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NEWS AND COMMENTS.

It is reported that a Roman Catholic of Rush, Texas, has left \$25,000 for two protestant orphanages. The executors divide the money equally between the Methodist Orphanage at Waco, and the Presbyterian Orphanage at Itasca. Let our people support their orphanages.

Last week we were changing up in the office force and having press set up for new arrangement. Hence the difficulties were great and several ludicrous mistakes appeared in the types. Rev. W. B. Ricks should have had credit for writing the Louisville letter instead of W. F. Dunkle, whose name was improperly spelled after the Vinita letter. When we get everything rearranged, we hope to do better.

Our hopper has been very full for two weeks. A good many communications that might have appeared have been crowded out for lack of space. Some of them did not concern practical issues, were written about small and unimportant points; one or two did not speak courteously of other denominations, and some were poorly written, one written on both sides of the paper. We give preference to important matter first, and to well prepared matter secondly. We publish nothing written on both sides of the paper—it goes without investigation to the waste basket. Let the brethren write, but be brief.

The name of President Roosevelt has been mentioned for the presidency of the University of Chicago. No doubt he would make a fine president of the University. But there is one essential qualification which he lacks. The constitution of the University requires that its president must be a Baptist. It has been suggested that this disqualification might be removed by changing the constitution. But would it not be better to remove it by President Roosevelt becoming a Baptist? We should be glad to have him as president of the University in that case.—Baptist and Reflector.

We would modestly suggest that Dr. Folk's plan might require first a change in the constitution of President Roosevelt—a thing that might prove more difficult than changing the constitution of a university.

Saloon-bred crime is at flood-tide in Chicago. The city treasury is empty. The police department cost the people last year \$4,000,000. The saloons paid to the city \$3,750,000. In order to pay this and thrive, every saloon that gave \$500, for a license must have taken in during the year, from three to four times that amount in trade.

If each saloon's gross business averaged but \$10 per day, it would mean that the saloons of this city took over \$25,000,000 from the pocket-books of Chicago citizens last year alone. That is a conservative figure. Most of that was taken from workingmen. Most of it came out of family earnings that were sorely needed for bread, fuel and clothing. Not one cent of all the money spent for drink in Chicago last year brought any

real service, comfort or useful return to the man who spent it, or to the wife or family. In short, every man knows that every cent of license money in the last analysis comes straight out of the pocket of the drink-victim. That is the high license question in a nutshell.

Inter-Church Temperance Federation.

Last fall a petition signed by prominent ministers and members of various denominations asking that the several Church organizations in Arkansas appoint representatives to co-operate with like representatives from the other churches in the formation of a State organization to devise plans and direct the work in behalf of civic righteousness and against the saloon and its allied evil forces in this State, was presented to the conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Synod of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and the Arkansas, the Little Rock, and the White River Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which churches elected three members each for the purpose named. The other churches have not taken action on the petition. The representatives so chosen, met in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, Dec. 28th, 1905, and formed a temporary organization by the election of Col. Thornburgh as chairman, and Rev. Frank Barrett, secretary. A second meeting was held in the parlors of the First M. E. Church, South, January, 23. A third meeting was held at the same place Feb. 14, at which there were present, Geo. Thornburgh from the Little Rock Conference, J. A. Anderson from the Arkansas Conference, Frank Barrett and Wm. Wilson, from the White River Conference, J. H. Barkwell and G. W. Eichelberger, from the Cumberland Presbyterian Synod, and C. W. Hollett and T. D. Du Bois, from the Arkansas Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. At this meeting a constitution was adopted and permanent officers elected.

The organization was named "The Inter-Church Temperance Federation of Arkansas."

The object is declared to be "The suppression of the saloon." It pledges to avoid affiliation with any political party. The officers elected are: Geo. Thornburgh, president; C. M. Hollett, vice president; Frank Barrett, secretary; J. H. Barkwell, treasurer.

The executive committee is composed of W. F. Andrews, Geo. Thornburgh, J. A. Anderson, F. E. Du Bois, G. W. Eichelberger, W. M. Wilson, W. V. Tompkins, J. J. Mardis and Frank Barrett.

The Federation declared its purpose to work in harmony with every other Temperance force as far as possible. This Federation already represents a Church membership of about one hundred thousand, and other denominations are expected to join the Federation when they have their annual meetings next fall.

At Shawnee and South McAlester.

While on a recent trip to the Indian Mission Conference the senior editor made a stop at Shawnee, where Rev. J. L. Bray holds the fort for our church. We tarried only for a night, but had a delightful evening with the pastor. Brother Bray is a gentleman of the Virginia type, having come from that State. We were delighted to find that he had been pastor to nearly the whole circle of our Virginia relatives, the immediate kin of the father of this writer. He bragged on our blood, and what man is not pleased with that? Shawnee has 23,000 people, and is at the junction of three railroads, the Rock Island, the Santa Fe and the "Katy." We met a number of our good laymen, among them our Brother J. W. Jones, formerly of Center Point, Ark. They are just completing the best parsonage we have yet seen in the conference.

They have a splendid church building and a fine membership. We mean to spend Sunday with them at first opportunity.

From Shawnee we ran to South McAlester. Brother S. F. Goddard conducted us around, and we came out of that good town with our list nearly doubled, would have been doubled if we could have had just a little more time.

We were everywhere treated with great courtesy and consideration on this trip. If the brethren of that conference are not a loyal set—well, they would have to be great humbugs. We trust that every preacher in the Indian Mission Conference, as well as the preachers in Arkansas, will remember that the field is a large one, and that this traveling editor cannot possibly reach a fifth of the places where work must be done for the paper. We must depend upon the brethren themselves for far the greater part of the work.

Indian Mission Conference.

The board of missions will hold its mid-winter meeting at Holdenville, April 3-5. This bids fair to be one of the best and most interesting programs, and largely attended gatherings held in our conference. Men of wide knowledge and experience along missionary lines have been chosen, and have agreed to lead us at that time in the study of this most important subject.

Holdenville will do the nice thing in entertaining, especially since Rev. C. F. Mitchell is the pastor, and the P. E. makes this his home. Rev. L. L. Thurston, the secretary of the board is busy arranging for this gathering. Thurston is one of our most active and efficient men.

Rev. R. A. Baird, of Lindsey Station, is having a good year and says that by conference he will have enlarged his church, which is now too small to accommodate the growing congregations that wait upon his ministry and will otherwise enlarge his work. Baird is a success, comes of preaching stock.

Our people of Stroud have recently purchased lots, and are now putting down the foundation, and will push the building of our new church to completion. With such laymen as R. A. Morrow, and with a pastor like Rev. H. K. Monroe, we expect to be in our own house of worship soon. They have paid their assessment for foreign and domestic missions, and have pastor and presiding elder paid to date. They have also organized two Woman's Home Mission Societies.

Rev. T. M. Wood of Mountain View Station, writes that he has rebuilt his church which was destroyed by storm last fall. This has made it hard on the pastor, as it was all the people could do to bear the extra expense, coming so soon after building the first church. All honor to the man who will stay with the work under such trying circumstances.

Rev. J. S. Lamar, presiding elder of the Wynnewood district, is now on his third year, and this bids fair to be the best of the three. Lamar enjoys the confidence of his brethren, both of the ministry and laity.

The Baptist Church in Oklahoma City burned on the 14th, it had been sold to private parties, but the congregation was still worshipping in it, while the new sixty thousand dollar temple is being built.

Willie Halsell College will close its doors about March 1.

Rev. J. D. Rodgers, of Kiowa is one of our true and tried men, he is in his second year on this charge, loves all the brethren, and in return enjoys the good will and esteem of each.

Rev. W. D. Matthews, of Atoka Station is much loved by his people, so say those who know. We do not wonder. We have had pleasant asso-

ciation with him and know that he is a clean and brotherly man. May he meet with only good in his present charge.

We have been in this conference ten years, and know personally that no conference can boast of a larger per cent of efficient laymen than can our own, men like Darrough, Bonnell, Callahan, Ames, Sanger, the McSpaddens, Mattison, Wolverton, Doss, Jones, Rankin, and many others we might mention.

The western part of our conference is settling up very fast, and soon we will have to organize one or two more districts. Already the fields are too large, and the rapid changes requiring so much attention that no man can do justice to larger fields, so we expect at our next annual session some changes along this line.

Hundreds of people are moving into Beaver County, and soon that western county that has been regarded as a very undesirable place to live, will be overflowing with men and women who will make it their home, and it will be necessary to enlarge our force in that field. Rev. J. E. Lovett, the P. E., is one of our young men, and is laying the foundation for a great church, and we hope he may live to see the day when Methodism will cover all that field.

The brethren speak kindly of the Western, long may she live.—W. J. S.

From the Nation's Capitol.

The President's success in having won in the House on almost everything of importance he has recommended to Congress, and his prospect of like success in the Senate has revived the question as to what is likely to become of one of his most earnest recommendations; that of supplying more ships for the Navy. It is well known that he regards this of great importance to the country, but it is also well known that Speaker Cannon is strongly opposed to increased appropriations for any purpose. There is objection to the building of even one vessel, while the President is convinced that the country can less afford now, than any time since the war to let the Navy decline. It is possible that Congress may be induced to appropriate for one in view of the unsettled conditions in the East, but it is only with some such stimulus that it will come around to the President's view of the necessity of increasing our Naval strength.

President Roosevelt has issued an appeal for contributions in aid of the famine sufferers in North Japan. It is estimated that there are 600,000 sufferers in the famine district, and the President in his letter says that the famine is much worse than at first thought. He appeals to the American people "to help from their abundance, their suffering fellow men from the great and friendly nation of Japan" and recommends that contributions for that purpose should be sent to the Red Cross Treasurer, in care of the United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. In connection with this letter sent out by the President, it is interesting to note the growing conviction that in the event of any uprising against Americans in China, the Japanese will interfere for the benefit of this country. It is stated on good authority here that the President has been informed of Japan's willingness to crush any disturbances or uprisings against Americans. The situation in China is admittedly critical, and if a general outbreak should occur, the most valuable ally the nation could have is Japan. Preparations to meet an uprising have been quietly but steadily going on in both War and Navy Departments and the news that Japan has signified a willingness to interfere, is the best that could well be conveyed to the Government. The effect that this will have on other nations in their respect for Japan has doubtless been taken into consideration by

that Government, but that it is really an act of friendship and gratitude for the position of this country in the Russo-Japanese proceedings is apparant.

The battle ship Oregon is lingering near Hong Kong, to be present in the case of actual trouble in China, and the Brooklyn, Tacoma, Chattanooga and Galveston were yesterday ordered to leave the ports of Greece, and to proceed through the Suez, in order to be in readiness to be rushed to Chinese waters if they shall be needed.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

The postoffice address of Rev. Moss Weaver is changed from Wood, to Sentinel, O. T.

Bro. Eaglebarger preached at Winfield Memorial Church last Sunday night.

It is reported that Mr. Carnegie will give \$20,000 to Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Last week many brethren in attendance on the temperance meetings called.

At the time of his death, Bishop Keener was the oldest alumnus of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

Rev. A. L. Cline, of the Arkansas Conference, who was in the city recently, reports a new parsonage built at Cotter.

Bishop Derrick, of the A. M. E. Church, will go to South Africa to adjust difficulties growing out of the suspension of Bishop C. S. Smith.

Mrs. George Rattenbury, of Fayetteville, has recently been under the surgeons, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Little Rock; and is doing nicely.

Pres. Ricker of Mt. Union College, has raised \$70,000 of the \$200,000 endowment toward which Mr. Carnegie has promised to contribute the last \$50,000.

Rev. S. K. Hocking, a preacher of the United Methodist Free Church of England, was a candidate for the House of Commons, but was defeated by a Rothschild.

Rev. W. C. Watson, of Pine Bluff, held a service on Feb. 11, in memory of Rev. J. F. Carr, and reports a great crowd and many turned away.

A private note from Rev. W. E. Sewell, Santa Clara, Cuba, says: "Our work is prosperous and the hearts of the people are open to us." Many of our people will remember that Bro. Sewell is an Arkansas man. His name is still fair among us.

The General Education Board of New York has appropriated \$25,000 to the endowment of Wofford College, S. C., on condition that the church raise \$100,000. This gift is the result of the personal investigation of Dr. Wallace Buttrick, Secretary of the Board.

Dr. Abram W. Harris has been elected president of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., the greatest institution of the M. E. Church. He had been president of the Maine State University and of the Jacob Tome Institute, the richest secondary school in the land, and had succeeded so well that he is admirably fitted for his new trust.

King Christian IX of Denmark, who recently died, was the father of his successor, Frederick VIII., of Alexandra, Queen of England, of Geo. I. king of Greece, and of Marie Dagmar, widow of the late Czar of Russia. By his connection with the royal houses of Europe he was able to promote peace and harmony among the nations.

Last Monday at First Church, Little Rock, a goodly company met to welcome and hear Mrs. F. M. Williams, of Hot Springs, president of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Mission Society. Her address was felicitous and clear. Remarks were made by the minis-

ters present as they were called out by Mrs. Vose, who presided. The occasion was pleasant and profitable and gave opportunity for emphasis of the great value of this branch of our church work.

Beginning Dec. 31 with the watch-night service, a great revival has been in progress in Calvary Methodist Church, New York City, under the direction of the pastor, Dr. C. L. Goodell. About 400 new members are the fruit of the effort, which seems to have been spontaneous and thoroughly conservative. Such revivals are greatly to be coveted, and spiritually minded pastors can have them. In marked contrast with this has been a hysterical meeting at Atlantic City, N. J.

Major W. H. Davis, passed away at Altheimer, Ark. He was a man of noble mold, a staunch and faithful layman in our church, and a friend of all its institutions, giving liberally of his means. We note here that his will provides that \$5,000 be given to a hospital at Pine Bluff and \$500 to the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage. If we had established beforehand the Methodist Hospital of which we have spoken several times in these columns, there could be little doubt that the Major would have placed this hospital bequest in that institution. Our Methodist people ought to wake up on this matter.

Our old friend Hon. Iverson A. Jones, who always knows how to do and say nice things, writes: "Here are three dollars, half for the noble old Methodist that shines no more among us, and half for the nobler Western Christian Advocate that rises in full-orbed beauty where its sweet light has faded. Thus with my gold I 'welcome the coming and speed the parting guest.' Our old friend has no home and desires that we send the paper at his expense to the widow of some gallant soldier who fought for the 'Lost Cause.' That, again is handsome. He adds that he will pay the paper for some such widow as long as he has 'a bushel of meal or a gallon of sorghum left.'"

Announcement has been made of the consolidation of the Western Christian Advocate, of Ada, with the Arkansas Methodist, of Little Rock. Under the new management the paper will bear the former and more elegant name, will have headquarters at the latter place and will continue to be the official organ of territory Methodists. Mr. P. R. Eaglebarger, hitherto of the Advocate, becomes associate editor of the consolidated paper and expects soon to remove to Little Rock to assume his new duties. His many intimate friends in this part of the country will regret to lose him and his estimable family; but they will wish him every good thing in his new and broader field of influence.—Ada News.

Local prohibition now covers more than half of the State of Virginia. It has been attained under the operations of the "Mann law", passed by the legislature a few years ago. Last spring Judge Mann, the author of this law, was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, and was valiantly supported by the temperance element of the State. The Democrats, however, "turned him down" and nominated an avowed whiskey man in his place. Then they raised the usual cry that if the Prohibitionists did not support at the polls the whiskey nominee, that they were guilty of "political immorality." President Cannon's report showed also that there were eleven whisky dispensaries in the state.

"The Transvaal is the only part of British territory where the 'public saloon management' scheme is provided for by law. It was there included in the last local option law."

New Testament Word Studies.

BY REV. C. J. GREENE.

(V. Pondered—Luke 2:19.)

When the story of the birth and naming of John the Baptist went abroad over the hill country of Judea, it is said concerning the words of this story: "The people laid them up in their hearts." When the shepherds went to worship the infant Jesus and told Joseph and Mary what they had seen and heard, it is said of their words: "But Mary kept all these things." The same thing is said of Mary when she heard the words of the boy Jesus in the temple. Luke 2:51. The story about John impressed the people as something strange and significant, and they gave it a place in their minds. But the word here translated "laid up" is not so thoroughgoing as the term used to express the response of Mary's mind to the story of the shepherds and to the words of her twelve year old son. The Authorized Version says: "She kept all these things;" the Twentieth Century New Testament says: "She treasured up every word they said." In addition it is said: "She pondered them in her heart." Pondered, weighed together, meditated upon; "turned them all over in her mind." This unique way in which the mind of Mary acted upon any words which seemed to have in them a divine significance is not accounted for by the fact that these words concerned her Son. It reveals in her a trait of character that singles her out to the eye of God as worthy to become the mother of his Son. Her mind was open and eager toward the Lord. Like a bride adorned for her husband, she waited his coming, listening to every sound that might be his footstep. She belongs to the company of, "those who love his appearing," and shall not be satisfied till they "see him as he is."

Hendrix College.

Methodist Papers and Editors.

BY AN OLD TIMER.

The "consolidation" of the Arkansas Methodist, of Little Rock, and the Western Christian Advocate, of Ada, I. T., has been my inspiration to write what may follow about Methodist papers and editors in the long ago. The first weekly Methodist Episcopal paper was Zion's Herald, started in Boston, in 1823. Within a year or two the Christian Advocate was commenced in New York City. There was another paper in Charleston, called the "Missionary Journal." In 1826 the Herald and the Journal were "consolidated" with the Advocate, having the ponderous title "Christian Advocate and Journal and Zion's Herald." After a few years Boston Methodists re-established Zion's Herald, which is still published.

The New York paper dropped the Zion's Herald appendage and was printed as the Christian Advocate and Journal. It was the first Methodist paper I ever saw. I was not of a Methodist family, but I became a Methodist sixty-two years ago, Feb. 1, 1844. Soon after I subscribed for the Advocate and Journal and through its columns I had the opportunity of learning what the Methodist Episcopal General Conference did at its session in New York City in May-June following, out of whose proceedings grew the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in May 1845. My first circuit embraced the section in which the first Methodist Society was organized in upper Ken., and was among the first in the state. I preached to the members of that society, some of whom knew its original members. One was an old bachelor of the olden time class in appearance and talk. I occasionally spent a night in his log cabin and heard him talk of preachers whom he had known. Once he said: "I mind the time when Johnny P. came among us. He was the poorest excuse for a preacher that ever went on

a circuit. There wasn't an old woman in our neighborhood that couldn't 'a beat him a pray-in." Thirteen years later "Johnny P." was elected by the General Conference editor of the Christian Advocate and Journal. He served two years, then became president of Dickinson College, Penn., and remained in that position thirteen years. He was twenty years Missionary Secretary of his church and was known as "Dr. John P. Durbin." From 1840 to 1848 Rev. Thomas E. Bond, M. D., a local preacher and medical doctor in Maryland, was editor of that great New York Methodist paper now known as "Christian Advocate." In 1833 Rev. Charles Elliott became editor of the Pittsburgh Conference Journal, which in time became the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

In 1834 the Western Christian Advocate was started at Cincinnati, Ohio, by order of the General Conference. Rev. Thomas A. Morris, a West Virginian, who had served Methodism in Kentucky and Ohio, was editor two years. He gave place to Charles Elliott from Pittsburgh, Morris having been elected Bishop. Mathew Simpson became editor in 1852, and later he became a Bishop.

It was my privilege to see and hear some of the early Advocate editors mentioned and also to know the first editor of the Methodist Magazine, commenced in New York in 1820, and the first editor of the Quarterly Review of the M. E. Church, South, in Louisville, Ky., provided for by our first General Conference in 1846. The Magazine editor was Joshua Soule, and the Quarterly Review editor was Henry B. Bascom, Soule became Bishop in 1824, and Bascom became Bishop in 1850. The first Methodist editor I ever saw was John B. McFerrin, of Nashville, Tenn., who was at the Kentucky Conference of 1844. The first Methodist editor north of the Ohio river, that I saw and heard, was in an Ohio town. Across the Ohio river from my circuit, was the town of Ripley, fifty miles above Cincinnati. On a Saturday morning I went with a friend beyond the river, to the Methodist church in that town. Two men were in the pulpit. One was Rev. J. M. Trimble, a presiding elder. Trimble's name, with that of J. B. Finley, was on the resolution whose adoption by the General Conference of 1844 led to the organization of the Methodist Church, South, a year later. He was a thin visaged man of pleasant appearance. He was a nervous man, with tremulous voice, and in earnest moments his body trembled. A wag on my circuit called him "Trimble the trembler." His text was, "And above all things have fervent charity, among yourselves, for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8.

After the sermon the other man arose and occupied about ten minutes in talk and prayer. He was a larger man, was only fifty-three years old, but his hair was gray. He was indifferently dressed, and in general appearance and speech was as rugged a specimen of an educated Irishman as could be found in a score of such sons of the "green isle." Such are my impressions of him after more than three score years.

That man was Dr. Charles Elliott. He was born in Ireland in 1792, was converted and became a Methodist in his native isle when nineteen years old, came to America at twenty-one and became a member of the Pittsburgh Conference at twenty-six. He was four years Professor of Languages in a college, and became editor of the Western Christian Advocate at Cincinnati, at forty-four. An aged Methodist Episcopal preacher who knew him in Ohio, said to me: "Dr. Elliott had a brogue as broad as a spade," that he once saw him on his way to a General Conference, with his shirt sleeve visible through a hole in his coat, and that the doc-

tor has been seen on the streets with a slipper on one foot and a boot on the other. But he was deemed one of the ablest editors of his time. Before the incoming of the Church, South, Dr. Elliott's paper was a widely circulating and popular Advocate in Kentucky, and Missouri, with some circulation in Arkansas.

J. W. Cunningham.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 1906.

At Random.

I have just heard today of the death of Rev. J. M. G. Douglass, preacher in charge at Bear-den. All his family had small pox and a daughter died only a week ago. There has not been a sadder case of affliction in the history of our Conference in my knowledge.

Douglass was in his spirit, and consecration to his work an itinerant of the best type; a brother among his brethren, a servant among the servants of the Master. He filled well whatever field was assigned him and bore his burdens with manly courage.

We have the brethren spoken in praise of John F. Carr. I loved Brother Carr. He was brotherly. He was devoted. He was humble and sincere. His life was adjusted to the ways of purity, sincerity and faith. To him, there was no good except in goodness. "If I knew there was neither heaven or hell, I would live just like I do," he said, when I conversed with him last. The way of goodness suited him.

Thousands of readers of our church papers will preserve Bishop Galloway's picture of Bishop Keener. The subject challenged the skill of the master and the portrait is masterfully drawn. "A tawny old lion in repose," was the characterization of a Northern editor as he pictured Bishop Keener seated on the platform in the Ecumenical Conference in Baltimore. When the Bishop was aroused he was a lion all the more. In our General Conference at Richmond, 1886, we had troubles to settle in our foreign mission fields. There was severe criticism of the superintendents of missions, for, as yet we had no Conferences. There was a petition to give all the missionaries on the ground a vote in determining affairs. Bishop Keener came before us. He wanted to know if "we were going to give to a girl, who had not gotten over her sea-sickness, all the authority and influence that we gave that veteran statesman and scholar, Dr. Allen." He said as to the criticisms "nothing stirs me more than to have dilettante preachers who sported glasses and gold headed canes, criticising the manner in which their brethren go into a lion's den."

Bishop Keener reckoned that the church had claims upon his time and talents for any service he could render, without pecuniary compensation. The papers have noted that he returned a check sent him in payment for a contribution to one of our Advocates. I made him an offer of pay as correspondent of the South Western Methodist. Here is his answer:

"Ocean Springs, Sept. 5, 1885.

Rev. J. E. Godbey: My dear Brother:—I am much obliged to you for your appreciation of value as a correspondent. But I can not write for pay for any of our church papers, because they are as much mine as anybody's, and I take as much interest in your 'S. W. Meth.' as you do, and its character reflects honor upon myself as well as you. I am pleased with your solidity."

One who knew the stern stuff Bishop Keener was made of, felt that there was peculiar dignity in his poverty.

Judging from what comes to me, our church papers are unusually barren of discussion respecting what our approaching General Conference ought to do. The less we find to do the

better, unless we can do something to quicken the evangelical zeal of the church. Better preaching, more praying and less talk about salary is what we need. And yet I distrust a committee to get up a revival in the church even though it should be a committee of Bishops, because it seems to me that such work ought in no sense, to be perfunctory, programmed by a committee and carried out by machinery. Being appointed on a committee to do this work can hardly make any one more spiritual, and it seems that one should do as much for this work as possible, spontaneously.

Bishop Candler's book on "Revivals" ought to have a wider reading. One who loves to preach the gospel as well as Bishop Candler can hardly understand why every preacher is not a flaming evangelist.

There is now a lull in the battle with the higher critics. Perhaps more preachers will now preach the gospel, and fewer preach about the gospel. The critical or speculative attitude in the pulpit will never create revivals of religion.

J. E. Godbey.

Letter from Gilderoy.

We are having some remarkably fine weather, clear, cold and dry. The roads have dried out and are now in pretty good condition. The cotton is all out and nearly all ginned, and all of it will soon be on the market. This year's crop will be several hundred thousand bales larger than many estimated, a month or two past. This fact or something else has caused the market price to decline. Cotton still brings a good price, a price at which cotton can be grown profitably.

The prospects and general belief that cotton would go to fifteen cents or more, led many of our farmers to invest heavily in futures. Many who are not farmers and grow no cotton, own none and do not want any cotton, invested heavily in futures, bought and sold cotton, or purported to buy and sell, and now they mourn the loss of all they invested, some of them all they had. Some of them are sick and sorrowing over their losses. Some would do much for the cause of God if they had back what they lost on futures, and some imagine that they would have done great things for God if they had only won in that game. The devil is an artful as well as an arch enemy. He pulls the wool over men's eyes and blinds them to truth, even to the truth about themselves.

The human heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can know it? One man tells me that he has two hundred bales of spot cotton and that no matter how low it goes, he will have something left; but says he, "I have nothing in the world to show for the thousand dollars I lost in dealing in futures." That statement puts the truth in a nutshell. He bought nothing and sold nothing. He bet on the future price of cotton. That was all he did. The market went against him and he lost. This is the simple English of it. It is a pity and a shame to lay this loss on Divine Providence. God did not command the betting, nor did he occasion the loss. This man wants me to pray for him and I will do it. I will pray God to give him more sense than to do this foolish thing again. Now that some man got his money it is awfully bad, but if he had gotten some other man's money it would have been fine. The recoil of his own gun has about knocked all faith and hope out of him.

Some of these men think I have gotten past the age to be reasoned with—that I am not mentally capable of appreciating and weighing a sound argument. One of them said, "I have bought one hundred bales of futures, and if I demand the cotton I can get it, for there are two hundred and fifty thousand bales kept on

deposit in New York for buyers to draw upon when they want the cotton." This he took to be a complete knockout. "Yes," said I, "and there are two hundred thousand buyers just like you and if each were to call for his cotton at the same time there would be one bale each for you." "La, la," said he "there is no sense in reasoning with you," and away he went. Again he gave, or proposed to give, me one more trial with argument. I said, "I am in a hurry now and have not time to hear you, but you take this hundred dollars and invest it in futures for me." His reply is worthy of consideration. "Why, Brother Porter, I would not do that for my right arm. It would ruin you and disgrace the church." "So it would and so does the gambling of stewards and other officials and leading members of the church," I replied. With a bow he bade me good day, but as he left, he said, "you are the hardest man to reason with I ever saw." Did God cut out a high and holy road to heaven for the preachers and a lower and less holy road for the members? Please tell me.

Lula, Miss.

Two Men I Feared.

Added to the impression made on me by the fearful fight I witnessed, and the sight of the wounded men after the fight, was my great fear of two men who took drunken spees often, and on their way to and from the still-house passed my father's house. When drinking they were very noisy, cruel to their wives and children and unmerciful to the horse they rode. All of this gave me an idea that they were very dangerous men and would take great pleasure in beating, and maybe killing, such a boy as I was. When I was sent on an errand from home, no matter what road I traveled, my constant fear was that I might meet one of these men. On one occasion in the cool days of autumn, two of my brothers and I went to the creek near home to gig some "sleepy head cats" as we called a certain fish, which lived in that creek. It was afternoon, and we had quite a string of fish. One road leading to the old still-house passed down this creek and was the road traveled by one of the drunkards mentioned, Mr. B—, was his name. On we went down the creek further and further from home, our string of fish slowly growing longer and longer, until the sun was low in the West when we heard the clatter of a horse's feet running over the gravel bed three or four hundred yards down the creek, and a shrill voice rang out on the passing breeze, "Whoop-pee, cold and hungry." It was Mr. B—, returning from the still-house, and no mistake, for we were familiar with that voice. The fishing was suddenly at an end and each boy broke for home at the highest possible rate of speed, the fastest boy leading the way. Each of us seemed to do more than his best, and I am not sure but "Ahimaaz and Cush" would have been put to their highest speed to have kept pace with us.

As we tumbled over the low rail fence into the yard Mr. B—, went sweeping by fast as his horse could carry him, and he yelled at the top of his voice, "Look out boys, I'm a ridin'." We thought we had made quite a narrow escape, and to this good day, I have never known what went with that string of fish. Many times have I scaled a high fence and ran into a field and lain low in the grass to escape the sight of these men as they passed along the public roadway. On one occasion I left the public road and went a narrow path through a stubble field as I thought that the safest way to avoid meeting either of these men, but this proved to be a mistake. Mr. M—, was the man I feared most, because he always walked with a heavy stick and I had heard

how he beat his wife and children with that stick, and I supposed he would take pleasure in beating me too. Besides Mr. M—, had lost one eye, had been partially paralyzed and his mouth was drawn to one side so that he was frightful to me. The weeds in the field through which I was passing were higher than my head and I was moving on at a lively pace, feeling a sense of safety as no one could see me from the road, but imagine my feelings when I found myself face to face with Mr. M—. Using a noted curse word of his, he raised his stick over my head and said, "You little scoundrel, I've got you now." I looked up into his ugly, bloated face, and said, "Mr. M—, what are you going to hit me for?" He discovered his mistake, and I have always been glad he *did*—his whole countenance changed, and he said, "Why John, my son, excuse me, I thought you were my son Ben." He then told me what a good boy he thought I was, how much he loved me, and how sorry he would have been if he had struck me. From that time my fear for Mr. M—, grew less, and he made it a point to treat me with special courtesy at all times when he had an opportunity, and though I finally lost all fear of him, I never lost my abhorrence of drunkenness. In recent years, I am glad to say, some of the grand children and many of the great-grand children of Mr. M—, have been converted under my ministry, and received into the church at my hands.—Jno. H. Nichols.

Liberty, Tenn.

Temperance Measures Before Congress.

BY REV. E. M. SWEET, JR.
INDIAN TERRITORY.

It is a good index of the recent quickening of the national civic conscience that not less than twenty-five bills and amendments have been introduced by members of the present Congress looking toward a further restriction of the beverage liquor traffic.

Among these I mention first, as of greatest importance, that measure in which I am exclusively absorbed—the provision in the Oklahoma enabling Act to continue prohibition in Indian Territory after statehood. If the pending bill shall pass the Senate as it has passed the House, with one or two minor, though important amendments this great end will have been assured.

The provisions of the pending bill at first glance appear not to give us as much as would the Gallinger-Stone amendment that passed the Senate last February by a vote of more than three to one. That amendment carried prohibition for the entire proposed State; this only for Indian Territory, the Osage and other Indian reservations in Oklahoma.

Several questions arise. Is this a compromise—a compromise with evil? Will the Senate restore its last-year's amendment for State-wide prohibition? Shall we press for this to the gates? Would the present provision be effective in practice in the new State? Applicable as it is to only a part of the State, would it be constitutional?

As regards the country of the Five Civilized Tribes—Indian Territory—the arguments for continued prohibition summarize into the conclusiveness of an axiom: Congress ought to do what Congress has deliberately agreed to do. But our prayer to Congress in Oklahoma's behalf must needs rest upon the assertion that prohibition must be the policy of the whole State in order to be effective in a part. And after taking counsel with several eminent lawyers and after a study of several pertinent decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, we find ourselves unable to affirm or to believe that the prohibition provision must be State-wide in order to

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

PREPARED BY REV. F. M. TOLLESON.

Jesus Power to Sav.

Feb. 25. Mark 2:1-12.

Golden Text. The son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins.—Mark 2:10.

Time. Summer, A. D. 28.

Place. A private house in Capernaum.

The day of Miracles at Capernaum brought our Lord into sudden, and to him unwelcome popularity, and, though he was absent from the city for a short time, making a tour throughout all Galilee preaching and healing, the enthusiasm of the people in Capernaum was undiminished, for the events of that first notable Sabbath made a profound impression on them. This enthusiasm was to Jesus most unwelcome, because it hindered rather than aided the work which Christ came to accomplish. Christ earnestly sought to avoid it, and forbade some whom he had healed from publishing it abroad. His miracles were primarily works of benevolence, the breaking forth of his divine personality in the presence of great suffering and need, and not a display of supernatural power intended to establish his authority. With our lesson for to-day begins Mark's narrative of that long conflict with the Jewish authorities which culminated in the tragedy of the cross. The character and method of Christ's public activity had a tendency to arouse the hostility of the self-righteous and bigoted scribes and Pharisees. His extraordinary claims; the character of men whom he chose as disciples; his utter ignoring of precedent and rabbinical teaching and authority; all precipitated this hostility and conflict.

Christ the forgiver of sins! No wonder the scribes were amazed when he assumed this character and prerogative. They were right when they asked "Who can forgive sins but God only?" Christ did not deny what was here implied. He knew it was blaspheming for any mere man to assume to forgive sins. Therefore, he could have made no stronger declaration of his divinity than when he said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." He meant to be understood that he was divine. So he was. If Christ were not the divine forgiver of sins, whatever else he might have been would be of little worth. His high ideals would only aggravate human wretchedness, if he did not provide forgiveness. The world's greatest need is forgiveness. In this character of absolver, Christ stands unique and large over against the world's universal and most urgent need. If Christ has authority to forgive sins, then the world must come to him finally for there is no remedy for sin to be found elsewhere. We are impressed with the spirit in which Christ exercises this wonderful power to forgive sins.

Men were accustomed to think that much noise and lamentation and sacrifice were necessary to secure pardon. Christ granted it without ceremony. We are still inclined to condition God's forgiveness upon a good deal of useless theological machinery. We must seek it in such fashion; we may hope for it on the basis of faith in a certain view of Christ's atonement. If Christ has any theory of the atonement it was kept in the background when he forgave sins. Sometimes we make forgiveness difficult, but Christ made it easy. God is not reluctant to pardon, a stickler for formal terms. Our Lord revealed God to us as glad to forgive, concerned only that the sinner desires forgiveness. Look carefully at Jesus giving pardon to the man let down by his friends, the woman who anointed his feet in Simon's house, the impotent man at the pool of Bethesda, and we cannot avoid the conviction that Christ meant to encourage every sinner in the whole world to hope for mercy.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

LESSON BY REV. W. M. WILSON, BATESVILLE, ARK.
FIELD NOTES BY REV. T. L. RIPPEY, ADA, I. T.

The Christian Student Uprising for the Evangelization of the World.

MISSIONARY TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY 25.

(Matthew 28:16-20.)

See "Student Number" of Epworth Era, also "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation," by Mott.

There is much literature which our young people should obtain that will give them information upon this subject. A great convention of the Student Volunteers will be in session in Nashville, Tenn., next week. Our Epworth Leaguers will do well to make special prayer in their regular devotional service for those who may participate in this convention, and agree to continue during the days of the convention prayer that great good may result from this Conference. Not only will we do well to give this interest our prayers, but we will receive much benefit from following closely the proceedings of this great convention.

Much information concerning the origin and progress of the Student Volunteer Movement is to be found in the Epworth Era of February 8th.

"Since 1886 a large number of students have been led by this movement to volunteer for foreign service. Some three thousand of these are already in the field. Others are in course of preparation. The claims of world-wide missions have been presented by the movement in nine hundred educational institutions of North America, and last year there were nearly thirteen thousand students enrolled by this movement in mission study."

Why can't we have a great Epworth League rally for the Leaguers of all of our conferences at Oklahoma City sometime during this conference year? It will bring us together and we can get acquainted with each other and I am sure it will give a mighty impetus to the League work among our young people. Begin to work it up and talk it up and let us have it. The suggestion comes to me from Bro. Anderson, and I believe that it is a good one. Let Rev. W. M. Wilson, Batesville, Ark., Rev. J. M. Workman, Crossett, Ark., and Rev. M. N. Waldrip, Fort Smith, Ark., write to John S. Lillard, Oklahoma City, who is president of Indian Mission League Conference and see if this matter cannot be arranged.

Our old friend Gus W. Thomasson is pushing the encampment at Corpus Christi, this summer in the League columns of the Texas Advocate. That will indeed be a great meeting and rallying point for the Leaguers. They had a spiritual feast last summer and it was but an earnest of the good things to come. Those Texas Leaguers are royal people and always do things in a big way and Thomasson is the right man in the right place—the spirit and inspiration of the movement.

Leaguers, send in all the encouraging notes you can for the League column.

Do you take the Era? It is a power and should be in every leaguer's hand.

Pray for the success of the Student's Volunteer Convention, Feb. 28 to March 4.

We note with pleasure that the Searcy District will have a Sunday School and Epworth League Conference at Searcy during the year.

The Mangum District League Conference convenes at Hobart, Okla., April 27-29. A most practical and comprehensive program has been arranged.

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Evangelistic Grafting.

"I regard him as an evangelistic grafter," was the curt remark recently made by a brother minister of another Church, regarding a certain *Evangelist*. As one gets acquainted with the real conditions in this great new field, he is made to feel that much work has been done by *evangelistic grafters*. During the year and a half that I have labored here I have discovered and striven to overcome many of the hinderances that stand in the way of religious progress and a high standard of Christian living. In my estimation no other one thing has been more detrimental to the cause of the Master than *evangelistic grafting*.

Just here I wish to say that I do not mean that all men who are doing evangelistic work are of this type. I am speaking of the *profession evangelist*, though I confess that too many of our pastors have been influenced by him and are resorting to his methods. The *professional evangelist's* success depends upon the reporting of large numbers of conversions. If few or no professions are reported in even a few meetings he is no longer in demand and his income ceases. It is easy to see how the unscrupulous man would resort to the use of methods, whatever those methods might be, that would bring the desired results. Let us allow, though, that there are very few thus lacking in conscience. Nevertheless many are unconsciously led into these erroneous methods and come to regard them as the proper means of securing additions to the Church.

It is natural for us to want to see the fruits of our efforts. It takes a very strong man with great faith in his God not to become discouraged when he works for a long time, as best he knows how, and sees but little result of his efforts. But, thank God, we have many of these brave men yet. A man may preach regeneration, change of heart—"not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost"—for quite a while without seeing much fruit.

On the other hand, a man may resort to superficial means and see immediate results. These means are so extensively practised that it is hard to avoid being led into their use. This, as I stated above is the greatest drawback to real Christian progress in this new country, and the *professional evangelist* is educating the people in it.

To illustrate: Along comes an evangelist. He preaches against certain evils that exist and has many write-ups taken from the local papers where he has held meetings. He has the "very best" music that can be had in the community, frequently led by a singer that accompanies him in his work. Special emphasis is placed on the fact that the songs are "new" and the music full of life. He sings solos. From the beginning he insists that everything possible will be done to make the meetings "popular." He urges the people to promise to stop participating in them. He insists that the people take pledges promising to "put on" certain virtues. From the first he gets the local press to advertise the meetings; much is made of the music, and the whole thing is boosted and whooped into existence. He has much to say about prayer, but the only evidence the people have that the evangelist prays, is his continual reference to *how much* he prays. Every one who can, in any possible way, be persuaded to say he wants to be a Christian is asked to sign a card, or in some other way give his name, and at the close

all who are resolved to "quit their meanness" and "serve the Lord" are urged to join the Church. Ofttimes many do so without ever having tasted repentance or had the least conception of what godly sorrow means. The evangelist gets his money, frequently abusing the people for not paying him more, and goes on his way rejoicing.

What has he done? He has left a people in a much worse condition than he found them, and the pastors will discover it. His "converts" are farther from salvation than they were before being led into false conceptions, because no one can be saved until he is convicted of sin, and it is going to be much harder to convict his so-called converts than if they had never taken this step.

The trouble in the whole matter is that the evangelist has gone at his work in the wrong way. It is like this: A man wants some apple trees in his garden, or rather he wants the fruit. He finds apples, just such as he wants, buys a dozen, goes home and tells his wife that he is going to have some fruit in his garden, and calls her in to see the apples. The first thing he has done is to get the fruit. He expects later to get the small twigs, and later the limbs or small branches, and later the larger branches, and later the body of the tree, and still later—well, perhaps sometime—the roots. Any sort of old twigs, branches, trunks, and roots will do; the important (?) thing is the fruit, and he has just what he wants of that. This seems absurd in the extreme, and yet it is just what the *reform evangelist* is doing, and the *reform pastor* too, who follows his methods. The last thing he is considering is getting the sinner's heart right, or planting the roots of the tree in proper soil so that it may bear good fruit.

All such work is a failure, and worse than a failure; it is a curse in the sight of God. You may reform, and reform, and reform a man, until there is nothing left to reform, and because of it, if God's word be true, he will sink but the deeper into eternal perdition because you have led him to rely upon his good works instead of upon the grace of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Brethren, it is an easy matter to get people to reform, or at least to promise to, while conviction, repentance, confession, faith is hard. This is bitter, but let us stick to it, for "except ye repent ye shall all perish," is the Master's version of the way to be saved. Let us be slow to accept the aid of an evangelist. Let us be sure we know him, and know him not to be a contemptible egotist and evangelistic *grafter* who is in the work for the fame and money to be gained. It is a very pleasant thing to have people take you into their homes, give you the very best they have, dip their tongues in honey and lavish upon you their temporary praise, give you a fat purse at the end of two or three weeks in their midst and send you on your way rejoicing. And it is not hard for the devil to persuade many that this is serving the Lord.

Brethren, let us do without the *professional evangelist*, and keep out of his methods. Let us "preach the word" and get brother pastors to assist us in our meetings, or else get men set apart for special work whom we know to be true ministers of the Gospel and lovers of men rather than lovers of fame and money. Until we cease to preach and to practice these man-made ways of being saved, the greatest drawback to the Church of Christ, nominal Christianity, is going to increase and the Church grow weaker and weaker. "Preach the word."

R. S. Satterfield.

Lawton, O. T.

A sinister countenance and a wandering eye do not belong to an honest soul.

Comments on Consolidation.

Without quoting all we give extracts from our exchanges commenting on consolidation:

The same consolidation could, no doubt, be made in several other sections of the church where contiguous conferences have many interests in common. Our conference pride should not be allowed to run away with our business sense. At the coming General Conference the subject of consolidation of church organs will be pretty thoroughly discussed.—Central Methodist.

Both papers have been among our most valued exchanges. Now that they have consolidated, we will have an unusually strong paper. The men at the head are experts and they have our congratulations and wishes for a most successful career.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

This is a movement that needs to be pressed in the church, even if the conference organs go forth from private ownership.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

The Arkansas Methodist has united with the Western Christian Advocate, and now becomes the organ of several conferences in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the management of an able corps of editors, who are making it a bright, readable and useful paper. The paper is a fearless exponent of Church principles, and discusses questions with a broad intelligent spirit that appeals to the reader, and we have no doubt its management will receive the patronage that its merits so justly demand.—Methodist Protestant.

We have received the first issue of the Arkansas Methodist under its new name, Western Christian Advocate. We rejoice in the great success achieved by this paper, and, with its enlarged field, becoming, as it does, the official organ of the Indian Mission Conference, as well as the three Arkansas Conferences, we confidently expect enlarged usefulness. As the originator and first editor and publisher of the Arkansas Methodist, we regret the change of name. But old things must give way in the march of progress. Western Christian Advocate is not the title we should have selected, for the reason that another great Methodist paper has borne that name for many years. But we would not have it changed to Southwestern Christian Advocate, as suggested by Dr. J. E. Godbey. That name belongs to the organ of the colored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South. It is edited by a colored man, Rev. Robert E. Jones, and published in New Orleans by Eaton & Mains.

Success to our Arkansas and Oklahoma brethren!—New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Rev. James M. Talkington.

Rev. James M. Talkington was born in Jackson Co., Ala., 1835 and died in Searcy, Ark., Oct. 1st, 1905. He was nineteen years of age when he came to Arkansas, after which he taught school ten years. He was then licensed to preach the Gospel, 1867, at thirty-two years of age.

In 1870 he joined the White River Conference at its first session, at Mt. Zion, Cross Co., Ark. He served the following pastorates, one or more years: El Paso, West Point, Searcy, Bald Knob, Corning and Mammoth Spring Circuits, and Searcy and Augusta Stations, and Searcy District. The mere mention of these years of itinerant service means much to ministers who have seen similar service, but can not be fully appreciated by the laity, and particularly the average men and women of the world.

His frequent absence from his growing family, his anxious interest in them and his pastoral charges, his struggles to rear, educate, feed and clothe his eight boys and girls upon the meagre

salary usually paid him, all too small, can only be alluded to. No tongue can describe nor pen portray them. But they are writ large in his laborious life, cut short a decade of years, perhaps, by his intense and tender solicitude for his family and church. He felt compelled to supplement his insufficient salary, and instead of returning home for rest and study, he went to his farm, orchard, vineyard and apiary, about all of which he knew more than any man in his county.

He was an engaging and successful preacher. Like his Master the common people heard him gladly. Many were converted and added to the church under his ministry. He was persuasive in prayer. I have seen congregations moved more by his prayers than by the sermons of many ministers. He was popular with young and old. He officiated at the nuptials of more people than any other minister of any church in White county.

He was twice married. His first wife preceded him only a few years to the Beulah land. She was the mother of all his children. He was not himself the last few years of his life. His mind felt the pressure of his frail and fast failing body. But death did not take him unawares. He was ready. I visited and prayed with him several times during his last illness. His appreciative interest was manifest in his earnest and eager participation, until loosed from his moorings, and too far out at sea to speak to us, he would hail us by lifting his hand and pointing thither while we were singing "O Sing to Me of Heaven When I Am Called to Die."

He has two sons in the ministry who are more now than ever before to reproduce the useful life of their noble father.

John H. Dye.

A Merchant Prince.

We have been reading a number of articles and editorials on the late Marshall Field. They have been truly refreshing. Starting as a poor young man, he became one of the wealthiest men of the country. All men, so far as we can learn, speak well of him. Nobody has charged him with political corruption. His money has not been rejected on the charge of being "tainted." He was a good giver without display. His manner of life was simple, avoiding show or extravagance. His example in business matters wholesome. He never built on another's ruin. By no means the richest man, yet he was the heaviest taxpayer in the United States; he despised the artful dodgers who lie and steal from the government which protects them. A Christian man, he had served as a trustee in a Presbyterian church for twenty-nine years.

Such is the character ascribed to Marshall Field by those who have known him most thoroughly and for the longest period. His career demonstrates that it is possible for a man to become very rich, and still retain the respect of his fellow men. Rich men are dying, many of them every year, but it is rare indeed to find one who can be held up as a worthy example to young men. We are sorry this is the case, "but they that will be rich fall into divers temptations." It does one good to note the general public feeling of confidence in and the good will toward this dead Chicago merchant. It would not be difficult to name a score of the very rich of the land whose departure from this world would produce about the same feeling in the public mind that would be produced by the conviction and imprisonment of a gang of house-breakers and robbers.—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

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be a perfectly valid proposition of constitutional law.

Relatively few even of the friends of prohibition have taken the trouble to ascertain what poor standing the liquor traffic has before American courts. All its rights are artificial—only such as are created for it by the State. There is no such thing as an inherent or natural right to sell or buy intoxicating liquors. Ignorant attorneys would fain sometimes construct a defense for the liquor traffic out of that sentence in the Constitution of the United States which says: "The citizens of each State shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States." But the United States Supreme Court Reports, as well as those of lesser tribunals, abound in such utterances as the following, in the case of *Crowley vs. Christensen* (137 U. S., p. 86), wherein the Court declared:

"By the general concurrence of opinion of every civilized and Christian community there are few sources of crime and misery to society equal to the dramshop, where intoxicating liquors in small quantities to be drunk at the time are sold indiscriminately to the parties applying. The statistics of every State show a greater amount of crime and misery attributable to the use of ardent spirits obtained at these liquor stores than to any other source.

"The right to sell intoxicating liquors, so far as such a right exists, is not one of the rights growing out of citizenship of the United States. There is no inherent right in a citizen thus to sell intoxicating liquors by retail; it is not a privilege of a citizen of a State or of a citizen of the United States."

And if Congress prescribes prohibition for either the whole or a part of the proposed State as a condition to be complied with precedent to admission into the Union, there is no doubt that the law will be sustained by the Supreme Court. Because its virtue will not reside in the fact that Congress required it as a condition precedent to statehood, but in the fact that the people of the State did on a certain day vote for and adopt a constitution containing such a provision. What motives actuated the people in thus voting can not become a question for the courts to investigate. For, if the people do not approve of such a constitution, they are at liberty to vote against its ratification. Only, the President will lack authority to issue his proclamation establishing the State until all the conditions set forth in the enabling Act shall have been complied with.

Bearing in mind, then, that the provision will have thus become the deliberate act of the people of the State, already the United States Supreme Court has determined in almost so many words the constitutionality of the pending prohibition provision, applicable to only a part of the proposed State. In the case of *Missouri vs. Lewis* (101 U. S., p. 22) the Court says:

"There is nothing in the Constitution to prevent any State from adopting any system of laws or judicature it sees fit for all or any part of its territory. If a Mexican State should be acquired by treaty and added to an adjoining State or part of a State in the United States and the two should be erected into a new State, it can not be doubted that such new State might allow the Mexican laws and judicature to continue unchanged in the one portion and the common law and its corresponding judicature in the other portion."

When people give forth this undigested speech about the "unconstitutionality" of the provision in question, the real idea that they have vaguely in mind is this: When the State comes into existence, its authority over this and other matters of police regulation will be supreme. It will have entered into an agreement with the Federal

Government to maintain prohibition for a term of years. But the Federal Government has never yet devised any method of enforcing, if necessary, the fulfilment of such an agreement by a State. Utah was admitted on condition that it prohibit polygamy in its constitution. It complied. To the conscious knowledge of Congress, Utah is not faithfully keeping its agreement, but the Federal Government seems to be without recourse. If Utah, however, should change its constitution and legalize polygamy, such a storm of national protest would probably be awakened as would deprive Utah of State sovereignty and re-establish Territorial Federal control. And while Oklahoma's compact in regard to the Indian and the liquor traffic will rest upon the same judicial basis, the public indignation that would at once cry out against Utah would doubtless lack the necessary unity and intensity in case of Oklahoma's imaginary unfaithfulness, because there are so few States that would feel justified in casting the first stone.

So that the enforcement and retention of the provision in Oklahoma's constitution will really rest with that people after statehood. It will be a matter of what estimate they put upon their best interests and the honor of their State.

What good, then, is accomplished by the proposed action on the part of Congress? Why not leave the whole matter to be settled by the people of the State? A hundred of our enemies, in a newspaper campaign waged against us in Washington for the first ten days of the present session of Congress, argued persistently the futility of any Congressional action. "For," said they, "if a majority of the people of the State are not in favor of prohibition, it can not be enforced; whereas, if a majority are in favor of it, they will themselves enact it into law without Congress requiring it."

The fallacy of this argument was not difficult to show to the House Committee on Territories in the hearing given us December 13 and 15. The argument ignores the great and immediate change in our population contingent upon statehood, and that the kind of statehood we get will determine in large measure the kind of immigration we get. The information has come to me from several sources that there are three thousand sets of saloon fixtures stored on the borders of Texas and Arkansas waiting to be shipped into Indian Territory as soon as the traffic can get an opening. The present population of Indian Territory desire prohibition; but turn loose among us the thousands of saloon-keepers, gamblers and other associate criminal classes that have been put out of business by local-option elections in adjacent States and are covetously looking for a new field of operations to our splendid land of plentiful spending-money—turn loose these unscrupulous fingers to manipulate the elections in our infant State, and who would care to foretell the result?

As I have said, the Senate amendment of the last Congress applied to the whole State. At first this year we sought the same from the House. But the Speaker and other leaders had anticipated trouble enough for the present "omnibus" statehood bill, and feared the opposition of the liquor interests if the bill should propose to cut off Oklahoma's \$8,000,000 of annual saloon receipts. For us to have insisted on State-wide prohibition as a House amendment would have resulted either in getting nothing at all from the House, or else in throwing the prohibition leaders into the ranks of the "insurgents" against the passage of the bill, and this would probably have cast upon the prohibition cause the odium of defeating statehood legislation for Oklahoma. On the other hand, had the House passed the bill without any prohibition provision, and should the Senate add the amendment again providing prohibition

for the whole State, the amendment might still be stricken out entirely in the committee of conference on the disagreements between the two Houses; whereas, as the matter now stands, we shall get not less than the House provision. Meanwhile Senator Gallinger has again proposed his amendment making the provision applicable to the entire State, and it may be that the Senate will adopt it.

30 Bliss Building, Washington, D. C.

A Year's Work in the Indian Mission Conference.

The statistics of 1905 compared with 1904 show the following results for the year:

The membership gains 1,602 and is 35,520. Infant baptisms lose 104, while adults gain 296. Epworth Leagues gain 38 and are 150, while the membership gains 416 and is 4,482. Sunday schools gain 13 and are 330, with a gain in teachers of 514, giving 2,687, while the scholars enrolled gain 2,790, being 24,702. Financial reports show that the Bishop's Fund gains only \$30.49, while the Presiding Elders gain \$1846.21, and pastors, salaries \$9,161.20. Conference claimants gain \$328.98, Missions, \$1,820.03. Education \$1,803.91, while Church Extension gains only \$120.41, and the American Bible Society loses \$85.74.

The number of Societies increases 22, but pastoral charges lose 4. Houses of worship increase 24 and their value gains \$53,942.55, with a decreased debt of \$8,578.57; while parsonages lose 4; but increase in value \$14,635.43, and reduce their debt by \$2,344.30. District parsonages increase their value \$620.00, and reduce their debt \$1,009.70.

Only one church was damaged at a loss of \$350.00 as against eight last year at a value of \$2,861.50. More insurance is carried by \$27,216.00, and \$117.35, more in premiums paid.

For all purposes the Conference is reported to have raised \$175,719.16, or a sum equal to \$4.95 for each member.

Doubtless from a financial view point the showing is creditable enough, but if it be remembered that the membership gain is only a fraction above nine for each pastor and presiding Elder then we have scant ground for self-laudation. It may be said in explanation that in the upbuilding of these territories, material matters obtrude themselves and take precedence. True, and herein lies our danger. It is quite easy to "tithe mint, anise, and cummin, and forget the weightier matters." All church activity must ultimate in winning souls to Christ, else it is futile. Material progress in church matters is valuable only as auxiliary to evangelism.

Not forgetting these accessories and auxiliaries of evangelization, let us hold fast the root of the matter—bringing men to Christ the Saviour to be washed of their sins and filled with the Holy Ghost. Oh, for a year of flaming evangelism throughout our borders! Causing us to forget place and method and making every time, place and man an opportunity to win a soul from sin unto Christ.

Sixteen hundred souls is far too small a number for the Lord's host, thirty-five thousand strong to capture from the ranks of sin in one whole year.

May it be far otherwise this year.

W. F. Dunkle.

We are overstocked with the American Revised Bible, and will sell them for the next few weeks at cost. Notwithstanding one little mistranslation, the scholars say this is the best version of the Scriptures in the English tongue.

Fine editions of the New Hymnal. Words only at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50. With music. \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$8.00.

Among the Brethren.

Bro. R. W. McKay, the new and popular pastor of Winfield Memorial, is getting a strong hold on his large and substantial congregation. He is a live wire, and Winfield is a dynamo.

Bro. Swift, at Ashbury, has a very promising field, and is planning to erect a handsome church somewhere in the western part of Little Rock. Bro. Swift is a "polished shaft." His congregation is large and enthusiastic. They gave us a very nice contribution for the Orphanage.

At Walnut Ridge, our former and most delightful charge, Bro. W. F. Walker, and his accomplished wife are doing a great work. This is a Methodist community and we expect a most delightful year for the pastor and church.

Rev. H. H. Hunt, an old school-mate and conference colleague, has done a great work on the Beebe charge. He is also principal of the public school, and is in great favor with his pupils. He gave us a very strong support in behalf of the Orphanage, he is not afraid to take a collection on his charge.

Rev. Frank Barrett of Searey Station, the hub of the Searey District, is closing his fourth year with flying colors. Bro. Barrett is one of the best preachers of the State. The writer had an invitation to fill his pulpit a few Sundays ago, but as it rained all day, we were denied the pleasure of such a privilege. Bro. Barrett and his church are great friends to the Orphanage.

Bro. M. B. Umsted, of Newport Station has recently beautified his elegant auditorium, and now has the most attractive auditorium in the White River Conference. He is now in the midst of a revival, assisted by Bro. McIntosh of Miss. We expect a good meeting.

Bro. W. H. Woodfin, a transfer from the Little Rock Conference, is very popular in his new field at Cabot. He recently entertained the Searey District Preachers' Meeting which was a benediction to the people and preachers.

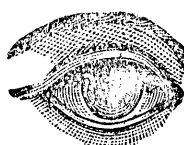
Rev. W. M. Wilson, of our First Church at Batesville, has moved his people to undertake large things. Besides meeting local expenses, and paying the pastor a handsome salary they are supporting a foreign Missionary, and they have on foot a plan to enlarge their already very commodious church building. Bro. Wilson and a great number of his members are very warm friends of the Orphanage. So far they get the blue ribbon and we desire to place their names on the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage Honor Roll.

T. W. Fisackerly, Supt.
Little Rock, Ark.

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WILMAR, ARK.—We are just home from a very delightful visit to our parents and home folks. We had our first service at Wilmar last Sunday (4th in Jan.), splendid services morning and evening. The Christian Endeavor Society, held an appropriate and beautiful memorial in the evening, conducted by Bro. J. D. C. McClure.

Small pox is practically a thing of the past here. While our loss has been great, and our sorrow very deep, all seem anxious to enter upon the work of the new year with renewed energy and purpose to do and be what they can in the cause of our Lord and Master. It will be necessary to reorganize much of our work. But I feel that I am the servant of a good and noble people; and hope that by the help of the Lord I may be able to do the best year's work of my life thus far. May the blessing of the Lord be upon the whole church.

F. F. Harrell, P. C.

HARRISON DISTRICT—We finished the first round, having made it in two months. The mountains, hills, creeks and rivers are still here, but means of travel have much improved. The roads are better, some of the streams are bridged and two railroads run through the district. Transit is not the problem now that it was in Merrill's time. What is not Christian civilization doing for this country? It seemed awhile that North Arkansas was on a stand still, but now we are much encouraged. A good class of immigration is coming among us, crops have been good, and the mines are being worked in earnest. This has proved to be one of the greatest zinc fields in the world. Much real estate has been, and is

still changing hands. Most of the people are out of debt and are improving their homes. Our church interest is catching the spirit of the times for push. Already A. L. Cline has built a parsonage at Cotter, and will soon begin a church at Flippin. The people have received him kindly and all are hopeful of a great year. W. T. Martin starts well at Mountain Home and is planning a new church there. J. R. Maxwell has made a good impression on the Mountain Home Circuit. Yellville, under the pastorate of C. W. Lester is being organized as never before. J. W. Griffin has begun early and well on his collections, and will begin a protracted meeting soon.

A. J. Cullom has made a fine beginning at Marshall and Leslie. J. T. Gossett, the Zaccheus of the conference is bringing Valley Springs circuit to the front. His collections are well begun. J. H. Doak wears Methodist harness well and the people are hopeful on his circuit. Lee Bearden, in his third year is doing an abiding work at Harrison. The church was never so hopeful. Floyd Villines has been detained at home on account of sickness in his home, but from now on will make time count. J. H. Ruble has already had a good meeting, and received twelve members at Zion Hill on the Green Forest circuit. His collections are well in hand. J. A. Womack has just returned from the Mission school at Nashville with renewed life and vigor. Womack is one of our best young men, and the church is in good condition at Berryville. G. G. Jackson is supplying the Berryville circuit and is doing some faithful work.

The Kingston circuit is without a preacher. A sacrificing young man could do a great work for God and the church there. It is a great country, but our church is weak.

Last but not least, Jeff Sherman is doing a marvelous work at Eureka Springs. The spirit of the energetic, godly young preacher has seized the church. All in all we are expecting a great year. We have not told you our troubles nor are we going to. We are going over them by the help of God. I could not be a pessimist. God is on our side and we must succeed. We are planning our District Conference to include the first Sunday in July. Make your arrangements to be with us. Pray for us.

J. J. Galloway, P. E.

A Notre Dame Lady's Appeal.

To all knowing sufferers of rheumatism, whether muscular or of the joints, sciatica, lumbagos, backache, pains in the kidneys or neuralgia pains, to write to her for a home treatment which has repeatedly cured all of these tortures. She fees it her duty to send it to all sufferers FREE. You cure yourself at home, as thousands will testify—no change of climate being necessary. This simple discovery banishes uric acid from the blood, loosens the stiffened joints, purifies the blood, and brightens the eyes, giving elasticity and tone to the whole system. If the above interests you, for proof, address, Mrs. M. Summers, Box 205, Notre Dame, Ind.

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THE MINUTES.

I left Camden for home the second day of our Conference, owing to sickness in my family. I have never inquired what action was taken in regard to the publishing of the minutes, but suppose the matter was left in the hands of the secretary. At this late date, I am not caring whether they are published or not. My people have quit asking about it. Now I wish to make a proposition. My assessment for minutes this year is \$3.00; I will agree to make it \$6.00 on condition that I get the minutes 30 days from the adjournment of Conference, and get 25 copies instead of ten. Brethren, if our present assessment for minutes is not enough to pay for them, double it. What do you say?

Yours for minutes,

J. H. Bradford.

A Noted Minister and Doctor of Atlanta, Ga., Has Hit on a New Idea.

Those who have long doubted whether there really is a permanent cure for catarrh will be glad to learn that a Southern physician, Dr. J. W. Blosser, of Atlanta, Ga., has discovered a method whereby catarrh can be cured to the very last symptom without regard to climate or condition. So that there may be no misgivings about it, he will send a free sample to any man or woman without expecting payment. The regular price of the remedy is \$1.00 for a box containing one month's treatment.

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GAMBLING WITG DEATH.

What Many of Us Are Doing Three Times a Day.

For every thing we get something is taken away. Every act pulls two ways. Some men in power dole out their souls for it. They can't have soul and power at the same time.

And so, in this quick living age, most of us can't have energy and health at the same time. One or the other must be lost, and it is usually health.

We know we are doing wrong and would like to reform, but we have a morbid fear of being laughed at if we aim to live and eat according to conscience and good sense.

Some of us break away for a while and enslave ourselves to a diet. We read much about the hardy Scotman being fed on porridge and oatcake, making soldiers of muscle and dash, and how Caesar's army was fed on corn. But the diet doesn't last long. We quickly swing back into the great line, eating and drinking to fulness like the rest, eating anything and everything, at any time, and any way we find it. We say "what is a stomach for if it isn't to obey the palate."

But there is really no one rule applicable to everybody's stomach. What one man may eat another may not.

But the dyspeptic should remember that the death list has a dark shadow hovering over it with a long bony finger pointing to "died of heart disease." Physicians will tell us that there are few cases of heart disease that do not come from a stomach derangement.

At every meal we may be brewing for ourselves a terrible case of dyspepsia. It may come upon us after breakfast to-morrow morning, or after that oyster supper to-morrow night.

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BRISTOW, I. T.—We are all delighted with the new paper. It is my purpose to make a special canvass for it in a few weeks.

We recently closed an interesting and successful meeting of nineteen days. There were thirty-seven additions and about the same number of conversions. The attendance was large and interest excellent through the meeting.

The Quarterly Meeting came in the midst of the revival, giving us two sermons from Bro. Sims, who returned later and rendered splendid service for two days.

Rev. W. J. Sims, our Presiding Elder, is highly esteemed by the pastor and family, and the entire church and community, not only for his work's sake, but for his kindly genial spirit. He is sympathetic, but considerate, broad but conservative, liberal but true as steel.

Our finances are in good condition. The salary is paid in full to date. More than \$100. raised for a church debt and incidentals. Our Home Mission assessment is paid in full, and the preacher is wearing a fine Prince Albert tailor-made suit by virtue of the big-hearted Christian generosity of his people.

Wife is conducting a Junior League five weeks old with over 50 members, full of enthusiasm and ready for any work.

The Senior League has as many members, and the League is a success.

Happy tidings come from other parts of our field, but we leave them to be chronicled by another.—W. T. Ready.

CANCER CURED.

Hon. J. T. Essary, prominent attorney of Morristown, Tenn., Ex-Mayor, Ex-Collector of Internal Revenue for Tennessee, Ex-Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Tennessee, relates his experience with Cancerol.

October 27, 1905.

Dr. L. T. Leach, Dallas, Tex.
Dear Doctor—I think it but just and proper that I address you this letter (for publication, if you desire.) For seven years a lump had been forming on the left side of my face, near the corner of the eye, which at first gave but little, or no alarm, but it continued to enlarge.

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I am gratefully yours,

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After years of careful observations and examining the sputum of eleven hundred cases, I am convinced that fully three fifths of all the deaths charged to consumption are really catarrhal bronchitis associated with dyspepsia, which is brought on from severe dosing of the stomach. My treatment goes directly to the lungs and consequently does not disarrange the stomach or impair the digestion. The treatment can be taken at home if desired."

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have joined other churches. Hendrix College was greatly blessed and all but 12 or 15 of the 200 students are now religious.

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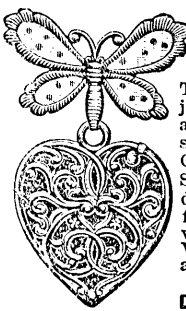
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ATOKA, I. T.—We reached home from Little Rock Saturday afternoon by way of Mulberry, Ark., and Muskogee, I. T., spending three days visiting wife's relatives at Mulberry, where I had the pleasure of preaching for Bro. Key and his people on last Wednesday evening. Bro. Key is held in high esteem by all the people, and is still the same sweet spirited brother he has been these twenty-six years I have known him. After forty-four years of service in the itinerant ranks, he is still young and active, and doing efficient work for the Master. At Muskogee we spent one night and day visiting our daughter and Bro. Brewer at Spaulding College. I met Bro. Goddard for a few moments at the parsonage. He has a strong hold on the situation at First Church, and is preaching to full houses. Our Indian Mission Conference needs more of just such men. We have in this conference 263 pastoral charges, and 74 of these are served by supplies. Our local preachers are being used as they should be everywhere in our connection, and I want to say right here, there is not a more loyal and efficient set of men any where than the local preachers of the Indian Mission Conference. I am glad to say that the operation performed by Dr. C. C. Stephenson, of Little Rock, on wife's eye was successful in removing the growth that had almost entirely destroyed the right eye, and I do not hesitate to recommend Dr. Stephenson not only as a skillful oculist, but a true Christian gentleman. I am glad to be back among my people, and they seemed to be glad we were back for they gave us two fine congregations yesterday.

W. D. Matthews.

MABELVALE, ARK.—We are moving along well despite the bad weather. On arrival among the good people of this most excellent charge we were heartily received and made to feel at home. Not being entire strangers, our reception was the more appreciated. Yes, we have had the usual pounding. The two churches composing the work, Mabelvale and Primrose Chapel, are each doing things in the right way, toward fitting up the parsonage, begun by my predecessor. A new heater and cook stove, garden fence, and other minor matters are being looked after. We have all the societies recommended by the church. Sunday Schools are in a flourishing condition. Special mention is made of the school at Mabelvale. The house is too small for the school and we are talking of building an addition. Congregations are large, and interest in the services is marked. Have had some additions to the church during the last month. Our people at Mabelvale had a rare treat in having Rev. W. A. Swift Thursday night, Feb. 8, who delivered one of his lectures to a good house. He called it "A Horse Back Ride Through Palestine." The peo-

ple were delighted and the impressions made on his audience were good. In my judgment the church that fails to get Swift and have him talk to them of the customs, usages, and religion of the Holy Land will miss an opportunity to be instructed and edified. Many were moved to tears as he spoke of the teaching of Jesus, and the places he preached His great doctrines.

Ruffin T. Davis.

ADONA, ARK.—Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone. Bro. Stevenson was with us apparently in his most genial mood. The official attendance was the best I have seen for four or five years and the reports were good. The stewards from the various points made a fairly liberal assessment for P. E. and P. C. and paid about one sixth of it. Our people are all in love with Bro. Stevenson, and so is the preacher. He preached us three excellent sermons, the one Sunday morning being one of the best missionary sermons I ever heard. This was followed by a very impressive communion service in which about fifty old and young took part. After this, Bro. Stevenson took a collection which resulted in about \$45 in cash and subscription on conference collections. May the Lord help me to be faithful and help me that I may be successful this year. God bless you and all the brethren.

A. E. Wilson.

ROLL, I. T.—Our first quarterly conference was held at Roll, Feb. 6. Rev. C. F. Roberts, P. E., looked well after all the business of the church, and preached three most excellent sermons. He is popular with all the Western Oklahoma people. We serve a fine intelligent people, but as in other new countries the official members want the preacher to do it all. A liberal assessment was made for P. E. and P. C. and we believe it will be paid. This country has a bright future. Southern Methodism is in the lead, though there are many "isms". We are now in a meeting with good prospects.

J. M. Holt, P. C.

CHICKASHA—Our splendid new church so enthusiastically begun by Rev. S. G. Thompson will be a great house when completed, in fact, the best church in the two territories. It is built of gray pressed brick and trimmed with Carthage stone. The auditorium will seat 500 comfortably and the Sunday School room 200. This is a conservative estimate. It has a large assembly room up-stairs and a kitchen. It will be lighted with electricity and gas, and heated with hot air furnace. It is thoroughly modern in all its appointments.

I found the frame up and the brick work up to the window sills. The brick work is now complete. The cover will be completed in a few days and the lathing done. They are ready to lay the floors. It is to be completed by the first of

April and we are to have Bishop Hoss with us the First Sunday in April. I now and here cordially invite all former pastors to be with us on opening day. A friend puts a window in for the Rev. A. B. L. Hunkapiller, the builder of the first church in this city. And friends have put a window in for Rev. G. H. Ray who began the present movement and had \$11,000 subscription for this building when his pastorate expired. What has been done during my short pastorate has been made possible by the loyalty of my people. The committee have gone with me and given aid in every way. They have paid liberally and our people have responded with a cheerful liberality. Our friends from without have shown a marked and magnificent sympathy with the movement and given material aid that has greatly furthered our work. All of Chickasha is proud of our splendid church. I thank Brothers Ray and Thompson for their foundation work and if the good God will give me wisdom, strength and grace to finish this temple for His glory I will be one of the happiest pastors in the conference. We now lack some \$1500 of having enough to reach the opening with perfect comfort and I hope to secure much of that in the next sixty days. I have one of the best W. H. M. S. in the church. They have paid \$1100 on the church, and promise \$900 more in the near future.

I may add we were kindly received by our people and made comfortable. On our arrival we were entertained in the hospitable home of Brothers Jackman and Lemon until we could go to the parsonage. We came unexpectedly and had to wait for the parsonage. The ladies assisted wife in adjusting things, and we were soon at home. The W. H. M. S. has since put a gas range into the parsonage at a cost of \$40. Many nice delicacies have found their way to our home since we came, besides we found a supply of groceries in the pantry when we took charge of the house. Congregations have grown in numbers and interest, till now we have a reasonably full house at each service. I am sure when we get into our new church we will be able to make our people more comfortable. The stewards made excellent provision for our support and are paying it. Our second Quarterly Conference has just closed. Bro. Linebaugh gave a helpful sermon in the morning. My people were edified and we had a large and spiritual communion service at its close.

When the new church is completed Chickasha will be at the fore front. This is a great church and a great people, and we should have a year of abounding peace and prosperity. May the great head of the church vouchsafe unto pastor and people his spiritual grace and more and more manifest his saving power in our midst.

W. M. P. Rippey, P. C.

The presiding elders of South Georgia Conference hold annual missionary institutes, to which they summon, by kindly invitations, the conference corresponding secretary and all the district secretaries of the Home Mission Society of this conference, and then give them a patient, attentive hearing concerning the plans and work of this important factor of Southern Methodism. As a natural result, the brethren there, are coming to fully understand our purposes, and realize the worth and importance of home mission efforts in conjunction with their own fields of labor. Many new auxiliaries are being organized, as the fruit of co-operation on the part of district secretaries and pastors.

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Our good P. E., Dr. Sibert, preached for us Jan. 19, held first quarterly conference, and is ready to give us effective help along all lines during the year. Congregations have been good and prayer meetings well attended. Four members received by letter. We have fine Sunday School, and an interesting Junior Epworth League.

I spend the afternoon visiting the people, and hope to keep this up regularly, during the year. We want to do good work for the Advocate and will be pleased to have representatives therefrom to visit us.

A. M. R. Branson.

VIOLA, ARK.—I am supplying the Viola part of the Bexar and Viola work. Our first quarterly meeting was held at Mt. Pleasant, Feb. 3, with good interest. We were glad to meet with our beloved presiding elder, Bro. Jernigan, also Bro. Watson. They have both been a great help to me. We have purchased the Viola school house for a church at a cost of \$200, and expect to put \$200 repairs on it, which we think will make a good church. We have done this to get the church in town and the school out of town.

We would like very much to restore the old Viola work, and we expect some improvements at least. We read the Advocate with great interest and ask the prayers of all its supporters, on the Viola work.

G. W. M. Freeman, Jr. P. C.

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Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, International Field Worker and Rev. W. Fred Long, General Secretary, will conduct Institutes under the auspices of County Associations at Mena, February 24, 1906, M. E. Church South; mail may be addressed in care of W. E. Anderson. For Smith, February 25, 1906, Central M. E. Church South; mail in care Judge S. F. Stahl, Fayetteville, February 26, 1906, Cumberland Presbyterian Church; mail in care Rev. R. Thomsen. Van Buren, February 27, 1906, M. E. Church South; mail in care P. W. Furry. Little Rock, February 28, 1906, Winfield Memorial Church; mail in care H. P. Edmondson. Arkadelphia, March 1, 1906, Baptist Church; mail in care C. C. Henderson. Malvern, March 2, 1906, Presbyterian Church; mail in care R. H. Freeland.

A Rainy Day.

This is no uncommon thing, but when it comes on Sunday and shuts a preacher in from one or more appointments, he feels like something uncommon has come to pass. This article is not all that your scribe has given himself to—been reading "Gems of Thought and Beauty," a collection of choice extracts from Talmage, Beecher, Guthrie, Parker, and Moody; and it makes one feel refreshed to keep company with removed spirits. This day "of low hung clouds" finds me at Ash Flat, a small town in the eastern part of Sharp county.

This is a healthful locality and therefore desirable. We have a very passable church edifice, soon to be made better, and the old parsonage will soon be torn away for a new one. There are some elegant and noble people here, who, of course, always take the lead in public movements like this. There is a future, a wonderful future for all this hill country, and the resources are here to aid in developing on all lines of material, mental and moral advancement. What we need is more effort in all these remunerative fields of opportunity. Then our reports as pastors, and church workers will not appear so unpromising in the deficit and decrease column in our minutes. I call attention to one error in our last minutes, i. e. the P. E.'s assessment and receipts. Ass'd for P. E. last \$800.00, this year \$771.12, shows a decrease in assessment of \$28.88. Receipts last year \$648.25; this year, \$673.19, and the minutes show in the decrease column \$18.80, less than last year, when it should be increase of \$25.94 over last year. There is no decrease in our membership as will readily appear when the fact is reported that one charge made no report, Calico Rock Mission. There are more than 200 members on that work. I come in here for my part of the blame, and promise to do so no more. Though I do not shoulder all the blame. Did you ever see a fellow who would right goodly?

The Arkansas Methodist is growing in favor with our people, and I hope the day is not far away when you will have 20,000 subscribers. Amen. Our door is open to you Mr. Editor. Now, this is my rainy Sunday letter, I trust it will not offend our loving heavenly Father, nor any of my fellow laborers. I am suffering with cold, and acute sore throat. Blessings on all.

Jas. F. Jernigan.

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South Hot Springs	Mar. 4-5
Arkadelphia Circuit	Mar. 10-11
Arkadelphia Station	Mar. 11-12
Traskwood Circuit	Mar. 17-18
Malvern Station	Mar. 18-19
Ussery Circuit	Mar. 24-25
Fark Avenue Station	Mar. 25-26
Amity Circuit	Mar. 31-Apr. 1
Lono Circuit	Apr. 7-8
Princeton Circuit	Apr. 14-15
Hot Springs Circuit	Apr. 21-22
Central Avenue	Apr. 22-23
Malvern Avenue	Apr. 28-29
Social Hill Circuit	May 12-13
Holly Springs Circuit	May 19-20
Dalark Circuit	May 26-27

B. A. FEW, P. E.

MORRILTON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Plumerville Circuit, at Plumerville	Mar. 3-4
Morrilton Station	Mar. 4-5
Conway Circuit, at Round Mt.	Mar. 17-18
Cleveland Circuit, at Robertsville	Mar. 24-25
Morganland Circuit, at Harrison's Chapel	Mar. 31-Apr. 1
Quitman station	Apr. 1-2
Clinton Circuit at Mt. Home	Apr. 7-8
Quitman Circuit, at McKnow's Chapel	Apr. 14-15
Atkins Circuit	Apr. 21-22
Holland Circuit at Mt. Vernon	Apr. 28-29
Adona Circuit, at Casa	May 5-6
Houston, Miss., at Perryville	May 12-13
Conway Station	May 20-21
Russellville Station	May 27-28

J. B. STEVENSON, P. E.

SOUTH McALESTER DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Krebs Circuit	Feb. 17-18
Canadian Circuit (Crowder City)	Feb. 18-19
Atoka	Feb. 21-23
Coalgate	Feb. 24-25
So. McAlester	Mar. 3-4
Willburton	Mar. 4-5
Hartshorne & Halleyville	Mar. 10-11
McAlester Station	Mar. 11-12
Durant Circuit	Mar. 17-18
Durant Station	Mar. 18-19
Albany Circuit	Mar. 24-25
Bennington & Boswell	Mar. 26-27
Colbert Circuit	Mar. 27-28
Ravala Circuit	Mar. 31-Apr. 1
Bokehito Circuit	Mar. 31-Apr. 1
Tishomingo Station	Mar. 31-Apr. 1
Wapanucka	Apr. 1-2
Caddo & Sterrett	Apr. 7-8

Stonewall	April 14-15
Olney Circuit	April 15-16
Pontotoc	April 21-22
Cauey Circuit	April 28-29
Kiowa Circuit	April 29-30

The S. McAlester District Conference will be held at Kiowa, I. T., July 18-22. Committees and program will be announced later.
S. G. Thompson, P. E.
P. O.—So. McAlester, I. T.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Paragould—First Church	Feb. 24-25
Corning Station	Mar. 3-4
Knobel Circuit	Mar. 4-5
Bodysville Circuit	Mar. 10-11
Piggott Circuit and Mission	Mar. 11-12
East Paragould Circuit	Mar. 17-18
Paragould East Side Church	Mar. 18-19
Swifton Circuit	Mar. 21-22
Portia Circuit	Mar. 25-26
Walnut Ridge Station	Mar. 25-26
Smithville and Powhatan	Mar. 31-Apr. 1
Pocahontas and Black Rock	Apr. 1-2
Gainesville Circuit	Apr. 7-8
Rector Circuit	Apr. 8-9
Imboden Circuit	Apr. 14-15
Mammoth Springs and Hardy Circuit	Apr. 15-16
Maynard Circuit	Apr. 20-21
Pocahontas Circuit	Apr. 21-22
Paragould Circuit	Apr. 28-29
Lorado Circuit	Apr. 29-30
Reyno Circuit	Apr. 22-23

Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—2nd. ROUND.

Bentonville Station	Feb. 25 11 a. m.
Rogers Station	Feb. 25 7 p. m.
Center Point Circuit at Masous Valley	Mar. 3-4
Gravette Circuit at Gravette	Mar. 10-11
Winslow Mission at Brentwood	Mar. 17-18
Springtown Circuit at Decatur	Mar. 24-25
Elm Springs Circuit at Robinson	Mar. 31, Apr. 1
Farmington Circuit at Rhea's	Apr. 7-8
Goshen Circuit at Son's Chapel	Apr. 14-15
Springdale Station	Apr. 15-16
Bentonville Circuit at New Home	Apr. 21-22
Gentry Station	Apr. 28-29
Prairie Grove Circuit at New Sulphur	May 5-6
Siloam Springs Station	May 12-13
Huntsville Circuit at McConells Chapel	May 19-20
War Eagle Mission at War Eagle	May 21-22
Lincoln Circuit at White Rock	May 20-27

The Fayetteville District Conference, M. E. Church, South, will be held at Gentry, Ark., April 26-29, 1906. Opening service begins 9 a. m. 26, at 11 a. m. the opening sermon will be preached by Rev. O. H. Tucker.

The following are the examining committees:

For License to preach and admission on trial: L. H. Eakes, Y. A. Gilmore and B. M. Burrow.

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In the report on Bible Cause at the last session of the Arkansas Conference it was recommended that Feb. 25 be observed as anniversary day and that public collections be taken in all the churches, and that the money be sent to the Treasurer, D. N. Weaver, Waldron, Ark., by March 1, 1906. Will not all the preachers attend to this in time?

O. H. TUCKER, Chair.

Fayetteville, Ark.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. M. J. McALMONT.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Little Rock Conference stands in presence of a great bereavement, in the death of Mrs. M. J. McAlmont, their beloved active Treasurer for more than twenty years, and their honorary Treasurer and life member till called from labor to high reward. In her long official connection with the secretaries of various auxiliaries, she was distinctively recognized as of saintly spirit, and a few lines from her ready pen, always carried inspiration as though an angel had spoken, with blessing. Though our dear sister has passed into the heavens, and "is not, for our God hath taken her," she leaves many sweet words for Jesus, echoing throughout the Conference boundary. Verily "though dead, she yet speaketh." Her name is inseparably linked with the Woman's Missionary work. How much of our success is due to her faith and devotion, we may never know till we hear from the great book, the record of her beautiful life. Then, beloved, as the long associated co-workers of our sister who has gone home before us, let us bow with reverent submission to our Father, who gave and hath taken away, thanking Him for her consecrated and courageous life, and that in the great struggle for victory, we have been privileged to stand side by side with her, and to learn of her, some of the deep things of God, we had not known without her. Let us resolve that her memory shall ever be held as sacred incentive to better work for the Master, and that, like



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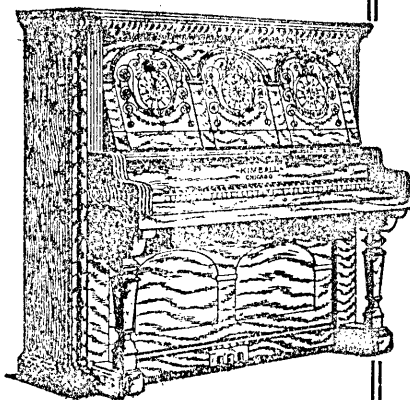
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We ask that these words be published in Western Christian Advocate and copies sent to family, and spread upon the Minutes of Conference Society.

Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss, Pres. Conf. Society;
Mrs. J. F. Giles, Vice Pres;
Mrs. Sara Vance, Treasurer;
Mrs. Lewis Powell, Rec. Sec;
Mrs. James Thomas, Cor. Sec.

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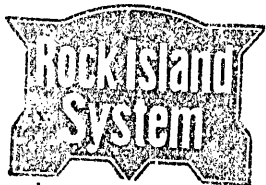
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ALEX, I. T.—We are watching at the bedside of a sick wife, and our baby is dead.

Our first Quarterly Conference met yesterday, here at the parsonage. Paid our P. C's. salary this quarter, \$24.75, assessment for year

\$225. Amount spent for parsonage this quarter \$169.70. Minutes received. Table No. 3 of Tyrone charge is changed with Grand Charge. I hope to have as good report this year. Pray for us,
A. G. White.

CHEYENNE, I. T.—Our work is progressing very nicely. Rev. C. F. Roberts, our Presiding Elder, held our first Quarterly Conference last Saturday and Sunday, and the reports were encouraging indeed.

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Grady circuit at Grady Feb. 24, 25
Leon circuit at Cross Roads Mar. 3, 4
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CHOCTAW DISTRICT. Second Round.
(Partial List.)
Hugo station Mar. 3, 4
Ft. Towson circuit at Ft. Towson Mar. 4, 5
Nelson at Atlas Mar. 10, 11
Grant at Soper Mar. 11, 12
Kulltukio at Bokchito Mar. 17, 18
San Bols at Dwight Mts. Mar. 24, 25
W. P. PIPKIN, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT. Second Round.
Hobart station Feb. 25, 26
Martha and Blair, at Martha Mar. 3
Altus station Mar. 4, 5
Granite circuit at Ozona Mar. 10, 11
Hollis circuit at Dryden Mar. 14
Mangum circuit at White Flat Mar. 17, 18
Mangum station Mar. 18, 19
Elmer Ct. at Francis school house Mar. 24, 25
Hendrick circuit at Hendrick Mar. 25, 26
Deer Creek circuit at Francis Mar. 31 Apr. 1
Coralea circuit at Red Hill April 7, 8
Erick circuit April 14, 15
Ollustee and Eldorado, at Ollustee April 21, 22
Duke circuit April 22, 23
Snyder circuit April 28, 29
Mountain Park circuit April 30
Davidson Circuit May 6, 7
Frederick station May 6, 7
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WYNNEWOOD DISTRICT. First Round.
Moral circuit at Pioneer Feb. 24, 25
Vanett circuit at Wanett Feb. 25, 26
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OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT. Second Round.
Perry station Feb. 24, 25
Morrison station Feb. 25, 26
Stillwater station Mar. 3
Guthrie station Mar. 4, 5
Norman station Mar. 10, 11
St. Luke's Okla. City Mar. 11, 12
Franklin circuit Mar. 17, 18
Epworth, Oklahoma City Mar. 18, 19
Keokuk Falls Mar. 24, 25
Sparks and Prague Mar. 25, 26
Konawa April 1
Maud April 1, 2
Capitol Hill and Wheatland April 7, 8
El Reno April 8, 9
Shawnee, First church April 14, 15
Forest Ave. April 15, 16
Aseer station April 16, 17
Bethel circuit April 21, 22
McLoud April 22, 23
Arcadia circuit April 28, 29

DUNCAN DISTRICT. Second Round.
Carnegie at Carnegie Feb. 17, 18
Terral and Ryan at Terral Feb. 24, 25
Hastings at Waurika Mar. 3, 4
Walter at Mt. View Mar. 10, 11
Temple station Mar. 11, 12
Lawton Station Mar. 17, 18
Rush Spr. at Wood Lawn Mar. 24, 25
Marlow station Mar. 25, 26
Duncan circuit at Hopewell April 1, 2
Comanche station April 2, 3
Fletcher circuit April 7, 8
Cement station April 8, 9
Duncan station April 14, 15
Mingo and Tuttle at Tuttle April 21, 22
Bailey circuit April 28, 29
Indian Work May 5, 6
The District Conference will be held at Duncan April 11-15.
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HARRISON DISTRICT. SECOND ROUND.
Valley Springs, at Western Grove Feb. 24-25
Lead Hill, at Lead Hill March 3-4
Bellfonte, at Mt. Zion March 10-11
Mt. Home Circuit, at Fair View Mar. 17-18
Mt. Home Station Mar. 18-19
Cotter, at Lone Rock Mar. 24-25
Harrison Mar. 31, April 1
Yellville Circuit, at Liberty April 7-8
Yellville Station April 8-9
Berryville Cir. at Pleasant Valley Apr. 14-15
Berryville Station April 15-16
Kingston Circuit, at Kingston April 21-22

MONTICELLO DISTRICT. SECOND ROUND
Monticello Circuit February 24-25
Monticello Station February 25-26
Hamburg at Extra March 3-4
Hamburg Sta. Mar. 4-5
Crossett March 6-7
Tillar at Selma March 10-11
Dermot and McGhee March 17-18
Lake Village and E. March 24-25
Wilmar March 31, Apr. 1
Snyder April 7-8
Arkansas City and W. April 14-15
Palestine April 21-22
Portland, Dist. Conference April 24-29
New Edinburg May 5-6
Warren May 6-7
Lacey May 12-13
Jersey May 19-20
Please note—District Conference at Portland, embracing 5th Sunday in April. By special invitation of the good people of Portland we will hold a Sunday School Institute in connection with the District Conference. Beginning Tuesday night April 24 at 7:30 o'clock. It will embrace all day Wednesday. I have written to Rev. Geo. H. McGlumphy, State Secretary Sunday School work to be there.

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