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EDITORIAL.

Our State Constitution; Revision Necessary.

[Abstract of an address delivered by A. C. Millar, one of the editors of the Western Christian Advocate, before the Arkansas State Press Association. Our Indian Territory and Oklahoma readers may profitably study these suggestions and apply the principles in the Constitution which they will soon, we trust, have opportunity to adopt.]

Constitutional history is more fascinating than romance. Every American citizen should know not only the history of his country, but the history of its constitution. This requires a study of English Constitutional History. This occasion will not allow time for that, but we assume that it is known that practically every element in our Constitutions, State and Federal, is of English origin, ingrafted originally when the English Constitution was in flux; that the latter being the resultant of certain compacts, traditions, and parliamentary action, is more flexible, and has been greatly modified; while our Constitutions, deliberately adopted with safeguards against easy change, are so stiff that to be adapted to modern needs their spirit is violated by every department of government; and yet we, supposedly the most progressive people, stubbornly refuse to consider modifications obviously needed. The War between the States is the only force that has seriously changed either Federal or State Constitutions. Momentous issues are now pending. Their settlement requires constitutional amendment. Shall we delay till palpable injustice stirs volcanic passion and our Constitutions are carved into more modern form by the sword? Shall war or wisdom settle these questions?

Arkansas needs a new Constitution, but the people have not yet profoundly studied the situation, and to call a convention prematurely would secure only partial relief, and perhaps bar the way to the wisest settlement.

This occasion is used to present to the editors their opportunity to create right sentiment and prepare for a Constitutional Convention that shall command universal respect through its carefully matured product.

Let the following principles be considered:

1. The Electorate.

This is theoretically a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." Practically, it is a government of, by and for the demagogue. It is reasonable to assume that an overwhelming majority of the people are honest, intelligent, and capable. Then it is proper by form of law to make it a government of, by, and for honest, intelligent, and capable men. Which should rule, virtue or vice? intelligence or ignorance? ability or incompetency? To ask is to an-

swer these questions, and yet no State has satisfactory requirements for the electoral franchise. Insidiously destroying our democratic government, in some States, to secure immigration, requirements are too easy, while in other States, for partisan purposes, arbitrary and unnatural qualifications are fixed. Unless the constitutional requisites for the franchise are fundamentally right, the whole structure of state is wrong, and no less wrong because it has the form of law. Our fatal folly is in cheapening and discrediting the ballot. It must be cast by honest, intelligent, and capable men and honestly counted, or we commit political suicide. Unusual virtue and ability are not necessary. Every man worthy to vote should be permitted to win the privilege, and when he fails to maintain his character or exercise his power, he should lose his vote. Details can not here be given, but a thoroughly fair plan can be submitted. The dominant party in Arkansas, without the least danger to its supremacy has an opportunity to secure changes that will be universally applauded. Until this is done other reforms must limp.

2. Taxation.

Much of the jealousy of the different classes and the corruption of officials grows out of inequitable taxation. Our whole system of assessment and taxation is clumsy and crude. The correct solution of the problem has scarcely been touched. It is in some respects the most difficult of all. If merely the maintenance of government were all, the problem would be comparatively simple, but today provision must be made for the support of schools, the building of roads, and the supplying of many public utilities, such as water, light, and transportation. As the different counties and cities are differently interested there should be such flexibility that each unit may be free to settle its own problems, unhampered by the peculiarities or needs of others. This can not be done so long as State, county, and municipal taxes are all levied on the same objects. For instance, a certain county might be anxious to raise much for improved highways. The legal levy on assessed values would not produce the required revenue. To raise the assessment sufficiently would force that county to pay more than its just proportion of State taxes. To remedy this let State, county, and municipal revenues be raised from absolutely distinct sources. Let State revenue be derived from corporations with statewide activities, such as railroads, telegraphs, long distance telephones, and express companies; county, school, and road revenue,

from polls and direct tax on realty; and municipal revenue from privileges and franchises related to municipal activity and needs. Let the exemptions be of a character to promote family life and individual thrift, and the restrictions to prevent immorality and selfishness. Law cannot make men honest, but may increase or diminish temptation.

3. Arbitration of Labor Difficulties.

Labor and capital, both necessary to the proper development of our resources and to supply our wants, must be protected in their respective rights, and the inoffensive class, which, in any particular controversy, may be outside of the contending parties, must also be protected. Provision for peaceful arbitration of all differences must be provided, if we would save ourselves from bloody scenes.

4. A Judicial Legislature.

Laws for the people of the whole State should be enacted with great deliberation, absolute publicity, and opportunity for the parties or interests affected to present fully all arguments for and against the proposed law. Our State Legislature with its two houses was the result of conditions that have been so wholly changed that nothing short of complete remodeling can adjust our law-making body to existing conditions. Anglo-Saxons claim credit for inventing representative government. Changed conditions cause the old forms to become ineffective, so that, even if they are honest and intelligent, our so-called representatives must often misrepresent us. Shall we cling to the obsolete form when the principle has fled afar? Our forefathers sent men to Parliament to resist the exactions of the king. That was almost their only duty. Our representatives must consider a thousand variously related and oftentimes conflicting interests.

These limits will not permit the presentation of details, but an outline only of what the modern Legislature should be. It should be so constituted that it would have the judicial spirit. It should be a body of thirty or forty men of age and varied experience, selected from the State at large, required to give all their time to legislative duties, and paid accordingly. The term should be at least three years, and all terms should not expire at once. With brief recesses this body should sit continuously. It should originate no measures, but hear petitions, from individuals, parties, or corporations seeking new laws or amendment or repeal of old laws. When a measure is presented, it should be published and a convenient time appointed to consider it, all parties interested being invited to present in person or

through representatives, their arguments for or against the measure. After mature deliberation the Legislature votes, each member giving his written reasons for his vote, and these going to record. The State Legislature should pass only on laws that apply to the whole State. Each county should have a council to make laws for the county and each municipality its council for the enactment of its own ordinances.

A body of five men should be formed to whom should be referred the constitutionality of every law and the questions of conflict that might arise between different legislative bodies. This body should not consider the wisdom or value of any law, simply its constitutionality, and this immediately upon its passage, so that there might be no complications growing out of the enforcement. Many questions, especially in municipalities should be referred to the people for their decision. This both cultivates popular interest and sense of responsibility, and removes the cause of much legislative corruption.

The merits of our plan can not here be discussed.

5. Longer Terms and Ineligibility for Re-election.

To give opportunity for executive officers to carry out their policies, terms should be at least four years. To prevent the abuse of official authority to perpetuate power for personal ends, no executive officer should be allowed while holding office to run for that or any other office.

The appointing and pardoning power of the executive should be so limited that it would be impossible for him to organize a machine for personal or political ends. The same ambition that animated Caesar and Napoleon stirs many a man today. He lacks only opportunity to give it rein. Let us hedge such men about with proper restrictions.

6. The Courts.

The careful student of history must admit that the soundest and wisest department of our government is the judiciary. The man who indiscriminately assaults our courts is either a knave who would rise by appeals to prejudice, or the man who is ignorant of the difficulties under which courts labor in the application of carelessly drafted laws to complicated cases. The honest and intelligent judge and jury cannot always satisfy their own minds, much less please the uninformed spectator or the prejudiced partisan. However, the courts could be helped by certain changes in the constitution.

As before suggested, a body should be organized to relieve the courts of the necessity of passing upon the constitutionality of laws. This would simplify the administration of justice and relieve the courts of partisanship. The term, the manner of election, and the compensation of a judge should remove him as far as possible from partisan or personal obligation, but make him depend for his honor upon the honorable discharge of public duty.

Our jury system should be thoroughly revised. With an improved electorate, as previously suggested, the grand jury could be made more effective in the discovery of crime, and the petit jury in its punishments. Justice should be so sure that crime may become afraid and so quick that lynchers may have no excuse. The county or community allowing mob violence should also be held responsible for the damage done.

The above suggestions are merely an outline and may easily be misunderstood. Carefully studied they will be found consonant with true democracy and the growing spirit of fairness and justice. The strict partisan may object because his party might be deprived of some temporary advantage, but every good citizen should remember that a constitution adopted for purely partisan advantage will give his opponents the

same advantage when they come into power. That party is most likely to maintain itself, which proves to the whole people that it is working for the highest interests of all. Such a party may suffer temporary defeat, but will never die.

Arkansas may easily win first place among the States by adopting a constitution so admirable, so just, so adapted to modern needs, that it may become the model for the other States.

The newspapers have it in their power to work out this consummation. It cannot be done in a year, but ten years may accomplish this result.

To Our Subscribers.

This is the short money season. Many patrons cannot conveniently send us anything till fall; many can pay now about as easily as at any time. Our recent consolidation of the two papers called for an immediate outlay of several thousand dollars which we could ill afford to take out of the business. We shall need much money to carry us through the summer without embarrassment. We never deal harshly with our patrons; we recognize that we cannot get along without their good will, and we have no disposition to try to do so—we believe that the readers of this paper are the friends of the paper. We most kindly ask you to look at the date to which your subscription is paid, look now, and send us your check to cover what is due. Be assured in advance that we shall appreciate your remittance. The necessary absence of one of the editors from the office and from the field makes it all the more important that this call should be heeded.

The General Conference.

The fifteenth General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in Birmingham, Ala., May 3, 1906. Our First Church in Birmingham is the best church we have yet seen in Southern Methodism, a spacious, magnificent temple of the Lord, seating 2200 people, built of brown sandstone, finished in cherry in the interior, and with the best acoustic properties we have even found in any large building. It is appropriate that General Conference should meet in a church, not in an armory or a fairgrounds' building.

We glean from the Daily Advocate the following items as to the first day's session:

Of the College of Bishops the following were present: A. W. Wilson, W. W. Duncan, C. B. Galloway, E. R. Hendrix, J. S. Key, W. A. Candler, H. C. Morrison, E. E. Hoss, A. Coke Smith.

The Conference was called to order by Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, who announced hymn No. 78, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God Almighty."

The Conference was then led in prayer by Bishop Key.

Bishop Galloway then read as the first Scripture lesson a part of the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah.

Bishop A. C. Smith read the second lesson from the Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

Bishop Hoss announced the two hundred and tenth hymn, after the singing of which Dr. Carter, of Louisiana, led in prayer.

Bishop Wilson: The Secretary of the last General Conference, Dr. J. J. Tigert, of the Louisville Conference, will come forward and call the roll.

The roll of Bishops was then called, and all the Bishops responded to their names except Bishops Granbery and Fitzgerald.

Dr. J. J. Tigert was elected secretary, and on his nomination the following were elected assistants:

A. F. Watkins and F. S. Parker, Journal

Secretaries.

C. H. Briggs and J. W. Heidt, Reading Secretaries.

J. M. Barcus and W. F. Lloyd, Calendar Secretaries.

J. A. Burrow, Secretary for the Press.

E. O. Watson, Secretary for Telegrams, Letters, and all Fraternal Correspondence.

J. M. Mason, Secretary for Record of yeas and nays votes, for counting standing votes, for supervision of tellers, and all ballot sheets.

Rules of order governing the last General Conference, were adopted, and a Committee on Rules was provided for, to whom all proposed amendments to rules should be referred.

The fourteen standing committees, usual to the work of the Conference, were provided for.

A special committee of seven on Credentials was appointed. Dr. W. L. Nelms is chairman of this committee. A special committee on Fraternal Reception and Correspondence was also raised. Of this committee Dr. DuBose is chairman.

Bishop Galloway read the Episcopal Address, which was evidently written by himself. It is a very able and a very comprehensive document, covering in a masterly way every problem now before the Church. It is too lengthy to be reproduced here. The address shows that life abounds in the Church. We have had an increase in our membership during the quadrennium of 109,427 members, as against an increase of 38,085 last quadrennium; an increase of \$645,673 foreign mission collections over the collections of the last quadrennium; an increase of \$112,863.38 for Church extension. The total missionary collections for last year amount to \$955,779. The address deplores the decrease of ministerial supply, and recommends that the licensing of preachers be restored to the Quarterly Conferences. It calls attention to the ominous and rapid decline in the number of local preachers, showing that during the past ten years we have lost over two thousand. It discusses all the various problems that now confront the Church in the South, problems arising from the immense growth of the South, its increasing manufacturing interests, its immigration, its growing cities. It reviews the entire mission work of the church, showing our growth in every field we occupy throughout the world, and making recommendations looking to the expansion of the work at home and abroad. It recommends that a secretary for Home Missions be provided, to serve under the direction of the General Board. It recommends that the two woman's societies be united. As to Church extension, the address says that we have built one church for every sixteen hours during the last four years. It calls especial attention to the need of good churches in college towns. As to publishing interests of the Church, a prosperous condition is set forth. The house has done the largest business of its whole history during the last four years. Stress is laid upon the work of education, and especial attention is directed to the education of negroes in the South. Ministers are admonished to keep to an honest investigation of truth, but to keep out of our pulpits such subjects as do not pertain to the gospel. The address announces that there is now available for the building of the Barnes Hospital, in St. Louis a million and a half dollars, and that the same will be built as soon as practicable, greatly enhancing the usefulness of our Church over the wide radius. Commendatory mention is also made of the Wesley Memorial Hospital, in Atlanta, Ga., so recently opened and so successfully conducted. The principle of consolidation of Church papers is approved. The cause of Christian unity and the cause of Methodist

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

The Christian Advocate (Nashville) has come out in new dress and somewhat larger. It is now very similar in appearance to the Advocates published by the Northern Methodist Church.

This week we went to press before much General Conference news came in. Next week everything that can wait will be held over and much space will be given to the General Conference.

Our beloved senior Bishop Wilson is not by any means strong, perhaps never will be so again, yet nobody wants him superannuated. The affection of the whole church for him is something wonderful.

The following brethren from the Indian Mission Conference, besides the delegates, are in attendance upon the General Conference: Revs. J. L. Bray, G. W. Hooper, C. W. Myatt and P. T. McQuorter.

The Baltimore Conference has asked the General Conference to take steps to interest the whole church in erecting in Washington City a church building representative of our denomination and equal to our needs in the nation's capital city.

The Pacific Methodist Advocate lost everything in the San Francisco disaster except its mailing list. It comes out at present as a circular. We trust Bro. Vaughan, editor and publisher, will have liberal support in re-establishing the paper.

Rev. H. H. Watson, of Broadway Church, Ardmore, I. T., spent several days in Little Rock last week visiting his daughter and looking after certain business interests. He looks hearty and reports flourishing conditions. His people will soon build a fine parsonage for him.

Dr. J. C. Simmons, our oldest preacher on the Pacific Coast, died at his home, Salinas, Calif., April 21. He was a pioneer, having labored with Bishop Fitzgerald and other great souls in the early days of California. He was a versatile writer and charming lecturer, everywhere known and loved on the Pacific Coast.

In addition to the delegates to the General Conference from the State of Arkansas, the following were present during the first few days of its session: Revs. W. F. Evans, A. O. Evans, J. D. Dunn, J. S. Hawkins, E. M. Pipkin, Jno. H. Dye, M. O. Barnett, J. W. Harrell, J. L. Johnson and B. A. Few. Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, Mrs. W. F. Evans and Mrs. J. L. Johnson were with their husbands.

Rev. W. F. Andrews recently delivered an address at the closing exercises of Williams Industrial College, the Colored Methodist school in this city. He also spent last week assisting Rev. G. E. Cameron, at Pittsburg, Tex., in a revival which resulted in over one hundred conversions and additions to the church.

The Hendrix College Mirror for April is Alumni issue. It contains a fine literary article by Mrs. Mary McKinnon McSwain, '95; a discriminating and optimistic article on the "Christianity of the Future," by Rev. O. E. Goddard, '93; life-like "Reminiscences" by C. B. Riggan, '93; and a strong article on "Legislative Corruption" by Hon. C. T. Cotham, '95. Happy is the college that holds the continued interest of its graduates! Her distinguished sons and daughters are her pride and they delight to honor the fostering mother.

Henderson College Commencement.

Rev. J. A. B. Fry will preach the Commencement Sermon for Henderson College, May 27th. On the evening of the same date Rev. J. M. Workman will deliver the Annual Address before the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Hon. J. J. Doyne will deliver the Baccalaureate Address to the Graduating Class, May 30th. J. M. Williams.

Honor to the American Express Company.

Relief will come to the prohibition territory of Mississippi through the good office of the American Express Company. Heretofore this company has been the medium through which whisky dealers have set at naught the prohibition laws of this State. Their work was done on the C. O. D. plan. The people tried in vain to stop it, and as a last resort appealed to Congress, but that body is slow and uncertain. Pending legislation the O. R. T. (Order of Railroad Telegraphers we suppose), to which order the whole business was offensive, the majority of operators being also express agents, took the matter up, and laid it before the express managers, and now comes the good news that after July 1 the American Express Company will handle no more C. O. D. whisky packages in the prohibition territory of Mississippi. Honor to the Company, and double honor to the agents who succeeded in securing the order! If Congress will follow this up by passing the Williams bill prohibiting such traffic, our State prohibition laws will become effective. But we cannot feel altogether safe until Congress acts.—New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Value of Sunday Closing.

Kansas City, Mo., a city of 200,000 has just completed its first year of a Sunday-closing law-enforcement government. The people are so well satisfied that you cannot find an intelligent man who believes the lid will ever be taken off—while the people have the right to say. In an interview with Chief of Police John Hayes, some striking results of the year's regime are noted.

"What has Sunday-closing of saloons done for Kansas City and what has been the effect upon crime and general police business?" was asked the chief, and his reply was as follows:

"The Sunday-closing of saloons has been a success. It has been a hard battle for the police, but it has been strictly enforced and with abso-

lute fairness and impartiality. Briefly this is what Sunday-closing of saloons has brought about in Kansas City on Sundays: Absence of noisy crowds on the streets, decrease in arrests for drunkenness of 80 per cent, decrease in crime of all kinds of 75 per cent, fights and brawls very infrequent, no more 'rushing the can' in view of men and women going or returning from church. Much complaint on this score before the law went into effect. Now there is none. No noisy, clanging patrol wagons hurrying through the streets to a saloon disturbance."

Chief Hayes then pointed out that where formerly there were twenty-five to thirty patrol wagon calls on each Sunday there were now fewer than half a dozen and frequently none at all. He also said that a personal investigation had convinced him that the saloon keepers themselves were generally satisfied. Said he: "At first there was dissatisfaction because many saloon keepers fancied the law would be applied only to those saloon keepers who had no particular influence and other saloons would be allowed to remain open. Now that the proprietors have found by actual experience that the law applies to and is enforced upon all of them they are satisfied as a rule. Another effect the law has had upon the saloons is to make the proprietors have a greater respect for the law than they ever had before. While the enforcement of the Sunday-closing law has caused the police work in one way, in another it has lightened their work 75 per cent."

Rev. James Thomas Seated.

Rev. James Thomas was sent as a delegate from the Little Rock Conference to the General Conference. It has been given out in Arkansas for some months that certain brethren would challenge his right to sit. Accordingly on the second day of the session of the General Conference a paper was sent to the Secretary of the Conference, signed by E. M. Pipkin and J. S. Hawkins, accompanied by a paper protesting against his right to sit. This was done after an exhaustive effort had been made to get some member of the Conference to present the protest, but no one could be found who would do so. The protest was referred to a Committee on credentials. This committee called before them Rev. E. M. Pipkin and heard his statement in full, and then notified Rev. James Thomas that they did not care to hear any testimony in rebuttal. They unanimously reported that the delegate was, in their judgment, entitled to sit, and without any dissent at all the Conference adopted their report, which action was followed by applause. Indignation at the whole proceeding is freely expressed by many members of the Conference.

The protest contained nothing which has not been alleged by the opponents of Brother Thomas for several years past.

The Western Christian Advocate has refrained from saying anything on this subject while issues were pending, for it is not our business to settle judicial processes. But now that the Little Rock Conference has acted and now that the General Conference has acted, we submit that any further agitation of this matter will deserve the censure of all who love the peace of the Church. Nor ought it to be permitted by those in authority. Men who claim to have a conscience for the purity of the Church ought to submit to the judgment of the Church, or else they are disturbers and ought themselves to be silenced.

This paper now has a complete job office, good printers, and is ready for all kinds of job work at fair prices.

General Corbin and the Missionaries.

General Corbin, as reported, in making his report to our government, on the conditions in China, after mentioning several things as the cause of present conditions in China, makes this broad statement: "Aside from this, the chief source of anti-foreign feeling troubles in China is due to the presence of the missionaries. I am assured of this by very prominent Chinese, not at all friendly to the presence of foreign missionaries. They resent the effort of missionaries to force a lot of new creeds on their people." It will be noted that General Corbin gets his information "from prominent Chinese not at all friendly to foreign missionaries." Possibly if he had consulted prominent Chinese people friendly to foreign missionaries (as some of them are) their testimony would have been different. Every one at all informed on the methods of Protestant missionaries knows that they make no effort to force their creeds on an unwilling people. But like the great Apostle to the Gentiles, "Knowing the terrors of the Law, they persuade men." Again, "The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves." Such is the spirit that prevades our missionaries. In this report General Corbin is not specific, but, like many leading secular papers when they criticize the conduct of foreign missionaries, he generalizes.

Against this practice I enter my humble, though earnest, protest. I insist that it is due the self-sacrificing missionaries, that such charges should be definite. If they are Protestant missionaries, say so; if they are Catholics, say so. It would be better to designate the denomination, and thus fix the responsibility. Only last year, I think it was, the Memphis Commercial Appeal made some grave charge against foreign missionaries in a general way. Dr. Potts, of the Baptist Church, wrote the editor to inquire if he referred to Baptist missionaries. The answer was, "No, not Baptist missionaries." Doubtless the same response would have been made to every Protestant minister in Memphis. The Rev. S. Harrington Little, an Episcopal missionary, recently returned from China, makes this statement in the daily Gazette of March 17: "Undoubtedly there has been some cause for irritation against French missionaries who have used the power of their government in their work and in law suits, and whom France has used to further her interests in China. At the demand of France, Roman Catholic Bishops have been given by the Chinese government high official rank, and with their new authority has come the temptation to misuse their power; but even so it is impossible, in view of the facts already stated, to admit for a moment the charge of General Corbin against missionaries. Careful study of the Chinese question compels the conclusion that political and social, rather than directly religious, conditions have brought China to its present state of agitation and turmoil."

Again, I quote from the Literary Digest, of March 8: "While the attack upon the missionaries of Nanchang, China, evokes many varied expressions of opinion from the American press there comes with each such expression a warning that the missionaries

must not forget and become too temporally lordly. In the present instance, so the report goes, a Chinese magistrate, disputing a point of property possession with some Catholic priests, became so incensed at their demands and aggressiveness that he committed suicide, whereupon six French priests and two English missionaries were killed." The New York Evening Mail thinks the missionaries in China "should be admonished that their work for the present must be accomplished along meek and lowly rather than high and mighty lines."

The London Times is quoted thus: "It is impossible to deny that the intervention of missionaries in Chinese local politics and their protection of native converts is one of the chief causes of the anti-foreign attitude of the Chinese officials." Another instance of generalizing. What missionaries have intervened in Chinese local politics and protected native converts from the just penalty of the law? What missionaries are likely to become "too temporally lordly?" Is it Protestant or Catholic missionaries who accomplish their work along high and mighty rather than meek and lowly lines? It is evident, according to the statement of the Rev. Mr. Little, and the cases related in the Literary Digest, that the Catholic missionaries are at the bottom of these troubles. Then why not say so, and cease to frame the charges so that the innocent suffer alike with the guilty? It is an open secret that the Roman Catholic Church seeks political influence in every country where they secure a foothold. Witness Mexico, Brazil, Spain, France and even Protestant America. Finally, the Washington Post is quoted as saying, "We are unwelcome. We can do nothing but mischief by remaining. Certainly we are doing no good of any kind. And if the infuriated populace should put our missionaries to death, as now seems more than probable, how shall we please the Prince of Peace by ravaging Chinese territory immolating Chinese thousands in barbarous and cruel vengeance." By doing these things we should most grievously displease the Prince of Peace. Protestant Christians do not favor such a course.

But recently the Presbyterian Board refused to accept financial damages for the massacre of their missionaries. Are we accomplishing no good? Let Minister Conger answer and others testify. Shall we withdraw because we are unwelcome and a cruel death awaits our missionaries? When the shadow of the cross fell on the pathway of the Christ did he falter, cease to proclaim the truth because he was unwelcome?

E. L. Beard.

Lonohe, Ark.

Rev. S. W. Register.

My acquaintance with Bro. S. W. Register began on Pinville Circuit at old Mayland Arbor in 1880. At that meeting, through his fearless reproof and gentle exhortation, I was led to the Cross. Under his leadership I was urged to lay hold on eternal life. At that meeting I found the peace that passeth the knowledge of men and the witness of the Spirit that enabled me to cry, "Abba, Father." He baptized and received me into the Church. From him I received my first Christian training, so I can say that

Bro. Register was my spiritual Father. All our associations were pleasant. His cheering letters and fatherly advice were always received gladly. He did not claim scholarship, but he certainly proved in his ministry that he had spiritual food and knowledge that the world knows not of.

May his ashes rest in peace and may his many converts (for he always had conversions on all his charges) live lives of usefulness, and enjoy the peace he preached. To his loved ones who survive him let us say, Know the God of your father, serve him with a perfect mind and willing heart, and one day we will meet again in the fields of God's eternal glory.

God bless Sister Register. I know the sting of separation, but out of it all the Lord will bring us by his love, if we are only faithful to him.

J. R. Edwards.

Hargrove College,

We are now entering upon the last month of the present session of Hargrove College. There is a fine spirit in the school. Good work is being done. Our enrollment has reached 246. The attendance is by far the largest at this season of the year in the history of the college. We have had a very prosperous year for which we devoutly thank God. The school is paying all running expenses, and giving the president a living salary. The embarrassing debt of \$7500 has been lifted during the year. Be it said to the praise of Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, wife of our beloved, but now ascended Bishop Hargrove, that she has given \$2000 to the college during the year. The board of trustees are contemplating larger things for the college. A new dormitory for boys is greatly needed, and the west wing to college building is much needed. This would give more dormitory room for girls.

Ardmore has done nobly by the college this year and is willing to do more, but we need help from without. Dear brethren and friends, will you not help us build such an institution as we shall all feel proud of? There are still some unpaid subscriptions to the college. Some of these are two, three or four years old. Brethren, please send the amount of your subscription to J. A. Evans, Treasurer Board of Trustees, Ardmore, I. T.

J. M. Gross.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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May 20. Death of John the Baptist.

Mark 6:14-2. (Read Matt. 14:1-12; Luke 5:1-20; 6:7-13). Committ v. 20.

Golden Text: "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess," Eph. 5:18.

Locating the Lesson.

Time—March, A. D. 29. Place—Machærus, east of Dead Sea. Connecting Links—Several very busy months lie in between last week's lesson and this. Read Matt. 9:10-34; 13:53-58; 9:35; 11:1.

Introduction.

The Dramatis Personae of the Tragedy.

1. Herod Antipas, a son of Herod the Great, the ruler of Galilee and Perea. He was of the Jewish faith, the possessor of considerable culture but easily influenced for good or evil.

2. Herodias, the former wife of Herod Antipas' brother Philip, was a woman of strong personality, of boundless ambition, willing to sacrifice every thing to her dream of being queen of the reunited dominions of Herod the Great.

3. Salome, the daughter of Herodias by her former husband Philip, is the true offspring of her shameless mother.

4. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, was a son of the desert, an intellectual giant, an austere yet magnetic soul. He was the unbribable herald of the truth.

I. God's Message to Herod by John the Baptist.

1. John's preaching had stirred the nation by his two-fold message of repentance and the kingdom of God. "There went out to hear him Jerusalem and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan." It is possible that the fame of John's preaching having reached the ears of Herod Antipas, he was invited to the palace. Be this as it may, we know that he who shrank not from "laying the ax at the root of the tree" of private and public sin dared to denounce the adulterous marriage of Herod and Herodias.

2. Herod came under the power of that mighty "Son of Thunder." His conscience waked from its sleep. He delighted in the trenchant preaching of the Baptist, we are told that he even "did many things." Perhaps he wept over his weakness, maybe he prayed after a fashion, possibly determined to be a man and renounce the consort of his guilt, Herodias.

3. We may be sure that Herodias was wholly astonished by John's preaching—long since she slew her conscience on the altar of ambition—save as she saw Herod fast coming under the sway of the preacher. She cared nothing for the scathing denunciation of her sin, save as it imperiled her position.

4. Poor Herod, like those planets which they tell us revolve around the double stars, vibrated between those two mightiest of human forces, a man of God and a woman of hell. On one hand was the voice of God in John awakening the lashings of conscience and a land aflame with the fame of the preacher, and on the other, the power (and I am sure the fatal beauty) of a conscienceless, ambitious woman.

II. The Fateful Dance of Salome.

1. We can picture to ourselves that drunken revel in the palace. Let us veil our eyes in shame as Salome arrayed in the silken gauze danced the voluptuous mazes of Oriental licentious pantomime.

12. We hear amid the plaudits of the maudlin banqueters the voice of Herod shouting, "Whatsoever thou wilt, ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom." The die is cast," Herodias' plot has won.

3. The unexpected demand shocks and sobers Herod and he draws back from the murder. That recoil is God's hand stretched out to save. Will he be a man? No, heroes do not rise from debauchery. He surrenders John to the headsman's ax, yet more, he lays his immortal soul at the feet of Herodias.

III. God's last Message to Herod.

1. Jesus himself stands before Herod, sent from Pilate's bar. The Nazarene is silent that the voice of John might speak, that Herod's conscience may be startled by the awful silence of the Son of God. But no, he who once heard John gladly "and did many things," sees in Christ himself nothing but a good subject for an hour's sport.

2. Poor Herod! Wine and women wrecked the life for all eternity. Instigated by Herodias, he grasped the throne, lost his tetrarchy, was banished and died in exile.

Thoughts.

1. Herodias is the Jezebel of the New Testament.

2. God's best or worst gift to man is woman—according to the woman.

3. Only partial obedience is as destructive, in the long run, as open rebellion.

4. Repentance without its fruit is but trimming the thorn tree for fuller bloom.

5. A bad promise is better broken than kept, though best never made.

6. We prepare ourselves for sudden deeds of heroism or shame by our daily choice of good or evil.

7. Did Herod kill his conscience? No, there came a time, when, like Lady Macbeth, he cried, "all the perfumes of Arabia cannot sweeten this little hand."

8. He who writes in full and aright the history of the dance needs a pen of iron dipped in scarlet ink.

9. Weep not for John, he escaped the dark gloom to dwell in the bright glory.

Field Notes.

1. The Secretary had the pleasure of spending a Sunday in Pine Bluff. Methodism is moving forward with great strides. All our churches are in fine condition.

2. Rev. D. H. Colquette, the secretary of the program committee for the Morrilton Sunday School Institute, is sending out one of the neatest programs we have seen. By the way, that is Colquette's style.

3. The Institute held at Portland, in connection with the Monticello District Conference, was a success in every way. Presiding Elder Hayes has one of the best manned districts in the state. He has wrought a great work for Southeast Arkansas Methodism.

4. The Secretary's visit to the Fayetteville District Conference, at Gentry, was certainly very pleasant, at least to the Sec-

retary. The closing afternoon of the Conference was given to the Sunday School work. Brother Sherman, the presiding elder, is planning and bringing to pass great things. He leads a noble band of preachers.

5. The Fayetteville District Sunday School Union was organized last week at Gentry. A brief constitution was adopted and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Prof. J. H. Reynolds; Secretary, Vance Womack; Treasurer, Miss Iva Wasson.

A Splendid Idea.

Your paper has recently given its readers two able and magnificent editorials concerning a closer bond of union and work for the two great Episcopal Methodisms of this country. We would endorse both the spirit and purpose of these articles. They are timely and wise, and will find a ready response in the hearts of thousands of loyal Methodists, North and South.

As we read the signs, the wedding day is surely drawing near. The wooing is progressing sweetly; and the neighbors wonder how much longer the marriage feast is to be delayed—indeed we wonder ourselves. Let the word be spoken. "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

As was suggested, let us turn away from the past. The leaders in both churches have been, and are, high-minded, God-fearing men. They made mistakes, for they were only men. Let us throw over their foibles and mistakes the broad mantle of a Christian charity. Matters of ancient history should be turned over to the archaeologist. It seems too late in the day to spend much time in discussing a "plan" in vogue more than half a century ago. Shall not a Missionary Church follow the leadings of Providence and enter every open door? The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, should not hesitate to go anywhere in this planet when the Great Captain says "Go." Mingling we become acquainted. The East Ohio Annual Conference of the M. E. Church was formed from a part of the old Pittsburg and a part of the old Erie Conferences, the types of Methodism, when the union occurred, were thought to be widely different; and for a time we had practically two Conferences; but after a time, they became acquainted and the lines became obliterated. God bless our whole Methodism, and may it become more closely cemented.

Come on, brethren, with your splendid plan of federation or any other plan, that will unite these great Protestant Church families in closer bonds of fellowship and thus help answer that prayer of the Master, "That they may be one; even, as we are one."

C. M. Hollett,

P. E. Little Rock District, M. E. Church.

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federation receive strong support. Methodist union in Japan is warmly approved. The passing away of Bishop Keener and of Bishop Hargrove is tenderly noticed. The election of two new Bishops is recommended. The address closes with an eloquent forecast of a triumphant morrow which lies before the Church.

We close this writing on Friday evening. The committees are about all organized and the Conference is well settled to the business on this, the second day of its session.

Dr. Young J. Allen on China.

On May 5, by special invitation of the General Conference Dr. Young J. Allen, our venerable missionary statesman from China, addressed the Conference on conditions in the East. We report from address some items of interest. Dr. Allen dwelt upon the antiquity of China, the empire continuing to live after all ancient civilizations, Babylonian, Egyptian, Greek and Roman, have perished; upon the populousness of the empire, having 400 millions of people, as against 120 millions in the Roman Empire at its height; upon the conquests of the empire, it having conquered long ago all the people adjacent.

But it is to the present and the future of China we must look. She is in a state of transition. There can be no doubt that a revolution is contemplated, a revolution which is expected to overthrow the Maichu dynasty, the abolishment of the extra-territorial rights of foreign nations, and the admission of China into the comity of nations; a revolution embracing many advances and reforms.

The people of China have been hitherto held down by a pure despotism, but the humiliations which the government has repeatedly suffered at the hands of foreign governments, together with the influence of education obtained abroad by younger Chinamen, have wrought upon the minds of the Chinese people a great change. They have lost respect for the government. The people oppose their own government and oppose foreigners for the same reason, both are parties to the humiliation of China.

Ancestral worship, which is the real religion of China, must go. The dread of malignant interference by the departed spirits of ancestors whose children neglect their memory, or depart from the ancestral faith, the dread of all sorts of calamity upon the families of a community as a consequence of forsaking the faith of their fathers, is an awful clog upon the nation.

One of the most significant facts about China is the revolt of the women against ancient customs. Especially are the women revolting against the ancient involuntary marriage system by which they are betrothed and married. They are demanding that they be allowed to walk abroad instead of being shut up; they are demanding the right to speak in public—in short they are demanding emancipation.

The Chinese boycott rests upon the bad treatment of Chinese gentlemen in this country, treating them as coolies. President Roosevelt assured Dr. Allen the other day that it was not his purpose that this nation should put any indignity upon any other nation of the world. Dr. Allen declared that all the changes that are taking place in China today, whether the changes be social or political or commercial, are the result of missionary work. The Gospel is a gospel of power, and has not been in China for 100 years for naught. Wherever the Gospel goes it is bound to emancipate mankind, mind and body. You cannot measure the Gospel until you see it in contrast with heathen life. Pike's Peak is 14,000 feet high, but about half of this elevation is that of a vast tableland on which the

mountain stands, so that you do not see 14,000 feet of elevation. But the case is different with Fujiyama, the sacred mountain of Japan, whose base is laved by the sea and whose summit is literally in the sky. Here you can see the whole elevation. If you will erect the Gospel upon the basis of heathen life, you can see its vast height.

A Chinaman has no sense of any personal relation to a personal God; they do not understand the relations of man to nature, they are not lords of nature, but stand in craven fear of it, knowing nothing of how to use the resources of nature, having unused in one single province as much coal and iron as England ever had, of which they can make no use; and China does not understand the relation of man to man, and so have no proper morality. Not knowing their relation to God, nor their relation to nature, nor their relation to one another—they are amuck on all lines of life and thought.

China is not a country, it is an aggregation of provinces, with provincial languages and provincial government, so that a Chinaman outside his province is an alien. The imperial government has sought to keep them thus. But the Chinese must adopt a common language of their own, or else the English language is destined to become the means of communication for the provinces of the empire.

The Chinese people are in many respects as well off as we are. They live as well, dress as well, and live in as good houses. Their destitution is not material, it is moral; they are "without God and without hope in the world." Our mission is as much to the rich, even to the emperor, of China, as it is to the poorest there.

The need of China is not more for workers than it is for trained workers. The books Dr. Allen himself had been able to provide have reached every town in China even to the imperial palace.

Indian Mission Conference Correspondence.

Rev. James A. Anderson attended the Duncan district conference and made a fine impression for himself and the Advocate.

A hearty welcome awaits him when he shall be able to come this way again.

Doctor C. W. Alexander, W. W. Andrews, A. C. Jackman, and J. C. Paxson were elected delegates to the annual conference.

R. E. L. Morgan and William E. Goldring were recommended for admission into the traveling connection.

Guy Morgan was licensed to preach. Doctor Sensabaugh, P. E. of the Ft. Worth District was present and preached a sermon which was good to the use of edification.

Dr. W. J. Sims, P. E. of Oklahoma City District, preached an excellent sermon for the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Duncan church has been seated with pews and carpeted. It is a very neat and commodious auditorium.

Four new churches are now approaching completion, costing approximately, \$25,000.

The Board of Church Extension has appropriated \$1,500 for the Methodist cause for use in the new country of the Big Pasture when it is opened.

Conference Board of Missions added \$300 for the same purpose. When this is done, the Duncan District will or ought to be divided into two large districts.

Rev. M. C. Hays, pastor of Cumberland Presbyterian church in Chickasha, and one of the leading men of that denomination in this country, has joined the Methodist church and will apply for admission into our conference this fall.

A complement of our delegation to the

General Conference left Oklahoma City on April 30th. and others on May 1st. A strong representation of the Indian Mission Conference will meet in Birmingham.

Dr. Piner and his people are pressing for a new church and will build the handsomest structure in this section of the country.

If any of the brethren of the conference are in need of assistance in revival services I commend Brother M. C. Hays, as most excellent help. Address, Chickasha, I.T.

If any of the brethren have items of news from their charges we shall thank them to forward same promptly to me at Chickasha. The brethren are always glad to learn of your prosperity. W. M. P. Rippey:

Denominational Loyalty.

To be loyal to one's denomination does not mean that he be unreasonably devoted to his Church or so saturated with sectarianism that he can see no good in men of other creeds. As a denomination we believe "in living and let live," so we bid Godspeed to all who believe in and worship the Son of God. At the same time we recognize it as a principle that each individual should operate in his own denominational field for the upbuilding of the Master's kingdom. Each member is in duty bound to be true to his Church. It is his duty to be there when the pastor proclaims the Word of God from the sacred desk; it is his duty to find his place in the Sabbath-school, in the League, and in the other departments of Church work.

Again, loyalty is needed in reference to our patronizing other presses when it is true that our own are furnishing as good matter, and in many cases better. Not a few of our people turn away from our Church paper and take that of some other Church, even when the paper of the other Church costs more, and from a literary point of view is inferior; nor is that the worst, but it often happens that the paper from without in its teaching leads away from the beaten path of truth as accepted by our Church. I think that it is not bigotry to say that the time has come when all who have come to our altar and taken the vows of Church membership should stand as one man for all that Methodism means. Her doctrine is unchangeable, being laid upon the solid foundation of God's eternal truth; and, besides, a comparison of her teaching and practice, as well as her history of more than a hundred years strongly attests the assertion.

When Wesley began his work in field and chapel other denominations had already been long at work, but as you look over the field to-day you find that in this country Methodism is numerically the largest Protestant denomination, taking it as a whole. God has blessed her efforts. Why? The cause was His and our fathers were loyal to Him in their teachings and practice. They toiled for the conversion of the people, for the building of churches and schools and institutions of higher learning until today we have a splendidly equipped Church. This under God is our heritage. May the same spirit of loyalty rest upon us;—[Dr. A. J. Rood in Baltimore Methodist.

The will of Miss Julia Smith recently deceased, provides that \$10,000 shall be paid to the Trustees of Wofford College for the purpose of building a library to be known as the Whitefoord Smith Library. \$2,000 is given by the same will to the South Carolina Conference in behalf of aged preachers and \$100 to the American Bible Society.—Ex.

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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

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

May 13th. "Our Call to Service." 1 Cor.
7:17,24.

"Life is a service; whom will you serve?" There are only two masters, self and God. "As the Lord hath called every one so let him walk." "Men who would shrink from the idea of dictating to God assume that right oftener than might be supposed. One does this whenever he resigns from work committed to him, because it is distasteful, or when he refuses to undertake a duty because of fear. Not long ago an undergraduate was called into the Dean's office of the University which he was attending, and told that the faculty had decided to put him in nomination for a position among the undergraduates that carried with it great prominence and greater responsibility. 'I am not competent for such a position,' he protested. 'But the faculty have concluded that you are the man for the place,' was the reproof. The distrustful young fellow was eventually surprised to find that the older heads were right. When God unmistakably calls us to any special work we shall be safer in not dictating to him as to the best person for the task. It is too much like disputing his judgment. And, after all, most of the best work in the world has been done by men who have accepted God's plans and answered His call." God calls us to a life of holiness and to a life of service. Let every one listen for the voice that will indicate where and how he is expected to render service to the Lord. But let us not accept this service as a task and because we think we must, for then it will be hard and unpleasant. Let us accept it because we love the Lord, and entering upon a service of love it will prove to be a delight and will be crowned with success. Love can transform dreary tasks into delightful privileges.

It may be said that there are two ways of following Christ. One is to leave all and follow Him, and many do this. To some it means renunciation of property, friends, home, and life itself. If it cost this, it is a profitable exchange to surrender these to be with the Lord in the service to which he calls. The other is to take all and follow him. Many have come with all their possessions, their wealth and their talents, to lay them with their lives upon the altar of consecration. The Master desires to draw you into a sacred fellowship with Himself, a fellowship in which there may be a demand for self-denial and unselfish ministries and in which there shall be great joy and abundant reward to every one who is faithful to Him.

Listen for His call.

1856—What Hath God Wrought.—1906

It is good that we break our centuries into generations and decades, and give to a life work its division of years. It is only thus we can find time to stop, and with retrospective view contemplate the progress made and gather courage for the more difficult labor awaiting our hands. These anniversaries and celebrations have higher worth than mere felicitation. This is hardly permissible under any circumstance. Boasting at such times should be farthest from our spirit, whatever apparent success may have attended the work of our hands.

We pause a moment to properly consider this great half-century of missionary zeal, now drawing to a close, and dedicate this issue of the Advocate to a record of the work. This year, 1906, marking the golden jubilee of the planting of Methodism in India, will be properly celebrated by the Church throughout Southern Asia and America. Well may the Church exclaim, "What

hath God wrought!" We often picture the bleak and lonely landing of the Pilgrim fathers, and with acclaim contrast that meager day with the fullness of our present national life. The work of our Church in India gives us as striking a contrast in spiritual achievement. The one center established at Bareilly has expanded to the Himalaya Mountains on the south; to Afghanistan and Arabia on the west, and to Burma, Siam and the Philippines on the east.

The work is organized into six Annual Conferences—North India, Northwest India, South India, Bombay, Bengal, and Malaysia—and three Mission Conferences—Burma, Central Provinces, and Philippine Islands. The total membership, including probationers, of these Conferences at the end of 1904, was 117,986, an increase over the previous year of 16,435; Sunday school scholars, 132,390; missionaries, including those appointed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 202; native ordained and unordained preachers, 1,553. Adding the probable increase for 1905, the jubilee in 1906 will be celebrated by about 150,000 Methodists, with adherents numbering nearly 100,000, making in all a Christian community of about 250,000. This is no small product of fifty years of toil, especially when it is remembered that to establish a mission and bring results involves time just as does a business venture. But the church has passed the experimental period, and ever-increasing returns for the future are assured.

Bishop Thoburn's statement, familiar to many, that he expects to see a million souls gathered into the Methodist Church in India, is one of those great utterances born of a heroic faith. It is no extravagance of speech, nor does it do violence to the possible work of the Spirit through the agency of the Church. Methodism is gathering in volume; its influence is accelerating, and if the Lord wills to leave the bishop another decade in the field, his fond statement may, indeed, have a mighty fulfillment in the heart of India. We are unable to fully analyze the peculiar aptitude of the Indian soil for the seed of the gospel above other heathen countries, but unquestionably returns are larger and the fruit more plenteous here than elsewhere. The harvest must surely be ripe for the reaper.

Fifty years are closing—golden years in truth—and by the action of the General Conference of 1904, the Church is called upon to properly recognize the event, setting the date of the formal celebration at Sunday, May 13th. "India" will be preached from every pulpit, heralded in our Leagues and Sunday schools, and a special offering taken in all our churches for the work in that country. Our brethren in India have agreed to raise \$50,000, or thirty-five cents per member for this jubilee fund. What will rich America do? Would that the Church could lay \$1,000,000 on the altar to fittingly commemorate the goodness of the Lord to our own beloved Church.—Western (Ohio) Christian Advocate.

Gen. Sam Houston's Career.

The State of Texas has recently placed a statue of General Sam Houston in the Capitol at Washington. This was as it should be, for he was not only a great Texan, but probably the most striking and commanding figure which has yet appeared in the public life of the far Southwest. Born in Virginia; taken to Tennessee at an early age, whence, while yet in his teens, he went to war with Andrew Jackson against the Creek Indians; desperately wounded in the battle of the Horseshoe Bend; Adjutant-General of Tennessee and a Representative in Congress from that State; Governor of Tennessee in his youth; married, separated from his wife in two months, resigning immediately as Governor, self-exiled for years

among the Cherokee Indians, emigrating to Texas in 1832; member of the convention of 1836, which declared Texas to be an independent Republic; general and commander-in-chief of the army which achieved independence at San Jacinto; twice President of the Republic, United States Senator, and Governor of the State! While there is much of surpassing interest in his remarkable career with which the present generation is unfamiliar, his relation to the secession of Texas in 1861 naturally excites the greatest public concern. The popular impression is that he was opposed to secession on principle as well as on consideration of expediency, and that he remained steadfast in this opposition until his death, in July, 1863.—From "Gen. Sam Houston," by Sen. C. A. Culberson, of Texas, in the May Scribner's.

Money Has Made New Standard of Living in America.

There are even in these days a good many families in the United States who find it possible to do a certain amount of moderately high thinking and still cultivate some of the graces of life. They may be obliged to live simply, and yet may not need to use up all their vitality in manual labor. True, they must walk when others ride, they must take thought to their apparel, that it be presentable at small cost, and when they entertain their friends they must do it simply. But they have time to read books and they have money to educate their children. Oftener than not they are persons whose family traditions incline them to fastidiousness in social matters. They and their forebears have been accustomed not only to wellbred, but interesting people and have kept in touch with what was going on in the world; in short, they have a taste for the best society. Twenty-five years ago there was no reason why they should not maintain their inherited or acquired right to it, but the tendency on the part of certain of their fellow-citizens to what has been characterized as "the habit of getting rich" has changed all that. It is not only that the accumulation of colossal fortunes restricts the financial chances of the moderately ambitious majority, but it deprives them of some innocent and legitimate comforts and pleasures to which they think themselves reasonably entitled, by increasing so tremendously the cost of living while the standard of luxury is raised in proportion. This, to be sure, is an old cry, but to the impecunious majority it does not cease to be a live issue.

Yet one cannot find fault with the people who have made money for wanting to spend it; one cannot be surprised if their ideas are crude and if they fail to appreciate a refined simplicity. Most of us spend all the money we can afford and we should not thank anyone who should presume to dictate to us as to what we ought to buy with it. The very rich do not in the least intend to make life hard for the rest of the world. In fact, from their kind-hearted desire to give pleasure we get some singularly bad results, such as, for instance, the poor girl with rich tastes, who, although she need not always be a Lily Bart, yet is always in an unnatural and demoralizing position; and the young man who goes to the dogs in his effort to keep up the pace with his rich mates.—From "The Point of View" in the May Scribner's.

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An Historic Romance.

Once upon a time, many centuries ago, there was a terrible famine in a country which had hitherto been a land of prosperity and comfort. The inhabitants were in great straits, were sorely pressed by the dearth which prevailed.

One man, who doubtless had been a prosperous citizen there, decided to move his family consisting of his wife and two sons to a distant land, where they would find relief from famine. After a time they were established in their new abode and, doubtless, soon adapted themselves to their surroundings, socially and otherwise. The father did not live long to enjoy or to regret the move; he died leaving his widow and sons to plan and adopt whatever to them seemed best. As is proverbial of women, she was most resourceful in emergencies. She established her loyalty to the people, history declares, by marrying her two sons to two women of the nation which she had temporarily adopted. It seems like fallacy to mothers of the twentieth century to say, "she" married her sons to these women, for mothers are sadly missing from their children's nuptial programs today, yet this must be true and the presumption is they were wisely and happily married. No doubt the young ladies accepted the situation and in a sensible manner set themselves the beautiful task of making good wives.

For ten years the lives of this family are unwritten. When we find them, dark-winged Azrael has swept over the homes and the two sons are dead, the mother bereft of all, the young wives left in their youthful beauty, shrouded in widow's weeds. The adopted country and the new affiliations there could not fill the aching void in that aged mother's heart. Her thoughts turned to the land of her nativity and knowing that plenty reigned there once more, she resolved to seek a respite from her desolation amid old friendships and sacred ties. She was not an impulsive, but a thoughtful woman. She started on her journey accompanied by her daughters-in-law. Presumably she was surprised that they would even think of going with her, but seeing they did, she advised them to return to their own country and to their own kindred. She argued the point logically and would gladly for their happiness have seen them return, while desolate and alone she would have pursued her way. One of her daughters-in-law yielded to her wish and with much manifestation of love bade her good-bye and returned to her own people. Since that time she has never appeared in this family group. The other daughter would not return, but persistently clung to her husband's mother, preferring to risk whatever the unknown future held than to sever the last tie that held her to her early love. There were no alluring prospects before her; she had no promise of wealth or social position, but like an adventuress she stood by her decision. To look at her devotion to her mother-in-law by modern lens, it is high-colored romance. The two journeyed on, we do not know how long, but they reached their destination in barley harvest.

Without means and among strangers this young woman saw necessity for immediate action. With delicate forethought she asked her mother-in-law to let her go to the field and glean corn after the reapers. Without premonition of the great love story that was to brighten her life from this hour, she went forth to find her place and gather the sheaves left by the harvesters. A strange, fascinating picture she made, her graceful figure moving among the young men and young maidens of that harvest crew.

When the morning was far spent, the owner of the fields came to watch the reapers; he saluted them in his kindly way. "The Lord be with you," and their warm response, "The Lord bless

thee," proved at once the genial relation between master and servant. While looking, he saw this fair young woman among the gleaners. He said to his overseer: "Whose damsel is this?" This interrogation has been reiterated through the ages—"Who is this?" She is the damsel who came from a far country with her mother-in-law, who is bereft of husband and sons and who returned destitute to her native land. The damsel asked to follow the reapers and glean; she has been here since early morning.

The man and woman met. If words of modern story were used, it would be said: "It is a case of love at first sight!" All that he heard of her and her sweet personality awakened a kindly interest in his heart that strengthened as the acquaintance ripened. When evening came she returned to her waiting mother-in-law with a double portion of grain and a happy recital as well.

The remaining portion of the story is an idyll of romance. The laws and customs of the time and place are strange to us, but the subtle, tender love light shines through the circumstance, until it culminates in the uniting of the trusting, reliant woman to the man of affairs, the wealthy land owner. Her mother-in-law became an inmate of the new home, and in contented age enjoyed the love and laughter of the little one who blessed this union, and who in after years formed a link in the chain of lineage which led to Christ.

The characters of this story have long since gone their destined way, but while the romances of history are repeated this family's record will be read.

Elmira F. Snodgrass.

Sidney Lanier: By Edwin Mims.

The writing of this book is of itself a notable achievement. No man could have written it without first becoming a man of considerable and very genuine culture. It takes a nature with some high sentiment lawrought, a nature with more than a touch of culture, to recognize the full value of a man like Sidney Lanier. And when one treads as surely and with as fine discrimination as has Prof. Mims the pathways of life over which the poet moved, it marks the man himself as worthy to be the biographer of a great soul's struggles and triumphs. We do not mean to be extravagant, but we think we speak only the truth when we say that Prof. Mims has here rendered the cause of general literature an important service. So far as we know the service of Lanier to literature and art has never before received the recognition it deserved. Prof. Mims has made the light of this life to shine out. It is the shining of a noble and a true light. Lanier's was a spirit electric with all that is finest in life; broad and catholic; sweet and elevated. In as much as he was of the South, a new honor comes to the South through this worthy biography, an honor which we predict will not be despised. All the more is Lanier's life an honor to us, seeing he lived and wrought in that sad hiatus of time immediately following the Civil War. There is no saying what he might have been but for that war. However, the war itself was made to yield its tribute to the forming of his nature, and the dreadful days of reconstruction which followed—the most disgraceful chapter in American history—gave him an opportunity to display a rare patience and to exhibit his great breadth of sympathy, as well as to manifest his true insight. That he should have won his place in the world of letters under such adverse conditions is one of the chief merits of his life.

We congratulate Prof. Mims, and Arkansas, whose son he is, and the South, whose meed of praise for having produced so worthy a poet and so worthy a biographer and critic of him will not be denied.

Whose Fault Was It?

The Balcom farm had been in the family for four generations. The stone walls had been laid by the hands which now rested peacefully in the little burying-lot in the south corner of the orchard. The trees had been planted and the fields cleared by Balcoms ever since the town was settled.

Old Simeon Balcom and his son David were the last of the stock. David did not have the sturdiness of his father's family. His rather timid nature yielded to any strong influence. "He's easy led for good or evil," his mother used to say of him.

When he married Clara French and brought her home to the farm, everybody wondered. She was a town-bred girl and had worked in a milliner's shop in the busy season for several years. She liked bustle and company, and the Balcom farm was four miles from a village. The wise ones shook their heads and foreboded evil.

Clara had not lived at the farm three months before she hated it, and resolved to get away from it. She knew but one way to accomplish her purpose. She harped on the loneliness, the poverty and the folly of the farmer. She praised the life of the town and pictured its profits. Her voice grew shrill and her nature shrunk to that of the nagging woman, as week after week she worried the two men with her complaints and her ambitions.

At last the father had a paralytic stroke, which left him feeble, and the weaker son yielded to the woman's pertinacity. The farm was sold by auction, and the three Balcoms took the train for the nearest city—Clara with unmingled joy, David with a dazed apprehension, and the old father with a stern, stoical endurance.

Eleven slow months dragged themselves along while the Balcoms lived in a stuffy tenement and David looked for work. When the doctor's bill had reached a hundred dollars the old man died. Not long after David took a job as marker in a billiard saloon at a dollar a day. Three months he worked there—his days prolonging themselves till long after midnight. One night he came stumbling up the stair, and for the first time his wife saw him not himself.

David's fall was a rapid one. All the ties which bound him to decency and self-control seemed snapped. The name of Balcom, honored so long in the country where it had been known, meant nothing to the low fellows whom he now served. His degradation was soon complete.

Meantime, out on the old hill farm the seasons of seed-time and harvest still came and went. The sun rose on healthful toil and set on wholesome weariness. Contentment waited on summer days and in winter storms. But the noble traditions of a respected race were slowly forgotten, because there was none to uphold them. Whose fault was it?—Youth's Companion.

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Monticello District Conference.

The thirty-seventh session of the Monticello District Conference was held at Portalnd, Ark., April 26-28. Rev. W. M. Hayes, our efficient and popular presiding elder, was in the chair and conducted the affairs of the conference with great care and skill. All the pastors of the district were present except Bros. Corrigan and Whaley. The latter was detained on account of serious sickness in his family and the former by sickness among his people. The attendance of laymen was unusually small. The Confederate Reunion was in progress at New Orleans and multitudes had gone to that, while many others were kept away from the conference by the pressure of work on the farms. Notwithstanding these hindering circumstances the Conference was a most pleasant and helpful occasion. The preaching was strong and spiritual and all the business was transacted in a devout and brotherly spirit.

The reports revealed marked progress on nearly all lines of church work. New churches are being built; parsonages are being repaired and furnished; the finances are improving; Sunday Schools are increasing in numbers and interest, and there are many indications of a deepening spiritual life among our people.

The conference very heartily indorsed a plan proposed by the presiding elder to arrange to group three or four pastoral charges together in a special meeting at some central point each fifth Sunday during the year. At these meetings special emphasis is to be given to Missions, Sunday Schools, Education and the doctrines and policy of the church. A few of our brethren were somewhat skeptical as to the practical working of the plan, but many of us believe it can be made very successful.

M. P. Timberlake, S. H. Mathews, and A. G. Cason were recommended to the Annual Conference for Admission on trial into the traveling connection, and H. A. Story was recommended for readmission. The delegates to the Annual Conference are W. J. Grantham, E. J. Camack, A. Treischman, and S. H. Turner. Alternates R. F. Tucker and L. S. Eatman. The next session of the conference will be held at Snyder.

The Sunday School and League Conference, which immediately preceded the District Conference, was a most profitable meeting. Dr. McGlumphy was with us and magnified his office. His work

among us will bear good fruit.

A district organization of the League was formed with Rev. W. W. Christie as president and a full corps of officers.

The people of Portland dispensed a most generous and gracious hospitality and did everything in their power to make the conference a success.

J. A. Sage, Sec.

Among the Brethren.

Methodism at Paragould is very thoroughly established. Rev. R. C. Morehead is closing his fourth year as pastor of the First Church. There are few churches in the State that are so thoroughly equipped as our First Church in that very progressive and moral town. They have demonstrated very clearly that it does not take saloons to make a town. A blind tiger would not last twenty-four hours in Paragould. Bro. Morehead is greatly beloved and honored, not only by his people, but by the citizens of the whole community. And if the General Conference extends the time limit there will be no change at First Church this fall. The people of his church are broad and liberal. They gave us right of way for the Orphans' Home, and we received a very handsome collection. Paragould leads the list up to date. Bro. Morehead and his wife are away attending a Missionary Conference in North Carolina. Rev. A. C. Griffin at East side has a good church and a splendid Sunday School. They have just closed a great revival at that church, which greatly strengthened the membership. Bro. Griffin is deservedly popular. He and his Sunday School Superintendent, Bro. Emons, together with his official board and the assistance of M. F. Collier of First Church, are doing a great work in that part of the city. There are not many Sunday School men in the State equal to Collier and Emons. In a very short time these progressive laymen will have another church under erection in the Southwest part of town.

Rev. C. L. Castleberry has a most delightful charge at Piggott. The people consider him a good preacher and a wise leader. They have a fine Sunday School. Bro. D. D. Throgmorton, teacher of the Bible class, had twenty-five grown men in his class the day that we were there, a sight rarely seen, but very gratifying to behold. They manifested great interest in our work.

Bro. Ira Russell is working very faithfully under tremendous difficulties at Rector. The

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church is inactive, although there are some good people there. They have recently purchased a good house for a parsonage. There is a great necessity for a good church building; it is a fertile field, and ought to be one of our best charges.

The Searcy District which is presided over by Dr. Sibert, is enjoying a steady and substantial growth. There has been a general development throughout the district on all lines. There have been several hundred conversions and additions to the church during Dr. Sibert's incumbency and the salaries of all the preachers have been advanced. The district was never in better condition than now.

T. W. Fisackerly.

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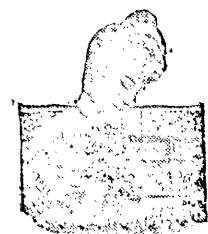
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PROGRAM OF ANNUAL MEETING OF HOME MISSION SOCIETY, ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Dardanelle, May 19-22.
Saturday, 8 p. m.
Music by choir.
Hymn 868.
Bible Lesson—President.
Prayer—Rev. J. M. Cantrell.
Hymn 489.
Welcome Address—Mrs. M. J. Russell.
Solo.
Response—Mrs. Geo. C. Reed, Fort Smith.
Anthem.
Reading.
Hymn.
Benediction.
Sunday Morning.
Sermon—Rev. J. M. Hughey.
Sunday Afternoon.
Children's Service—Mrs. Geo. C. Reed and Miss Foster.
Sunday, 8 p. m.
Report of Board meeting—Mrs. R. A. Baird.
Why Pastors Need Home Mission Societies—Rev. J. A. Anderson.
Monday Morning.
Devotional Exercises—Delegate from Conway.
Appointment of Delegates.
Instruction of Committees by Chairman.
Reports by District Secretaries and delegates.
Monday Afternoon.
Opening Exercises—Clarksville's delegate.
Reports from Conference officers.
Question Box.
Monday Evening.
Short service of song and prayer, concluded by "Open Meeting" in which every one shall take part answering the question: "Why I am a Home Mission Worker?"
Money: What When and Where—Miss Newell Foster.
Reports: When and Why—Miss Edna Cazort.
Cottage Prayer Meetings—Mrs. Orl E. Jamison.
Tuesday Morning.
Devotional Exercises—Mrs. L. L. Seawell.
Report of Committees.
A Model Auxiliary Meeting—Mrs. C. C. Burrows.
Question Box.
Tuesday Afternoon.
Devotional Exercises—Miss Minnie Burton.
Election of officers.
Our Educational Work—Mrs. J. B. Stevenson.
What can we do in our own town—Mrs. G. G. Davidson.
Tuesday Evening.
Devotional Services—President Home Mission Work—By one of the General Officers.
Will the brethren of the Arkansas Conference, once more heed our call to them to see that their respective charges are represented by a delegate at the annual meeting at Dardanelle, May 19-22? Let us use our best effort to make the meeting one of enthusiasm and power. The auxiliaries which send delegates do not die during the year, as a rule, and the charges when there are no Home Mission societies are always benefitted by sending a delegate. This is a step toward organization. Please send names of ministers, delegates or visitors to Mrs. J. M. Russell, Dardanelle. All who have any interest in Home Missions are cordially requested to be present.
Orl E. Jamison, Pres.
Stella Tolleson, Cor. Sec'y.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE TO BE HELD AT MORRILTON.

TUESDAY, MAY 29.
Evening Session.
8:00—"Song and Prayer Service," led by Rev. J. B. Stevenson.
8:15—"A Word of Welcome," Rev. J. W. Keithley.
8:30—"Our Forward Movement," Rev. Marion Nelson Waldrup.

TUESDAY, MAY 30.

Morning Session.
9:30—Quiet Half Hour.
10:00—"The Organized Sunday School," Rev. Geo. McGlumphy.
10:30—"Some Hard Problems," Rev. J. W. Hughey.
(a) "The Big Boy Problem," Rev. J. W. Hughey.
(b) "The Older Folk Problem," A. M. Gibson.
(c) "The Home Study Problem," Rev. J. W. Williams.

11:15—"Lesson Prep. for Busy People," Rev. Geo. McGlumphy.
Afternoon Session.
2:30—Quiet Half Hour.
3:00—"Primary Work, Organization and Management," Rev. Geo. McGlumphy.
3:30—"Special Days in the Sunday School" (Ten Minute Speeches)

(a) "Bible Day," Rev. A. B. Williamson.
(b) "Christmas," J. C. O'Neal.
(c) "Decision Day," Rev. J. H. O'Bryant.
4:00—"The Lesson" (Half Hour), Prof. J. D. Clay.

THURSDAY, MAY 31.

Morning Session.
9:30—Quiet Half Hour.
10:00—"Our Little Sunday School Helps,"

Rev. Geo. McGlumphy.
10:30—"The Bible in the Sunday School," Rev. J. B. Stevenson.
11:00—"The Sunday School and Missions," Rev. F. S. H. Johnston.
Afternoon Session.
2:30—The Quiet Half Hour.
3:00—"Teacher's Training—It's Why and How," Rev. Geo. McGlumphy.
3:30—"Some Sunday School Hindrances," (Ten Minute Speeches)
(a) "Sunday School Leakage," Mrs. L. B. McClure.
(b) "Poor Singing," Rev. J. R. Ennis.
(c) "Special Attractions Elsewhere," Rev. D. H. Colquette.

4:00—"Sunday School Success," Supt's and Teacher's Part, Prof. M. J. Russell.
Evening Session.

8:15—Testimony Service. Subject: "How the Sunday School has Helped Me," led by J. F. Munday.
Offering for expenses.

8:30—Issuing Attendance. "Certificate of Honor."
8:45—"The Home Department," Rev. J. D. Hammons.

8:45—"Next Sunday's Lesson Taught," Rev. Geo. McGlumphy.

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HARRISON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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| Green Forest, at Zion Hill | May 5-6 |
| Valley Springs, at Red Oak | May 12-13 |
| Marshall and Leslie, at Marshall | May 19-20 |
| Eureka Springs, at Eureka | May 26-27 |
| Bellevue, at Bellevue | June 2-3 |
| Cotton, at Cotton | June 9-10 |
| Harrison, at Harrison | June 16-17 |
| Lead Hill, at Omaha | June 23-24 |
| Mountain Home Ct., at Rock Dale | July 7-8 |
| Mountain Home Sta., at Rock Dale | July 8-9 |
| Yellville Ct., at Ware's Chapel | July 14-15 |
| Yellville Sta., at Ware's Chapel | July 15-16 |
| Berryville Ct., at Pleasant Ridge | July 21-22 |
| Berryville Sta., at Pleasant Ridge | July 22-23 |
| Klingston, at Shiloh | July 28-29 |

J. J. GALLOWAY, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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| Lake Village and Eudora | May 26-27 |
| Crossett | June 2-3 |
| Wilmot and Parkedale | June 9-10 |
| Tillar | June 16-17 |
| Newburg Ct. | June 23-24 |
| Hamburg Sta. | June 24-25 |
| Monticello Ct. | June 30 |
| Monticello Sta. | July 1-2 |
| Dermott and McGhee | July 7-8 |
| Palestine | July 14-15 |
| Jersey | July 21-22 |
| Arkansas City and Watson | July 28-29 |
| Snyder | August 4-5 |
| New Edenburg | August 11-12 |
| Warren | August 18-19 |
| Lacey | August 25-26 |
| Wilmar | August 26-27 |
| Portland | August 29 |

W. M. HAYES, P. E.

ARDMORE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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| Lebanon Ct., at Enville | May 19-20 |
| Broadway, Ardmore | May 27-28 |
| Carter Avenue, Ardmore | June 2-3 |
| Oakland and Mansville, at Oakland | June 9-10 |
| Madill Station | June 16-17 |
| Klingston and Woodville, at Woodville | June 16-17 |
| Cumberland Ct., at Grantiam | June 23-24 |
| Leon and Berryville, at Berryville | July 7-8 |
| Thackerville at Love's Valley | July 14-15 |
| Marletta Station | July 21-22 |
| Lone Grove, at Brock | July 28-29 |
| Overbrook, at Crinerville | August 4-5 |
| Woodford, at Elk | August 11-12 |
| Grady, at Courtney | August 18-19 |
| Dixie, at Cornish | August 25-26 |
| Berwyn, at Baum | August 25-26 |

District Conference will meet at Mansville, June 28, July 1.

W. T. FREEMAN, P. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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| First Church | May 27 |
| Van Buren | June 3 |
| Huntington | June 10 |
| Mulberry, at Shiloh | June 16-17 |
| East End and Trusty, at Trusty | June 23-24 |
| Fort Smith Ct., at Barling | July 1 |
| Central | July 8 |
| Hackett Ct., at Bonanza | July 14-15 |
| Greenwood Ct., at Washburn | July 21-22 |
| Paris | July 28-29 |
| Carolan Ct., at Lisle Chapel | July 29-30 |
| Boonville | August 5-6 |
| Magazine Ct., at Wesley Chapel | Aug. 4-5 |
| Mansfield and Hartford, at Hartford | Aug. 11-12 |
| Alma Ct., at Prairie Grove | August 18-19 |
| Branch Ct. | August 25-26 |
| Charleston | Sept. 1-2 |
| Waldron Ct. | Sept. 8-9 |
| Canthron | Sept. 8-9 |

E. R. STEEL, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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| Perry | May 12-13 |
| Guthrie | May 13-14 |
| Pawnee | May 19-20 |
| Morrison | May 20-21 |
| Earlboro nad Wewoka | May 26-27 |
| Tecumseh | May 28-29 |
| Franklin Ct. | June 2-3 |
| Morman | June 3-4 |
| Oklahoma City, St. Luke's | June 9-10 |
| Oklahoma City, Epworth | June 10-11 |
| Sparks and Prague | June 23-24 |
| Keokuk Falls | June 25-26 |
| Konawa | July 1 |
| Maud | July 1-2 |
| Capitol Hill and Wheatland | July 7-8 |
| El Reno | July 8-9 |
| Shawnee, First Church | July 14-15 |
| Shawnee, Trinity | July 15-16 |
| McLoud | July 21-22 |
| Bethel | July 22-23 |

Asher July 23-24
Arcadia July 28-29
The District Conference will convene at
Asher, June 14, at 8:30 a. m. Opening ser-
mon will be preached Wednesday night before
by H. J. Brown.

W. L. SIMS, P. E.

McALESTER DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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| Krebs Ct. | May 12-13 |
| Hartsborne and Halleyville | May 13-14 |
| Wilburton Station | May 19-20 |
| Atoka Station | May 26-27 |
| Durant Circuit | June 2-3 |
| Durant Sta. | June 3-4 |
| McAlester, Phillips Memorial | June 9-10 |
| Canadian Circuit | June 10-11 |
| Coalgate Station | June 16-17 |
| Stonewall Circuit | June 17-18 |
| Albany Circuit | June 23-24 |
| Bennington and Boswell | June 30, July 1 |
| Caddo and Sterrett | July 7-8 |
| Rokchito Ct. | July 8-9 |
| Tishomingo Station | July 14-15 |
| Ravla Ct. | July 16-17 |
| Kiowa Ct. | July 21-22 |
| Pontotoc Ct. | July 28-29 |
| Wapanucka Ct. | Aug. 4-5 |
| Caney Ct. | Aug. 11-12 |
| Colbert Ct. | Aug. 18-19 |

S. G. THOMPSON, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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| Sallisaw Sta. | May 19-20 |
| Poteau Sta. | May 26-27 |
| Spro and Panama | May 27-28 |
| Cameron Ct., at Cameron | June 2-3 |
| Muskogee Ct., at Buckhorn | June 9-10 |
| Quinton and Kinta, at Kinta | June 16-17 |
| Muskogee, First Church | June 19 |
| Muskogee, St. Paul | June 26 |
| Stigler Ct., at Whitefield | June 23-24 |
| Fort Gibson Sta. | July 1-2 |
| Stigler and Tamaha, at Tamaha | July 7-8 |
| Wagoner Ct., at Fisher's Bend | July 14-15 |
| Wagoner Sta. | July 15-16 |
| Hulbert Ct. | July 21-22 |
| Bokoshe Ct., at Star | July 28-29 |
| Webber Falls Ct., at Marble | August 4-5 |
| Coweta and Porter, at Coweta | Aug. |

Ada Circuit, I. T.

When I came to this work last November I found four classes without any church houses, all of them using schoolhouses, only two of them in condition that we could have comfort. There were only two Sunday Schools in the bounds of this circuit. One of them was run as a Union school, the other one was at a place where they had never had any preaching by a Methodist preacher. We now have eight appointments, seven Sunday Schools, three using our literature, two Union, two Baptist, the latter are at new appointments where the Baptists were already in possession of the field. We have organized two new classes, received forty-four members into the church and are now planning to build two church houses this year. Our second quarterly conference convened at Fitzhugh the 28th and 29th; it was a grand occasion. Our beloved presiding elder, C. M. Coppedge, came to us on Friday and preached four very strong and forcible sermons, this was our first acquaintance with him, but was a very pleasant one. He is a very fine presiding officer and a good mixer. We have a mixed congregation of Tennesseans, Alabamans, and Arkansans, but they know how to entertain a quarterly conference. Finances came up a little short, but we have about one half of our conference claims in hand. We have five new subscribers to the Western Christian Advocate, thirteen in all.

J. E. Lane.

McGehee, Ark.

Last Sunday we held our first services in our new church at McGehee. Congregations are good, and progress is being made. We hope to be ready to dedicate our churches on this work soon, and then we shall want some of your best dedication sermons, and an extended visit to our section of Arkansas.

J. L. Cannon.

Roll, I. T.

The second quarterly conference for the Roll charge was held at Hamburg, April 28-29. Every appointment was represented and in consequence thereof a good report was made by preacher and stewards. We now have one half of our collections in hand and the rest in sight. The official board is looking after their preacher. The presiding elder went home rejoicing with cash in his pocket and the stewards went away feeling good. Roll is on a boom, prospects are fine for crops of all kinds and the people are happy on the way. This is our first

year. Bro. Mauldin, of Cheyenne, came up and spent Sunday with us and heard a fine sermon by the presiding elder. We have also been to Cheyenne. Mauldin has a good people who love their preacher. Bro. Roberts is held in high esteem all over Roll circuit and as this completes his quadrennium we hope he will get the best thing in the conference another year. He deserves it.

J. M. Holt, P. C.

Bethel Hill Circuit.

The second quarterly conference of this circuit was held at Bethel Hill church, April 28-29. Presiding elder W. P. Pipkin and his family were with us during the meeting. He has preached good sermons to the people. One of his texts was found in St. Luke 9:23. Rev. L. N. Ishcomer, P. C., was also with us and he, too, has preached good sermons.

The following persons were elected delegates to the District Conference, which is to be held at Seely's Chapel in Chickasaw Nation; viz, Jesse W. Hayes, Daniel Anderson, Isham Baker and Wallace Tushka. Simeon B. Noah and Tobia Wilson were elected alternates. The next quarterly conference will be held at Kullichito Church, June 30 and July 1.

Beloved brethren and sisters, subscribe for the Western Christian Advocate and read it. You will find that this paper helps you a great deal in Christian life.

Holton I. Hayes.

District Conference Notice.

To the preachers of the Oklahoma City District:

Please send me the names of all the lay delegates and the names of all the delegates from the missionary auxiliaries who expect to attend our District Conference. All who expect to come by private conveyance should write me.

C. P. Cox.

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Searcy District—Second Round.

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| Cato Ct. at Concord | May 12-13 |
| Cabot at Jacksonville | May 13-14 |
| Heber at Pangburn | May 19-20 |
| Elpaso at Elpaso | May 26-27 |

Now, brethren let us see that all our collections are provided for in money and subscriptions this quarter.

J. D. Sibert, P. E.

BEAVER DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Garrett at Garrett | May 12-13 |
| Boyd Cir. at Balco | May 19-20 |
| Grand Valley at Fulton | May 26-27 |

J. E. Lovett, P. E.

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JOHN INGRAM, Conway, Ark.

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WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Mountain View, at Mountain View | May 19-20 |
| Custer City, at Bethel | May 26-27 |
| Hill City, at Harrington | June 2-3 |
| Clinton, at Clinton | June 3-4 |
| Rocky, at Sentinel | June 9-10 |
| Cowden, Pleasant Hill | June 16-17 |
| Geary, at Geary | June 23-24 |
| Weatherford Station, at Foss, 3 p. m. | June 27 |
| Foss and Page, at Foss, 3 p. m. | July 7-8 |
| Blk City, at Prairie View | July 14-15 |
| Doxey, at Sadler | July 21-22 |
| Wood, at Valley | July 28-29 |
| Gip, at Shiloh | July 29-30 |
| Burmah, at Center Point | Aug. 4-5 |
| Cheyenne, at Cheyenne | Aug. 5-6 |
| Sayre, at Sayre | Aug. 8 |
| Roll, at Roll | Aug. 11-12 |
| Texmo, at Texmo | Aug. 14 |
| Hammon, at Hammon | Aug. 18-19 |
| Cordell Station, at Cordell | Aug. 25-26 |
| Cloudchief, at Cloudchief | Aug. 25-26 |

District Conference will convene in Foss at 9 a. m., June 28. Opening sermon evening of 27.

C. F. ROBERTS, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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| Mangum Ct., at Gyp Hill No. 2 | May 12-13 |
| Eobart Station, at Eobart | May 26-27 |
| Martha and Blair, at Blair | May 26-27 |
| Altus Station, at Altus | June 2-3 |
| Gotebo and Lone Wolf, at Gotebo | June 9-10 |
| Holls Circuit, at Sand Hill | June 16-17 |
| Elmer Ct., at Carmel | June 23-24 |
| Granite Ct., at Head Quarters | June 23-24 |
| Onstee and Eldorado, at Eldorado | June 30 |
| Duke Circuit, at Duke | July 2 |
| Deer Creek Ct., at Deer Creek | July 7-8 |
| Headrick Circuit, at White's School House | July 14-15 |
| Mangum Station, at Mangum | July 18 |
| Coralea Circuit, at Coralea | July 21-22 |
| Erlick Circuit, at Erlick | July 28-29 |
| Davidson Circuit, at Davidson | August 4-5 |
| Frederick Station, at Frederick | August 5-6 |
| Snyder Circuit, at Snyder | August 7 |
| Mountain Park Circuit, at Mountain Park | August 7 |

The District Conference will convene at Eldorado June 28th, 8:30 a. m.

W. S. P. McCULLOUGH, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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| Bexar, at Corinth | May 13-14 |
| Melbourne, at Flat Rock | May 19-20 |
| Gallico Rock Mts., at Iuka | May 26-27 |
| Mt View, at Pleasant Hill | June 2-3 |
| Pleasant Plains, Oak Grove | June 9-10 |
| Desha, at Salado | June 12-13 |
| Bethesda, at Lee Chapel | June 16-17 |
| Central Ave, at Central Ave | June 24 |
| W. Batesville, at W. Batesville | June 24 |

JAS. F. JERNIGAN, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Roe, at Roe | May 12-13 |
| Swan Lake, at Swan Lake | May 19-20 |
| Star City, at Star City | May 26-27 |
| Douglass & Grady, at Douglass & Grady | May 27-28 |
| Rowell, at Rowell | June 2-3 |
| St. Charles, at St. Charles | June 9-10 |

E. M. PIPKIN, P. E.

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Jonesboro District—Second Round.

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| Yarbro and Dell, at Yarbro and Dell | May 15-16 |
| Blythesville, at Blythesville | May 19-20 |
| Promised Land Miss., at Promised Land | May 22-23 |
| Manila, at Manila | May 24 |
| Shiloh, at Shiloh | May 26-27 |
| Trinity, at Trinity | June 2-3 |

Brethren, let us get conference collections off of our hands this quarter. Some have done this the first quarter.

M. M. Smith, P. E.

CHOCTAW DISTRICT. Second Round.

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| Howe, at Monroe | May 19-20 |
| Rufe, at High Hill | May 26-27 |

W. P. PIPKIN, P. E.

DUNCAN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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| Carnegie, at Ft. Cobb | June 2-3 |
| Anadarko, at Foster | June 8-9 |
| Verden, at Verden | June 9-10 |
| Chickasha, at Chickasha | June 10-11 |
| Terrel and Ryan, at Banner | June 10-17 |
| Hastings, at Pecan Grove | June 17-18 |
| Temple, at Liberty | June 23-24 |
| Walter, at Gregg | June 24-25 |
| Lawton Station, at Lawton | July 1 |
| Cement Station, at Cement | July 1-2 |
| Balley, at Sand Hill | July 7-8 |
| Marlow Station, at Marlow | July 8-9 |
| Push Springs, at Little Rush | July 14-15 |
| Fletcher, at Sterling | July 15-16 |
| Duncan Station, at Duncan | July 21-22 |
| Mineo and Tuttle, at Mineo | July 22-23 |
| Duncan Ct., at Corum | July 29-30 |
| Comanche Station, at Comanche | July 30-31 |
| Indian Work, at Indian Work | August 4-5 |

N. L. Linebaugh, P. E.

The Church Press.

If the Church paper ever wins its way to the homes of our people, the pastor must present its mission and claims before the congregation, and from "house to house," as he does our Church schools and our mission work. The press is an essential part of the Church's machinery; that part which gives light, stimulates loyalty, kindles zeal, enlarges liberality, broadens the sweep of vision, and provokes brotherly love.

The circulation of the religious paper is a fairly correct index to the interest of the membership of a Church in religion. The fact of a family in the Church, without the Church paper, ought to alarm the pastor so that he could not rest until the paper was sent to the home of the member who cared nothing for it. The layman Christian Advocate.



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At Walnut Grove on the 5th Sunday in April we held our Missionary Mass Meeting. Rev. B. F. Martin was with us and preached a fine missionary sermon after which we took a good collection. Then we feasted on a bountiful dinner that had been spread by the good people in the grove near by. At 3 o'clock we had a fine song service by the young people of whom we have a fine class, after this the writer preached and the membership responded by saying they were fully on the Lord's side and all the unsaved came and said by giving their hands that they would decide for Christ. We were much pleased with the spirituality that seemed to be manifest in the services.

D. P. Forsythe,
Junior Preacher.

MORRILTON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Houston, Miss., at Perryville..... May 12-13
Conway Station..... May 20-21
Russellville Station..... May 27-28
J. B. Stevenson, P. E.

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Your scribe doubled his family soon after Conference and when we returned from our bridal trip to my father's we were soundly pounded and although it was nearly four months ago, we are very sensible of it yet.

Should you, Mr. "old" Editor have occasion to visit Marietta again you will not find Methodism in cramped quarters, stuck in the mud, shut in by livery stables, gins, cotton seed, wagon yards, but to the South in ample and modern quarters on an eminence in the midst of a thickly settled portion of the city where the pastor and his family can breathe the pure oxygen just off the blooming prairie. You will find us planted.

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Bible Society Board, Little Rock Conf.

Rev. J. H. Cummins, Hot Springs, Ark., has been appointed Treasurer of the Bible Society Board of the Little Rock Conference in place of Rev. J. M. G. Douglas, deceased. The brethren will please send their Bible Society Collections to Bro. Cummins.

Geo. Thornburgh,
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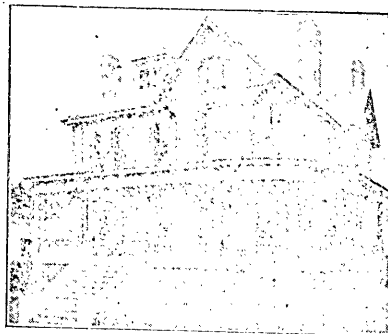
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Progress of the South.

Between 1880 and 1905 the South increased the number of its cotton spindles from 667,000 to 9,205,000, and the consumption of cotton in its mills from 225,000 to 2,163,000 bales. To some readers that on its face may not convey much meaning, but these figures gain a new force when it is remembered that New England and all the county outside of the South in 1880 consumed 1,350,000 bales, or six times as much as the South, and in 1905, 2,282,900 bales, or but a few thousand bales more than the South. Between 1890 and 1905 the South nearly quadrupled its consumption of cotton, while New England increased 28 per cent. A new conception of the meaning of the 3,100,000 tons of iron produced is gained when it is remembered that this is nearly as much pig iron as the entire country made in 1880, and that the 70,000,000 tons of bituminous coal now mined in the South, and annually rapidly increasing, is 28,000,000 tons, or 66 per cent. more than the output of bituminous coal for the United States twenty-five years ago. All that has been accomplished in Southern material upbuilding which can be measured by dry statistics is, however, as nothing compared to the value of the experience gained, the capital accumulated, and the realization of power and strength as against weakness and hopelessness of twenty-five years ago. If from Mount Mitchell—the highest peak east of the Rocky Mountains—a bird's-eye view of the South could

be had, there would be seen a mighty, resistless onward movement of a people who, having struggled amid the darkness of the wilderness with no pillar or fire to guide them; strengthened in body and mind by the hard but victorious fight, have at last come in sight of the Promised Land. No longer moving westward as heretofore, the tide of population would be seen to be turning southward. The hardened veterans of the South's struggle for industrial independence are seen to be drawing heavy re-enforcements from this incoming tide. Capital, the greatest coward of earth, joins the procession, and the South, beggar no longer, invites the world's surplus money seeking the most profitable field on earth for investment,—invites it not with a beggar's plea, but with the right to say: We are independent, we can stand alone, we have accumulated enough of money and experience to assure a great and steady advance; but so vast is the field, so sure are the returns that we bid the world a welcome that all may share in the utilization of our resources and in the consequent wealth to be created. Here, says the South to all mankind, is a region of which earth has no duplicate. Does that statement seem too strong? Examine it a moment.—*American Monthly Review of Reviews.*

Millions in Farm Mortgages.

Western farmers have grown rather particular about their indebtedness. One of the common requirements of the modern mortgage is that the mortgagee shall accept any portion of the principal at the time of any interest payment. This means that the harvesting of a good wheat crop, or the fortunate sale of a bunch of cattle, may wipe out the debt, and the loan agent must find another borrower. However, one insurance company has \$40,000,000 in Western farm-mortgage loans, and the interest thereon is sufficient to pay all its death losses. Another company has \$99,000,000 in these loans, scattered over the Mississippi Valley. The larger sums are in Illinois, with about \$28,000,000; Minnesota, with \$10,000,000; Missouri, \$11,000,000; Iowa, \$10,700,000; Ohio, \$8,000,000, and lesser amounts in a dozen other States. It places approximately 1,000 farm-mortgage loans every year, and has in its history loaned \$250,000,000 in this way, with practically no loss. A report in the *Annals of the American Academy of Science* gives the amount of mortgages held by the life insurance companies at \$490,632,508, or 27.7 per cent of the companies' assets. This, however, includes loans on city property as well as those on farms. The percentage is second only to that invested in bonds, indicating the partiality for this form of investment by the most conservative of investors.

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We Must Fit the Cross.

A lady employed an artist to carve for her in marble the figure of an angel carrying a cross. He began with the angel, and had succeeded remarkably well, when he found that he could not make the cross fit on his back, nor could he alter the cross or the figure so as to get the cross to fit. He tried again and again, but in the end he had to give it up.

The lady then employed another artist to complete the work or make another. He began with the cross, and then made the back of the figure to fit it.

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PROGRAM.

Wednesday, May 9, Afternoon Session.
2:30 p. m.—Devotional Services, Led by Rev. J. M. Hughey.
2:45 p. m.—Sunday School Success.
(a) The Pastor's and Parent's Part, Rev. J. M. Cantrell.
(b) The Superintendent and Teacher's Part, Prof. M. J. Russell.
3:15 p. m.—Making the Sunday School Go, Rev. George McGlumphy.
3:45—Two Hard Problems.
(a) The Big Boy, C. B. Winburne.
(b) The Old Folks, Rev. J. F. E. Bates.
4:15 p. m.—Round Table: "The Rural Sunday School," Rev. George McGlumphy.
Evening Session.
8:00 p. m.—Song and Prayer Service, Led by Rev. J. E. Dunaway.
8:30—Sermon.
Thursday, May 10, Morning Session.
8:30 a. m.—Devotional Services, Led by Rev. J. R. Ashmore.
9:00 a. m.—Reports on Sunday Schools, Pastors and Superintendents.
9:30 a. m.—Bible Study for Busy People, Rev. J. M. Hughey.
10:00 a. m.—Special Days in the Sunday School:
(a) Rally Day, Rev. A. B. Williamson.
(b) Christmas, Mrs. J. F. E. Bates.
(c) Decision Day, Rev. W. T. Thompson.
(d) Missionary Day, Rev. J. E. Woodruff.
10:40 a. m.—The "Why" and "How" of the Teachers' Meeting, Rev. George McGlumphy.
11:00 a. m.—Our Methodist Sunday School Helps, Rev. H. W. Wallace.
11:45 a. m.—The Bible in the Sunday School, Rev. J. H. Glass.
11:30 a. m.—Our Forward Movement, Rev. George McGlumphy.

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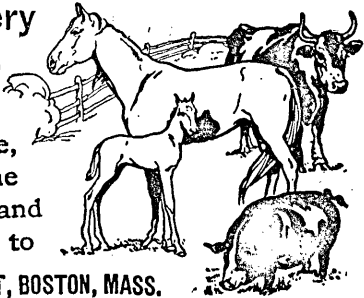
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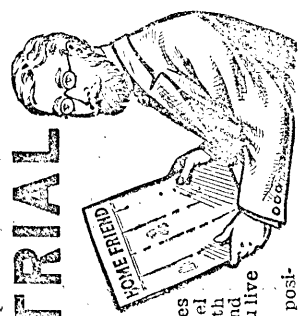
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coast where our Southern Methodists were struggling with many worse than heathen, for they have the Gospel with them and few take time to hear. We pray for the distress of those in the stricken cities and hope this terrible shock may bring many of those sinners to a knowledge of Christ. While in San Francisco we beheld many forms of vice practiced openly, and the people were so callous as not to notice it. May this shake-up, open their spiritual eyes and redound to God's glory is my prayer.

Mrs. Robert Heriot,
1521 W. 3rd street,
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Superintendent of Golden Links and Juvenile Foreign Missionary Societies in Little Rock Conference.

The Training of Boys.

It has come to this then, that the home must be the center in which we are to gather material for a re-invasion of public life with those sweeter courtesies which are so much better than the dancing-school elegancies—the courtesies of the heart, which I would like to call manners, if manners were not so commonly within them.

The courtesies of the heart, or heart manners, are to a great extent cultivable. They grow up best in the home under the mother's eye. They are not much helped on by book training. The rules of etiquette have little to do with them, beyond giving them historical treatment—summing them up with more or less accuracy. They find their soil and finest nourishment in a certain tenderness of heart, which ought to belong to every child born. Like the violet, they will grow best in a dewy glebe, and are watered by tears.

Among the lowly and uneducated you find heart manners quite as often as in court. They feed on the distresses incident to poverty and sickness. Self-helpfulness, associating itself readily with helpfulness of others, is their clear and open manifestation.

Out of the circumstances of a worn mother, or a father who has been thrown down hard in the struggle of life, of a lame brother or sad-eyed, invalid sister, are born the sweetest graces of the home—graces which learn to show themselves in the face, the eye, and every movement of the body. This other self-helpfulness need not pass into absolute altruism, for which the world is hardly yet ripe, but it may with safety pass into gentle, unconscious and guiltless habit of self-abnegation, such as makes the face take a share in another's happiness. All grace of external manners may be acquired when these heart manners are established, and no "superior" polish will wear well without them.

When George William Curtis, one midnight, going home from a great

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I went the fifth Sunday in April to Hoffman, a new town, to assist one of my local preachers in organizing at that point, we have a nice little class there now with some of the best people of the town in it, and I pray that it may make one of the best points in the bounds of the work. Brother Jackson, a local preacher, is keeping up that point for us.

Brethren, pray for us that we may so live and labor this year that God may use us in the salvation of many souls.

A. M. Lusk.

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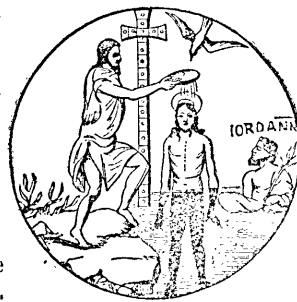
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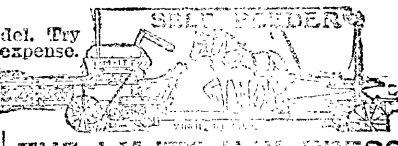
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church here, but what we have in the main will stand by their pastor through thick and thin. We have just closed a three week's meeting and they stood by, us and the victory was gained in the name of the Son of God. Twenty-one joined our church. I do not know how many will join the other churches. We are looking for more to join us. Bro. W. R. Smith, my local preacher, and myself did the preaching. Bro. W. H. Long came down from Canadian and preached three or four times. We can truthfully say the Lord was with us from start to finish. We give God all the glory.

J. D. Massey.

From Bro. Hayes.

Sorry "you, or either of you" did not attend our District Conference at Portland. Bro. McGlumphy was with us in great efficiency and much pleasing. He is very fine in his work.

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