov. 17. Arkansas Conference, Ozark, Ark.
Nov. 24. White River Conference, Newport, Ark.
Dec. 1. Little Rock Conference, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Dec. 16. Louisiana Conference, Crowley, La.

EIGHTH DISTRICT—BISHOP KEY.
Oct. 6. Holston Conference, Bristol, Tenn.
Nov. 17. Western North Carolina Conference, Asheville, N. C.
Dec. 1. South Georgia Conference, Savannah, Ga.

NINTH DISTRICT—BISHOP FITZGERALD.
Nov. 17. Virginia Conference, Danville, Va. Mo.

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From the Evening News, Detroit, Mich.

The doctor came in haste and found his patient again in great agony from a splitting headache. It was his fifth call on the same patient, and each time to treat the same trouble. With a suspicion that his diagnosis was incorrect and that he was treating a symptom and not the disease, he said to her: "Madam, it is useless for me to visit you again. You are keeping from me facts and symptoms which it is necessary I should know. The patient finally acknowledged that, through a false modesty, she had not told him all. Then she told how she had suffered from female weakness but had kept it from him—too modest to speak. The old doctor was disgusted at such prudishness, but when he knew the facts, cured her easily and quickly.

The following case differs from the above, only in the fact that the patient is not afraid to speak, and to "call a spade a spade."

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"You would scarcely believe, to look at me now, that for about three days every week for nearly six years, I had to stay in bed. Those headaches would come on me every week regularly. First I would notice black spots before my eyes, and then I would go blind and send for the doctor.

"At first they would treat me for indigestion and dyspepsia, then finally acknowledge that something else caused the trouble. During these spells I was

so nervous that I could not bear to have my husband walk across the floor, and as the doctor said there was no medicine that would reach my trouble, I consented to the operations, which left me worse off than I was before.

"In January of this year there was an article in the Evening News about the druggists that sold Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in Detroit. I told my husband I was going to try them and he said, 'try anything.'

"The next morning I went into Murphy Brothers' drug store and bought a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mr. Murphy said he had a big sale for the pills and personally knew many people who had been helped by them. I took the pills as directed, but was not helped a bit, and I told Mr. Murphy so, but he suggested that I give them a better trial. Before I finished the second box I began to feel better and went down and bought a dozen boxes. When I had taken six boxes my headaches were gone, but I continued using the pills until I had taken the twelve boxes.

"Just think what I have suffered by operations and vile medicines, when a simple remedy cured me.

"There is only one thing against Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," continued Mrs. Clark, "they made me fat. Since I commenced taking them in January, I have gained twenty-six pounds. I remember the many times when my friends came to see me, when I was so thin and weak, that they expected to hear that I was dead the next week. To-day I am perfectly well, and never felt better in my life, and it is all due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

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Lovered over, and caught up a loved
one,
E'en the tenderest, tiniest bud,
Ere a mortal could fully believe it,
In a moment burst o'er us a flood.

And the babe that had played in the
morning,
Ere the noontime, lay lifeless and
still,

And the daily routine was suspended,
That 'a life and its purpose might fill
human hearts that are prone to be
thoughtless,

Of our guilt and our mission below,
Of the talents that God has entrusted,
And the future account that we owe.

When adversity cometh, consider,"
Says our only infallible guide.

In the presence of death, we remember,
That the grave is the end of all pride,
And that man cometh forth as a flower,
And how soon, at the best, stricken
down.

That he fleeth from earth as a shadow,
And so perishes human renown.

But the the spirit returns to the Maker,
And the body shall also arise,
To eternal existence, determined

By each life, shorn of every disguise,
And the bird that was plucked by the
angel,

Shall again our companionship know,
When the strifes and the turmoil are
ended,

And through Christ we have vanquish-
ed the foe.

Selected.—

Letter From Mr. Wesley.

Mr. Editor: The following let-
ter from Mr. Wesley, written for
Lloyd's Evening Post," of April
1767, is of special interest just
now, as settling the question as to
whether or not Mr. Wesley him-
self professed entire sanctification.
Yours truly,
J.

"Sir,—Many times the publisher
of the Christian Magazine has at-
tacked me without fear or wit; and
reby, he has convinced his im-
partial readers of one thing at least,
that (as the vulgar say), his fingers
are not to be at me; that he has a pas-
ionate desire to measure swords
with me. But I have other work
on my hands. I can employ the
rest remainder of my life to better
purpose.

"The occasion of his late attack
this. Five or six and thirty years
ago, I admired much the character
of a perfect Christian drawn by
Clement Alexandrinus. Five or
six and twenty years ago, a thought
came into my mind of drawing such
a character myself, only in a more
scriptural manner, and mostly in
the very words of Scripture. This
I entitled the "Character of a
Methodist," believing that curiosity
would incite more people to read
and, also, that some prejudice
might thereby be removed from
the minds of men. But, that none might
suppose I intended, a panegyric

either upon myself or my friends,
I guard against this in the very title
page, saying in the name both of
myself and them, 'Not as though I
had already attained, either were
already perfect.' To the same
effect I speak in the conclusion:
'These are the principles and
practices of our sect; these are the
marks of a true Methodist.' (That
is a true Christian as I immedi-
ately explain myself). By these alone
do those who are in derision, so
called, desire to be distinguished
from other men. By these marks
do we labor to distinguish ourselves
from those whose minds or lives
are not according to the
Gospel of Christ.

"Upon this 'Rusticulus' or Dr.
Dodd, says, A Methodist, accord-
ing to Mr. Wesley, is one who is
perfect, and sinneth not in thought,
word or deed.

"Sir, have me excused. This is
not according to Mr. Wesley. I
have told all the world I am not
perfect, and yet you will allow me
to be a Methodist. I tell you flat,
I have not attained the character I
draw. Will you pin it upon me in
spite of my truth?

"But Mr. Wesley says the other
Methodists have,' I say no such
thing. What I say, after having
given a scriptural account of a per-
fect Christian is this, 'By these
marks the Methodists desire to be
distinguished from other men; by
these marks we labor to distinguish
ourselves.' And do not you your-
self desire and labor after the very
same thing? But you insist. 'Mr
Wesley affirms the Methodists, that
is, all Methodists to be perfectly
holy and religious.' When do I
affirm this? Not in the tract be-
fore us, in the front of this, I affirm
just the contrary; and that I affirm
it anywhere else is more than I
know. Be pleased, sir, to point
out the place; till this is done, all
you add bitterly enough is brutum
fulmen; and the Methodists, so
called, may still declare without
any impeachment of their sincerity,
that they do not come to the holy
table, trusting in their own right-
eousness, but in God's manifold
and great mercies.' 'I am sir,
yours, etc.,

"JOHN WESLEY."

—Richmond Advocate.

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'I'm Redeemed,' 'The Light Brightly Beamed,' 'Lost on the Mountains,' 'Calva-
ry,' 'Consecration' (which has sold thousands of copies in sheet form), 'The
Great Judgment Morning,' 'The Wanderer,' 'Never Alone,' stir the hearts of
singers and hearers.

The authors have drawn on such men as Hoffman, Bryant, Sweeney, Ogden,
Kirkpatrick Keiffer, McIntosh, Tillman, W. W. Williams, Lincoln, Blake, Street,
Black, Gilmour, H. R. Palmer, A. B. Everett, T. E. Perkins, Rev. J. E. Rankin,
and many others for choice music and hymns. While there are many books on
the market, we look for an immense run on this. Orders received for 5,000 be-
fore it came from the press.

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fully examined the advance sheets of 'Tears and Triumphs, No. 2,' and have no
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A goldenrod edge.
Rose-vines are withered and
Fear she is sorry she went?
But a minute since May!
Arcely half through
I wanted to do;
ly had waited a day!
nk she will ever come back?
atch every day at the gate
e robins and clover,
over and over:
see will come, if I wait!"
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zealous, desiring notoriety, etc., but only by a few of the more shallow-minded, deficient in broad human sympathies, with but small grasp of the fine and immortal brotherhood feeling essential to noblest character. Whatever men and women and children suffer, to them, must go the self-respecting and loving civilized and Christian man or woman. It is so, though in a limited degree, among barbarians. Self-sacrifice, where the welfare of others demands it, is a high law of perfect life—the life of love. These rosy-cheeked young women have the true Christian spirit. The greatest and best thing to do in this life is to bless and purify humanity. God himself can not do a finer thing than to save a man. It is more beautiful than the power and act of creation. These bright girls turn away from pleasure, fashion, dress, ease, home comfort, and with open eyes and outstretched arms go down to the lanes and disease-smitten hovels of New Orleans, where men are burning up with fever, where dying women are tossing in delirium, where children are weeping because their dead mothers have been hurried to the trench. They go to breathe the deadly malaria, to sleepless nights and wearisome days of nursing, to scenes of death that are appalling to the stoutest heart—they go even to death itself, maybe. The sick and the dying, looking up will see Christ in their faces. All honor to these two brave and noble Northern girls! for this one touch of nature discovers supreme kinship.—Texas Christian Advocate

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A. C. RAY, P. C.
Quitman, Ark., Dec. 2.

Quarterly Meetings.

B.—Henceforth the Quarterly Conference notices will be published but time. Please clip for future reference.

HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT—First Round
Part, J. A. Sage, P. E.
December 1897: South Hot Springs, 12; Mena station, 18, 19; Malvern, 25, 26.
January 1898: Oma circuit, 1, 2.
The district stewards will meet in Central Avenue Church, Hot Springs, Wednesday Dec. 29th at 10 a. m.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—First Round,
Anderson, P. E.
December 1897: Greenwood, 4, 5; Charleston circuit, at Sub Rosa, 11; Huntington and Jenny Lind, at Huntington, 18, 19; Hacket circuit, at Hacket, 25, 26.
Fort Smith district stewards meeting will be held Tuesday December 7th at 10 o'clock a. m. in the office of the First E. Church, South, Fort Smith, Ark. Nov. 30, 1897.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—First Round
Race Jewell, P. E.
December: Benton, 18, 19; Arkadelphia, 25, 26.
January: Malvern, 1, 2; Alexander, 13; Bryant, 15, 16; Gurdon, 22, 23; Ark, 29, 30.
February: Princeton, 5, 6; Holly Springs, 12, 13; Okalona, 19, 20; Clark, 27.
March: Lono, 5, 6; Murfreesboro, 12, 13; Social Hill, 19, 20.
The district stewards will meet in Philadelphia Jan. 7, 1898, 11 a. m.

HELENA DISTRICT—First Round, J. H. P. E.
December 1897: McCrory, 11, 12; Henderson, 18, 19; Forrest City, 24, 25.
January 1898: Helena, 1, 2; Cotton and Howell, 8, 9; Wynne and Maudale, 15, 16; Marianna, 22, 23; Orange, 30, 31.
February: Mission, 2, 3; Haynes, 5; Taylor's Creek, 9, 10; Holly Grove, 13; Turner mission, 16, 17; Oak Crest, 19, 20; Cypress Ridge, 23, 24; Ankley, 26, 27.
The district stewards will please meet at Brinkley, Tuesday December 24, 1897.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—First Round
Brooke, P. E.
December: Ash Flat circuit at Pleasant Hill, 11, 12; Calamine circuit at Marylin, 18, 19; West Batesville mission at Central Avenue 25, 26.
January: Batesville station, 1, 2; Ashman circuit at Pleasant Valley, 5; Evening Shade circuit at Maxville, 8; Jamestown circuit, at Locust Grove, 16; Cedar Grove mission, at Hiram,

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19; Richwoods mission, at Richwoods, 22, 23; Mountain View circuit, at Mountain View, 26; Evening Shade and Melbourne, at Melbourne, 29, 30.

February: Sulphur Rock circuit, at Sulphur Rock, 5, 6; LaCrosse circuit, at Hills Chapel, 12, 13; Camp circuit, at Camp, 16; Salem circuit, at Wesley Chapel, 19, 20; Viola circuit, at Viola, 22; Iuka mission at Iuka, 24; Newburg circuit, at Corinth, 26, 27.

The district stewards will please meet at Cave City, Friday January 7, 1898 at 9:30 a. m. Preaching Thursday night by Rev. W. F. Walker. Let the stewards and pastors commence their collections at once, let us try and excel all our previous work for God and the Church.

NEWPORT DISTRICT: First Round,
J. I. Maynard, P. E.
December 1897: Tuckerman circuit, 5, 6; Portia circuit, 11, 12; Black Rock circuit, 18, 19; Smithville circuit, 25, 26.
January 1898: Walnut Hill mission, 1, 2; Mammoth Springs and Williford, 8, 9; Pocahontas circuit, 15, 16; Siloam circuit, 22, 23; Walnut Ridge and Corning, 29, 30.
February: Knoble mission, 5, 6; Reyno circuit, 12, 13; Alicia circuit 19, 20; Newport station, 26, 27; Jacksonport mission, 27, 28.
March: Oil Trough circuit, 5, 6.
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Woman's Work.

Shall We Get the Women of the Church Interested in Missions?

Woman's work in the Church in mission fields is now recognized as one of the great agencies for the evangelization of the world; the divine command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel unto every creature," is binding upon her, as it was upon the disciples who received it from the lips of the Savior. The Church has opened unto the Church doors in China, Japan, India, Brazil, Mexico, and the islands of the West, and we, as Christians, are solemnly bound to go and to these fields.

With increasing opportunities we should more and more recognize our personal responsibility. In nearly nineteen centuries the Lord died to save the world, and yet there are millions who have never heard the gospel. The wealth of the world is increasing every year—there are better facilities for travel—better knowledge of the languages, so that the gospel is translated into almost every tongue—and yet, with all these advantages, many are living, yet dying without having heard the blessed invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Is this? Because there are so many who are not awake to this work, who say they do not live in foreign missions; whose hearts are not large enough to take foreign fields; who do not see a need in every one of God's children; whose pocket books are empty when the plea goes up for help to send the gospel; whose selfishness is so great that they can only see the need of help for themselves—and last, but not least, whose ignorance of the importance of this great work, do you not think it is time for the Church to awake to a new sense of responsibility?

In a Church we have done much in the past, but oh, how much more can we do if we awake the latent ones about us to the importance of the work.

We thank God that her leaders, a few faithful followers, are and about their Master's business; but sisters, you, who are so less and so prayerless about work—this obligation is just binding upon you. Jesus cleansed the ten lepers, only one returned to give thanks and glorify God. Where are the nine?

It is with our women, there is only one engaged in this work, where there should be ten. God will show the day when the women will be aroused to a sense of their responsibility.

Now, realizing the great need of co-operation of all the women in this work—the question arises, how shall we get the women of the Church interested in missions?

We expect to create interest in the minds and hearts of the women of the Church, we must, of all, be interested ourselves. If we cannot, you need not try to

interest others in what you are not interested yourself—this is a self-evident proposition.

So let us deepen our own interest, first by prayer. Let us go down upon our knees and ask God to give us a heart full of missionary love. Love for those about us, and love for the perishing heathen. Then let us acquaint ourselves with the needs and work in our mission fields. Get all the knowledge we can, for "knowledge is power."

Then, with a heart of love and burning zeal, and a mind full of information we are ready for the work of interesting others.

We must, by all means, enlist our pastor; without his sympathy and help we can do but little. To the honor of our ministers let it be said, there are but few who will not respond to the injunction, "help these women." Of course if we are so unfortunate as to have a pastor who is not in sympathy with our work, we must say with Job, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come." The conference will do the rest.

Most of our pastors are busy men, and it would neither be reasonable or wise to expect them to attend all our meetings. Occasionally the pastor may meet with us and give us a word of encouragement and advice.

Next, I suggest the establishment and maintenance of a meeting at the Church, wholly devoted to the subject of missions—to be held once a month, if practicable, if not, once a quarter. It can be held either in the morning or evening as best suits the convenience and needs of the Church.

A Missionary Bible reading will be found very effectual. The Bible is full of this theme, and with a proper leader and well arranged selections, dovetailed into each other, many will be surprised and interested by the spirit's own testimony, that the world is to be won for Christ.

A missionary concert must not be overlooked. The wealth of sacred song may well be utilized as a means of enhancing the interest, and who does not acknowledge the power of song. There is always some thought in each one of our mission hymns that can be made the subject of brief remarks either by the pastor or members of the Society.

Again, some interesting book on missions can be made the main theme of the service, with its best stories told by some one qualified so to do, and these can be made quite interesting and instructive.

The study of our mission fields can be properly taken up. For instance, an evening with Japan. Let topics be assigned as follows: History, habits, customs, religious conditions, our work there and the workers, etc. The women of our Society can well take up this part of the work.

By all means, if a returned missionary be within reach, have a missionary lecture. Tidings from the field by a worker have a peculiar charm and always beget an interest. When the monthly or quarterly Sunday meeting is not practicable, the prayer meeting

might be utilized occasionally for missionary purposes, to be called a missionary prayer meeting. This would give variety to that means of grace, which is sometimes sadly needed. I have in mind now a Church where this is carried out successfully, and I am told that quite a number of women have been quickened into life.

By these means a vast amount of information can be imparted.

The glowing facts, which are the indispensable fuel for the fire of zeal, can be attractively and systematically presented.

Again, one way of interesting our women is through our regular monthly meetings. Now, we all know that many times those of us who attend these meetings regularly, do so, often from a sense of duty simply. The meetings are not on our hearts as they should be.

One cause of this indifference, if I might term it such, on the part of the few who attend, is the stereotyped manner in which these meetings are conducted.

The wonder is that some meetings survive at all, for so often we just meet, call the roll, collect the dues, read the leaflet, &c., with so little life or spirit, that it is surprising that even the faithful few do not lose the last bit of interest they have.

We should strive to make these meetings as instructive and interesting as though they were public meetings.

In the first place, begun promptly on time, and do not hold the meetings more than an hour. Then if the meeting is dull, closing is a relief, if lively and interesting closing on time will only make the members more anxious to attend the next meeting.

We should vary the exercises as much as possible.

Of course the regular programme can be carried out, but this need not take more than half an hour. The other half hour can be devoted to short papers, bits of Missionary news, paragraphs which the members may have read during the past month and preserved &c.

This little programme can be prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose from time to time, and who should be specially careful that every member, if possible, should be utilized in some manner.

Of course every member of the Society should strive to interest the indifferent ones, but I would suggest that we have what might be called an "Invitation Committee," whose business it is to obtain from the pastor, the names of those who have joined the church during the month, if any, also the names of strangers and call on them and invite them to our meetings.

Let this committee make it convenient, if possible, to call and bring them to the meetings.

There is nothing like personal work. This will, of course, require time, patience and self denial, but we will be paid in the joy that comes in the serving, and in seeing the fruit of our labors.

The results will be a surprise to us.

If we feel our weakness in this personal work, and who does not, what greater encouragement have we than the words of the Master, "Lo, I am with you always," and "Fear not, I am with thee, be not discouraged for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

A good investment for each Society would be the purchase of a few live Missionary Works, to be used as a circulating library, not to simply among the members, but loan to those whom we desire to interest.

The Woman's Missionary Advocate might be used in this way, and the leaflets, instead of being taken home, might be given to those outside.

If we can get our women to reading, the problem of interesting them will be solved.

A "Missionary tea" may be used as a means of bringing the women together in a social way. Let each member of the Society bring a friend. Light refreshments can be provided without imposing a task on the hostess, or several members may unite in this and reduce the expense to a minimum.

This tea should be given in connection with the regular monthly meeting. Be sure that the programme of that meeting is specially interesting, and at the end of the hour let the refreshments be served.

Do not let us forget to talk missions. We can do this and not make our selves unpleasant to those about us. You know what we are most interested in, we can talk most about, and if we are wise and exercise tact we can drop a word in season, which we are told are like "apples of gold in pictures of silver."

Prayer must not be lost sight of as a factor in this work. Take the careless and indifferent ones to the Lord in prayer, that He may arouse them to a sense of their responsibility.

Let us not be discouraged, if, having done all we can, we yet see so little fruit of our labor.

Constant and not spasmodic effort is what we need, then in the end "we shall reap if we faint not."

If we are faithful in this service, no matter how small or how insignificant it may seem, it is acceptable to God, and let us trust God to weave our little thread into the great web of Christian effort for the redemption of the Race.

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H. B. Cox.

OAK HILL CIRCUIT.

I report the work of our beloved pastor on this circuit. By the grace of God there has been a great work accomplished all along the line and especially at Pleasant Hill church. We had two very successful meetings there this year; one the 5th Sunday in August, the other the 4th Sunday in October. Much good has been accomplished there. The church was wonderfully revived, backsliders reclaimed and sinners converted.

There has been several family altars erected in this neighborhood since the meetings. The church was so revived that the people could carry the meetings on without any preacher. The strongholds of Satan were all taken. There has been 15 accessions to the church at that place this year by letter and otherwise.

I have had the pleasure of being present at one other revival, at Oak Hill church. Upon arriving I found the people in full control and before the services closed the strongholds of Satan were all taken, resulting in 15 or 20 conversions, and the church wonderfully revived. I have no data for the other churches, but was told by our pastor that they were repetitions of the Oak Hill meeting. Having all respect for our pastor's innate modesty and noble Christian character, I refrain from making his name prominent, as he ascribes all the glory to God and the people of

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less every woman within thd
of our beloved Church, ane
ly the members of the Woman's
age and Home Mission Society,
th reverence to the name of
B. Helm, our Founder and only
Hers was a beautiful life,
of imitation; and doubtless the
t eulogium that can be paid her
e words of our Master: "She
ne what she could." Monday
Nov. 15th, she quietly left us,
er spirit winged its way home-
he angels lighted their candles
tened to meet her, bidding her
me!"

as my privilege to attend her
al service at McKendree Church
Nov. 21. A large congregation
g friends and co-workers were
to pay her the last sad tribute.
rostrum were seated Bishop
ve, Dr. W. R. Lambuth, and her
Dr. J. C. Morris. The entire
gation joined in singing that
id hymn:

let us join our friends above,
have obtained the prize,
the eagle wings of love,
ys celestial rise."

a sweet, tender prayer, Dr.
read Acts ix. 36-43. Miss Omagh
ong, one of Nashville's sweetest
in her clearest and deepest
o beautifully sang, "Gathering
' that our hearts were wafted
ward in voiceless prayer.

er preliminary remarks to the
ons of the Central committee,
irman said: "Is it not beautiful
that while we are celebrating her
ial here on earth, she is spending
st Sabbath in heaven? The
that loved her trembled in grief,
today bathed in sorrow." Her
occurred at the home of Bishop
ve in this city. He and his wife
en her truest friends for quite
r of years and it was indeed, ap-
pate and befitting that this man of
ould preach her memorial ser-
His hair has grown white in his
s service, and he seems to be
ed with a halo of glory. His
re deep, full of love and sym-
and yesterday as he received in-
on from on high, we might have
him, as was said of One in days
"Never man spake like this
I listened attentively, and with
il memory I thus reproduce his
ge: "She hath done what she
These words constitute the
remarkable eulogy ever pro-
d on any mortal. It was Christ's
e of a woman. If there ever
nother worthy of such beautiful
ndation, surely it is Lucinda B.
whom we commemorate today.
assage is appropriate because,
ary, her virtues were of the so-
d intellectual, rather than of the
dic. Like Mary, she, too, sat at
t of Jesus and heard his words.
s his pupil. In conversation with
ut the book of Jonah, she said:
indorses it; so that's the end of
ntroversy. I believe every word
And so, such faith character-
er Christian life. "Mary hath
the better part." Lucinda B.
showed that she 'knew the one
eeful.' She 'hath chosen that
art, which shall not be taken
rom her.' When the disciples
ured concerning 'the alabaster
precious ointment,' Christ said:
th wrought a good work.' Christ
had a high appreciation of
hood, for no such expression
er used of any man. The Lord

esteemed it with so much interest, that
it is recorded in Matthew, Mark, and
John, and a very similar instance in
Luke. 'Whosoever this gospel shall
be preached in the whole world, there
shall also this, that this woman hath
done, be told for a memorial of her.' In
this she is immortalized. The Bible
does not undervalue woman. From the
beginning to the end she is magnified.
Creation is incomplete without her in-
fluence. She stands intimately related
with the redemptive process—even
more prominent than man. In the Old
Testament we have Sarah, Rebecca,
Rachel, Huldah, Hannah, the queen of
Sheba, Ruth, the grandmother of the
royal poet David, Esther, the beautiful
queen, who saved the life of Mordecai,
and in the New Testament, we have
quite as wonderful a list. Womanhood
is crowned in the Virgin Mother, for
that sacred motherhood was not even
assigned to the purest angel in heaven.
Then we have Mary and Martha, Mary
Magdalene, and last, but not least, the
widow with the two mites. Woman's
work is distinctly womanly. Even a
perfume distributed by the feminine
fingers is a great part in the Church.
What would the Church do without her
sweet influence? Where would be
your prayermeetings? I dare say she
constitutes two-thirds of your Church
membership! Who can tell of the
mighty influence of those two mites?
All of the mite boxes of the world have
sprung from them.

In 1883, at a Conference in California,
we found the very man for a mission,
but what were we to do? There was no
home for him, and the meager salary
would scarcely rent a house. The
thought struck me: Can't our devoted
sisters come to our relief? I wrote to
Miss Helm for aid, and then it was, she
began to write and think, to prepare
the constitution, and became so con-
cerned that she wanted the work en-
larged. At the St. Louis General Con-
ference, it was presented by Dr. Mor-
rison to the committee on Church Ex-
tension. And what are the results?
Nearly 800 parsonages; a Supply Depart-
ment to helpless preachers; 127 boxes
containing 26,128 garments; 63,563 visits,
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44,445 prayer meetings; a school in
London, Kentucky; a Cuban school
worth \$7,000; night schools on the
Pacific Coast for the Chinese and Jap-
anese; Rescue Homes, one at Dallas
worth \$10,000; a vast amount of city
missionary work; \$12,000 in the Loan
Fund; and a Preacher's Wives' Loan
Fund." Speaking of the foreign field,
he concludes with: "God seems to have
grown weary waiting for us to send
them the gospel, so He is sending them
to us, and its a question of life and
death."

He closed his sermon by saying,
"Lucinda B. Helm is a woman of his-
tory! How frail she was! What a les-
son to us who have more strength! I
pray that multitudes will strive to
emulate her virtues!"

As it was growing late, Dr. Lambuth
said much in few words: "Lucinda B.
Helm was a spiritual force. Her motive
was love, the constraining love of
Jesus. In her last editorials, I observed
three texts, 'God is love,' 'Love one
another,' and 'Consecration, not a
sacrifice, but a joy.' The son of God
has made the sacrifice; ours, the joy.
Hers was the key note. She was en-
dowed with the very highest qualities,
a brain and heart set on fire by the love
of Jesus. I thank God for this personal
friend! She stood for three things:
Organized effort, with Christ's spirit,
the strata; connectionalism, and con-
secration. May God bless us as he
blessed her! May Christ's spirit come
upon us and enlarge our vision! May
it be our supreme delight to spend and
be spent!" The service was closed
with: "Praise God from whom all bes-
sings flow."

WOODY: Lemuel D. Woody was
born in Benton county, Arkansas, July
9, 1849, and while yet a youth moved to
Washington county, Arkansas, where
he spent the greater remaining part of
his life, at and in the vicinity of Rhea's
Mill. On the 23rd of April 1890, he was
married to Miss Fannie Watson, of Cane
Hill, making his home at Rhea's Mill,
where he was engaged in the mercan-

tile business. On the 27th of October
he was severely attacked with pneu-
monia under which he suffered greatly
until death came to his release on the
evening of the 3rd of November 1897.
Mr. Woody, during his life well sus-
tained the reputation and character of
a good citizen, an honest man, and
courteous gentleman. He was an
earnest friend, a devoted husband, and
a fond father. He never made an open
profession of religion, but always
maintained a reverent respect for
Christianity, and in the closing hours of
his life when told that the end was near
calmly resigned himself to the will of
God, gave his dying charge to his weep-
ing wife, told her he was only going to
rest, was willing to go and would soon
be with little Rhea, whom they had
buried nearly three years before, then
peacefully and tranquilly folded his
arms and passed away. Such com-
posure, such calm confidence as were
witnessed in his parting hours bids us
have hope in his death. He leaves a
widowed mother, a weeping wife and
three little children and a large circle
of relatives and friends to mourn their
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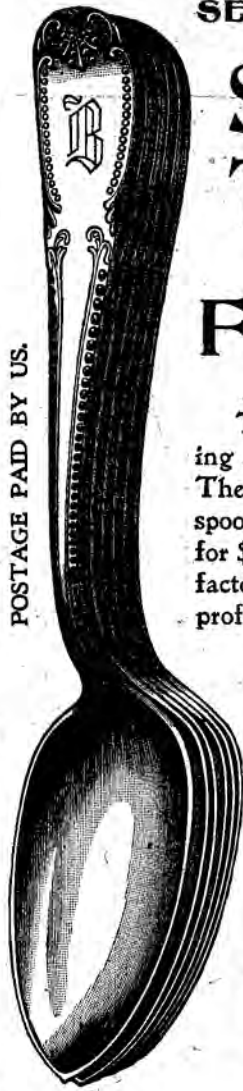
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