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GENERAL CONFERENCE NEWS.

THE BISHOPS' ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren: We cordially greet you, the chosen representatives of the Annual Conferences and our fellow-workers in the kingdom of God, in the name of our common Lord and earnestly invoke the divine blessing upon your great quadrennial gathering. May you be preserved in health amid the exacting and responsible labors of the session, and be amply endued with that wisdom which cometh from above, for all your varied and important duties! Assembling under circumstances so gracious and in time so propitious, and with responsibilities so momentous we devoutly pray that the great Head of the Church may grant you "the spirit of power, of love, and of a sound mind." "And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things" that will make for the continued peace and larger prosperity of our beloved Zion. But as there can be no outpouring of the Spirit without a previous outpouring of souls to God, our prayer is that this General Conference may wait on the Lord for the manifestation of the Holy Ghost.

In all suggested modifications of our wonderful system we are sure you will exercise wise and prudent reserve. To meet the pressing needs and inevitable changes of the growing years, there must from time to time, be readjustment of our ecclesiastical polity. We will not hold to a theory because it is old or continue a statute simply as a tribute of respect to the fathers. Efficiency is the test of value and the tenure of service. On the other hand, we will not, without wise caution and most patient consideration, radically modify a system of government that has contributed so marvelously to the almost unexampled success of a century and more. Not every change is a reform, and not all modifications are improvements.

We rejoice with you and "give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" for the manifold tokens of favor vouchsafed to the Church during the past four years, and for the large measure of success which attended the labors of faithful brethren throughout our widely extended Israel. There has been substantial and gratifying progress in every well-organized service. Revivals have been gracious and wide-spread, attesting the old-time power of the gospel of the Holy Ghost. In many places we have seen "the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God." There have been signal victories all along our far-flung battle line. In the home land and in the distant fields a cloud of glory has hovered over our heroic legions. God has moved in a mighty and mysterious way. While results have not equaled our highest hopes and well-meant efforts, we have every reason for devout thanksgiving and renewed consecration. History is a mighty support to faith. Memory is an inspiration to spiritual courage. We may have looked forward with fear; we turn our eyes backward in perfect confidence. And when hope has found its fruition—when faith has suffered no disappointment—when Providence has been vindicated by the story of years—we enter upon a new quadrennium with steadier step and firmer trust and higher courage.

The last four years have been happily free from any disturbing or exciting questions of connectional administration. No great issue has occasioned heated discussion or sharp division or factional separation. We have had peace in all our Zion. Unity and harmony have prevailed throughout the entire connection. And we have possibly never known a period of more harmonious co-operation or ceaseless activity or aggressive enterprise.

The statistical returns are altogether encouraging. The increase of members during the past four years was 109,427, as against only 38,085 during the preceding quadrennium. We have now 1,614,648 members, 1,039,785 Sunday School scholars, and 120,487 Epworth League members. The receipts of our Board for Foreign Missions for this quadrennium were \$1,659,941, an increase over the preceding four years of \$645,673. The collections for Church Extension were \$372,659.30, an increase of \$112,833.68 over the quadrennium ending in 1902. During the past year the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society received \$155,909 and the Woman's Home Mission Society \$101,728. If these

amounts be added to the receipts by the General and Annual Conference Boards, we have a sum total for home and foreign missions during the year now closing of \$955,779.

Decreasing Supply of Ministers.

But while deeply grateful for so many tokens of divine favor, and cheered by the gracious results of a really great quadrennium, some things give us grave concern, and call for importunate prayer. First of all, we lament, with anxious fear, our decreasing supply of ministers. All the evangelical Churches are feeling a measure of alarm. New fields are opening and new demands for ministerial service are multiplying, but the laborers are few, and comparatively decreasing. All the Annual Conferences are in need of more and better qualified men. On every devout lip is the earnest question, "What is the matter?" Has the Church so dishonored herself as the Bride of Christ that she has lost power to bear and train prophets for the Lord? And this question comes not alone from constitutional prophets of woe. It is the burden of sincere souls, loyal to Christ and the Church, and who are, by nature and grace, ardent and enlightened optimists.

Various theories have been suggested in order to account for this meagre response to the Lord of the harvest. Doubtless the answer is, a decline in the spiritual tone of our family life. It is much to be feared that a subtle, alluring, materialistic spirit is affecting our homes and diverting the thoughts of our sons from the simple life and the blessed privilege of preaching the glorious gospel. The meager stipends of preachers, while other professions offer such large rewards, intimidate the faith of some who may have heard the call of duty.

Our appeal to the ministry is that we make up for any lack of laborers by extraordinary diligence and singular consecration to our high calling. The conviction deepens with us that a revived ministry is the need of the times; a ministry rejoicing in a conscious salvation, walking and talking with a living Christ, whose glowing and growing experiences accord with the blessed doctrines of revelation. We must know God if we would make God known. Let us preach a known and a felt Christ. Any man may well fear that he has lost the call to preach if he has lost the power to convert.

In many Churches of the East there is in the pupil a crucifix, in full view of the officiating priest, and the figure of a dove with outstretched wings on the canopy just above his head. The idea was, that he who stood as a teacher of righteousness should have the crucified Lord before his eyes, and the Holy Spirit hovering over him to inspire his words and kindle his ardor. What they have in image may we have in fact, the uplifted cross for the expiation of all sin and the informing and indwelling Spirit to inflame our desires!

Local Preachers.

We also call to your serious attention the ominous and rapid decline in the number of local preachers. Whatever the cause or causes, this once potential ally of the pastorate is decreasing every day. In the early days of American Methodism local preachers were the "right arm" of the itinerant ministry, and without doubt made the marvelous triumphs of the Church a glorious possibility. It may be that the policy of subdividing circuits and multiplying stations, each under the care of a pastor, is largely responsible for this decline.

Ten years ago our General Minutes reported 6,724 local preachers; today we have only 4,718, a decrease of 2,006. Whether the office and work of the local preacher is ever to be restored to former efficiency may be a matter of grave doubt. If not, we certainly should consider how to develop a system of lay agency.

We find also in many parts of the connection a desire with which we sympathize to restore to the Quarterly Conference the authority to license preachers. The matter is respectfully referred for your patient consideration.

Certain Problems of Southern Methodism.

Certain grave problems that have been prominent, and more or less perilous, in other sections of our country, have only recently become acute in

the South. The problems of the city, of rapidly increasing wealth, of the employer and the employed, of factory districts, of congested foreign populations, and of the forsaken rural sections have been transferred to these parallels. We have been a rural and a pastoral people. But now conditions are rapidly changing. Foreigners from Southern Europe are coming by the thousand, factories are multiplying, village and country neighborhoods are breaking up, and people are drifting into town and city. A wise, constructive statesmanship suggests that we now prepare for the inevitable tomorrow.

The amazing industrial development of the States where our Church is strongest and our responsibility greatest, brings before us new and urgent issues. The whole of our vast territory in the South is feeling the thrill and pulse-beat of great industrial activities. A new commercial era gladdens and brightens the long prostrate land. But few harps now hang upon the willows. Every one is ringing out the notes of marvelous progress. Factories of various kinds are being built; railway lines at the cost of many millions, are stretching out in every direction; lands, long unoccupied and bringing no revenue to the State, are being purchased by the hundred thousand acres. Crops have been diversified and industries multiplied to the enrichment of every section. Of our Southern country it may now be said: "Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures." Hopeful is the spirit of our people and wonderfully bright the future of this section. The star of a new industrialism has turned Southward and lingers in the skies that bend over the lower Mississippi Valley. Within the near future there is sure to be a shifting of the centers of trade and manufacture. The completion of the Isthmian canal will bring the Orient close to our very doors. Down the Mississippi and over the Gulf the products of the great Northwest will float at less cost than over the steep grades of the Alleghenies to the Atlantic or the Rockies to the Pacific.

The South today has a population of 25,000,000, as against 33,855,000 for the rest of the country in 1880. The South has more money invested in cotton mills than all the rest of the country in 1880. The consumption in its own mills is 800,000 bales greater than that of all the rest of the mills in the United States twenty-five years ago. Its production of bituminous coal is almost twice as great—70,000,000 tons, as against 35,000,000; its petroleum output, 42,495,000 against 26,107,000. It is freely predicted, and with reason, that this section, with its abundant stores of ore and coal and limestone in such close proximity, bids fair, in the next quarter of a century, to dominate the basic steel industry of the world. The total value of its farm products is \$200,000,000 greater than in all the rest of the country in 1880. New Orleans now ranks second only to New York among American exporting ports, and Galveston is third. Gulfport, Miss., leads all domestic ports in its shipment of lumber, Pensacola in sawed timber, and Mobile in cross-ties.

Now in the midst of these activities the Church must be active. A new and larger program of missions must be provided. Every toiler must be in the field, every sentinel at his post, every watchman on the wall. This amazing industrialism has developed a materialistic spirit hitherto unknown among us that menaces the very kingdom of Christ. Material prosperity may be the peril of the Church. The fiber of her strength toughened through years of adversity, may be weakened by wealth. The patriarch's pillow was a stone, but he had visions of angels and the glory that should follow. Wealth, luxury, ease may enfeeble energy and dull the spirit of a divine compassion. "The smoothness of conventional routine" deadens the soul. Thus affected, the Church is in danger of becoming the priest and the Levite that pass by on the other side.

Along with these rapidly accumulating fortunes there must be developed a loftier appreciation of the stewardship of wealth. Bitter prejudice, born of poverty, can be removed only by the redemptive agency of the gospel and the slow processes of education on the one hand, and the beneficent use

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Rev. C. B. Mosely, our Japan missionary, is visiting the General Conference.

Last Sunday Rev. T. W. Fisackerly preached in the morning at First Church, Little Rock, and took a fine collection for the Orphanage.

Rev. W. R. Harrison, our pastor at Benton, Ark., has been given a trip to Birmingham by his people and he is as happy as he could be over such an occurrence.

Rev. W. U. Witt, who was appointed as student in Vanderbilt last fall from the Arkansas Conference has been placed in charge of Wagoner Station, Indian Mission Conference.

Judge J. H. Basham, first alternate delegate from the Arkansas Conference went to the General Conference last week to take the place of C. E. Wilson, who had not appeared.

Rev. F. Hutchinson, of Hunter Memorial, Little Rock, had a special service last Sunday morning for the old people. It was well attended, and thoroughly enjoyed by the hoary-haired saints.

Dr. A. E. Bonnell, of Muskogee, an alternate delegate to the General Conference took his place in that body last Saturday in place of Hon. A. S. McKennon, who, it is understood, was kept at home on account of sickness in his family.

A reception was given last Friday night by the Central Methodist Church and Epworth League at Fayetteville, Ark., to the 148 new members received since Conference. We congratulate Bro. Fletcher and his people on this wonderful ingathering and the bright prospects of that church.

Last week the General Conference sent greetings to Rev. J. C. Berryman of Missouri, the only surviving member of the historic conference of 1844. On the very day the conference received the reply to these greetings, a beautiful reply, referring to Job 12:5, the old patriarch fell on sleep, though there was no anticipation of this when the reply was sent. He was 97 years old.

The following brethren, members of the Little Rock Conference, were visiting the General Conference last week: Revs. T. Y. Ramsey, W. M. Hayes, W. P. Whaley, W. A. Steel, F. F. Harrell, W. F. Andrews, J. R. Dickerson, whose wife accompanied him. Rev. W. M. Wilson, of White River Conference and Rev. W. T. Keithley, of the Arkansas Conference were also present during the week.

EDITORIAL.

From the General Conference.

Birmingham is a beautiful city, with splendid residences and skyscraper buildings, wide and well paved streets, neatly kept. There are about one hundred thousand souls here. The great iron industry of the South centers here. The city has great prospects ahead of it. The members of the conference are all happy and are enjoying themselves. A vast amount of devotion to the church and of good fellowship is in evidence.

Not much legislation has yet been had, of course, as matters have not yet come from the committees which must thrash out the proposed legislation. However, the conference did to day, the 8th, amend the Discipline so as to permit unordained pastors to perform marriage and administer baptism—a wise piece of legislation.

Removal of the time limit is to be debated in committee this afternoon. Federation is a live issue. There is a special committee on the subject. Your editor and some others are working on a general scheme of federation which seeks to declare all American Episcopal Methodism one, and then to divide into three or more general conferences, each having jurisdiction within its own limits. This would wipe out once and forever all antagonisms between the two Methodisms, and it would leave each great section of the country to manage without interruption its own matters. It is too early to say what will become of the scheme, but it is meeting with great hospitality, particularly on the part of the delegates who are in the West or are on our northern border.

Tuesday night the 8th was appointed for hearing the Rev. Dr. Sparling, fraternal messenger from the Methodist Church of Canada. We send the following items from his address.

Speech of Rev. J. W. Sparling, D. D., President of Wesley College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

It is a sort of tradition what hospitality and kindness you show to the messengers from Canada. Canada Methodism holds your church in the very highest esteem.

I come from Winnipeg, a city just the age of Birmingham—perhaps they are twins, both having been founded 36 years ago. Boston has been called "the hub," but if you knew a little more about geography you would know that Winnipeg is the hub, for it can be demonstrated that Winnipeg is the center of this American Continent. Just as the world is waking up to know that Birmingham must supply the iron of the future, so it is just now waking up to know that Winnipeg is to supply the wheat of the world. Our West is just now being discovered—I must tell the truth, it is being discovered by Americans. They make us fine citizens. Besides, the ends of the earth are coming to us. The Bible was called for in Winnipeg in forty different languages. Yet our country in point of population is where yours was a hundred years ago. But we have a magnificent country of vast and varied resources. Its waterways are among the most splendid in the world. Its prairies are boundless in their extent. We have robust climatic conditions, which afford little

time for laziness. Our whole country is being covered with a net work of railways, beating the world on railways as compared with population.

But natural resources do not constitute a nation's greatness. A nation is made up of high-minded men, who know their rights and who maintain them. I am afraid of our material progress.

Our common school systems—thanks to a Methodist preacher—are among the very best in the world. We have our colleges and universities, some of which stand among the very best on the American continent.

The Sabbath is well observed among us. We know but little of the Sunday newspaper. We are proud of our judiciary—life and property are safer nowhere in the world.

Canadian Methodism is the eldest daughter of your American Methodism. A little over 100 years ago your early itinerants, Nathan Bangs, Francis Asbury and others, came to us. In 1805 we had 18 ministers; in 1905 we have over 2000 ministers and members in proportion. We are building good churches—and I see you are too—I have never seen one I liked better than I do this one.

We are not much troubled with heresies, nor with heresy hunters. We have but little use for higher criticism. We believe in salvation from all sin, and that just now. We believe in the mercy of God and in the ultimate punishment of sinners.

We have a publishing house—what Methodists Church has not?

Our periodicals go on with increasing power. Our Missionary work prospers. Our educational work flourishes.

One phase I must speak of—I mean no less than the organic union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Canada. This is the biggest thing of the century; it means more than the confederation of the provinces of Canada and that meant the making of a nation. The movement has been on for several years, each of these churches having taken favorable action on the subject—a joint commission having found the proposed union to be desirable, and having pledged itself to do all in its power to bring it about. A second session of the Commission, composed of about 120 of representative ministers of these three great churches as can be found, had a meeting of wonderful grace some months ago—it was a love feast. Everything points to a consummation of this union. A doctrinal statement seems now about agreed upon. The agreement being reached in a most remarkable manner. (There being much applause at what the speaker said about this union, he told his audience that he would report home that the scheme has the endorsement of one of the most intelligent Methodist bodies of the world. A most amusing incident occurred as the speaker quoted the article of the proposed confession of faith on the subject of perfect love, and appealed to Bishop Key to get his endorsement of the same, not knowing that the Bishop holds peculiar views, and insisted humorously and persistently upon the endorsement, which he finally extorted from the Bishop) Questions of polity have been largely determined. We are arranging for every preacher to have a church and for

every church to have a preacher and the Presbyterians are delighted at that!

The whole speech was heard with great gladness, was eloquently delivered, was in good taste and interspersed with happy hits. It closed with a plea for Christian unity, for the solidarity of Christianity against the united forces of evil. If the Christian church is to win out against these great forces it must be united.

On Wednesday the 9th the Conference ordered an annual meeting of the secretaries of the Annual Conference Board of Missions on call of the secretary of the General Board. The Conference declined to concur in a recommendation to compel the Bishops to obtain the consent of an annual conference before transferring any man to the conference, and also declined to make it mandatory upon the Bishops to make all appointments in the presence of the presiding elders. They increased the membership of the Board of Education from fifteen to seventeen, and cut down the membership of the Epworth League Board from thirteen to seven.

General Conference Notes.

On the eighth day of the Conference, Bishop Morrison presiding, the conference took action looking to remedying the state of things in the Congo Free State, where great and terrible wrongs are being perpetuated upon the helpless natives, notwithstanding the pledge of King Leopold, of Belgium, made to the Congress of Nations to protect the rights of the natives.

Provision was made whereby State Epworth Leagues might purchase property for their use in holding assembly meetings, the control of such property to be vested in a Board of Control, nominated by the Leaguers and confirmed by the annual conference.

A stiff debate occurred on the proposal to remand the licensing of local preachers to the quarterly conference. The matter was left with the district conference. The debate developed that we have fewer local preachers than we had when the change was made 12 years ago; that we have a better quality in this, at least, that we have weeded out the less competent and the less loyal, and left us the really effective ones, so that we are getting on without any friction between local and itinerant preachers, such as we once had.

On the ninth day of the conference provision was made for the issuing of tracts of an evangelistic sort, under the auspices of the Board of Missions, and under the direction of a specially constituted body of men acting with them.

The greatest debate of many years occurred over the report of the special committee on a New Statement of Faith. The report asked that a commission be appointed to meet other commissions from all the other great Methodist bodies for the purpose of making a new statement. Dean Tillet made a great speech of nearly an hour in favor of the report, one of the greatest speeches heard in a generation in the General Conference. While affirming his belief in every article of our faith as the articles now stand, he contended that the emphasis is not upon the proper places, that the articles were written

350 years ago when it was necessary to specially defend the faith against Romish errors, so that a large part of our confession is now taken up with that purpose; he contended that there are certain great fundamental matters of Methodist faith which are not in the articles and which ought to be there. The conference was swept by the speech. Bishop Wilson and other Bishops were invited to speak, the matter being one of so great importance. Bishop Wilson made one of his ponderous speeches in opposition, and again the Conference was swept. Bishop Candler was called out. He said if we have anything new it is not true, and if we have anything true it is not new. Bishop Hoss was called out. He pounded down upon the idea of a General Conference "stripping itself of its faith in thirty minutes!" Bishop Hendrix was called out; he declared that all creeds are defensive; that they represent the ground won by the church in the contest with error; that it would be well for the church to plant its flag upon the territory that has been conquered since our articles were written, that he would be glad to see the commission raised if only to put in an article defining and proclaiming the universal mission of the church, the missionary idea. Bishop Galloway was called out, and in a brief and masterly way deprecated the idea that the Bishops should be called upon to participate in debate. It was the greatest field day the General Conference has seen in many a year. The report is still pending at this writing.

Very little was done on Saturday the 12th, the debate on the restatement of the creed of the church being continued. Able speeches were made. After the routine work of receiving reports from committees, the call for memorials, petitions and resolutions was finished, the debate on this question consumed the morning. The question was still pending when the conference adjourned.

It will be resumed before this reaches our readers and concluded, but scarcely in time to get the result stated in this issue of the paper.

The committee on Episcopacy reported this morning, passing the character of each of the Bishops and recommending the election of three new Bishops. There is every probability that three will be the number elected. None of the Bishops were superannuated.

In the appeal case of Rev. J. S. Hawkins the decision of the Little Rock Conference was upheld by the committee on Appeals, and this action is final.

The Latest From General Conference.

The question of the revision of the creed of Methodism was decided in the affirmative Monday. It should be remembered that there is no effort to change the existing articles but merely to add to them in some respects. It should further be remembered that it was only decided to appoint a commission looking in that direction; the commission to confer with like commissions from other Methodist bodies, the church not undertaking to sever itself from other Methodist bodies by in any way changing its creed.

The committee's recommendation that three additional bishops be elected was confirmed by the conference and the time of

election was fixed at 10 o'clock Thursday which is after the time of publication of the Advocate. As it is generally the custom of the periodicals of our church not to prognosticate or forecast an election of this character we leave the matter here and will give the decision in our next issue.

Inter-Church Temperance Federation.

To the Members and Friends of the Inter-Church Temperance Federation of Arkansas:

We, your Executive Committee, hereby submit our second official report for the month ending May 10, 1906.

At a regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee held in Little Rock May 10, the work of the board for the month ending on that day was reviewed, and the various reports showed the work done to be entirely satisfactory to the committee.

The Field Secretary submitted his report, which was carefully considered and adopted.

The Treasurer made his report, and showed a small balance in the treasury after all bills had been allowed and paid.

The Committee on County Organization for campaign work against license made its report, and was continued.

Arrangements were made for the representation of our work at the approaching gatherings of the various conferences and other gatherings in the State.

The Committee on Literature reported that the large temperance maps and the Temperance Catechisms would be ready in the near future for distribution among the churches and Sunday Schools of the State.

The outlook for the work was most encouraging, and the committee most respectfully urges every church and friend of temperance in Arkansas to a most hearty and loyal cooperation in the plans and work of the federation against the saloon, and for a State wide campaign for "no license." By every visible token a great victory is in sight for the cause of temperance in Arkansas this year. All inquiries concerning the work of the board should be addressed to Geo. Thornburgh, President, at Little Rock, Ark., or Frank Barrett, Secretary, Searcy, Ark. All Sunday School superintendents or pastors wanting maps or catechisms for their schools or churches should address, at once, George Thornburgh, President, or E. A. Tabor, Field Secretary. Respectfully submitted,
George Thornburgh, Pres.;
Frank Barrett, Sec.

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of wealth on the other. If the vast triumphs of commercial genius are converted into means for the betterment and not the oppression of the poor, hostility will cease, and the spirit of brotherhood prevail. The courageous application of the fundamental laws of righteousness and love to every great social and industrial problem is the chief duty of the Church.

Another factor has entered into the problems that demand the attention of our immigration. During the year 1905 the immigration records show that 1,026,499 immigrants landed on our shores, 700,000 of whom were from Southern and Eastern Europe. Vast numbers were totally illiterate and alien to our national customs and ethical standards and public spirit. This enormous and miscellaneous mass of foreign ignorance and poverty severely strains the assimilating power of our social institutions, and constitutes a perilous menace to our Christian civilization. Until very recently the South has been but slightly affected by foreign immigration. The vast thousands coming annually from Southern Europe have been distributed over the North and West. Now, however, the tide has turned Southward, with Galveston and New Orleans as popular ports of entry. The Italian Ambassador at Washington has indorsed an organized movement to turn Italian immigration Southward, as agricultural and other laborers; and certain legislation is pending in Congress looking to the distribution of immigrant populations over the entire South. Near Tampa, Fla., there is a "Little Italy" with 6,400 inhabitants. Already in some of our States there are large foreign communities, as yet ignorant of our language and unacquainted with our national genius. To meet these coming thousands with the educative and redemptive agencies of the gospel is the urgent duty of the Christian Churches of these Southern States. When the Lord saw the multitudes who were as sheep without a shepherd, it is said that "he was moved with compassion." That same compassionate love for neglected peoples and the Christless multitudes must stir the energies of the Church today.

And with these comes the enormous problem of the city. We can scarcely appreciate the tremendous significance of the city in modern life. There is an old saying: "What Lancashire thinks today, England will do tomorrow." With an undreamed-of emphasis it may be said: "What the city determines today, the country will do tomorrow." After that may be said about the moral value of country life and its virtues, the real rulers of the city are the men of the city. They control not the prices of the stock market, but establish ethical standards of the nation and determine political destiny. A discriminating and philosophical student of conditions obtaining in this city has said: "If America does not remake itself, they will remake America." That is not statement of an alarmist or the evil prophecy of an enemy, but the timely warning of a faithful friend.

The overcrowded populations of the city are pressed often to live under conditions that promote moral stupor, which becomes practical heathenism. And nothing can cleanse and purify these breeding grounds of anarchy and vice but the ethical and vital principles of the gospel.

Few figures will indicate the ominous growths in the United States:

	Per Cent.
Our total population in 1820 they constituted	4.9
In 1840	8.5
In 1860	16.1
In 1880	22.5
In 1890	30
In 1900	Over 33.33

And within recent years a full share of this amazing growth of cities is found in the South. Long a peaceful, pastoral people, living on farms and in villages, we are now rapidly becoming a manufacturing and commercial population, residing in busy towns and crowded cities.

Years ago a distinguished minister of another Church made this public statement: "The frontiers of modern civilization are in the great cities, and America expects Methodism to man the frontiers." The rugged faith of the spiritual frontiersman and pathfinder that made so brilliant the history of our itinerant fathers is the demand of these strenuous times. The forces that confront and menace the Church are not tyrannous and bloody, as in the days when martyrs died in flood and flame, but are none the less dangerous and dreadful. Our prayer is that Methodism will not disappoint the expectations of Christian America.

And this drift from country to city has in many sections so seriously weakened the circuits as to constitute the gravest embarrassment to the Conference Boards of Mission. Strong pastoral charges have become dependent upon missionary aid. How to provide for those thinly populated districts without practically abandoning the entire field, is often a supreme question in Annual Conference administration.

All these stupendous facts suggest the wisdom of considering what changes in our missionary organization are necessary in order to adequately meet conditions that are growing more urgent every hour. You may find it best, in view of the limited

resources of Annual Conference Boards, to make missionary organizations in cities of twenty thousand inhabitants and more auxiliary to the Parent Board, and provide that the missionaries there employed shall be under the missionary rule as to qualifications and tenure of service.

Foreign Missions.

The past quadrennium has been the greatest in the history of the missionary operations of our Church. The discussion of missionary obligation in sermons and in addresses at missionary institutes, and the survey of the fields and the facts in the numerous mission study classes held by our young people, have deepened conviction and intensified interest to such an extent that the Church has responded as never before. Seventeen Annual Conferences, 121 districts, and 3,227 pastoral charges have paid their assessments in full for foreign missions; and yet less than one-third of our people give to this cause.

During the quadrennium just closed the total receipts of the Board of Missions for foreign missions have been as follows:

1902-03	\$ 366,180
1903-04	389,056
1904-05	436,859
1905-06	467,902

Total

During this quadrennium one who was always a princely giver left the Board its largest bequest—\$35,000. All honor to the blessed memory of Richard M. Scruggs!

China.

China is at once the greatest and most difficult of mission fields. We have been working there for over half a century, and the numerical results seem meager. But it must not be forgotten that an immense amount of preparatory work had to be done in mastering the language—in the preparation of a literature—in the provision of an adequate equipment of Churches, schools, and hospitals. The work is now well organized and is making progress beyond anything we have known in the history of our mission.

The establishment of the Soochow University and the Laura Haygood Memorial for the higher education of women, the enlargement of our medical work, the opening of two walled cities—Huchow and Changchow—as evangelistic centers, and the establishment of the Union Publishing House in Shanghai are fair indications of the aggressive policy which is being pursued.

The empire is in a state of unrest, due probably more to the leaven of new ideas than to the existence primarily of anti-foreign spirit. We are humiliated, however, to confess that much of the recent agitation in China against American commerce, and which, of necessity, affects more or less all missionary operations, has been largely occasioned by the unsympathetic and sometimes vexatious, if not vicious, administration of the Chinese Exclusion Law. The Chinese government and the people make no complaint against the exclusion of coolie labor from America, but they do resent the hardships to which the merchant and student classes have been subjected. We cannot make too strong a protest against the infliction of personal indignity upon the representatives of any nation, and sincerely hope the measure recommended by President Roosevelt will lead to the amelioration of present conditions.

In April, 1907, there will be held in Shanghai a General Conference of Missionaries in commemoration of the opening of Protestant missionary work in China by Robert Morrison, just one hundred years ago. An invitation has been extended our Church to send one or more representatives to this great gathering.

Japan.

Marvelous changes have been wrought in Japan. She has turned her back rather scornfully upon the dead past and is facing an ambitious future. She has welcomed the mighty stir and energy of Western civilization, without its Christian religion. She has appropriated the enterprise of the West without its ethics—its utilitarianism without its faith.

It is the sublime opportunity and mission of the Church to challenge this eager thought, and, while not arresting its movement, direct it into divine channels. When the mind is most alert the Holy Spirit can more speedily and savingly work. So as the island kingdom is emerging from the rigid, stolid conservatism of the past, and is feeling after the power and thrill of a new life, the Church must act promptly and vigorously, or superstition will give way to rank infidelity. That a wonderful change has been wrought, the faded shrines and weather-worn temples of the country amply and eloquently testify. The old faiths have largely lost their grasp upon the national mind, but the true light has not yet shone upon it. Japan is in the eye of the world, and must command the special concern of the Church of Christ. As goes Japan, so will be the Orient. The increasing influence of Japanese in China and their dominance in Korea give almost perilous significance to Japan as a field for missionary endeavor. The times will not wait. We must move quickly and with increasing force. Hesitation now may mean a long postponement of that Orient morn when those fair lands shall know the Christ.

Hardly greater emphasis could be given to the preceding statement than by the fact that we have just been offered a great temple grove, adjoining the campus of our college in Kobe, with a Shinto shrine in the midst of it. This center of worship has probably been in existence for over a hundred years. Our people have not been slow to appreciate the strategic importance of Japan, and through their liberal gifts the beautiful Branch Memorial Chapel crowns the hillside where Kwansei Gakuin is located, and a main building for our Hiroshima Girls' School is in process of erection.

There is no more significant event in the history of our missionary operations than the adoption, on the 15th of March, in Baltimore, of a basis of union for the two Episcopal Methodisms in Japan, drawn up by the commissioners authorized by the General Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Korea.

Korea has proven one of the richest mission fields of the world in immediate and large results. Every year has marked an epoch, and each decade has become an era. The missionaries have less cause for discouragement than in any other field. Their only embarrassment has been the eagerness of the people to hear the gospel and seek instruction.

The characteristic feature of our work in Korea during the quadrennium has been a widespread revival movement. The openness of the people to the gospel has been remarkable. The only limitations upon our missionaries have been lack of time and strength. The country is small and could be easily compassed. We should throw in strong evangelistic forces, and possess the land before the tide of commercialism sets in, or the dominance of an alien people arouses the Koreans to restlessness or resistance.

Cuba.

The growth of our work on the island to the south of us has been marvelous. Beginning with twenty-four members at the close of the war with Spain, and these huddled together for service in a little rented room in Havana, we now have 1,949 members, and a large number on the list of candidates for Church membership. The bishop in charge of that mission was compelled last year to make this statement: "The work of evangelization has progressed so far that I was forced to call a halt for lack of men and money to care for the fruits already won by the toil of our little force." We occupy every important provincial center and are extending our lines on every side, reaching out even to the Isle of Pines.

Mexico.

Under the presidency of that remarkable man, Gen. Porfirio Diaz, the Republic of Mexico has enjoyed a long period of tranquility, and has grown with wonderful strides in the development of her resources and the upbuilding of her institutions. American investments are represented there by a sum hardly less than one billion dollars, and numerous American colonies are springing up in the cities. It is said that there are 10,000 Americans in the capital itself. They should be included in our plan of evangelization.

Perhaps one of the most important features of our work in Mexico, in the three Annual Conferences, is the training school for young preachers at San Luis Potosi. As the foreign fields must be evangelized through a trained agency, it is imperative that our training schools should have all the equipment and endowment essential for the best work.

Brazil.

The liberality of our Church in Brazil is beyond all praise. Something over \$26,000 was contributed last year by our native members for all purposes, and much of this represents self-denial and heroic endeavor. Too much cannot be said for the work done by our women in Brazil and in Mexico, who, through their schools, have been reaching every class, and in some cases the highest families in the land. One of the greatest needs is an endowment for Granbery College, which is our only institution for training young men for the ministry. And hardly second to this is that of a generous fund for the translation and publication of Christian literature. The meagerness of such literature is pathetic. Stalker's "Life of Christ," Binney's "Compend," and eleven of Wesley's "Sermons" are about the only available books in Portuguese for ministerial students, and the "Sermons" are out of print.

Mission to the Jews.

During the quadrennium a mission to the Jews has been opened, with the Rev. Julius Magath in charge. Eminently qualified for the work among his own people, he has been given a cordial welcome in a number of Jewish centers in the South, where he has found a decided drift from the religion of their fathers.

Statistics From the Foreign Field.

Missionaries in our six foreign fields....	251
Native preachers in the traveling connection	104
Bible women	146
Members	17,624
Increase (or 12.7 per cent.)	1,973
Sunday school scholars	16,543 sub-

Pupils in same.....	9,960
Patients treated in four hospitals.....	40,678
Raised on field for all purposes.....\$	46,897
Property valuation	1,428,464

The Missionary Training School.

The need of trained workers to meet the growing demands in our cities, mill towns, mining districts, and among the increasing immigrant population, as well as skilled workmen for our foreign fields, has led to the establishment by the Board, of a school which has already demonstrated the claim for such work. The lectures have been of a high order, and the publication of a number of these in pamphlet form, in an edition of 120,000, has greatly aided the cause of missionary education. We need to increase the circulation of such information as shall bring our people in sympathy with that wider evangelization which looks to the betterment of mankind socially as well as religiously.

The Young People's Department.

There is no phase of educational missionary work more far-reaching in its results than that among the young people. A helpful series of handbooks and pamphlets have been prepared, and are in circulation among our Epworth Leagues. These have so stimulated systematic study that whereas three years ago there were only forty-two classes organized, and four hundred and sixty-nine members enrolled, we now have over three hundred classes and more than four thousand young men and women engaged in the regular study of mission. This will constitute a great reserve corps for reinforcing our missionary work.

Recommendations.

We call your attention to the following recommendations, which will come before you in due form:

1. A reorganization of our missionary educational work which will secure the active co-operation of pastors, of officers, of Epworth Leagues, and superintendents of Sunday schools in the formation of mission classes and in wider circulation of our missionary literature.
2. The expansion of the work of translation of our choicest Christian literature into Spanish and Portuguese.
3. The development of the Young People's Missionary Department under the auspices of the Board of Missions which shall bring the Epworth League and the Sunday school into closer co-operation in missionary educational work.
4. The holding of an annual meeting in Nashville, or some other central point, of Conference Missionary Secretaries and representatives of Domestic Boards of Missions, when, under the leadership of the Secretaries of the General Board, important questions of policy and methods may be discussed. This meeting would prove an important factor in the development and unification of mission work among our mining population, foreign immigrants, in our mill towns, and in the downtown Church work in our large cities.
5. In view of the imperative necessity of strengthening our hold upon the city, the establishment of a department of home and city missions, under the direction of the Board of Missions, with an assistant secretary in charge, who shall be elected and salaried by the Board; the relation of this secretary to the Domestic Boards of Missions and to the City Mission Board to be advisory and co-operative.
6. Candidates for City Mission work to be accepted by the Committee on Candidates of the Board of Missions, on the basis of candidates for foreign work as to its fitness and tenure of service, and when accepted to be nominated for an appointment to the bishop in charge of the Conference in which they do work.
7. The union of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

At the close of the seventh quadrennium of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions there is cause of genuine rejoicing. In the providence of God, and under his guidance, with the zeal, faith, and hope of a devoted constituency, the Woman's Board has grown in intelligence and spirituality, as well as material prosperity. No new countries have been entered during the past four years, but some new stations have been occupied. A much larger per cent of conversions has been reported from the foreign fields, notably from Korea, China, and Mexico. Wonderful revivals have characterized these countries, both among the adult natives and the pupils of our schools. Fifteen additional missionaries have been sent out, and only a comparatively few have retired. New school property has been acquired in Korea, China, and Brazil, and the property on the Mexican Border which was destroyed by a cyclone in April last has been adequately restored.

Collections during the past four years amount to \$494,871.68. There are sixty-eight missionaries, who, with helpers, native and foreign, do school work and evangelistic work, carrying the gospel into the homes. The periodicals issued are more prized by the women of the organization. The Woman's Missionary Advocate is more than self-sustaining, because of the increased circulation, and the Little Worker is doing much for the child-

ren. The demand for missionary literature was never before so great. Study circles multiply, and an eagerness to know is marked. Many societies support individual missionaries, and the demand for such specials grows.

Woman's Home Mission Society.

The Woman's Home Mission Society has had a quadrennium of phenomenal success. The membership has more than doubled, and the income has increased fully three-fold. The parsonages helped by the Conference Societies and the General Board have exceeded in number and amounts any previous period of the Society's helpful history.

The Home Mission Society now cares for fifteen educational centers, ranging from industrial to normal schools, with a pupilage of more than five thousand. A night school and day school for Italians at Tampa are among the new institutions of the quadrennium.

On the Pacific Coast the struggling night schools for Japanese have been housed, and at present, there are three homes for these foreigners, constructed on the co-operative basis. They touch more than two hundred of the Japanese annually, who come from the provinces of Japan, where the General Board has established missions. As a direct result of these homes and schools two regular Japanese Churches have been established, with a membership of something like forty, who have learned to know of our Christ either through Methodist mission schools in Japan, or in the night schools here. The work done by the Society for negro women at Paine Institute, Augusta, Ga., has certainly been for their industrial and religious betterment.

The Society has twenty-three City Mission Boards in active operation, employing twenty-six trained workers, forty salaried workers, and a voluntary force of more than two hundred. These voluntary workers come from the rank and file of the Church, who are able to give one evening a week to a reading club, or a mothers' club, or some other phase of work that looks toward social and industrial betterment. The growth in this department has exceeded that of any other, due no doubt to the fact that our Church women are more and more aroused by the knowledge of social and industrial conditions about us, and also to a growing sense of responsibility.

The deaconess movement has perhaps caused wider interest than any other one department in charge of this Board. The whole development of the work was committed to the Woman's Home Mission Society by the General Conference, with no provision for the funds necessary to prosecute it. Plans had to be made for its government, and printed matter calling the attention of the Church, especially of young women, to this new field of service had to be made and scattered abroad, and ways and means devised to bear the cost of any who might be willing to become deaconesses.

During the quadrennium the Home Mission Society has been the recipient of several generous donations. Among these were the Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, at Los Angeles, Cal., valued at \$10,000, the Rebecca Sparks Deaconess Home, at Waco, Tex., worth \$2,500, and the Vashti Blasigame Home, at Thomasville, Ga., valued at \$3,000; also a donation of \$10,000 from Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McEachern, of Atlanta, Ga., upon condition that the children of the Church will raise a like sum for a deaconess hospital.

Church Extension.

Substantial and gratifying progress has been made during the quadrennium in the work of Church Extension. As shown by the report of the Board, which will be submitted to you, the congregational collections have been considerably increased, the Loan Funds have been wisely administered, and the comparative number of new church buildings enlarged. We have built one new church for every sixteen hours during the past four years. The Board has also become an educator of taste and style in church architecture. The character and appointments of houses of worship have vastly improved.

The importance of this great organization cannot easily be overestimated. It is vital to our largest success. As has been aptly said: "No city, except the heavenly, is safe without a temple."

We call attention to the importance of erecting tasteful and representative church buildings in college communities. In some places, they contrast very unfavorably with the stately structures built for academic purposes, and afford little attraction to students gathered from a wide area.

In recent years, the Board has enlarged its plans, and is giving timely and liberal aid to our cause in the great mission fields. Church buildings are absolutely necessary to any permanent success of the gospel in heathen lands. People, alienated from their ancestral faiths and heathen shrines, must be properly provided with temples in which to worship the true God. Open-air preaching may arrest attention, but church homes are necessary for instruction and spiritual edification.

A memorial from the Baltimore Annual Conference in behalf of a representative church building in Washington, D. C., is endorsed by this Board, and has our heartiest commendation. A few days ago, at the close of his second quadrennium as the efficient secretary of this Board, Rev. P. H. Whisner, D. D., entered into rest. An able preach-

er, a modest, refined Christian gentleman, and a conscientious, generous, toilsome servant of his Lord—the Church has sustained great loss in his death.

Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School Department continues to grow with the growing needs of the times and the imperative demands of the kingdom of Christ. The remarkable success achieved is its own argument for your most sympathetic and careful consideration.

Large improvements were made on January 1, in the subject-matter arrangement, and make-up of the Sunday school literature, bringing it squarely to the forefront of all such publications in the world.

The teacher-training work has been successful in a considerable degree. Ten thousand teachers have been enrolled in the Study Circles, numerous classes have been formed in the schools themselves among the young people for the study of the same course as a weekly lesson, and about thirty thousand volumes of the three books constituting the course have been sold. This work has been supplemented by a large number of Sunday School Institutes, looking to a more complete organization of the schools themselves, and to a better order of work within them, as well as to the stirring up of a more general popular interest.

The Sunday School Board, at the recommendation of the Sunday School Editor, passed a resolution two years ago in favor of the establishment in the Vanderbilt University of a full chair of Religious Pedagogy and Sunday Schools. Subsequently, the Theological Faculty of the University took favorable action, establishing such a chair in the University on condition that the Church should properly endow it. The plan to be proposed for the endowment of this chair is one which will enlist the effort of all Sunday schools for a short period, and become the means of acquainting them all the more thoroughly with this important work.

The object of this movement is that every young preacher passing through the theological course shall become thoroughly versed in the knowledge of Sunday schools and the best methods of successful work. It is also contemplated that this course shall be made a part of the Correspondence School, and thus reach all that large and important class of young ministers whose chief theological education is derived through the Conference course.

While some other institutions have a somewhat similar provision, the carrying out of this plan will put our Church clearly in advance in the fullness and thoroughness of its equipment for this class of work.

The Department has issued this quadrennium, the Young People's Hymnal No. 3, which is fully up to the standard of its predecessors, and believed by many to be a superior volume to either in its songs and music. Nos. 1 and 2 have already sold, in the aggregate, to the number of 1,000,000 copies, and No. 3 is having a corresponding reception by the public. The Sunday School Editor is of the belief that the time has come for the preparation of an established body of Sunday school hymnology by all the leading Protestant denominations, and would recommend the appointment of similar Commissions from other Churches, and to confer with them fully touching this matter.

There has been a healthy increase in the attendance upon Sunday schools and in the circulation of Sunday school literature during the quadrennium.

The Epworth League.

The Epworth League as a separate department of our Church work has had a history of exactly twelve years. In view of our past experience in laying down the lines and perfecting the workings of great enterprises this must be considered altogether too short a time to have brought this movement to its best; and yet the results of these years have been such as must satisfy judgment and encourage hope. A very strong fellowship of young and ardent souls has been built up in the bosom of the Church and maintains a constant testimony and a growing zeal. All the other departments of our work have been helped by the material contributions of the League. This is especially true of the Mission Board, which expressly acknowledges the services of the League in an appreciable augmentation of its annual receipts. Every part of the connection, and especially those parts represented in the mission fields, has felt the help and stimulus of the League as an evangelical force. As a life school it is especially adapted to the needs of our missionaries in dealing with the converted youth of heathenism. But everywhere its plans and ideals are found to be beyond question as to their value and soundness. The organization harmonizes with every detail of our economy. It is, in fact, a part and parcel of the Church—a means set for the spiritual salvation and training of our young people, and for their protection against the temptations and perils which beset their social and intellectual lives. There has not been before devised in our Church anything which fills the place meant to be filled by the Epworth League. There are from one and a half million to two millions of young people of proper age for membership in the League who are directly and indirectly under the influence

of our pastors. This fact surely constitutes a sufficient ground for the existence of our young people's organization, and should inspire and spur us to the last limit of effort to make its plans effective.

These considerations make us feel that no appeal to be made to you is more insistent in demand than that which touches the young people's organization. If it be true that "the history of heroes is the history of youth," we need to put this arm of our service to larger use.

The Epworth Era, the organ of the Epworth League, has made during the last quadrennium, a record which confirms hope in its future as an efficient instrumentality in ministering to our younger people. The circulation of the Era has much more than doubled during this time, and the paper has advanced to a place of commanding influence as a voice of the Church. The possibilities of its expansion are all but unlimited.

We heartily commend the Epworth League Department to you for such legislative action as in your judgment may strengthen and better equip it for its work.

The Publishing House.

The business of the Publishing House has been larger than during any quadrennium of its history. This increase has been progressive, each year showing an advance over the preceding year. This steadily growing business is attributable in great part to the general prosperity of the country, and in part, we trust, to the fact that more of our people are reading than ever before. The increase is in every department of the business—in sale of books, as well as in the circulation of periodicals.

The Quarterly Review continues to hold a foremost place among the publications of that class in America, and is rendering valuable service to the Church. Its circulation should be largely increased.

The circulation of the Christian Advocate is an increasingly difficult problem, which has caused the editor and publishers much concern. Cut off on every hand by Conference organs which have first place in the efforts of the preachers to secure subscribers, the connectional organ suffers, and the Agents have not yet discovered a way to overcome this difficulty.

The Texas Branch House has done well from the beginning, and, like the House at Nashville, shows a steady annual increase, both in volume of business and in profits therefrom. The fact that the business done is very much larger than was done in the same territory when operated from Nashville, evidences the wisdom of the Book Committee in establishing the Dallas House, and speaks well for the loyalty of our membership in Texas. We are paying a large rental in Dallas; and as the House there is no longer an experiment, we should buy a suitable lot and take steps to have a building belonging to the Church by the time our present lease expires.

The new building erected for the Publishing House in Nashville is one that will be a credit to the Church. It is of modern fireproof construction, six stories in height, and is planned for the manufacture and sale of our literature to the best advantage. The Agents estimate that the use of the new house will result in the annual saving of many thousands of dollars on the volume of business now being done. In the matter of insurance premiums alone not less than \$3,500 per annum will be saved.

Education.

The work of the Board of Education, conducted in harmony with the purposes of its organization, is more and more demonstrating its efficiency as a great connectional agency. It has kept the great cause of Christian education before the thought of the Church, quickened the conscience of our people on this vital matter, stimulated liberal giving, and contributed not a little toward elevating the standards of teaching and unifying our entire educational work. Notwithstanding the attractive facilities and sharp competition of State institutions, and great colleges endowed by private beneficence, the patronage of our schools continues to increase and their efficient work suffers no lack of appreciation. At the last General Conference the number of students attending our schools and colleges was given as 19,385; to-day there are 29,087. Property values have increased \$2,304,271, annual incomes have advanced \$440,348, and \$511,748 has been added to endowment funds. For detailed facts you are referred to the Twelfth Annual report of the Board of Education, which will be submitted for your consideration.

Much of the commanding influence of Methodism is due to her institutions of learning. They have garrisoned the fields won by ardent evangelists and demonstrated the fact that Methodism has staying power. Charles Wesley, who always had a morbid fear of his brother's progressive statesmanship, unwittingly stated a great fact when on a visit to Kingswood School, and referring to the work of John Wesley in founding that institution, which has become so historic, he said: "I believe he is now laying the foundation of many generations." The chapel at Bristol and the school at Kingswood were the first separating facts in the history of the Methodist movement. They led to the establishment of Methodism as an independent ecclesiasticism, and down through the wonderful intervening years the chapel and school have marked the growth of the Church.

Our colleges must have ampler endowments. They are now struggling with the accidents and fluctuations of annual patronage, and, while accomplishing much for the cause of Christian education, they are doing it amid discouragement and at much personal sacrifice. The almost fabulous sums given for buildings, equipment, and endowment to certain great institutions, not dominated by the spirit of evangelical Christianity, are an appeal to the Church to strengthen her foundations, and that right speedily.

During the quadrennium there has been a reclassification of our institutions according to the standard prescribed by the Educational Commission. While disappointing to some very worthy schools, this classification is stimulating the educational ideals of the Church, and encouraging officers of administration to provide larger and better things for the institutions under their charge.

As directed by the last General Conference, special attention has been given to our work in the great West. The Board has rendered financial aid to two of the institutions established in that section, and sought in every way to foster and strengthen the enterprises that promise permanent success.

We call to your attention our relation to the Negroes of the South, and invite you to consider, in view of present conditions, what other and wiser plans can be adopted for serving their spiritual and educational needs. Many years ago the General Conference declared that our missions to the Negroes are "the crowning glory of Southern Methodism." The names of William Capers, James O. Andrews, Lovick Pierce, and other apostolic men are linked in undying wedlock to that great work. For the redemption and elevation of those people they withheld naught of Christian sympathy and evangelical toil. Though conditions have changed, and much sad history has been written, the Church has reiterated its desire to be of helpful service to our colored brethren. How very difficult at times it has been to render such Christian assistance has not been appreciated abroad or understood at home. But the work will be pushed forward, and in the spirit of our blessed Lord.

Opportunity for work may not always be inviting, and results of former wellmeant labors may not be altogether encouraging, but we cannot withhold every possible assistance without a measure of condemnation. We must not allow our political conditions, however acute, or racial prejudice, however intense, or industrial disturbance, however distressing, to absolve us from our Christian obligation to these people at our doors. They need and must have the pure gospel, and our Christian sympathy. Nothing else will redeem and elevate them. Not by statutes and constitutions—not by legislation, State or national—not by politicians, national or ecclesiastical—but by the Bible and the spelling book are these people to be saved, and this and every other social problem to be satisfactorily and finally solved.

As will be seen by the Secretary's report, the Board has raised for the support of the colored work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the following sums:

During its first quadrennium.....	\$22,363 66
During its second quadrennium.....	25,999 65
During its third quadrennium.....	37,204 51

This last figure does not include the amount raised during the past two years for the rebuilding of Lane College.

For an account of the admirable work done at Paine Institute, whose endowment by Moses U. Payne is not included in the above statement, and the continued progress of Lane College, though embarrassed by a disastrous fire, you are referred to the report of the Board of Education and the catalogues of these schools.

Vanderbilt University.

The past quadrennium has been of special significance in the history of Vanderbilt University. In all departments some advance has been made, either in standards or methods of work. In spite of this advance, the attendance has been well maintained, and during the present year reaches the highest point in the history of the University—about eight hundred and thirty. There has been a slow and steady increase in the finances of the University, but an increase that by no means has kept pace with the demands for the enlargement of the work.

On April 20, 1905, the University met its first great material loss in the destruction by fire of its main building and contents. This building had stood for thirty years, the center of university life and the home of its most important work. The destruction of the contents of the building involves the loss of the general university library, the magnificent scientific equipment that had been provided for the Departments of Physics and Chemistry, a large number of portraits, and other valuable material. The insurance on the building is insufficient to replace the loss. The alumni, especially those resident in the city of Nashville, were quick to come to the relief of the University. The citizens of Nashville have also responded in a way to call forth great gratitude. Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, the leading representatives of the family of our founder, has notified the Chancellor that he would in due time contribute his part. The burned building is being rapidly restored, and will

be ready for the new session in September, 1906. Building operations also include Furman Hall, to be used as a chemical laboratory and to be erected largely of the funds provided in the bequest of Mrs. Mary J. Furman, formerly a resident of Nashville and a member of McKendree Church. Plans have also been projected for a great library building, but nothing can be done in this direction with the funds now in hand. Only a special donation for this purpose will make possible this much-needed building.

The financial strain under which the University has been placed within the last ten years has never been fully appreciated. The great decline in the rate of interest has made it difficult to keep all departments in operation. All the increase in financial resources has been necessary in order to keep matters at a standstill. That the University has not progressed more rapidly is due largely to financial embarrassment. While it still holds a leading place among the educational institutions of the South, the relative importance of the University will grow less conspicuous as other institutions in the South come to the front, unless larger means are provided.

The work of the Literary Department has always been a central feature of the University, but the demands of this work have been very insufficiently met. In the first catalogue, issued thirty years ago, nine full professors are cited as working in this department. The catalogue of today enumerates this number. All the advancement, all the numerous changes in work, have been provided for through instructors and others holding positions subordinate to that of full professor. Serious lack of funds prevents the proper manning of the work.

Professional education is also coming to be something of a burden. Whereas it was once profitable it now calls for definite outlay. If professional work is to be carried on in the most approved manner, it cannot be made a source of revenue, but must have special endowment provided for it.

The work of the Biblical Department has been modified more than that of any other within the last four years. This work is now divided into three terms of three months each, so arranged as to allow students to enter at the beginning of any one term. In this way, many students are enabled to finish a Conference year and enter the University in January. The course of instruction has also been greatly enlarged, and the faculty increased. The total faculty now consists of nine officers, divided into five professors, three adjunct professors, and one instructor. Students are not held to a rigid curriculum, but are allowed considerable latitude in the election of subjects. The requirements for admission have also been changed with a view to increasing the attendance and opening the benefits of this department to a larger number of young men of our Church. Formerly it was required that the prospective student should have completed two years' college work before entering the seminary. This requirement is now waived in such cases as the faculty may decide worthy to be admitted without this attainment. This relaxation from the requirements for admission has probably brought into the department many new students during the present year, and has made the present junior class the largest in the history of the University.

The General Conference of 1902 instituted a Correspondence School for the benefit of young preachers of our Church. This school was promptly put in operation, and has been carried on under the joint management of the theological faculty and the General Board of Education. Funds for the school are provided partly by a small payment from each student enrolled, but chiefly by a general educational collection through the whole Church, which is paid to the Board of Education and by that Board appropriated to the uses of our Correspondence School. This school is in charge of Rev. J. L. Cunningham as director, and with him are associated a number of instructors who give considerable time to the details of the work. Much of the work, however, must still be done by the theological faculty of Vanderbilt University. The number of students now enrolled in the Correspondence School is nearly or quite six hundred. These are chiefly Conference undergraduates, but some progress has been made in establishing advanced courses.

We are informed that memorials will be before you from certain Annual Conferences bearing upon the whole question of the University's relation to the Church. You will, of course, give them your careful consideration.

In the same connection we desire to call your attention to the action taken by the General Conference of 1898 on a memorial from the Board of Trust. If for any reason, or in any respect, that action has failed of accomplishing the end in view, it may be well for you to take whatever additional steps are necessary to give due effect.

This great school, which has in it such potencies for good, deserves the serious thought, the earnest prayers, and the liberal support of the whole Church. We cherish the hope that you may have wisdom from God so to shape its affairs that it may have an ever-widening field of usefulness.

The Ministry and Modern Scholarship.

We deem it advisable to call attention to the

ject of biblical criticism, not so much to express a fear, as to utter a word of caution. The unwarranted application of this historic method to Bible study has occasioned concern in some sections of the Church. While giving hospitality to reverent investigation and according all honor to sanctified learning, it is our judgment that ministers should observe great caution in discussing themes in the pulpit that do not minister to the spiritual life.

Methodism, by the circumstances of its birth, and the progressive spirit of its triumphant history, cannot but be hospitable to all truth, and the beneficent patron of sound learning. Its founders and many of their coadjutors were university scholars and men of varied culture. To clear and accurate scholarship, whether in the field of biblical criticism or elsewhere, it could not be unfriendly or intolerant. But many things may be wrought out in the study that are not edifying in the pulpit. Confident statement, with the passion of constraining love, and not the raising of questions in critical scholarship, is the demand of the pew. Congregations need the certitudes of faith, not doubts and daydreams. Those who look to the pulpit for spiritual guidance want the authoritative statement of infallible truth, and not the methods of critical research or the varied phases of theological inquiry. The conceit of fancied scholarship is scarcely less offensive than the arrogance of ignorance. A distinguished English theologian and Oxford professor clearly stated the case in this recent utterance: "Nothing involves greater danger to the cause of truth than rash, crude, defiant pronouncements on subjects which touch men's deep and sacred convictions."

Superannuates.

More adequate support of our superannuated ministers and their families, who have died in the itinerant service should be the special care of the Church. If the nation has pride in liberally providing for the veterans who fought her battles on land and sea, the Church should feel joy in making provision for the comfortable old age of her brave itinerants who have made possible the Israel of today. No doubt many continue to toil when they ought to rest, because a surcease of labor means physical want. It is our earnest hope that the great connectional movement in this interest, inaugurated by the last General Conference, may be a triumphant success. A fund of five million dollars (\$5,000,000), well invested, supplemented by annual collections in the congregations, will enable the Church to provide, in some measure of comfort, for her retired ministers and the families of those who have fallen in the field.

We are gratified to report the assets of the Superannuated Endowment Fund as follows:

In bank.....	\$ 2,734 07
Loans made.....	76,756 67
Notes on file.....	93,894 75
Open subscriptions.....	11,452 10

Present assets.....\$184,837 59

Deaconesses.

The action of the last General Conference in providing for the office and work of a deaconess has met with general approval and cordial appreciation. The urgent demand for such trained workers, especially in our growing cities, evidences the fact that the measure adopted was not premature or ill-advised. You may find it wise, however, so to modify legislation on that subject as to more rapidly prepare such workers for active service and place them under the immediate direction of the pastors.

Scarritt Bible and Training School.

The Scarritt Bible and Training School for missionaries and other Christian workers, established by the authority of the General Conference, has, during the fourteen years of its existence, aided in the training of 350 young women. Of the 165 graduates, 62 are foreign missionaries, 58 are trained nurses, and 38 are in the home mission field, either as missionaries or deaconesses. Thus nearly all of the missionaries in both the foreign and home work under the auspices of our consecrated women are graduates of the Training School. There has been a steady increase alike in its facilities and its efficiency during its entire history. Both as regards its equipment and its staff of capable teachers it reflects great credit on our worthy women who have planned it and still carry forward its great work. The growing demand for rooms to accommodate the increased number of students preparing for missionary work at home and abroad, and also as deaconesses, has led to the discontinuance of the Nurse-Training Department and the Hospital. The early opening of the Barnes Hospital on a much larger scale means the continuance of this important part of the work.

Barnes Hospital.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the large bequest left to our Church by the late Mr. Robert A. Barnes, of St. Louis, is being administered wisely by three laymen of our Church, under whose management the fund is now grown to more than a million and a half for the building and endowment of a great hospital. A choice site has been purchased with a frontage of nearly twelve hundred feet on Forest Park, on which it is contemplated erecting a thoroughly modern and well-

equipped hospital as soon as can be done, with the care needed for so great an undertaking. On its completion the Church will be able to extend greatly her work of usefulness not only in the treatment and care of the sick and injured, but by the encouragement given to original research in its well-equipped laboratories. A training school for nurses is to be established in connection with the Barnes Hospital, and under its auspices will be afforded the best training for Christian young women who may wish to devote their lives to ministering to the sick and injured. Two vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Hospital have been filled recently by the bishop last presiding over the St. Louis Conference under the terms of Mr. Barnes' will.

Wesley Memorial Hospital.

We note with satisfaction the establishment of Wesley Memorial Hospital in the city of Atlanta. Valuable property has been purchased and adapted to hospital purposes at considerable cost, and the institution most efficiently organized. The wards have been crowded almost from the day of opening, demonstrating the timeliness and wisdom of the enterprise.

Consolidation of Official Papers.

We have noted the growth of a sentiment which looks toward the consolidation of our official newspapers. It seems to be generally accepted as true, that the present number of official papers published in the connection is larger than is justified by the conditions of their fields of patronage. The power and usefulness of the press in their advocacy inhere in certain standards and qualities of excellence which can be reached and maintained only when corresponding resources have been assured. These resources must be found, so far as our Church newspapers are concerned, in a large and healthy subscription patronage. We believe that if the official organs of the Annual Conferences could be substantially reduced and published in commanding centers of well regulated territories the excellence of each might be greatly increased, and the influence of the whole vastly augmented. We offer no suggestions as to how these ends are to be reached, but commend the matter to your consideration as one of much consequence to the Church.

Fraternal Messengers.

Acting under authority of the last General Conference, your Bishops appointed fraternal messengers to bear the greetings of our Church to the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to the Wesleyan Methodist Conference in England. The Rev. W. B. Murrah, D. D., was accredited to the Methodist Church of Canada the Rev. J. C. Kilgo, D. D., to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Bishop E. E. Hoss to the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Their eloquent messages were received with every mark of cordial appreciation, and no doubt have contributed much to strengthen the ties that bind together the several members of our great ecclesiastical family.

Christian Unity.

Recent years have wrought a marked change in the relations of great Christian denominations toward each other. Ecclesiastical controversy has given way to the spirit of Christian unity and catholicity. A closer co-operative fellowship is the universal desire and earnest prayer. All evangelical denominations are purposed to remove as far as possible needless waste and rivalry.

Inter-Church Conference On Federation.

During the month of November, 1905, in the city of New York, an Inter-Church Conference on Federation was held, in which thirty Churches, with over twenty millions of communicants, were represented. By authority of the last General Conference delegates from our Church had seats in that body. It was held "solely for common counsel, and as an expression of their oneness in the Lord Jesus Christ." The vast significance of such a Conference cannot yet be fully appreciated.

The dominant note of the great meeting was that "the Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord," and the ground of every appeal for a more perfect oneness was "that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Its declared purpose was "more fully to manifest the essential oneness of the Christian Churches of America in Jesus Christ as their divine Lord and Saviour, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service, and co-operation among them."

The plan of federation adopted by that Conference will be laid before you for consideration and proper action.

Union of Methodism in Japan.

The rapid progress of Christian missions in the Japanese Empire and the marked change in the attitude of the Japanese mind have been such during the last decade that it seemed wise to bring the several Methodist bodies now working in that land into closer relation. This conviction, in the interest of unity, economy, and increased efficiency, led the representative missionaries and Japanese ministers of the six Methodist Churches in that field to the favorable consideration of organic union. The question was submitted to the General Conferences of at least four of the Methodist Churches, and clothed with power to act when

these commissions should be called together.

On the 3d of January, 1906, there met in Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church in Baltimore, Md., commissioners representing the following Churches: The Methodist Church in Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. The Evangelical Association of America and the United Brethren in Christ were not represented.

Two days of prayerful, painstaking consideration were given to the question before the said commissioners; but not being able to reach definite and final conclusions, it was decided to adjourn subject to call.

A second meeting was held in the Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn., March 1, 1906. After some hours of deliberation, being unable to agree upon a satisfactory basis of union, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the Joint Commission do now adjourn, subject to call as formerly provided, leaving each Commission free to proceed with such action as may be thought wise to effect a union with one or more bodies in Japan, under the authority granted by their several General Conferences, praying that the time may soon come when all members of our Methodist family in Japan shall be one Church."

Upon the adjournment of the Joint Commission, the Commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met for conference and resolved to proceed at once to effect the union of our Churches in Japan.

On March 15, 1906, the commissioners met again in the city of Baltimore and adopted a basis of union, unanimously agreeing upon every detail. The Methodist Episcopal Church of Japan, when organized, will be episcopal in form of government, and conform in every essential element with the two great Churches in the United States. At the next session of the Annual Conferences in Japan, delegates will be elected to a general Conference to meet in Tokyo on the fourth Wednesday in May, 1907, for perfecting the organization of the new Church. The Church will begin its independent existence with more than one hundred American missionaries (including women, seventy-five ordained Japanese preachers, 7,000 members, 189 Sunday schools and 12,000 scholars, 39 schools and colleges, with 3,056 students, one publishing house, and \$200,000 worth of property. In order to perfect its work, the Commission should be continued.

Federation.

The last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, adopted, without amendment the report of the Joint Commission on Federation. That report provided, among other things, that "where either Church is doing the work expected of Methodism the other Church shall not organize a society nor erect a church building until the bishop having jurisdiction in the case of the work proposed shall be consulted, and his approval obtained. The Joint Commission was continued and will have a report to submit for your consideration.

The General Conference also instructed your bishops to act in concert with the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the work of preparing a Common Hymnal, a Common Catechism, and a Common Order of Worship. Members of the two Joint Commissions were appointed, their labors have been concluded and approved, and in 1905 the Common Hymnal was published, the Catechism prepared, and the Common Order of Worship adopted.

Inter-Church Conference on Marriage and Divorce.

The representatives of the fifteen Churches composing the Inter-Church Conference on Marriage and Divorce have held several meetings during the quadrennium and by means of published addresses and appeals have done much to stimulate national interest in this vital matter. Bishop Wilson, by appointment, represented the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The one declared purpose of the Conference was to emphasize, by reiteration, the great truth of the sacredness of marriage as not a contract lightly formed and easily broken, but an estate, first among the institutions of God for man, and foremost among the sanctities of life. The proceedings of that Conference will be published for your consideration and such action as may be deemed wise.

The Deaths of Bishops Hargrove and Keener.

It gives us pain to report the death of two of our noble colleagues, with whom we took sweet counsel and held high fellowship. At the last General Conference Bishop Robert K. Hargrove, at his own request, was relieved from the active duties and responsibilities of the episcopal office. In this relation he continued to serve the Church with wise and helpful counsel, but was not able to render much public service. After months of failing health, he died in great peace, at his home in Nashville, Tenn., on the early morning of August 3, 1905. A man of apostolic spirit, an able preacher and well furnished scholar, he was pre-eminently distinguished for the dignity and purity of his life, the firmness of his clear convictions, the genuineness of his Christian courtesy, and for his chaste speech and perfect sincerity.

On the 19th of January, 1906, from his home in New Orleans, La., Bishop John Christian Keener went up to his great reward. He was in the eighty-seventh year of his age. As pastor, presiding

elder, editor and bishop, he had served the Church long and with conspicuous fidelity. His was a really great life, and he will have a large but unique place in the history of his time. A man of brilliant gifts, prophetic vision, apostolic zeal, and singular consecration, he was, in many respects, the most majestic personality in all our Israel. There was a royalty in his priesthood that commanded reverence while it inspired confidence.

Episcopal Service.

We record the fact with devout thanksgiving that during the quadrennium we have been able to attend all the Annual Conferences in the home land, as also in Mexico and Cuba, and to make biennial visits, as heretofore, to our missions in the Orient and in South America. So far as we are able to judge, there has been no lack of efficient episcopal supervision in any part of our wide connection. For the successful prosecution of our work during the next quadrennium it may be deemed wise for you to elect two bishops.

A Triumphant To-Morrow.

And now, dear brethren, with this review of the past, we invite you to look with cheerful faith upon a triumphant tomorrow, and gird yourselves for momentous duties.

Great changes have resulted in the past decades, and mighty revolutionary forces are now at work. The geography of today is not the book we studied a few years ago. The map of the world has entirely changed. Deserts and dark places have been explored and found to be fertile regions, thickly populated. The ports of all nations have been unlocked, and missionaries permitted to enter with promised protection of person and property. On the wings of the morning the light of our Christian civilization has well-nigh reached every habitable shore. To take those lands for Christ is the mission and work of the Church.

The Bible has been brought out from its hiding places and put into the hands of the millions. It has been rescued from the tombs of the dead languages and translated into almost every vernacular of the world. And never have its divine pages been so eagerly and prayerfully studied. In the year 1800 the number of Bibles in circulation was less than five millions. Then it was translated into about sixty languages; now into more than four hundred.

More and more the great verities of our gospel are affecting the intellectual and moral life of the world, determining its ethical standards, and dominating to a degree its social and political ideals. Christianity is reversing the ancient tendency, and instead of working through the State upon the individual, works upward and outward from the person to the nation. The doctrines of a Christian democracy are liberalizing the governments of the planet, and their national flags symbolize, more or less, the principles of personal and religious liberty. Thus the way is being cleared, and the ground prepared, for the saving and sanctifying forces of our holy religion. Can we not hope for the speedy evangelization of the world?

Mighty possibilities are near at hand. Fields once distant and seemingly hopeless are at our very door, and white unto the harvest. Ripened grain awaits the reapers. "Our star is in our brain," says a brilliant Wesleyan preacher, "not in the sky; our ship of gold is in the quay awaiting its discharge, and not upon the high seas; our fortune is at our feet, not at the foot of the rainbow."

These vast harvest fields are a divine challenge to the faith of the Church. Never in all the history of our planet have spiritual and secular forces so conspired for the conquest of the gospel. Every invention and agency designed for the triumph of commerce gives speed and wing to the angel of the apocalypse carrying abroad the message of salvation. International treaties and relationships make possible, and give encouragement to, spiritual fellowships. The electric cables that interchange daily, if not hourly, the market reports of the world, also flash across the seas and continents the glad tidings of the gospel triumphs. Doors are open and fields are white everywhere. At home and abroad the tokens are alike encouraging.

But if opportunity is bright, responsibility is correspondingly great. The work is before us, and necessity is upon us. A door is never opened without a command to enter. Into every whitened field the Lord calls both reaper and gleaner, "Go ye into all the world" is the standing order of Heaven, never to be revoked until the last conquered banner has been furled, and the last lost sinner redeemed. To us, as in the olden time, a Voice from heaven speaks in tones of divine authority and urgency: "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

A. W. Wilson,
J. C. Granbery,
W. W. Duncan,
Chas. B. Galloway,
E. R. Hendrix,
J. S. Key,
O. P. Fitzgerald,
W. A. Candler,
H. C. Morrison,
E. E. Hoss,
A. Coke Smith.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

PREPARED BY REV. GEO. M. GLUMPHY, PH. D.

May 27. Feeding the Five Thousand.

Mark 6:30-44. (Read Matt. 14:13-21; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14.) Commit v. 41.

Golden Text: "My Father giveth you the true bread from heaven," John 6:32.

Locating the Lesson.

Time—March or April A. D. 29. Place—Probably the Plain of Butaiha on the northeastern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Connecting Links—There is no recorded event between today's lesson and last Sunday's. The time between the two must have been very short.

I. A Series of Pictures.

A comparative study of the miracle as narrated by the four Gospels will give the student ample materials for some very vivid mental pictures. The following list is merely suggestive.

First Picture; title, "Jesus Leaving Galilee." Jesus and the disciples are crossing the lake to get away from the crowd. Also to be beyond Herod's jurisdiction. In the distance we can see the multitude hastening afoot around the northern end of the lake.

Second Picture, title; "Jesus and the Multitude." The Master is down among the people healing and teaching them. The disciples are approaching to remind him of the lateness of the hour and the necessity of sending the multitude away.

Third Picture, title; "The Perplexed Disciples." Jesus and the Twelve are engaged in very earnest and animated conversation. Philip is looking over the crowd estimating its size. Andrew is holding in his hand a few loaves and fishes. An expression of astonishment mingled with perplexity is upon the disciples' faces.

Fourth Picture, title; "Jesus Saying Grace." We see the thousands of seated guests, the disciples being a little apart. Close up to Jesus is the lad who furnished the loaves and fishes. All heads are bowed. A holy hush is upon the vast company as Jesus returns thanks over that handful of food.

Fifth Picture; title; "At Jesus' Table." What artist, however gifted, can paint the benignancy that lights the face of Jesus as he is the host of the multitude? The Twelve are helping him dispense a plain, abundant, miraculous hospitality. How rich the "table-talk" must be!

Sixth Picture, title; "Gathering Up the Fragments." Jesus is telling his astonished disciples to gather up and keep for future use the broken pieces of bread and fish. Why, they must think, save fragments when he can so easily make more? The multitude, now risen from the ground, broken up into groups, is engaged in vehement conversation.

Seventh Picture, title; "The Multitude Would Make Jesus King." In wild enthusiasm the crowd is pressing forward to seize Jesus to carry him by force to Jerusalem and crown him king. With hand and look he is holding them back, while he is hastening the unwilling disciples into a boat out of the way lest they too join the crowd. In the background rises the mountain where Jesus will spend part of the night in prayer.

II. Some of the Lesson's Teachings.

1. Jesus is our spiritual bread. In him we shall find every soul-hunger satisfied.
2. Faith and obedience are the two hands that grasp this spiritual food.
3. The Father gives us "our daily bread" in the gift of his Son.
4. As Trumbull says, it is to be feared that some make Christ the cake of life, a sort of Sabbath luxury.
5. "Give ye them to eat" is the Divine commission to be fellow-hosts with our Lord.
6. "Each disciple received from his Lord no more than would satisfy himself (and not even that), yet he held in his hands what would through the Lord's blessings satisfy a hundred besides." No need to say "But what are these among so many?"
7. "I ought, therefore I can." This is the true watchword. No wonder that he who cried out at the time of his conversion, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" conquered the Roman world for his Christ and God.

8. Jesus is still going into partnership with boys and girls. Every boy and girl has a work that Christ wants him or her to do. It is not a man's nor a woman's task, but one that justifies a child's powers.

Field Notes.

1. The England Sunday School is making rapid advancement under the pastoral charge of Brother Hammons.
2. Bro. W. A. Steel has an up-to-date school at DeQueen. He is rounding out a splendid quadrennium.
3. The secretary had the pleasure of a recent visit to Mena and meeting with our Sunday School workers. Brother Henderson and Superintendent Anderson are bringing things to pass down there.
4. Plans and programs are being made for a large number of Sunday School Institutes to be held in different parts of the state. There is an eager call from all directions for these "Three-Days' Schools of Method." The dates and places will be announced shortly.
4. The "Star System" is being installed in a large number of schools with uniform success. Brother Bruce writes from Gurdon, "We have the 'Star System' in full working order now and it is working like a charm."
5. Dr. Riggin, of the Camden District, is planning for a Sunday School Institute in connection with his District Conference. It will be held July 28.

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 EPWORTH LEAGUE.

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

May 20. Serving by Example,
John 13:15-17.

As Salt and light, Matt. 5:13-16
Blameless living is light bearing
Phil. 2:14-16.

Holy lives refute false creeds,
1. Peter 2:11-12.

For the sake of others,
1 Cor. 8:10-13.

In every day business,
2 Thess. 3:1-10.

Love a proof of discipleship,
John 13:35.

Consciously setting an example
Phil. 3:17-21.

The editor of this department is now in Birmingham attending the session of the General Conference. The Epworth League and its work is receiving careful attention here. Monday night a meeting was held in which a number of addresses dealing with the work of the Epworth League were made. Dr. W. R. Lambuth, our Missionary Secretary said in his address that much of the ability of our church to establish and maintain missions in Cuba and Korea is due to the efforts of the Epworth League. He also said: "A few years ago the Mission Study Classes numbered fifty-two with 400 members, and today they approximate 300 classes with over 5000 students."

The General Conference today authorized the organization of Boy's Leagues where there may be a need or demand or opportunity for making the League a stronger factor in a special effort to reach the Boy.

The members of our Mission Study Classes will be especially interested in the speaker and subject of this evening, Rev. W. B. Sheppard, a missionary in the Congo Free State, who spoke of his thrilling experiences in that field. He is a highly educated and thoroughly consecrated negro, who with his wife has had a very successful missionary career in this field of great possibilities. His appeal stirred the great audience that heard him and there is now a good prospect for our church to enter this field in the near future. Let all of our Leaguers pray that our Board may be guided in their efforts to plan work in Africa, and that they may find our church ready to cooperate with them so that they may enter the field very soon.

In a Pinch, use ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE, a powder for tired, aching feet. All druggist, 25.

Grady, Ark.

We are having a right hard time down here. Last year and this so far overflowed, two years drowned out, one with rain, makes times pretty hard. And the storm came along the other night and struck the parsonage with a vim, knocking the kitchen and pantry completely out of business. So we are boarding around with the scholars until we can rebuild.

W. J. Rogers.

Write for A Prize.

The Woman's National Sabbath Alliance offers a prize of \$25 for the best leaflet bearing on the "Training of the Child for Eternity." Manuscripts with the name and address of the writers in a sealed envelope will be received until November 1, 1906, at the headquarters of the Alliance; Room 709, 156 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City. The accepted manuscripts shall become the property of the Alliance, and the others will be returned when called for or accompanied by the full amount of postage needed.

Mrs. Emma C. Haliburton,
Off. Sec.

Waupanucka, I. T.

We are in the midst of a great revival, 30 penitents at the altar last night, eight conversions and the meeting has just begun. Rev. J. C. Scivally, of Ardmore, is with us with big tent, and preaching with power and demonstration of the spirit. We are praying for a hundred conversions before we close. There has never been such an awakening here before and such large attendance at meeting. Praise God for victory.

F. E. Shanks, P. C.

A Request.

Dear Brethren of the Wynnewood District:

I have sent to each of you copies of Program for the District Epworth League Conference to be held at Vinita Ave., Sulphur, May 29-31. Please read this program to your congregation Sunday evening May 22 and urge your Leaguers to send a large delegation.

I would suggest that May 22 every congregation offer special prayer for God's blessing on this our first District League Conference.

C. Allen Burris.

From Bro. M. L. Butler.

I have been transferred to Los Angeles Conference and stationed at Redland, Cal., reported to be a very fine appointment.

Heart complications have de-

veloped in Elizabeth's case, therefore it becomes necessary for us to seek a lower altitude.

The Advocate is splendid. Bro. Anderson and I were admitted into the Arkansas Conference, Nov., 1879, at Ozark. Dr. Millar's connection with Hendrix College endeared him to me. My association with Bro. Eaglebarger in the dear Indian Mission Conference was very helpful to me. God bless you all.

Pray for us.

M. L. Butler.

Carlsbad, N. M.

To any person who expects to attend the Annual Meeting of W. F. M. S. at Hope:

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When you reach Hope hand to me at your earliest convenience your certificates, and I will after securing the required number fill out with my signature as secretary of the meeting and take them to Mr. C. G. Lundy, Agt. St. L. I. M. & S. Ry., Hope, as joint agent to sign and he will return you for one third fare.

Trusting that we may have a large attendance and a gracious meeting, I remain

Yours to command,

Mrs. Jas. Thomas, Cor. Sec.

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Grove, I. T.

We are still at work. Our protracted meeting started last night. We are praying for success. Our W. H. M. Society has made some improvements on the parsonage lot. We have had some advance spiritually, but are behind financially. Have had some conversions, and 30 accessions since Conference. Hope to report a good revival soon.

J. H. Calloway.

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Friday night June 1—Art Levee.
Saturday night June 7—Alumni Re-union.
Sunday 11 a. m., Bishop Galloway, D. D. L.L.D., will preach Commencement sermon and Missionary sermon at night.
Monday night, June 4—Elocutionary concert.
Tuesday, June 5—Trustees will meet at 10 a. m.
Tuesday night—Grand Concert.
Graduating exercise Wednesday morning, June 6, at half past nine o'clock, W. F. Andrews will deliver the Baccalaureate address.
C. O. GODDEN,
Galloway College,
Searcy, Ark., May 12, '06.

WYNNEWOOD DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE. PROGRAMME.

Tuesday, May 29.
3:00—5:00 p. m.—Social meeting at Church.
8:00—Opening sermon, Rev. Geo. B. French, Wynnewood.

Wednesday, May 30.
8:30 a. m.—Devotional service, Rev. W. W. Turner, Pauls Valley.

9:00—Organization and Enrollment of Delegates.
9:30—A successfully Conducted Epworth Devotional League Service. Led by Purcell.

10:00—Qualification for Leadership in the Various Departments. Led by Rev. J. H. Denney, Mill Creek.

10:30—Reflex Influence of the support of Missions. Led by First Church, Sulphur.

11:00—Sermon, Rev. J. D. Salter, Roff.
Afternoon Session.

2:45—Devotional service, Rev. H. H. Everett, Lexington.

3:00—The League as a Social Factor in the community. Led by W. B. Crowder, Roff.

3:30—How Shall Wynnewood District Epworth Leagues be Brought to the Highest Efficiency? Led by Rev. R. A. Baird, Lindsay.

4:00—Business session.
Evening Session.

8:00 p. m.—Sermon, Dr. W. K. Piner, Oklahoma City.

Thursday, May 31.
8:30 a. m.—Devotional, Rev. S. H. Berry, Hickory.

9:00—What Shall the Literary and Educational Work of Epworth League Include? What Result may be Expected? Rev. C. A. Burris, Davis.

9:30—What is the secret of Success in Managing a Junior Epworth League and Successfully Landing Its Members in the Senior League? Led by Roff.

10:00—The League as the Pastor's Helper—or Can the League do the Work of the Deacons in the Smaller Places? Led by Rev. Jesse S. Lamar, Wynnewood.

10:30—The Epworth League as a Spiritual Agency in the Congregation—Its Place in a Revival. Led by Hon. W. N. Lewis, Davis.

11:00—Sermon, Rev. R. A. Crosby, Purcell.
Afternoon Session.

2:45 p. m.—Devotional, Rev. Jesse S. Lamar.

3:00—Exemplification of Epworth League Work, Literary, Social and Devotional. Led by Mrs. Mattie Burris, Davis.

4:00—Report of Committees, Election of Officers and Deciding on Place of Meeting.

8:00—Missionary Sermon, Rev. C. A. Burris, Davis.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Bentonville Station.....June 3
Springtown Circuit, at Logan.....June 9-10
Center Point Circuit, at Council Grove.....June 10-11
Rogers Station.....June 16-17
Gravette Mission, at Gravette.....June 23-24
Farmington Cir., at Widdington June 30, July 1
Fayetteville Sta.....July 7-8
Springdale Sta., at Johnson.....July 14-15
Goshen Cir., at Goshen.....July 21-22
Prairie Grove Circuit, at New Hope.....July 28-29
Huntsville Ct.....August 1-2
War Eagle Mission.....August 4-5
Winslow Mission.....August 6-7
Shoam Springs Sta.....August 11-12
Gentry Station.....August 12-13
Bentonville Ct., at Tuck's Chapel.....Aug. 18-19
Elm Springs Ct., at Thornbury.....Aug. 25-26
Lincoln Ct.....Sept. 1-2
WM. SHERMAN, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Pike City Ct.....May 26-27
Okolona Ct.....May 27-28
Childister Ct.....June 2-3
Gordon Ct.....June 3-4
Center Point Ct.....June 9-10
Bingen Ct.....June 23-24
Nashville Sta.....June 24-25
Mineral Springs Ct.....June 30, July 1
Washington Ct.....July 1-2
Harmony Ct.....July 7-8
Spring Hill Ct.....July 14-15
Blevins Ct.....July 21-22
Prescott Sta.....July 22-23
Nathan Ct.....July 28-29
Murfreesboro Ct.....August 4-5
Emmett Ct.....August 11-12
Hope Sta.....August 12-13

The Prescott District Conference will convene at Nashville, Ark., Tuesday, July 24, 8 p. m. Opening sermon by J. A. Parker. Wednesday will be devoted to Sabbath Schools and Epworth Leagues, and Thursday to Missions. Let Sabbath Schools and Leagues be organized where we have none, and let all be represented. We want a large and prompt attendance. All our preachers and delegates.

Come praying. These citizens of Nashville will dispense abundant hospitality. Committee on admission: H. M. Bruce, L. W. Evans, and L. J. Ridding; Deacons orders: J. A. Parker, S. L. Johnston, and R. G. Rowland.
JOHN H. DYE, P. E.

HOLDENVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Broken Arrow Cir., at Springtown May 19-20
Broken Arrow Sta.....May 20-21
Red Fork Sta.....May 26-27
Haskell and Bixby Cir., at Haskell May 26-27
Tulsa Sta.....May 27-28
Sapulpa Cir., at Picketts.....June 2-3
Sapulpa Sta.....June 3-4
Boynott Cir., at Wainwright.....June 9-10
Checotah Sta.....June 10-11
Eufaula Sta.....June 11-12
Enfauia Cir., at Faine.....June 13
Beggs Cir., at Natura.....June 16-17
Weleetka Sta.....June 17-18
Henryetta and Dustin, at Dunth.....June 23-24
Okeema and Paden, at Paden.....June 24-25
Calvin Cir., at Guertie.....June 30, July 1
Stuart Cir., at Self's Chapel.....July 1-2
Honey Creek Cir., Black Jack.....July 7-8
Wetumka Sta.....July 8-9
C. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Horatio Ct., at Horatio.....June 2-3
Winthrop, at Wallace.....June 23-24
Gillham Ct.....June 30, July 1
De Queen.....July 1-2
Ben Lomond.....July 7-8
Locksburg.....July 14-15
Texarkana, First Church.....July 21-22
Fairview.....July 28-29
College Hill.....July 29-30
Texarkana Ct., at Harmony.....Aug. 4-5
Cherry Hill Ct., at Ransome.....Aug. 11-12
Mena.....Aug. 12-13
Mt. Ida Ct.....August 15
Jannson Ct.....August 18-19
Empire Ct.....August 22
Richmond Ct.....August 25-26
Foreman and Ashdown.....August 26-27
District Conferences at Ashdown, May 12-16.
Rev. C. M. Chapman will preach the opening sermon, Tuesday 8 p. m.
R. R. MOORE, P. E.

HARRISON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Marshall and Leslie, at Marshall.....May 19-20
Eureka Springs.....May 26-27
Bellfonte, at Basin.....June 2-3
Cotter, at Flippin.....June 9-10
Harrison.....June 16-17
Lead Hill, at Omaha.....June 23-24
Mountain Home Ct., at Rock Dale.....July 7-8
Mountain Home Sta.....July 8-9
Yellville Ct., at Ware's Chapel.....July 14-15
Yellville Sta.....July 15-16
Berryville Ct., at Pleasant Ridge.....July 21-22
Berryville Sta.....July 22-23
Klugston, at Shiloh.....July 28-29
J. J. GALLOWAY, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Lake Village and Endora.....May 26-27
Crossett.....June 2-3
Willmot and Parkdale.....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 12-13
Lacey.....August 18-19
Wilmar.....August 25-26
Portland.....August 29
W. M. HAYES, P. E.

ARDMORE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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 10-11
Kingston and Woodville, at Woodville June 16-17
Cumberland Ct., at Grantham.....June 23-24
Leon and Berryville, at Berryville.....July 7-8
Thackerville at Love's Valley.....July 14-15
Marietta Station.....July 21-22
Lone Grove, at Brock.....July 28-29
Overbrook at Crinerville.....July 29-30
Woodford, at Elk.....August 4-5
Grady, at Courtney.....August 11-12
Dixie, at Cornish.....August 18-19
Berwyn, at Baum.....August 25-26
District Conference will meet at Mansville, June 28, July 1.
W. T. FREEMAN, P. E.

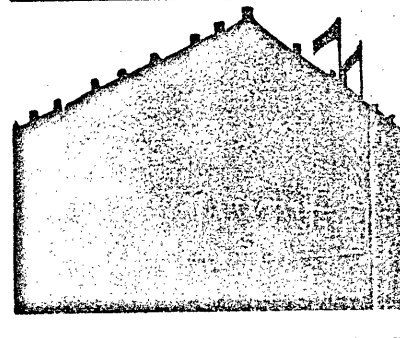
FORT SMITH DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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
Paris.....July 21-22
Carolan Ct., at Lisle Chapel.....July 28-29
Boonville.....July 29-30
Magazine Ct., at Wesley Chapel.....Aug. 4-5
Mansfield and Hartford, at Hartford.....Aug. 11-12
Alma Ct., at Prairie Grove
Branch Ct.....August 18-19
Charleston.....August 25-26
Waldron Ct.....Sept. 1-2
Canthron.....Sept. 8-9
E. R. STEHL, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Bexar, at Corinth.....May 13-14
Melbourne, at Flat Rock.....May 19-20
Gallico Rock Mts., at Inka.....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.....June 23-24
W. Batesville.....June 24
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McALESTER DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

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
Bokchito Ct., at Whitefield.....July 8-9
Tishomingo Station.....July 14-15
Ravla Ct., at Tanaha.....July 16-17
Klawa Ct.....July 21-22
Pontotoc Ct.....July 28-29
Wapanucka Ct.....Aug. 4-5
Oliney Ct.....Aug. 5-6
Caney Ct.....Aug. 11-12
Colbert Ct.....Aug. 18-19
S. G. THOMPSON, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Poteau Sta.....May 26-27
Spiro 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 20
Stigler Ct., at Whitefield.....June 23-24
Fort Gibson Sta.....July 1-2
Stigler and Tanaha, at Tanaha.....July 7-8
Wagoner Ct., at Fisher's Bend.....July 14-15
Wagoner Sta.....July 13-15
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. 11-12
J. C. FOWLER.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

East Paragould Ct.....May 26-27
Paragould, East Side Church.....May 27-28
Piggott Ct., and Mission.....June 2-3
Rector Circuit.....June 9-10
Portia Circuit.....June 16-17
Walnut Ridge Station.....June 17-18
Pocahontas and Black Rock Station.....June 23-24
Reyno Circuit.....June 24-25
Gainesville Circuit.....June 30, July 1
Paragould Circuit.....July 7-8
Boydsville Circuit.....July 14-15
Mammouth Springs and Hardy Ct.....July 21-22
Lorado Circuit.....July 28-29
Sulthville and Pocahontas Ct.....Aug. 4-5
Swifton Ct.....Aug. 11-12
Imboden Circuit.....August 18-19
Pocahontas Circuit.....August 22-23
Maynard Circuit.....August 25-26
District Conference at Mammouth Springs will open Thursday morning, July 19. I have promised to assist nine pastors in protracted meetings. I wish brief reports from each pastor during the General Conference.
Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

CHOCTAW DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Ft. Towson Ct., at Valliant.....June 2-3
Owl Ct., at Red Springs.....June 9-10
Nelson Ct., at Jumbo Mines.....June 16-17
Kullitukla Ct., at Waterhole.....June 23-24
Hugo, at Hugo.....June 25
Bethel Ct., at Kullitukla.....June 30, July 1
Grant Ct., at Grant.....July 2
Abban Ct., at Wister.....July 7-8
Howe Ct., at Wister.....July 8-9
Tallhina Ct., at Leflore.....July 10-11
Sans Bois Ct., at Shloam Springs.....July 11-15
Sugar Loaf Ct., at Higgins.....July 21-22
Washita Ct., at Sealeys Chapel.....July 27
Chickasaw Ct., at Sealeys Chapel.....July 28-29
Atoka Ct., at Pine Ridge.....August 4-5
Antlers and Findley, at Findley.....Aug. 11-12
Kiamitia Ct., at Big Springs.....Aug. 18-19
Rufe Ct.....August 25-26
District Conference will convene at Sealeys Chapel, Chickasaw Nation, fourteen miles east of Mill Creek, which is on the Frisco R. R., July 25, 1906.
W. P. LIPKIN, P. E.

FAIR—Lucile Fair, the little daughter of Rev. Lewis W. and Lillie A. Fair, was born Sept. 3, 1903, and died at Cotton Plant, Ark., March 18, 1906. All was done by physicians, parents and friends that could be done to prolong her life, but the ravages of disease destroyed her body. The angels of mercy came into that home of sorrow and death and carried away the immortal spirit to that land where a loving Heavenly Father wipes all our tears away, and where separation never comes. Her Saviour simply recalled his own. Lucile will be waiting at the beautiful gate for the coming of loved ones left behind.
A. F. SKINNER.

HARDY—Mrs. Eliza M. Hardy (nee Ingram) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ingram was born Sept. 20, 1860, died May 1st, 1906. Mrs. Hardy was a life-long member of the M. E. Church, South, having been converted and joined the church at the early age of twelve. She was married to J. H. Hardy, Aug. 16, 1883. To this union were given six children, and all survive the departed mother, except one little girl of five summers, who preceded her to welcome mother to the home beyond.
Sister Hardy and her father were the only surviving members of their one time happy family, so that Bro. Ingram had for some time been living with his daughter and fam-

ily. Now she is gone, her father is left with a sad, lonely heart that but few can know. Sister Hardy leaves a husband and five children, and father. All will miss her, for she was the center of the home. She was a good industrious daughter, a kind, thoughtful and true wife, and a fond and painstaking mother. Her death is a loss to the church of her choice, a sad bereavement to her family and friends, and all who know her will miss her. She told her father and the writer of these lines, that she was ready and waiting for the summons of her Lord and Master, May God bless and keep her loved ones safe until they meet at home.
B. L. HARRIS, P. C.

ROBERTS—Mrs. Mattie Jessie Roberts (nee Fawcett) was born July 17, 1861 at Texarkana, Ark., was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South in Dec., 1886, and was married to Rev. Sherman Roberts Dec. 23, 1886. She sweetly fell asleep in San Bernardino, Cal., April 14, 1906. Sister Roberts knew that her end was approaching and her resignation, and even joy, was sweet to see. The grim monster had no terror for her, and she even hailed the time of her departure, as she was longing to be with Jesus. For days we sat by her bedside and sang the songs of the New Jerusalem, and the Lord let her see the views of glory beyond the veil. It was a great blessing to minister at her bedside during those hours of waiting, and we will meet on the other shore.
JAS. E. CRUTCHFIELD.

WOOD—Ransie Wood, (nee Ramsey), was born in Marion county, Ark., Jan. 22, 1855. Her parents moved to Texas when she was only two years old. She was married to Bonar Wood in 1871, professed religion in the year 1873, and joined the M. E. Church, S., moved to the Indian Territory in 1882. She was the mother of twelve children, seven living, one boy and six daughters. It was my good fortune to meet Sister Wood in the early days of the Indian Territory. I have known her for the last twenty years. She has been all these years a good Christian wife and mother. She was true to her church and to her God.
J. L. SOUTHWARD.

BLOOMBERG—Alexander E. Bloomberg was born March 23, 1841 in Gefle, Sweden. Came to this country in early life. He was married to Miss Emma Strong, April 7, 1868, in Fort Smith, Ark. His wife and three children survive him. Bro. Bloomberg joined the M. E. Church, S., in Lavacon, Ark., about 1876. He loved his church, served it officially, being superintendent of Sunday School, steward and trustee. He was a dear lover of music, a loving Christian. He made no enemies and had the confidence of his friends. His death was the consequence of a fall from a horse, May 27, 1905. The end came peacefully Jan. 9, 1906. During all these months he neither murmured nor complained. He prayed for patience and the Lord answered his prayer. Love and skill attended his afflictions, but the fall was fatal. This consolation, we know where to find him.
H. W. Ledbetter, Pastor.

LEDDEBETTER—Miss Lizzie Ledbetter was born Nov. 25, 1870. She died March 8, 1906, after a lingering illness of several months. Lizzie was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ledbetter. Those of our preachers who have traveled the Huntsville circuit for the past twenty years will remember the faithfulness of sister Lizzie at old McConnell's Chapel. She lived in the M. E. Church, South, about twenty years, and was all of this time faithful and true to God and the church. She was an honor to the church and always did what she could. Her life was exemplary and she never bore the title of a Christian unworthily. I first met Lizzie in her home after she was confined to her room. We had a precious prayer service in the home. She bore testimony that she was fully committed to the Lord's will. I visited her several times and always found her patient and submissive and anxious for prayers and songs in the home. She had victory to the last and was perfectly conscious to the last breath, and gave good counsel to her brothers and took from each a promise to meet her in heaven. She died a triumphant death and her spirit was carried to the sweet paradise of God.
We commend the bereaved loved ones and friends to our Heavenly Father, who only can help in these sad hours. May each one strive to emulate her life and meet her in glory.
M. C. SOOTER, P. C.

TURRENTINE—On April 5, after weeks of suffering, Miss Pearl Turrentine fell asleep. She realized that the end was near, told her mother that all was well, and a short time before her departure sang "Anywhere with Jesus." A beautiful Christian character has been taken from us. We shall miss her, but would not call her back, for she is now with the father whom she loved as few children ever loved, and she sings the song of the redeemed. They beckon mother and sisters and all the city of God where there may yet be an unbroken family.
J. H. McKEIVY, Pastor.

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From Sister Gross.

Dear Sisters: The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions held in Central Church, Asheville, N. C., was most pleasant and profitable. Almost an entire day we traveled with the sparkling French Broad on one side and mountain ranges on the other so we were prepared for the beautiful things awaiting us. The reports of officers and superintendents showed gratifying progress, an increase in membership of 4,218 and in cash collections for connectional work \$5,402.03 shows we are getting a hold upon our people.

The Indian Mission Conference was fifth in amount of dues paid in though eighth or ninth in number of members speaks well for our auxiliary treasurers. Our dues amounted to \$2113.09. In the past four years our conference society has nearly tripled in members. Our President made a plea for 20,000 new members this year. Shall we not add our quota of this number?

\$675 was donated to parsonages in our Conference of the \$4000 in hand available for this purpose. Miss Helm, Editor of Our Homes, reported 11,964 subscribers and financial condition above par, having \$3000 in good bonds and \$600 cash in hand.

I am ashamed that we have only 535 subscribers in our Conference and trust we will double the number of subscribers during the year.

Our schools are outgrowing their capacity for caring for the pupils. Seven Deaconesses were set aside making a total of twenty-two in the four years. Twenty-three mission Boards have been actively at work.

The delegates were given a delightful drive to Biltmore, the palatial home of Mr. Geo. W. Vanderbilt. After the meeting adjourned many of the delegates and visitors were given an excursion to Lake Toxoway and Brevard.

No more delightful place could have been selected than Asheville. We meet next year at Houston, Tex.

Mrs. I. M. Gross.

Dear Sisters:—The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Indian Mission Annual Conference will meet at Duncan, I. T., June 5-8. We

urge every auxiliary in the conference to send at least two delegates. Please elect your delegates at once, and send names to Mrs. J. M. McFall, Duncan, I. T.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson of the Training School and Home, Dallas, Texas, has promised to be with us. The following is the program with some possible additions:

Tuesday June 5, 8:00 P. M.
Devotions—Rev. N. L. Linebaugh.
Address of Welcome—Duncan Auxiliary.
Response to same—Mrs. W. F. Whittington.
Report of Corresponding Secretary.
Report of Treasurer.

Half hour of introductions and handshaking.
Wednesday.

9:00 a. m.—Devotions, Mrs. J. M. Gross.
9:15 a. m.—Organization, Roll Call, Fixing Bar, Rules of Order.

9:45—President's Address.
9:55—Report of Vice Presidents, Open Discussion.

10:30 a. m.—Drill on Connectional Work, Mrs. J. M. Gross.

11:00 a. m.—Reports from District Secretaries.
11:45 a. m.—Devotions—Mrs. N. L. Linebaugh.
Afternoon Session.

2:00 p. m.—Devotions—Mrs. G. B. Hester.
2:15—Reports from Superintendents Supply and Press Work, with Explanations.

2:45 p. m.—Question Box (General), Mrs. R. E. Scofield.

3:15 p. m.—Need and Opportunity for Mission Work in Our Own Locality, Mrs. T. S. Cobb, Wewoka.

3:45 p. m.—Duty to the General Work not to be set aside by the Demands upon us at Home, Mrs. Bobo, Discussion.

4:15 p. m.—Reports from Auxiliaries.
4:45 p. m.—Prayer and Adjournment.

Wednesday Evening.
8:00 p. m.—Annual Sermon, Rev. W. J. Sims, Dallas.

Thursday.
9:00 a. m.—Devotions, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Dallas.

9:15 a. m.—Items from the Board Meeting.
9:45 a. m.—Advantages and Disadvantages Arising from the Union of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. Open Discussion.

10:45 a. m.—Is Our Methodist Policy of Furnishing Our Parsonages a Wise One? Mrs. J. E. Ditch.

11:15 a. m.—Shall Our District Parsonages be Furnished? If so, How?
11:45 a. m.—Devotions, Mrs. M. E. Mackey.

Afternoon Session.
2:00 p. m.—Devotions, Mrs. C. M. McLain.
2:15 p. m.—Immigration a Menace to Our Christian Civilization, Mrs. McArthur, Atoka, I. T.

2:45 p. m.—Practical Suggestions for Raising Money for Local Work.
How We Did It, Mrs. J. O. McCollister. Discussion.

3:15 p. m.—Reports from Committees and Election of Officers.

Thursday Evening.
8:00 p. m.—Reception.

Will the members of the Executive Committee please meet at the church Tuesday afternoon, June 5, at 4 o'clock.

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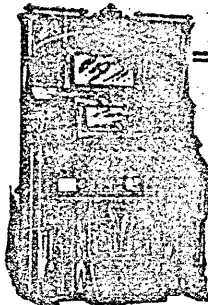
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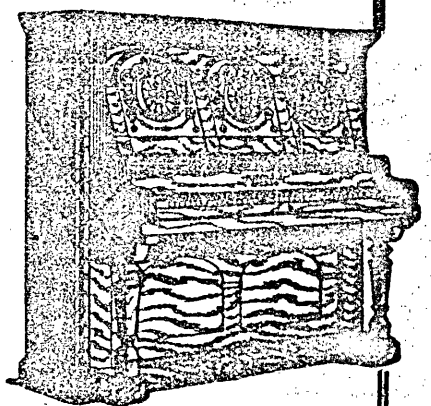
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We have begun our revival meeting at Philips Memorial. Have been in progress several days. The interest has increased from the first service till now. We desire the prayers of all Christian people. Pray that God may give us great success. We need great revivals throughout these two territories previous to Statehood. This would greatly help in fixing the right kind of Constitution for this great coming commonwealth. Again we ask your prayers.

S. F. Goddard.

WYNNEWOOD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Sulphur, Vinita Ave. June 2-3
Sulphur, First Church. June 3-4
Noble and Shiloh, at Noble. June 9-10
Lexington, at Willow View. June 10-11
Purcell. June 11-12
Davis, at Oak Ridge. June 16-17
Tussey Ct., at Homer. June 17-18
Elmore Ct., at Antioch. June 23-24
Roff. June 24-25
Whitehead Ct., at Whitehead. July 1-2
Pauls Valley. July 7-8
Erin Springs Ct., at Erin Springs. July 14-15
Lindsay Ct. July 15-16
Hickory Ct., at Dalberg. July 21-22
Alex Ct., at Ireton. July 28-29
Wynnewood. Aug. 1
Paoli Ct., at Wayne. Aug. 2
Daugherty Ct., at Daugherty. Aug. 4-5
Mill Creek, at Troy. Aug. 11-12
Wanett Ct., at Gilbert. Aug. 18-19
Moral Ct., at Transdale. Aug. 19-20
McGee Ct., at Hart. Aug. 25-26
District Conference, Roff, I. T., June 27, July 1.

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DUNCAN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Carnegie, at Ft. Cobb June 2-3
Anadarko, at Foster June 8-9
Verden, at Verden June 9-10
Chickasha June 10-11
Terrel and Ryan, at Banner June 16-17
Hastings, at Pecon Grove June 17-18
Temple, at Liberty June 23-24
Waller, at Gregg June 24-25
Lawton Station July 1
Cement Station July 1-2
Babey, at Sand Hill July 7-8
Marlow Station July 8-9
Rush Springs, at Little Rush July 14-15
Fletcher, at Sterling July 15-16
Duncan Station July 21-22
Minco and Tuttle July 22-23
Duncan Ct., at Corum July 29-30
Comanche Station July 30-31
Indian Work August 4-5
N. L. Linebaugh, P. E.

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

Hobart Station May 20-21
Metha and Blair, at Blair May 26-27
Altus Station June 2-3
Gotebo and Lone Wolf, at Gotebo June 9-10
Hollis Circuit, at Sand Hill June 9-10
Elmer Ct. at Carmel June 16-17
Granite Ct. at Head Quarters June 23-24
Olmsted and Eldorado, at Eldorado June 30
Duke Circuit July 2
Deer Creek Ct. July 7-8
Hendrick Circuit, at White's School House July 14-15
Mangum Station July 18
Coralea Circuit July 21-22
Erlek Circuit July 28-29
Davidson Circuit August 4-5
Frederick Station August 5-6
Synder Circuit August 7
Mountain Park Circuit August 7
The District Conference will convene at El Dorado June 28th, 8:30 a. m.

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Our Board Meeting.

The eighth annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, April 26-May 2 held in Central Church, Asheville, N. C., was one of labor with refreshing for mind body and spirit.

The stately Central Church, built of granite and beautiful in every appointment, bespoke the heart's desire of her people to give the best to our Lord and Master. Handsome memorial windows, exquisite in design, bore the names of those held in everlasting remembrance for deeds of love, mercy and self-sacrifice.

The addresses of welcome, given in behalf of Asheville, Asheville Methodism, Central Church, and the Western North Carolina Conference, seemed a happy continuation of the cordiality al-



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ready received in the hospitable homes opened to the members and friends of the Woman's Board. Sweet flowers and graceful palms around the chancel day by day gave evidence of continued thoughtfulness.

The luncheons served in the church parlors by ladies of the several Methodist churches of Asheville were festal occasions of rare enjoyment.

Truly we were received in Christ's name, and there were no strangers within those gates.

All the general officers of the Board, with the exception of Mrs. J. D. Hammond, second Vice President; delegates from twenty-eight Conferences; the Sup'ts of Supplies, mountain and Cuban work; members of various city mission Boards and a large number of visitors, were in attendance.

Our honored and beloved President, Miss Belle H. Bennett, filled the chair with accustomed dignity and even more grace than ever. Near her was seated our General Secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonnell, ever ready to emphasize a fact or to enforce a truth with figures and statistics. Mrs. Frank Siler, whom we first knew and loved as Miss Emily Allen, recorded the proceedings of the Board with gracious and unerring fidelity. And Miss Mary Helm, the gifted editor of "Our Homes," was mistress and servant of us all! It was a benediction to sit at the feet of these women and to learn of the deep things of God from their conversation and life.

In her address Miss Bennett made wise suggestions and gave earnest exhortation to fuller consecration and better achievement in our service for Christ.

The reports of our General Secretary and Treasurer showed increase in membership and gain in finances for the past year.


A review of the quadrennium, just closed, showed gratifying progress in every department of our work. We now have 47,518 members and in this quadrennium have helped 576 parsonages, granting to them \$54,908.61 and have sent supplies to the value of \$80,204.98. We raised for connectional work \$323,003.40 and for local work \$504,688.71. We now have 10 deaconesses or settlement homes, 8 kindergartens, 28 industrial schools and 7 night schools.

The Little Rock Conference W. H. M. Society, having doubled her membership during the quadrennium, received honorable mention in report by General Secretary. And our Conference stands sixth in number of

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subscribers to "Our Homes," which testifies to good work in auxiliaries. Our mission schools reported a good year, and need for enlargement. The need for an additional building at Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, is imperative, and it is hoped the special call for \$12000, will be answered quickly.

A few changes were made in our by-laws, and a Memorial was sent to the General Conference asking that an Associate Secretary be added to our official board. Hereafter the leaflets will be sent out by the General Secretary quarterly for free distribution, and other literature may be ordered by auxiliaries. Many responses were given to the query "What awakened your interest in Missions?" The letters from missionaries to foreign lands; "The Life and Work of Lucinda B. Helm;" sermons, and most frequently, the influence of a godly mother were mentioned. The hand that rocks the cradle may lead the world to Christ!

We were asked to try to raise \$100000, for connectional work next year, and to double our membership, bringing it up to 100,000. Some one said we came to talk and lingered to pray. Each session was opened with devotional services, and the noonday Bible lesson was given by Miss Mabel Howell, of Scarritt Bible and Training School in Kansas City.

The Annual Sermon was delivered by Dr. Chas. W. Byrd, of Georgia, and his theme was Christ's attitude to the people. Dr. Byrd almost startled us when he said that the greatest waste product of our country today is our young womanhood, frittering

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A pleasing incident of each day was the presentation of visitors, and we were glad to look into the faces of many of our own co-laborers and those from other churches of North Carolina and adjacent states.

Several cherubic babies were introduced and they were made life members of the W. H. M. Society by contributions from friends and admirers. Their parents are well known in the annals of Methodism, and Barnard, Rowe, Moore, and McEachern are names specially dear to the W. H. M. Society.

The drive given us by the ladies of Central Church through "Biltmore," the magnificent estate of Mr. Geo. W. Vanderbilt, was a delight to be remembered.

Mr. Vanderbilt's mansion sits on a sunny eminence in extensive forest and encircled by majestic mountains. Upon Mt. Pisgah, miles away, his hunting lodge is hid under the trees and near by is Rat mountain of striking physiognomy, and the smiling Blue Ridge is ever alluring. For miles we drove on macadamized roads through shady dells, over ivy covered bridges and beside the charming Swannana river. Innumerable and tiny wild flowers of every hue peeped at us and flowering shrubs flung sweet incense across life's pathway. Dogwood blossoms revealed in the sunshine and the white bells of the Elder tree seemed to ring in unison as we hastened on our way. Birds were singing; all things rejoiced and hearts were lifted in praise to the Maker of the universe and the Savior of mankind.

I had the honor to carry an invitation from First Church, Little Rock, for the next annual meeting of the Woman's Board. But Texas sent five invitations, and those women like the five points of their lone star united—and Houston will be our place of meeting in 1907. Little Rock did sound small in the presence of majestic mountains, and I had to admit we had but little to remind one of the Land of the Sky—no Mt. Pisgah to gaze upon nor Rat to rest up-

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Or it may be that our women wanted to see why Horace Greeley advised the young men to go West. Anyhow, we shall have a grand, good time in Texas, and I believe I was authorized to invite every body in Arkansas.

After the Board adjourned we had, through the courtesy of the Southern Railway, an excursion to Brevard and thence to lake Toxaway, in the indescribably beautiful sapphire region, high up in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

At Brevard we were glad to visit our H. M. industrial school, which is flourishing under the capable management of Prof. and Mrs. Bishop and their corps of able assistants. The situation is ideal, the building commodious and convenient and the school has proved a blessing to the community. The classrooms need better equipment and the library is yet to be supplied with books. Those fine girls and boys are worthy of our best assistance. We greatly enjoyed the substantial and dainty luncheon prepared for us by loving hands in the school. The pupils were assembled in the chapel and gave us hearty greeting. As we entered they were singing, "Blessed Jesus, We will early Come to Thee." I looked into their eager faces and these words seemed at once a promise and a prophecy—and may God grant it!

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H. H. Ridings.

Under Sore Affliction.

Our Brother Hackler and family of Lincoln circuit have been passing through great afflictions recently. Early in April his son-in-law, Mr. A. M. Tally, and family came to visit them. Soon after the children were taken down with small pox. On April 14, little Ruby Gertrude, aged 1 year and 8 months, died and April 18 Albert Marian, aged 8 months followed. After they had gotten from under the quarantine, on Sunday, May 6th, Bro. Tally, the father, died of heart failure, leaving the wife and mother of the once happy family. The little ones are safe and Bro. Tally died in the faith. Pray for the widow and relatives.

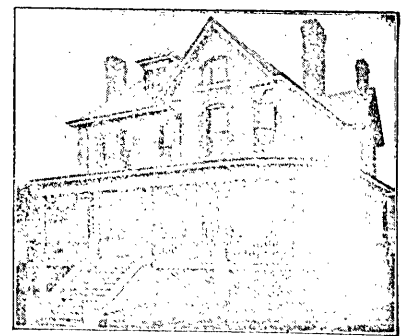
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OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND	
Perry	May 12-13
Guthrie	May 13-14
Lawrence	May 19-20
Morrison	May 20-21
Earlboro and Wewoka	May 20-27
Tecumseh	May 23-29
Franklin Ct.	June 2-3
Morman	June 3-4
Oklahoma City, St. Luke's	June 9-10
Oklahoma City, Epworth	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

HELENA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.	
Wheatley Ct. at Hunter	May 10-20
Oak Forest, at Salem	May 21-22
Wynne	May 27-28
Parkin	May 26-27
McCroly Ct. at Devlew	June 2-3
La Grange, at Spring Creek	June 9-10
Marianna	June 11
Lacoma Ct. at Avenue	June 14-17
Wesley Ct. at Wesley	June 23-24
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Summer Conferences at Northfield.

An outline of the work to be carried on at Northfield of the summer of 1906, which has just been issued by those in charge, schedules four Conferences and two Summer Bible Schools. Extensive preparations have long been under way for these gatherings and strong efforts have been put forth to make them comprehend all the major branches of Christian enterprise. They are in thorough harmony with the standards which have governed the Northfield meetings in the past, and the following request for prayer and co-operation has been made by Mr. W. R. Moody: Dear Friends:

The spirit of commercialism is pervading even Christian communities, and to meet this evil the united efforts of all Christian denominations are needed. During the past year not a few notable incidents have emphasized the necessity of a higher Christian standard of morality. A few have seen the remedy earlier than others and already a reaction against commercialism and against disintegration has set in. This reaction has made itself felt in revivals in all parts of this country simultaneously, and the time seems ripe for a reformation.

In recognition, therefore, of the increasing public sensitiveness to religious things and of the sturdy efforts being put forth to withstand this spirit of commercialism, we urge all evangelical churches to cooperate with us in the coming seasons at Northfield, that the things which are of the spirit may prevail over the things which are of the world,

that in the unity of evangelical purpose, and in the loftiness of its ideal, the Kingdom of God may be brought nearer fruition by the Conferences to be held here this summer. To this end we ask in the intervening months the prayers of all, that God may direct our hands in their preparation and that He may be present at the gatherings themselves.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. Moody

The exact dates of the Conferences are:

Student Conference, June 22 to July, inclusive; Mount Hermon School Twenty-Fifth Anniversary, June 30 to July 3, inclusive; Young Women's Conference, July 5 to 15, inclusive; Summer School for Sunday School Workers, July 21 to 29, inclusive; General Conference of Christian Workers, August 3 to 19, inclusive; Post Conference Addresses, August 20 to about October 1. East Northfield, Mass., May 8.

Purcell, I. T.

We have just closed a great meeting, Bros. Lewis and McClelland, Evangelists, helping us, all the pastors in town uniting. Result about 100 professions, churches greatly revived. Our church will receive her share of the new members. Our people paid the Evangelists \$300 without any great effort on the part of any one and paid over \$50 incidentals. We think this is good for a town of 2,000 white population and a church membership of less than 400. We are moving along nicely in our work here. This is my third year, and so far my best one. I enjoy the good "old" new paper. I love all its editors. God bless you.

R. A. Crosby.

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I have just read and reread the May number of Our Homes, the official organ of the Home Mission Society.

In its new dress, it is a model of neatness and strength. I wish all of our people might be induced to read this number. Every preacher, especially, ought to familiarize himself thoroughly with the annual reports and the account of our mountain work. I have been greatly inspired by a careful study of this work. I can hardly grasp it, however, because of its enormity. They have helped 152 parsonages this year at a cost of \$16,000. Spent for connectional work \$190,245; gave 825 boxes of supplies "and would have sent many more but the tardiness of the presiding elders in making wants known was such that the gifts were placed elsewhere." Total amount raised \$315,122.

Our Homes has nearly 12,000 subscribers and has paid all its own expenses and has nearly \$4,000 in cash and interest bearing securities. It affords an example worthy of all imitation by other publishers. It is a sixteen page, without advertisements, and sells for fifty cents.

The Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky., has passed the experimental state and is a great beacon light, affecting for good the life of all Southern Kentucky. With its twelve teachers and 400 students and well equipped plant it will soon touch the whole state and be a source of inspiration and blessing to the whole church. God grant it! They have several other schools deserving special mention as Brevard Industrial School N. C., with 160 pupils; Italian School, Tampa, Fla., with 180; Ruth Hargrove Seminary at Key West with 300. These with others will serve to show why I urge the reading and studying of the May issue especially, where full and inspiring reports are given. To give all the good things would be to send you the paper, but I do hope every preacher will become

so thoroughly familiar with these reports that he can tell the people what our women are doing and be able to help them by inspiring others to enlist in this great army of consecrated and intelligent workers in the kingdom of our Lord.

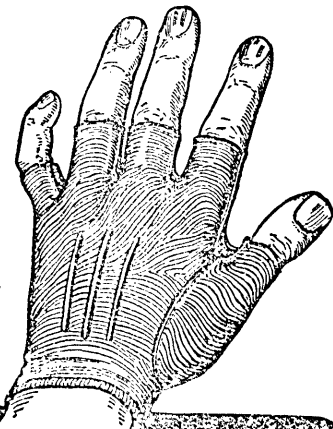
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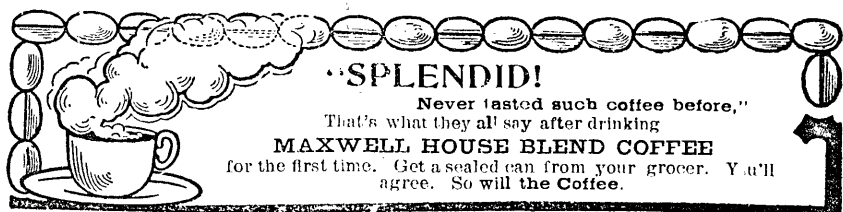
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Oklahoma City District Conference.

The Oklahoma City District Conference will convene at Asher, June 14. Bro. H. J. Brown will preach the opening sermon Wednesday night, the 13th.

The Woman's Missionary Society will hold their meeting Friday afternoon. I hope the pastors will see that the recording stewards bring or send their quarterly conference records.

Following are the committees:
License to preach—W. T. Ready, H. J. Brown, Edgar L. Young;

Admission and re-admission—Frank Naylor, C. S. Walker, J. B. McCance;

Deacons orders—J. L. Bray, E. A. Rippey, J. R. Books;

Elders orders—W. K. Piner, J. E. Savage, W. J. Moore.

W. J. Sims, P. E.

Nashville, Ark.

Our meeting has been in progress one week, with fine results. Seventeen have united with our church. Large crowds attend. Bro. Swift of Little Rock is doing the preaching. We continue this week.

J. W. White.

SCOTT-MILLER—At the residence of the bride's parents, Hackett, Ark., April 22, 1906, by Rev. H. W. Ledbetter, Mr. Alex Scott to Miss Sophia Miller, both of Hackett, Ark.

WISEMAN-WILSON—At the home of the bride's parents, Chalchote, Miss., April 24, 1906, Mr. H. B. Wiseman of Cotton Plant, Miss., to Miss Laura Wilson, Rev. E. F. Wilson officiating.

WAR ON LIQUOR AND TOBACCO.

The Kansas Anti-Liquor Society has adopted a new plan to fight the Liquor traffic. It is distributing free to all who write and enclose a stamp, a receipt for the cure of the liquor habit. It can be given secretly in coffee or food. Also one for the tobacco habit that can be given secretly. The only request they make is that you do not tell the receipt, but give free copies to your friends. Their address is Room 68 Gray Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

McAlester District.

Rev. I. K. Waller, pastor First Church McAlester, whose daughter graduates this week from the San Antonio Female College, is attending Commencement exercises.

Rev. W. H. Long of the Canadian charge is getting things in such shape that the circuit will make a good showing before the year closes.

The very best reports come from Wilburton Station, Rev. T. J. Minnis, is making full proof of his ministry. Wilburton is in the coal belt and suffers from the strike but our work goes on well.

At Kiowa a new parsonage has been built and the pastor is comfortable. Bro. Rodgers is faithfully doing his work and deserves to succeed largely. Kiowa will entertain the district conference in July.

The Albany circuit is developing rapidly under the efficient leadership of Rev. C. A. Martin. Martin is not only faithful and earnest but successful in his work. The territory now occupied by this circuit will probably form two circuits another year.

Rev. A. K. Miller, one of our Superannuates is supplying Edwards. This twon is in the coal belt and on account of the strike has paid him almost nothing. The Joint Board of Finance gave him only \$150, while some who had served a shorter time and filled the best appointments received more. He secured a lot in Kiowa, I. T. With the money received he built a cheap little house to live in. He owes a lit-

tle on it yet. This leaves him nothing to live on until Conference. The brethren ought to help him.

S. G. Thompson.

Notice.

Will the pastors of the Ardmore District send me as early as possible the names of all from your charge who will attend the District Conference at Mannsville to be held June 28-July 1. Also those who expect to come by private conveyance notify me. I do hope every one will come prepared to remain over Sunday and come praying for a mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost.

M. B. McKinney.

Austin Circuit, Ark.

Had a good day at Mt. Tabor on the Austin circuit. We observed Children's Day, a good program being rendered. Some say we had the largest crowd Mt. Tabor has had in a long time. The collection was \$8.48.

F. C. Cannon.

Man Striving—God Helping.

Believe in thyself. Out of that heart of thine are the issues of that life of thine. All that thou shalt be will rest on that which thou art. Out of thy present self will rise thyself that is to be. That which thou shalt reap under to-morrow's sun will have its planting and its training in the things thou art now doing. Not by the wisdom of the fathers, not by their names inherited, nor by their gold bequeathed, will come the crowning of thy heart's desire, but from thine own sterling endeavor and the full investiture of all which thy God hath given thee. No beauty will shine in thee, no charm surround thee nor glory crown thee except that which, by God's grace, has sprung from their own immortal self. And when thou strivest thy God will be with thee. He will give clearness to thy brain, courage to thy heart, and cunning to thy hand. Work, therefore, with a will and press toward the mark; onward and upward with his banner above thee and doors that were undreamed of will be opened at thy coming. Selected.

The Source of Strength.

Speaking of his business perplexities, a devout Christian recently remarked: "I have the habit, whenever my worldly affairs are exceedingly trying and a way of relief seems to be quite impossible, of raising my heart in silent prayer to my heavenly Father, who never fails to give me courage and strength." Whoever enjoys divine union as a spiritual habit, will not be surprised when he listens to such testimony; his own experience corresponds to just this blessed rest. He does not always see the way of deliverance, but he is in that spiritual condition which enables him

to trust, which is far better than seeing. He feels that God has entered into a contract with him and that the very best results will come, even though the earthly cares may be hard for the flesh to bear and the unexpected reverses may be distressing.—Selected.

A Cluster of Quotations.

Happiness is the union of ourselves with God.—Blaise Pascal.

Beware all joys but joys that never can expire.—Young.

To be happy is not the purpose of our being, but to deserve happiness.—Fichte.

God loves to see His creatures happy; our lawful delight is His.—Bishop Hall.

CHEROKEE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND

Miami	May 5-6
Chapel Ct.	May 12-13
Chouteau	May 19-20
Pryor Creek	May 23
Afton	May 26-27
Bluejacket	June 2-3
Welch	June 3-4
Claremore Ct.	June 9-10
Chelsea	June 10-11
Centralia	June 16-17
Fairland and Wyandotte	June 23-24
Vinita	June 24-25
Grove Ct.	June 30-July 1
Cherokee Ct.	June 30-July 1
Locust Grove Ct.	July 7-8
Claremore	July 14-15
Tahlequah Ct.	July 21-22
Tahlequah Sta.	July 22-23
Stillwell Ct.	July 28-29
Stillwell and Westville	July 29-30
Alluwe and Talala	Aug. 4-5

Let pastors make written report on education as the discipline requires.

Let church registers for each society and the one for the whole charge be examined and reports made in writing.

Let each church procure church conference records and present them to the committee for examination.

J. B. McDONALD, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Boe	May 12-13
Swan Lake	May 19-20
Star City	May 26-27
Douglas & Grady	May 27-28
Rowell	June 2-3
St. Charles	June 9-10

E. M. PIPKIN, P. E.

BASS-HARRIS—At the home of the bride's father, near Bryant, Arkansas, April 29, 1906, Mr. C. L. Bass and Miss Ella Harris were united in holy matrimony by Rev. D. D. Warlick.

EVANS-BISHOP—At the residence of Mr. Will Wright, Hackett, Ark., Feb. 25, 1906, by Rev. H. W. Ledbetter, Mr. Millard Evans to Miss Mamie Bishop, both of Midland, Ark.

MYERS-JENKINS—At the parsonage at Umpire, Ark., May 9, 1906, Mr. W. Myers, of Ellis Co., Texas, to Miss Myra A. Jenkins, of Umpire, Ark., Rev. H. H. Riddings officiating.

WALLACE-HARRIS—Married, May 8, at the residence of the bride's mother, Rev. H. W. Wallace, of the Clarksville Ct., to Miss Lucy Harris, of Hartman, Ark., Rev. D. U. Cline, officiating.

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"A quarter!" exclaimed the youngster, pulling a handful of pennies and nickels out of his pocket. The banker took him over to the receiving teller and introduced him with all the deference that he would have shown a millionaire.

The boy left the city soon after opening the account, but he kept adding to his deposit from time to time, and as he was naturally bright and shrewd, everything he undertook prospered. He is back in Pittsburg now, the head of a successful manufacturing concern and one of the bank's most valued customers.

A year ago a proud young father out in Michigan sent \$25 to open an account for his first-born son, then less than a week old. "The boy'll need it some of these days," he wrote, "and we may as well begin to save for him right off." Six months later a tear-dimmed letter came asking to withdraw the money, to pay the little fellow's funeral

expenses.

A working woman in a little town in New York sent a dollar bill in the name of the daughter, six years of age. "She'll be married by and by," she said, "and ought to have something to start life on." That was nearly two years ago, and almost every week since a dollar has been added to the account. There'll be a snug little marriage portion for the young lady some day, if nothing happens.

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Trinity.....June 2-3
Brethren, let us get conference collection off of our hands this quarter. Some have done this the first quarter.
M. M. Smith, P. E.

BEAVER DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Boyd Cir. at Balco.....May 19-20
Grand Valley at Fulton.....May 26-27
E. M. Everett, P. E.

Peanuts vs Pork.

Notwithstanding the difference between the prices paid for wheat and corn, the latter commodity, by reason of its immense volume, yields to the country the larger gross income.

When the corn crop is unusually large and prices not unusually low, the western farmer prospers and in turn the railroads through his territory pay dividends; manufacturers make money and the commercial conditions generally are good.

It requires only a short memory to recall the time when corn, year after year, was burned for fuel, or allowed to rot ungathered in the fields. This was when corn was fed to cattle and meal entered very little into the diet list of man. The west used some corn, so did the south, but in the east it was almost unknown and Europeans regarded it as unfit for food.

The grit, determination and energy of the west was concentrated to conquer this condition and a united movement was engineered to instruct non-users of corn how this important food product might be utilized.

At western expositions, state fairs, and country shows had corn palaces, and representatives were sent to the Atlantic seaboard and across the ocean, exhibiting at all the great centers corn and its products. Now, the cereal is never burnt, unless a careless cook forgets her duty.

At the Jamestown Exposition the southerners have determined to emulate the wisdom of their western brethren and will erect an immense peanut palace where this esculent tuber will hold sway.

German chemists have recently proven the nutritive value of the peanut and the nation of the soldier contains sausages made of peanuts. It is very nutritious, pleasing to the taste, and contains more units of food energy than a sausage of similar size made from pork.

The peanut as ordinarily used roasted, is undoubtedly toothsome and gently soporific. Most mild cases of insomnia yield to a late supper of peanuts. In candy it is known to many, but its use is by no means general. Peanut butter, peanut brittle, ground peanuts for sandwiches, have a certain vogue, but it is restricted.

The by-products of peanuts are many and useful, yet, year after year, peanut planters use their plants as fertilizing material, cutting them down and plowing them under to enrich the earth.

The Peanut Palace of the Jamestown Exposition is intended, like the corn palaces of the west, to be not a final undertaking, but the beginning of a movement in bringing to the peanut its due mead of appreciation.—Western Recorder.

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