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EDITORIAL.

Japan.

This is a time when the Japanese nation, especially the soldiers, are receiving praise everywhere; and that they deserve all honor for disinterested patriotism no one knows better than those who have seen thousands of them return from the front and in the hospitals bear months of suffering with never a complaint but rather with joy. The desolate homes where wives and mothers now take up the burdens of life with undaunted courage and cheerfulness, feeling honored in their sacrifice because it was made for their emperor and their country, also bear witness to their heroism.

There is danger, however, that because of so much praise the people may lose sight of the claim the Japanese have on their brothers of the West for help in laying the foundation of future stability, replacing their former ethical code, now discarded for one in keeping with the times. Japan has made wonderful progress in education, yet there is something lacking that is felt in every department of Japanese life, social, business and political. That thing is a high moral ideal and its absence causes deplorable looseness in the lives of those in high stations as well as low.

The people have lost faith in the old religion through the influence of Western learning, and in its place nothing has been substituted, until one of their number has said, "There is no country in the world that has so few believers and so many objects of worship as Japan."

Dr. Kato, formerly President of the Imperial University has said, "The situation is just this: Our old system of thought has been thoroughly undermined and as yet it has not been replaced by anything that can be considered effective from a moral standpoint."

The Educational Department is making an effort to meet the difficulty by issuing books on Ethics teaching one's duty to the state, to the family, etc., but in the words of a Japanese quoted in the Daily Mail, "The reliance of the Educational Department on Confucianism as a basis for moral teaching has proved an utter failure. Every where dissatisfaction and restlessness appear." More and more the leaders are coming to realize that moral teaching, to be effective must be founded on religion, but they are by no means agreed as to which religion they shall adopt. Some advocate taking the best from all religions and making of it a new one, not realizing the impossibility of such a task.

Others advocate Christianity, thinking that while they do not need religion it would be good for the common people. Marquis Ito is quoted as saying, "We got our civilization from the West, and we must get our religion from the same source." Count Okuma said recently before the graduating class of a Christian school, "There is a possibility I think, that the center of civilization will come round to the continent of the East, when this advanced religion (Christianity, has been rightly interwoven into the thoughts of the nation and the nation has progressed with the times. Any nation that makes an antiquated faith its state religion will in no long time cease to exist." How much worse a state practically without religion.

How do the people themselves feel on the subject? Japan has been called "A country in search of a religion." Mr. Haden in "Japan: Progress and Outlook" says, "There is a divine unrest prevailing among the intelligent young men and women of Japan that is making for righteousness. Their faith in the old religion gone and failing to find satisfaction in the materialism, atheism, and agnosticism, so rampant everywhere, they are turning to Christianity with an earnestness and in numbers hitherto unknown."

On every hand people are asking for Bible instruction, the number of Bible students being limited only by the number of teachers, it seems. In many of the Government schools Y. M. C. A. teachers are employed and everywhere they have perfect freedom to teach the Bible, in some places rooms being provided for that work. Perhaps the only places now where Christianity may not be taught is in the Naval schools at Kue and Itajima, and in both these places graduates from the kindergarten of the Hiroshima Girls School are teaching Christianity daily to the Officers' children.

While this great eagerness is manifested there are yet many, many people who have not even heard the name of Christ. When Marshall Oyama returned from Manchuria he was met in Hiroshima by 60,000 school children from this city and neighboring villages and in all that number the few hundred from the H. G. S. were the only ones who receive direct Christian teaching.

Japan undoubtedly occupies a strategic position in the Far East. While her schools are wholly inadequate for her own requirements they are besieged with applicants from China. Even now there are between three and four thousand Chinese students in Tokio, and efforts are being made to open

schools even in the interior to girls as they are already to boys. The authorities in Hiroshima are urging that this school be opened to Chinese girls because "A Christian school is the best place for them." Indeed there is already one Chinese student in the kindergarten training class. "Every dollar that is contributed, every prayer that is offered, and every son or daughter that is given to Japan is a gift to the whole of the Far East." Her influence will more and more dominate its thought and action.

With her heart wide open to Christianity, if we let this opportunity pass who knows when it may come again. O that we might be able to pour in gifts and workers, that we might take the "Tide in the affairs of this nation at its flood, and so lead on to victory."

What kind of Christians do the Japanese make? As true and strong as any in the world as far as their knowledge goes. The present pastor of the Hiroshima church spent two years at Trinity College as a student. When he was returning to Japan a friend asked him to come as his personal representative at a salary of \$600 a year. The Japanese replied, "O no, if I did that I could not be a member of the Conference and it would cause hard feelings among my brethren." He returned, and for two years lived on \$15 a month. He now receives \$20. There are many men and women equally loyal to what they believe to be right. Japan needs missionaries but she will well repay every prayer and every gift offered for her.

Every Christian should not only be prepared to vote against license on election day, but he should be creating sentiment among others so that they too may vote right. The saloon is a breeder of all kinds of crime. It is a violator of civil as well as moral law. Anarchy is its natural fruit. Every lover of his country should oppose it.

A vote for the McFerrin Amendment is a vote for progress and for morality. We owe our children the best education possible. This amendment will help to improve our public schools and thus give all the children of Arkansas larger and better advantages. Do not let this amendment fail because of your neglect.

The Christian people of Indian Territory and Oklahoma are under the highest obligation to do their part to make the new State a temperance state. Let only trusted men be elected to the Constitutional Convention. The question will be settled there.

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Rev. W. F. Andrews, of First Church, helped Bro. Thomas in a gracious meeting at Lonoke last week.

Rev. F. C. Cannon, of Austin circuit, is spending a few weeks with his friends in Little Rock, resting and recuperating.

Rev. R. R. Moore, presiding elder of Texarkana District, has moved from Arkadelphia to Texarkana, and asks his correspondents to note the change.

On July 25, Bonnie May, the sweet little daughter of Rev. Frank P. Jernigan, of Mammoth Spring, was taken away. May God comfort the stricken parents.

Bishop Ward in reply to the trustees of the Texas Episcopal Residence, states that he has not yet decided where he will make his home and expresses a preference for a home selected by himself.

The people of Stamford, Texas, have offered a bonus of \$67,000 and a twenty acre campus to the Northwest Texas Conference for a school. The proposition has been accepted.

Bro. G. T. Garvey of Harrisburg called on Wednesday. He reports his pastor, Rev. Z. D. Lindsay in poor health. He has been granted a vacation and it is hoped that he will rapidly recuperate.

Rev. S. C. Dean, writing on business, reports that his Sunday School at Fairview, Texarkana, has increased since conference about eighty per cent, and that some advances in church work are being made.

A sad note from Rev. S. F. Brown, of Searcy, announces the death in Mississippi of his only son, Ernest, at the age of twenty-four. He lived and died a true Christian. Our sympathy and prayers go out for Bro. Brown and family.

Rev. Lewis Powell of Hot Springs called Wednesday. He is deeply interested in the election in his city and anxious that only good men be elected. Work on his new church is in progress, and the basement is now being used for prayer meeting services.

Lady Curzon, born Mary V. Leiter, of Chicago, died July 18, vice-reine of India. No American woman ever played such a part in English history. She helped her husband to reach high position, and his success as vice-roy of India was largely dependant on her tact and cleverness.

Russell Sage, the great financier, is dead

at the age of ninety. He was reared on a farm, began poor and worked his way up. The secret of his success is economy and strict application to business. He never took a vacation and lived as frugally as if he had been a clerk. He gave practically nothing to any good cause, but left his vast fortune to his widow.

In a business note Rev. J. W. Harrell, of Eldorado, Ark., reports fine work done in his League and Sunday School, good congregations, and an increase of fourteen members since conference. He always brings things to pass.

Rev. W. Frank Price, of the North Alabama Conference, has been appointed pastor of our Church at Stuttgart, Ark. Brother Price was pastor at Batelle, and the closing down of the furnace at that place left him without a flock. We trust he has not left us permanently, for we count him as one of our most efficient and consecrated young men.—Alabama Christian Advocate.

Dr. J. B. Game, of the Central Academy, Fayette, Mo., who has been studying at Yale and for two summers has taught Latin at the State Normal School, Cape Girardeau, Mo., has been elected to the chair of Latin at the latter institution, and granted leave of absence to pursue his studies at Yale for another session. He is a close, accurate student, and a fine teacher. We regret that our church schools can not hold him, but congratulate the State Normal on securing such an efficient man.

The Board of Trustees for the Superannuate Endowment Fund met July 17 in Nashville. Rev. A. F. Watkins, D. D., was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Anson West, D. D. Bishop J. J. Tigert offered his resignation as a member of the Board, and Prof. W. F. Tillet, D. D., was chosen to succeed him. Dr. Tillet was elected President of the Board, Judge John L. Nolen, Vice President, and Rev. John R. Stewart, Secretary and Treasurer, with the duties of Field Agent. The Board will pursue an aggressive policy, and the Agent will continue his vigorous campaign for funds.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

Spaulding Female College.

The senior editor has had occasion several times within recent months to visit Spaulding Female College. We call attention to it simply to say that our people in the Indian Territory cannot do better for their daughters than to send them to this institution, cannot do better no matter where they may send them. It is scarcely a question of loyalty, their own interest requires this. President Brewer and his wife have both experience, and culture, the faculty is excellent, and all arrangements are good.

Gentry Hendrix Academy.

Rev. L. H. Eakes, pastor at Siloam Springs, has accepted the principalship of the Gentry Hendrix Academy, and is already at work in its interests. He is an A. B. of Emory College and a student of the Vanderbilt Biblical Department, and has had successful experience as teacher and pastor. He is a young man of personal magnetism, tact, and energy. Gentry is a good town, the academy is unusually well equipped with library and apparatus, ex-

penses are low, and all surroundings are favorable. A strong school is needed for our church in that section. Bro. Eakes should have the support of every Methodist in Fayetteville District.

Sloan Hendrix Academy, Imboden, Ark.

Prof. W. H. Williamson, president for the last two years of Dixon College, Dixon, Ill., has accepted the Presidency of Sloan Hendrix Academy at Imboden, Ark. The people at Imboden are very enthusiastic over the splendid prospect of the school under the management of Prof. Williamson. He will have competent teachers to assist him and this Academy will easily become the center for educational interests in Northeast Arkansas. All persons desiring a healthful location, good society, and a first class preparatory school will be more than pleased with the conditions here.

For information concerning the school address Prof. W. H. Williamson, or Sec. of Board of Trustees, Imboden, Ark.

L. C. Craig.

Muskogee District Conference.

The Muskogee District Conference met at Stigler, July 24. Stigler is a new town on the Midland Valley railroad about half way between Muskogee and Ft. Smith. It has between 1500 and 2000 people. The region is fertile and the town is destined to grow. Rev. Jno. W. Head is pastor, doing a good work. They are now building a good brick church, and we shall soon have a first class charge there. Presiding Elder J. C. Fowler had the conference well under way when we arrived. He had introduced a new method of reporting the charges. Instead of verbal reports by the pastors in open conference each pastor was furnished with blanks somewhat after the fashion of the statistical blanks we use at annual conference, and made out his report, handing each section to the chairman of the appropriate committee. These committees were expected to digest the reports and propose whatever action they thought advisable. Meantime the time of the conference was given to the discussion of various interests of general nature.

The conference provided for about one hundred new subscribers for this Advocate, as the McAlester District had done the preceding week, a fact which we failed to mention in our report of that conference. We heard the echoes of the sermon of Rev. O. E. Goddard preached the night before we arrived, and we heard a brilliant and strong address on good citizenship by Hon. M. L. Williams of Muskogee.

The religious spirit of the conference was good and the entertainment by the people of Stigler was abundant. We were compelled to leave on Thursday for the Holdenville District Conference held among the full blood Creeks, near Okmulgee.

Durant and Caddo.

The senior editor was in Durant on the night of July 23. Rev. J. A. Parks is in charge, doing an excellent work in that good town. They have about the liveliest League we have yet seen in the Indian Mission Conference. It is doing great good in the town. The pastor himself has been its chief inspiration, but has quite a number of young

folks now developed to the working point.

The new house of worship in Durant is progressing. The windows of art glass are now in. The building is a commodious and handsome brick veneer. It will be one of the very best in the conference. Bro. J. M. Gross delivered a lecture on the night of the 23rd, for the benefit of the League window fund. A good audience attended, and the lecture was one of the most interesting we have heard for a long time. His subject was "A Journey to Paris, by Way of Scotland and England." Bro. Gross did not give his audience the guide book, but gave them what he saw with the eyes of a man of common sense.

Durant is one of the best towns in the Indian Territory, with five or six thousand people, with much business, and in a fine location, some 15 miles north of Red River, at the junction of the "Katy" and the "Frisco." We did business there, under the guidance of Bro. Parks.

Caddo is about a dozen miles north of Durant, a town of some 2000 people; in a black land region, with good business and a good future. Our old friend, P. C. Atkins, is in charge. His old time Arkansas friends will be glad to know that he and all his family have done well in this country. He is doing well at Caddo. Our church has grown under his ministry. They are to begin a meeting on the 3rd Sunday in August. We have a good list at Caddo and we added a few more to it. After running up to Muskogee and spending a delightful night at Spaulding College with that prince of gentlemen, Rev. T. F. Brewer, he and the writer are off to Stigler, Muskogee District Conference.

Three District Conferences.

Spending only one day in the office, the junior editor started on Tuesday for Nashville, Ark., the seat of the Prescott District Conference. The town has made considerable progress in the last five years. It now has the court house, and will soon have a new \$15,000 school building, and a railroad connecting with the K. C. Southern. This insures several mills and factories. The inland trade is already large, 20,000 bales of cotton being marketed when the crop is good. The prospect is very fine this year.

Bro. White, the pastor, had made such ample preparations that his people were disappointed at not having all the guests they had expected. He had a telephone in the church, an abundance of ice-water and fans, in short, laid himself out to meet every want. With a little encouragement he would undertake to entertain a General Conference and not think Nashville inadequate to the task. Ably assisted by Bros. J. B. Hill and Dick Ansley he brought us all under obligation for thoughtful hospitality. As conference did not open for half a day after arrival, the people were seen in behalf of the paper and yielded graciously to our approaches.

In the absence of Bro. J. A. Parker, detained by sickness in his home, Rev. J. A. B. Fry, of Arkadelphia, preached the opening sermon, a strong missionary deliverance.

With the exception of a few minutes occupied by Bro. Fry in presenting Henderson College and by the editor in mention of the paper, the first morning was given to a care-

fully prepared program on Sunday School work. Addresses were made by Bros. H. M. Bruce, A. M. Robertson, T. D. Scott, J. E. Godbey, and Geo. McGlumphy. These were all carefully prepared, brief, and pointed. No one occupied more than the allotted time. Bro. McGlumphy presents his special themes felicitously, forcibly, instructively. No mistake has been made in selecting him for this new enterprise. He should be kept at it. Dr. Godbey demonstrated unusual vigor in the presentation of his subject. Presiding Elder Dye allowed no waste of time in preliminaries, but plunged the conference into the program and saw that it was carefully carried out. His brief survey of the field showed the District in splendid condition with prospects for excellent reports at the annual conference. Although not well, he was in his place and gave attention to the business of the day.

In order to reach the Camden District Conference at Fordyce sixteen hours must be spent at Hope. The trip to Stamps and on to Fordyce was in company with Bro. Jewell whose conversation is always sensible and companionship helpful. Arriving at noon we found the Epworth League program completed and the conference ready for routine business. Dr. Riggin, always an admirable presiding officer, reversed the usual order and took up the cases of local preachers. Being few they were quickly passed and other items taken up. Rev. T. J. Reynolds, once of the Arkansas Conference, now local and engaged in newspaper work at Magnolia, by request read a valuable paper on the call to preach and the local preacher. Talks were made by Bros. A. O. Evans and Turrentine and the editor. Brief speeches were made by Bro. Davis for the Orphanage and Bro. Caldwell for the Hunter Memorial fund. At night Bro. James Thomas preached a sermon to prepare the way for his educational work. It was characteristic and effective. His enthusiasm, faith, and hope are contagious. Men hearing him must believe in Arkansas and her institutions. He will succeed.

The brevity of our stay gave scant opportunity to hear the inquisition into the condition of the district, but everything gathered tended to encourage and cheer. Crops are good, preachers are active, people are more and more rallying to the support of the Church. The extension of the Rock Island Railroad through the District opens new fields and increases responsibility. Dr. Riggin, looking younger each year, is striving to meet the growing demands. Fordyce is rapidly improving. Its better railroad facilities magnify its importance. The new building for the Training School is handsome, substantial, and convenient. Prof. Clary's return inspires confidence. It goes without saying that he is perfectly at home there. May he see the school prosper as it so richly deserves.

Bro. A. P. Few and his people are good hosts. Our home with Bro. Cheatham, the Presbyterian preacher, was all that could be wished. Many old friends were met, but the sojourn was too short, as the necessity of reaching Pine Bluff District Conference at Pine Bluff hurried us away just as Bro. Clark was beginning to preach.

We reached Hawley Memorial Church in time for the Friday afternoon session and

remained till late Saturday. Bros. Hammons, McGlumphy, and Powell made fine talks on Sunday School work. Prof. Orear and Prof. Clary represented the Fordyce and Stuttgart Training Schools respectively in spicy speeches. Both deserve great credit for their insistence on the preparatory school idea. Such institutions meet a real need. The editor was allowed full swing and greatly enjoyed the sermon which Bro. Lewis Powell did not preach that night.

Saturday the reports were debated. Church extension brought out a fine paper by Bro. McClintock and talks by Bros. Ramsey and others. Bro. Ramsey also delivered later a strong address on church finance. He is so clear and pointed that we hope he will commit to writing for our use the substance of his talk. He ought to use his pen freely. Strong reports on temperance, Sabbath observance, missions, and education were adopted. Bro. Pipkin, the presiding elder, called out expressions of the spiritual state of the church and revivals and found that the preachers are making full proof of their ministry and the people are responding to faithful pastoral oversight. The outlook generally is good. Bro. W. J. Rogers, whose situation in the bottoms enables him to know certain conditions, spoke of the need of more definite care for the moral training of the negroes. Bro. Rainey, the host, made ample provision for the visitors. His work in reducing the church debt and in building and paying for a \$1,000 parsonage since last conference is worthy of special notice and commendation. He is entitled to the help of all who can contribute. A church is certainly needed in that part of Pine Bluff. His little band is struggling heroically under his leadership to establish their church in that rapidly growing suburb. They must succeed.

After a busy week the editor was able to reach home Saturday night, closing his round of District Conferences.

PLAN OF EPISCOPAL VISITATION.

First District—Bishop A. W. Wilson.	
Western North Carolina, Mt. Airy, N. C.	November 14
South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.	November 28
North Carolina, Rocky Mount, N. C.	December 5
Second District—Bishop W. W. Duncan.	
Memphis, Ripley, Tenn.	November 14
Alabama, Eufaula, Ala.	December 5
Third District—Bishop C. B. Galloway.	
Tennessee, Lebanon, Tenn.	October 3
Holston, Cleveland, Tenn.	October 10
Virginia, Portsmouth, Va.	November 14
North Georgia, Milledgeville, Ga.	November 21
South Georgia, Valdosta, Ga.	November 28
Fourth District—Bishop E. R. Hendrix.	
Western Virginia, Huntington, W. Va.	September 5
Kentucky, Winchester, Ky.	September 12
Louisville, Central City, Ky.	Sept. 20
North Alabama, Gadsden, Ala.	November 28
North Mississippi, Corinth, Miss.	December 5
Fifth District—Bishop J. S. Key.	
Denver, Denver, Colo.	August 23
Missouri, Carrollton, Mo.	August 29
Southwest Missouri, Joplin, Mo.	September 12
St. Louis, Poplar Bluff, Mo.	September 19
Sixth District—Bishop W. A. Candler.	
Japan Mission, Hiroshima, Japan	September 6
Korean Mission, Seoul, Korea	September 13
China Mission, Huchow, China	October 3
Cuban Mission, Camaguey, Cuba	January 25
Seventh District—Bishop H. C. Morrison.	
New Mexico, Alpine, Texas	October 18
German Mission, Houston, Texas	October 25
West Texas, San Angelo, Texas	October 31
Texas, Tyler, Texas	November 28
Florida, Palatka, Florida	December 12
Eighth District—Bishop E. E. Hoss.	
Brazil Mission, Ribeirao, Preto, Brazil	August 18
Northwest Texas, Brownwood, Texas	November 14
North Texas, Bowie, Texas	November 21
Baltimore, Staunton, Va.	March 27, 1907
Ninth District—Bishop J. J. Tigert.	
Illinois, Worden, Ill.	September 20
Indian Mission, Tulsa, I. T.	November 7
Arkansas, Paris, Ark.	November 21
Little Rock, Warren, Ark.	November 28
White River, Wynne, Ark.	December 5
Tenth District—Bishop Seth Ward.	
Louisiana, Shreveport, La.	December 5
Mississippi, Laurel, Miss.	December 12
Mexican Border Mission, Monterey, Mex.	February 6, 1907
Central Mexico Mission, San Luis Potosi, Mex.	February 14, 1907
Northwest Mexican Mission, Chihuahua	February 28, 1907
Eleventh District—Bishop James Atkins.	
Montana, Deer Lodge, Mont.	September 13
East Columbia, Oakesdale, Wash.	September 20
Columbia, Roseburg, Ore.	October 4
Pacific, San Jose, Cal.	October 17
Los Angeles, Santa Ana, Cal.	October 31

What Are We Reading?

Some time ago a young woman called to induce me to join a club which she said would make the reading of books unnecessary. She declared that it is a mistake for any woman to take time to read a book these days. I did not join her club of ponderous claims, because I have been convinced for years that our mistake is in not taking the time to read more books and better ones. In "these days" we need the best books because there are so many things not for the betterment of society that attract, and distract us too.

As that young woman went from house to house and glibly depreciated the habit of reading, I hope more than one woman was strengthened in her purpose to commend worthy books wherever practicable.

We may never be competent to review books, but by commending those worth reading we may help in the upbuilding of character and beautiful life around us.

We may point some thirsty soul to the fount of living waters, or help a weary one to find rest under the shadow of a great rock.

"The Spirit of Christmas" by Henry Van Dyke, is exquisite in thought and beautiful in language, and it brings refreshing to the soul.

In "A Dream Story" it tells how, ages ago, the angels in heaven conferred together as they longed to lighten the sorrows and remove the oppressions which burdened the men of earth. Michael said that the evil on earth could only be cured by force, and he wished the Heavenly host might mingle in the wars of men to make the good victorious. Uriel thought the giving of greater knowledge to men was only needed that ignorance, prejudice and evil might be overcome. Then Raphael, the beautiful archangel, with shining face, declared that the only cure for the evil in the world was in giving more love to men. Knowing that God is Love, one asked: "How shall men be made like God?" And the clear, sweet voice of a child-angel rang out: "Man shall be made like God because the Son of God shall become a man." This was the Christmas angel and he made haste to carry the glad tidings of the Savior's birth to the wise men of Judea. The other angels followed him, but he went more swiftly than they because of the certainty of gladness in his heart.

In "Christmas Giving" Dr. Van Dyke says: "The finest Christmas is not the one that costs the most money, but the one that carries the most love." He says, better than the observance of Christmas day is the keeping of Christmas. We should think less of what we are going to get out of life and more of what we are going to put into life, and for others. We must make a grave for our ugly thoughts and a garden for our kindly feelings, with the gate open. This little volume can be read in a short time, and would be pleasing to have on a journey.

Another helpful little book I recently read is the "Kingship of Self-Control," by William George Jordan, in which individual problems and possibilities are discussed. Mr. Jordan says man needs more of the conception, "I am a great human soul with marvelous possibilities" that he may see

how his king-ship may be attained through self-control. We may sometimes envy the power and spiritual strength of Paul without realizing that he was the weak Saul of Tarsus transformed through self-control. The Crimes of the Tongue are forcibly presented, and he says the dynamite gun is the second most deadly instrument of destruction while the human tongue is first. He cautions against the "Red Tape of Duty" in daily life, and pleads for Love which "transmutes all duties into privileges, all responsibilities into joys." Worry is called the great American disease, and the most popular form of suicide. It is mental poison and must be eliminated. Simplicity of life is enjoined because it produces character in which artifice, lying, deceit, treachery and selfish, low ambition can not abide. He warns against "Syndicating our Sorrow," making our friends miserable because we are unhappy or unfortunate. In the "Revelations of Reserve Power" he says the old mythological tale that the strength of an enemy we kill enters into us is realized in character building. The strength gained in every moral victory is stored by Nature as a Reserve Power for us in our time of need.

An interesting novel of the past year is "Constance Trescott," by Dr. Weir S. Mitchell, and it is strong in its purpose. It forcibly depicts the misfortune of a child to whom parents have failed to give moral and religious training. In the overwhelming sorrows of life, Constance knew not how to seek the Holy Comforter nor to trust in a Savior's atonement.

Not long ago I enjoyed reading "Dr. Luke of the Labrador," by Norman Duncan. It is a story of the fisher-folk, and their homely philosophy is stimulating. The quaint conception of the ascended Mothers waiting at the gate of Heaven to welcome their children is one of its beautiful tributes to womanhood.

"The Woman who Spends," by Bertha June Richardson, brings us down to real every day life and puts heavy responsibility upon us women. We must learn to spend with a purpose and to imitate others only so far as it brings development. We should choose simplicity in dress and in manner of living and thereby establish standards that conduce to the welfare of the community and insure the advancement of the nation. We should study Biology in order to learn Economics. This book is full of good suggestions and shows us to ourselves in a new light. It must set us women to thinking more about this work-a-day world, its needs and our opportunities to answer them. I confess I am not ready for us to bear all responsibility for the money that is spent unwisely. Economy and simplicity have not captured Brother Adam yet.

That reminds me to say that all the above mentioned books will prove interesting to men as well as women.

V. C. P.

Denver Conference.

It has been more than a year since I sent a note to my Arkansas brethren. When I wrote last I was in the St. Louis Conference. My wife developed lung trouble, and at the last session of the St. Louis Conference I asked for and obtained a supernumerary relation, and came to Pueblo, Colo. I

soon found a church without a pastor, and when I had been in Pueblo for three weeks I met the presiding elder and he appointed me to my present charge, Saquache (Se-watch), a town of about 800 people. We had here 17 members, and I have received 5 since coming. Our Sunday School was a union one and I got it changed to a Methodist and organized a Junior League which is working nicely. We have also done a little more than \$100 worth of improvement inside the church. The Denver Conference is small numerically, having only 17 pastoral charges, and they are divided into three presiding elders' districts, and scattered pretty well over the state and a part of New Mexico.

Our work is gaining ground here, but there is a great need for preachers in this country. I am in Saquache County, which has an area of 6300 square miles. It is 1480 square miles larger than the State of Delaware, and there are only three preachers in the county. That is a preacher to every 1666 people. We need here some of the old fashioned circuit preachers. I am told that there is at least one county in the state that has a population of 1600 that has no preacher in it. The work here is very difficult since the population has come from every where. I am told that there are 32 languages spoken in the State, and often in towns of 800 to 1200 people there will be 10 to 15 churches represented and as many nations, so that there is a coldness and indifference that is unknown to the most unpopular preacher in the Eastern states. The evangelist who is a success there is a failure here in most cases. The most effective way of reaching the people here is by individual efforts. We preach to small congregations and mostly women. Our city churches are doing well. Rev. J. C. Jones at First Church, Pueblo, is finishing a most successful quadrennium, and I am glad to say the same of Rev. P. T. Ramsey of St. Paul's, Denver, and Rev. J. C. Rawlings, of Colorado Springs.

The entire conference is a mission, every pastor in the conference receives mission money. All receive \$4,000. In fact there are very few churches of any denomination here that do not receive mission money. And ours is a foreign mission for we get our appropriation from the foreign board. I am glad to note that many good revivals are reported through the Western Christian Advocate throughout Arkansas and our new state, Oklahoma.

I wish to ask the readers of your paper a few questions, which I should like to have them answer personally, as follows: Do you pay the tenth of your income to some Christian cause? If so, please, write me, stating how long you have practiced it, and whether you have found it to be profitable, spiritually and financially. And do you enjoy it as obeying a part of the gospel? And last could you enjoy full salvation and pay him any less?

J. T. Seaton.

Saquache, Colo.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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

August 12. The Parable of the Two Sons,

Luke 15:11-32. (Read Luke 7:36-50; 15:1-10; 19:1-9.) Commit vs. 17,18.

Golden Text: "Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord," Mal. 3:7.

Locating the Lesson.

Time—January, A. D. 30. Place—Perea, the region beyond Jordan. Persons—Jesus; "publicans and sinners. . . Pharisees and scribes." See Luke 15:12. Connecting Links—Discourse on Counting the Cost, Luke 1:25-35; Parable of the Lost Sheep and Coin, Luke 15:1-10.

Introduction, verses 1-10.

1. The occasion of the Parable of the Two Sons is given in verses 1, 2. The welcome which Jesus gave to the religious and social outcasts aroused the indignation of the Pharisees and scribes. It was their loud murmuring that called forth the three parables of Luke 15.

2. The purpose of the Master is three-fold: (1) He would encourage the outcasts whom the religious leaders despised; (2) He would defend his course of action; (3) He would rebuke the Pharisees and scribes.

3. The teacher should very briefly consider the Parable of the Lost Sheep and Coin as an introduction to the lesson proper, but do not use much time as the lesson itself is a very large and full one.

I. The Younger Son, verses 11-24.

1. The restless youth has heard the "call of the wild." The beautiful home with its quiet, happy, busy life seems very dull and common-place. He is not intrinsically mean, but he is "heady," impulsive, self-opinionated, full of animal spirits and hence restive under restraint. How true the picture!

2. The "far country" was first all gaiety, full of "wine, women and song," but the scenes shifted swiftly with darkening lights and lessening song. "With a thud," to charge the figure," he "struck bottom" physically, financially, socially, and religiously.

3. The return is graphically sketched by the Master Artist. It begins with a realization of want and wretchedness in bitter contrast to the fullness and joy of the father's house, verse 17. It proceeds with a resolve to return, and confess, and seek a servant's place, verses 18,19. It culminates in action; "and he arose, and came to his father."

II. The Father, verses 20-24.

1. The father permitted his boy to depart into the "far country." Doubtless he did all in his power to prevent, but at last he lets him go, not in wrath but in sorrow, hoping that a rough experience may bring the youth to his senses.

2. We are sure that the prodigal was never absent from the father's thought and heart. He loved him in spite of his waywardness. He longed to go out into that distant land and bring his son home, but that could not be done, for unless the boy's heart come back too, no mere physical return could avail.

3. The completeness of the welcome is

the central truth of the parable. Far-sighted father's eyes see the boy first and, in spite of his rags, he hastens to meet him, smotherers the penitent words in kisses and tears and embraces. Off with the rags and on with the robe of sonship! Strike the harp, sing and dance all ye, my servants! Hasten and kill the calf I have had fattening for my boy's return!

III. The Elder Brother, verses 25-31.

1. The Elder Brother is evidently the Pharisees and scribes, of verses 1, 2, who prided themselves on their righteousness. "Lo, these many years do I serve thee (in laborious fulfilling of the law and the tradition of the Elders), neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment" (with keen sarcasm). It was the Elder Brother's own fault if he had never feasted with his friends on a kid for all he had to do was to ask for it; yes, go and take it for "all that I have is thine."

2. The righteous sons who do not go astray (and may their tribe greatly increase) have no cause for complaint as the father receives the prodigals back into the home. for heaven's estate is too vast, rich, and glorious to be straitened by giving the penitent sinners heirship, for "In my father's house are many mansions."

Thoughts.

1. God the Father loves every sinner in the universe, even those in perdition.

2. God never withdraws his love from any. The withdrawing is always on the sinner's part.

3. The prodigal could say with King Saul, "I have played the fool."

4. There are thousands of respectable prodigals who waste their substance of head and heart in getting gold.

5. The Father's words are all welcome, not one note of reproof. Penitents do not need rebuke.

6. The prodigal is worse for his wandering, but welcome in spite of it.

7. "The father may find the lost boy, but the boy will never find his lost years"

8. Let us all beware of the spirit of the Elder Brother.

FIELD NOTES.

1. The Secretary had the pleasure of attending and taking part recently in three of the White River District Conferences, to-wit, Searcy Conference at Tuckerman, Paragould at Mammoth Spring, and Jonesboro at Luxora. Presiding Elders Sibert, Bennett and Smith are doing the greatest work of their lives.

2. Sunday School Institutes were held in connection with the Prescott and Pine Bluff District Conferences. The programs were carefully planned and well carried out. Brothers Dye and Pipkin gave the secretary a most royal welcome. The reports of the brethren were full of notes of triumph.

The Star System is in demand and is being introduced in many of our Sunday Schools. Within the last two or three weeks the Searcy, Harrison and Clarksville Schools have introduced it and many more are planning to do so in the near future.

4. Rev. T. O. Owen is arranging for a three days' Institute at Malvern, Sept. 19-21, for the Methodist Sunday Schools of Hot Spring County. The program will be published shortly.

5. The Secretary's headquarters for the month of August will be Eureka Springs, Ark. Write him there.

Is the Change Best?

In studying the past history of our church, one is impressed with the oft repeated record of funeral services at the session of the annual conferences, preached in memory of the men who faithfully labored and triumphantly died in the services of the church and her ascended Lord. These were seasons of grace and spiritual power in these annual gatherings. The heart of the preachers and laymen alike were strengthened and refreshed as they paused in the midst of the labors of a busy session to recount, in connection with some great gospel theme, the crosses and trials, triumphs and victories, of the faithful pastor who fell at his post, or the father in Israel who had finished his course and gone to his reward. As we study the memoirs our hearts beat with an intense longing to have enacted in our time, such services as that in the Tennessee Conference, when, in 1843, Dr. A. L. P. Green, then in the strength of his consecrated manhood, portrayed the life and labors of Thomas L. Douglas in connection with the comforting doctrine of Divine providence. Or again, at Marion, South Carolina, in 1856, when Dr. (afterward Bishop) Wightman, imbued with an holy unction, brought perceptibly in touch with God the great body of the South Carolina Conference as he preached that memorable sermon in honor of Bishop Capers. And as memory goes back into the history of the past there come other scenes, as when Marvin and Bascom and Fountain E. Pitts and John B. McFerrin and others held up in the light of the blessed gospel the lives of the heroic dead, and brought into holier touch the living ministry. And from these services they went out richer in that inheritance that comes to them through the death of the saints. Biography may be counted among our best reading. Who can study the life of Lucinda B. Helm, or Mrs. D. H. McGavock, without feeling a sense of shame for his own failures? Who can study the life of Capers or Soule or Andrew or McFerrin, men who wrought in that stormy period of our church, without a consciousness of divine leadership in these men, and a quickened desire for the divine presence and help in his own life work? But how much more helpful, the study of the lives of our sainted dead, if set in a burning message brought to us from God's word.

I do not criticize the memorial services held at our Annual Conferences. Yet I covet the privilege of hearing, as was once the custom, these Annual Conference "Funeral Sermons." George G. Davidson.

Greenwood, Ark.

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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

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

August 5. Faith by Hearing.

1. The word of faith, Rom. 10:14-15.
2. Hearing and believing unto assurance, Eph. 1:13-14.
3. The preached word and the hearer, Matt. 13:1-9.
4. Some examples, Acts 4:4; 10:4-48; 16:13-15; 17:10-12.
5. The duty of hearing, 1 Thess. 5:20.

No more logical argument for the missionary work of the church was ever made than that of Paul in the verses from Romans in today's lesson. If salvation is by faith and faith comes by hearing, how great is the responsibility resting upon those who have faith to speak of it, to send the knowledge of it, to those who have it not? Hearing, believing, sealing—this is the divine order. It is our work to sow the seed whether it fall by the wayside, in the stony ground, the thorns, or the fertile field. The seed is germinant because of the power within it. We must sow trusting God's grace to bring forth the fruit.

On the first occasion of the preaching of the gospel after the ascension of the Lord there were five thousand who believed because of what they heard. Even the Gentiles who were gathered together to hear in the house of Cornelius believed when they first heard the wonderful word. By the riverside in Philippi certain women heard for the first time the gospel of the Son, and at least one woman with her household was converted. The Bereans heard, examined the Scriptures and believed. Shall we who have the word of life not send some who shall preach its truths and supply the Scriptures that others may follow the Berean example? The importance of the preached word is never to be undervalued. However much we may esteem other auxiliary means of extending Christ's kingdom, we should remember that it is by the preaching of the gospel that God has ordained that the world shall be saved.

Custodians of Grace. Every blessing brings its consequent responsibility. We are accustomed to thank God that our lot has been cast among a people who are not strangers to the grace of God. Our thankfulness for this inestimable boon is well grounded. So many and so great are the attendant blessings that flow from the fact that we have heard the word from our youth, that we have been able to hear the preaching of the gospel from the days of our earliest recollection, that there can be no thanksgiving deep enough to encompass the whole of the matter.

How often does the other side of this question present itself to our minds? What responsibility is ours because of this blessing? Do we believe that the gospel of Christ is the word of salvation? Do we realize that it is the only way of salvation? If there were one of your associates in imminent danger of great physical injury, or even of death, and you had in your possession certain knowledge by which, and by which only, he could be saved, what would be thought of you if you withheld your lips from speaking

the words that would insure his safety? We upon whom the Sun of Righteousness has arisen with healing in his wings, we whose souls are lighted with wisdom from on high, have a greater responsibility than this. Men in every land are standing in danger of worse than physical death while we have in our possession the only means of salvation.

God seeing men in such condition sent unto them his Son, he who is god-like will send unto dying men the word of life. He who, having the knowledge of the way of life, sends no message of hope to the dying myriads of earth, has the spirit not of God but of Satan.—Alabama Christian Advocate.

Bishop Hendrix on College Endowments

"No one who understands the real nature of the work of a college can think for a moment that an institution can do genuine college work without endowment. Mere tuition fees can never command the skilled labor to do this work. Such a source of income, inadequate at any time, is subject to many contingencies due to short crops, strikes, floods, and droughts. In a reputable college with a creditable staff of professors and a fairly adequate plant and equipment the tuition fee never pays more than one-third each year of what it costs the college to provide instruction. Thus with a plant costing, say \$185,000, the college gives to the students the equivalent of five per cent. on that fixed capital annually, which would be \$9,250. Add to this the annual expense account of some reputable college, which is some \$20,000 to meet professors' salaries, insurance, fuel, lights, and repairs. This represents \$29,250 annually, which divided by the number of students, which we will say is one hundred and fifty, the average attendance at our twenty colleges, the cost is \$195 to the college for every student. Deducting the average tuition fee of \$60, the college still pays out \$135 more than it receives for each student. This holds true throughout the country, so that every college pays from \$500 to \$1,000 during the four years' course for or to every graduate who receives its diploma. To depend on mere tuition fees would be suicidal. The college must have capital, and its endowment is its capital. Until an institution has such capital it should never attempt the work of a college. Sometimes the capital is only in the way of an educational collection from an Annual Conference, which however helpful, were it all available, is subject to many uncertainties. It is an unsafe substitute for an endowment, and may even hinder the securing of one, through narrowing the ideas of the people as to the needs of a college. Like a legislative appropriation, it may fluctuate, be divided, or even disappear. Nothing short of an invested endowment should be the goal of every college. This makes possible a true seat of learning where self-respecting students can go who have but one life and want to make the most of it. Where the college standard is lowered, especially in a church college, under the belief that an oversupply of religion will take the place of an under-supply of learning, there must come a reaction in the mind of the student, sooner or later, both against the college and the Church, as with the parochial schools of

Rome which have cost Rome millions of adherents in America. Not only must the Church educate, she must give the best if she would get the best. Neither the best instructors nor the best students can long be retained, if the shrunken ideal of education finds place."

Indian Mission Notes.

Rev. Geo. C. French of Wynnewood is having a very prosperous year in that important charge. He is a strong young man, well equipped for his work, and we predict a good future for him.

Rev. E. L. Spurlock representing the North Texas Female College is working our conference for that popular school. We enjoyed a visit from him in our home while in the city. We were school boys together many years ago in old North Texas. His visit brought up many sacred memories. He has secured about thirty-five young ladies for his school.

Rev. J. A. Parks of Durant Station is closing out his second year. His work abides. He is one of our own native preachers, well educated, deeply spiritual and always works for the good of the church. He visited Guthrie Epworth Assembly recently.

Rev. H. H. Watson is getting a good hold on the people of Broadway, Ardmore. This is an important charge, and our church should easily lead in all good work. We are glad to hear good reports from this charge.

Rev. B. E. Chapman of the Coweta charge has had splendid revivals during the year. His work is in good and growing condition, and he is a bright and successful young pastor.

W. H. Roper of St. Paul's, Muskogee, is proving himself a wise builder. The splendid parsonage and the magnificent church he is now building will stand as monuments to his wise leadership for many years to come. The man who builds God a house does a great work. Not every minister has the opportunity, not David but Solomon.

J. L. Duncan of Blue Jacket charge is always full of work for God, the church, and men. He is doing well. Always hopeful, and God honors his work.

A. M. Brannon of Claremore took that rapidly growing station last conference and is leading the forces on to greater success. Brannon is a success, one of our coming leaders. He has in his charge some of God's best men and women, not a few.

Bro. Thurston of Chelsea serves a splendid people, but a work in many ways difficult. He has served faithfully and well. He is closing out his third year. He is painstaking and does always a good work.

G. M. Byers of Chapel charge is always a success. His two years on that charge have resulted in large growth along all lines.

The work and men east and west present only hopefulness. Ours is a great field. Much is being done. Let station preachers assist the brethren on circuits in their meetings and may the Lord of the harvest give us a large number for his name's sake.

W. J. S.

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Let Us Do Our Duty.

To the Methodists of Arkansas:

As is widely known, the Executive Committees, acting for the Boards of Trustees of Hendrix and Galloway Colleges, have elected me Commissioner of Education and Agent for both colleges, subject to appointment by Bishop Tigert, service to begin actively after the session of the Little Rock Conference in November.

I did not want this work. I sought to decline it. I took the whole matter to God in prayer, and finally concluded that of all my brethren, I had the least excuse for evading any work to which my church under God called me. My brethren have honored me with love and confidence and good appointments since I entered the ministry, more than sixteen years ago. I shall do my best.

A few things more of a personal nature I wish to say. I do not know whether I can succeed or not. The man whose appreciation of me goes only this far, to wit, for personal reasons he cannot afford to fail, is a poor friend indeed, either to the writer or to the great cause which he is called to represent. I despise such low sentiment and care nothing for the friendship of anyone who would not love me more if I fail to accomplish anything. Our best men, F. S. H. Johnston, the sainted Geo. W. Hill, Thomas H. Ware, E. A. Tabor, D. J. Weems, and perhaps others, have been engaged in the work, and while no one of them ever made a failure from my viewpoint, if either had failed, he would only have elicited from me a deeper sympathy and if possible a more unselfish friendship. I devoutly thank God that I am wanted in the pastorate, and appreciate more than I can write the expressions of ministers and laymen urging me to decline the work and to remain in the active pastorate. But, my dear brethren, the die is cast, the Rubicon is crossed, whatever may be the issues I am going to throw myself into the greatest work we have, namely, trying to save and strengthen Hendrix College and enlarge Galloway. A great Arkansas means a great Methodism, and a great Methodism is only possible when undergirded by great colleges.

Let no man despise our attainments. We have wrought well. Hendrix College has been the pride of our state-wide Methodism. Galloway stands the peer of any Woman's College, in many respects, in our great connection. But the time has arrived in the progress of our church and state when we must move forward or suffer more than we can calculate. There should be placed in our school work without delay at least two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars. Our people are able to give it, they ought to do it. Arkansas is growing in material resources, and the Methodist folk hold much of its wealth. I know several men who should gladly give \$50,000.00 apiece, and these large gifts, with what those of us who are less able to give contribute, added together, would place our schools in the front rank. Men and women can do no higher service for the church and humanity, than to strengthen our colleges. Hendrix needs endowment right now,—no delay. Galloway needs from fifty to seventy-five thousand in improvements at once. Are we to drag along at a poor dying rate with our schools, when other Conferences and States are making such rapid bounds? God forbid! Methodists of Arkansas, wake up! wake up!! God will hold you to account. You now have the greatest opportunity of your life to put money into manhood and womanhood, and that Christian manhood and womanhood, and thus to multiply yourselves many fold. There will come a day to each one whose eye may fall upon this article, when, all you will have will be what you have given away. I am more and more impressed with the fact that many, yes many of our people are being lost to a life of

usefulness because they do not love humanity. Selfishness, covetousness,—God in mercy deliver us!

I would be glad to talk to any man or woman, and will go to any home if requested to do so, to talk these matters over.

Now, brethren of the ministry, I covet your prayers and sympathy. I shall not hurt you or your charges, but endeavor to help you and to show your people their duty to God and man.

I have faith in God and faith in men, and really believe that the work which we all desire will be accomplished.

James Thomas.

Texarkana, Ark.

Union of Methodism in Japan.

The Joint Commission on the Union of Methodism in Japan, composed of representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Church of Canada, met in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., July 18, 1906. After two days of patient and prayerful consideration, Articles of Union were unanimously adopted and provision made for the organization of the Methodist Church of Japan. This action, authorized by the General Conferences of the said churches in the United States and Canada, was in response to the practically unanimous conviction of the pastors and members of the churches in Japan, as well as the foreign missionaries laboring among them.

The name of the United Church will be "Nippon Methodist Kyokwai," (The Methodist Church of Japan).

In the introduction to the eighteen Articles of Religion adopted are these words:

"The Nippon Methodist Kyokwai shall be permanently founded on the fundamental doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as unfolded by Christ and His apostles, formally stated in the Articles of Religion embodied in this plan of organization, and expounded in Mr. Wesley's Notes on the New Testament and the first 52 sermons published by him during his lifetime."

The Methodist Church in Japan will be modeled after the organization of the three Uniting Churches, and includes General, Annual, District and Quarterly Conferences with well defined duties and powers. The General Conference will meet quadrennially and be composed of an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates. The itinerant system is preserved and an itinerant General Superintendency provided.

The following will indicate the duties and functions of the General Superintendent and Presiding Elder:

1. The Kantoku (General Superintendent or Bishop) shall be elected by the General Conference for eight years, by ballot, without nomination or debate, and shall be eligible for re-election.

2. In the appointing of the Bucho (Presiding Elder) each Annual Conference shall nominate by ballot, without debate, two for each district or a larger number if requested by the Kantoku, and from among those thus nominated the Kantoku shall appoint the necessary number.

3. The appointments of the preachers to their respective charges shall be fixed by the Kantoku, after consultation with the Bucho in annual session. Vacancies shall be filled or necessary changes during the year made by the Kantoku, after consultation with the presiding elders concerned."

The First General Conference will meet in the city of Tokyo, Japan, May 1, 1907. Delegates to the same will be elected at the next sessions of the Annual Conferences. Commissioners representing the Uniting Churches will be present at this First General Conference to assist by counsel and consultation in the organization of

the new church.

The Japan Methodist Church will begin its independent existence with a membership of about 11,650 and a native ministry of over one hundred. The Churches in the United States and Canada will continue their active support of the work in Japan as heretofore co-operating with the "Nippon Methodist Kyokwai."

W. R. Lambuth.

Missouri Letter.

The constantly passing months will soon bring the 1st of September, which in Missouri is the Conference season.

I once had a school-master who wrote at the top of a page in my copy book, as a copy, under which I was to practice in chirography, this avowment: "Our birth, baptism, conversion, marriage and death are the important epochs in our lives." He was not a preacher. If he had been he would have included the annual conference as one of the important periods of life.

Every period in the copy, save the first—which I do not remember—and the last which has not yet transpired—has been a red letter day in my life, without which it would have been imperfect.

Yet no day stands out more vividly on memory's page than August 1, 1850. In the morning of that day I bade my father and mother, brothers and sisters good-bye, mounted my horse, rode to my first circuit, henceforth to be "a pilgrim and a stranger," a homeless wanderer in the world. My home-leaving was the first in a family of twelve children. The annual meetings with my brethren at conference having been like homecomings to me. I have never missed being present at my conference save once, and that was in war times.

No other member of my conference has attended as many of its sessions as I have.

Possibly none has enjoyed them more. I love the business of the annual conference, as well as its social pleasures and religious privileges. Yet there is one thing about these annual gatherings that is repulsive to me. That is the habit of some preacher smoking around the door of the church, and sometimes within its consecrated walls. More, it is sickening. I almost always leave conference with headache, caused by tobacco smoke. The action of the General Conference on the question of young preachers smoking was wise. I hope to live to see the day when no worshiper at the shrine of nicotine will be admitted to membership in an annual conference.

This is the Centennial year of Methodism in Missouri and our Veteran Missouri Methodist Preacher's Association is planning to hold a suitable service in connection with each one of the conferences. As the Southwestern Missouri and the St. Louis both meet contiguous to Arkansas, it will be a good time for you to make us a visit.

We are planning (wife and I,) to move to Oklahoma in October and make that our future home.

I wish I could get there soon enough to vote for prohibition in the Constitution.

That layman who made it possible for you to send so many Advocates to Oklahoma, did a wise and religious thing. May his kind be multiplied a hundred fold.

The greatest crisis that can ever come to Oklahoma is just before her. If she makes the manufacture and sale of intoxicants unconstitutional, she will soon take the place as one of the greatest states in the Union; otherwise she will be degraded and handicapped forever.

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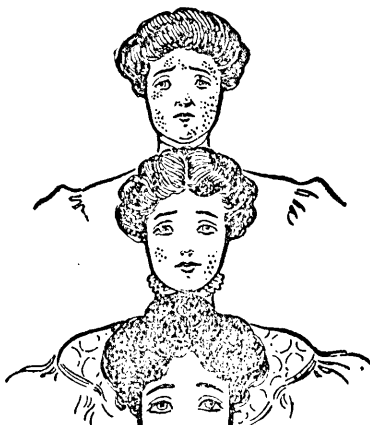
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Indian Mission Conference.

Dear Sisters:

Our Press Superintendent, Mrs. W. E. Chastain, finds it necessary to resign on account of her daughter's ill health. We regret to learn this and to give up an officer of whom we had expected so much.

Our 20th Annual Reports have been mailed to the various auxiliaries and we trust will be read and the changes made at the last annual meeting of the Board noted. You will see Miss Bennett's plea for 20,000 new members. Will not Indian Mission Conference Society secure 500 of these? Let us work to this end.

Our General Secretary reports the collections better last quarter than ever before at this season. The total collection was \$16,350.89. Our schools are preparing for greater usefulness than ever.

We are not having as many applications for deacons work as heretofore. Are we praying the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth workers?

The Committee on Literature and Press Work is at last completed by the addition of Mrs. W. F. Tillett, of Nashville, and Mrs. E. D. Cook of Georgia.

The Leaflets will be edited by Miss Head and our General Secretary hopes to send them to the Conference Secretaries by the middle of August.

The weather will be to many of us an excuse for relaxing our interest in our Home Mission work. It should be otherwise as we, rest from other work we should work and plan to make our churches and church work more attractive.

Broadway, Ardmore, is just completing a handsome two story eight room parsonage with all the modern improvements and the Ladies of the Home Mission Society are furnishing it with neat furniture. They do this with much pride and pleasure.

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Most sincerely yours,
Mrs. J. M. Gross,
Conf. Cor. Sec.

Hamburg, Okla.

We began our first protracted meeting for the Roll charge July 5 and closed July 22. We were greatly hindered by rain, picnics, opposing powers, etc, but God gave us the victory over all. We had about 15 bright conversions, and some dozen reclamations, and 21 valuable additions to the church, 7 by certificate, 3 by vows, 11 by baptism and others to follow, and the community shaken up as never before. All this was accomplished with the old time evangelist (the preacher in charge) who preached every sermon from beginning to end and led every song for the first ten days. We are happy on the way giving God the glory. We drove 18 miles Sunday evening to Fairview where we were to begin a protracted meeting at night. We preached 3 sermons and found we were up against two thrashers, so we closed out, to wait for a more convenient season and reached Hamburg last night where we will begin a meeting Friday night, with still no promise of help. We are now a candidate for station work next year. We would like to show these little station preachers that it is possible to get out and help the fellow on the outside row. Crops of all kinds are the best ever known in this country. Wheat and oats are damaged some by the continuous rains.

This is the fastest new country we ever saw. Everything is moving along just like the older countries. Oh, if we just had a railroad to handle the great abundance of grain and feed stuffs that are made here every year! This end of Day County needs at least 3 good preachers, one preacher in charge and two juniors, with at least \$300 appropriation. Collections all up. Bishop, we have had a good year. Don't know whether they want us back or not. But will say to the next preacher he will find some mighty good folks on Roll circuit.
J. M. Holt.

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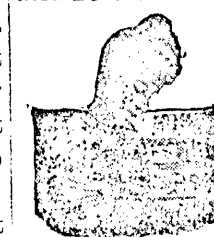
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McAlester District Conference.

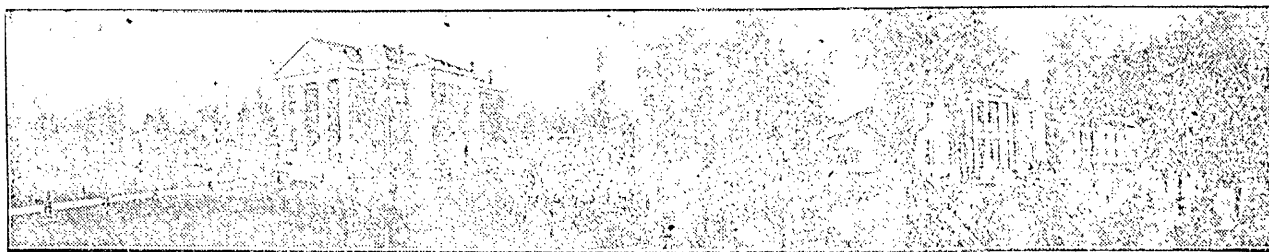
The McAlester Dist. conference met at Kiowa, I. T., July 18-22. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. T. J. Minnis. The presiding elder, Rev. S. G. Thompson had prepared a most excellent program. The forenoons were devoted to reports and business of the conference, the afternoons were given to institute work. The first day was devoted to an educational conference. Quite a number of fine addresses were delivered. Rev. W. F. Dunkle delivered a telling speech on the endowment of our schools. He showed that it was as necessary to raise endowment for our schools as to secure missionary money, for the commands "go teach" and "go preach" are co-ordinate in authority.

The second day was devoted to Missions. This was the white letter day of the conference. Rev. J. B. McDonald represented the Conference Board of Missions and delivered a strong address on the necessity for all the collections ordered by the annual conference. He made a strong plea for carrying out the plans of the Board to which there were hearty amens. Rev. O. E. Goddard, a returned missionary from China and now the pastor of First Church, Muskogee, made a heart to heart talk on Missions that reached every heart and the Holy Spirit came upon the great audience while he was speaking. Rev. J. M. Gross, D. D., followed this address with a missionary sermon of exceptional power and point.

The ladies of the W. F. M. S. and the W. H. M. S. held the business sessions of their district conferences at the Presbyterian church. In the afternoon they held an open session with our district conference. Mrs. M. E. Mackey, district secretary, presiding. A splendid program was rendered by the very best talent in the district. The paper on furnishing parsonages provoked an interesting discussion and it was unanimously agreed that all parsonages should be furnished with heavy furniture. Mrs. Hester, our Mother in Israel, made a chart talk showing the work done by the Home Mission Society. At the close of her talk, Rev. S. G. Thompson, the presiding elder, spoke of her great work in the conference and how she had been the personal friend of all the preachers and a great inspiration to us all. Sister Hester responded in the most feeling words. The whole conference, preachers, delegates, and all the visitors rushed forward and clasped her hand and the power



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of God came down. There was scarcely an untouched heart or dry eye in the house. It was a veritable pentecost.

The Epworth League Rally in the evening led by Rev. J. A. Parks assisted by members of his League from Durant was a great success. Bro. Parks showed some of the practical results of the work of his Epworth League in these young men who made some of the most soul stirring speeches heard during the conference. At the close of the session Rev. T. F. Brewer of Spaulding Female College and Dr. J. M. Gross of Hargrove College represented their schools.

The third day was taken up with reports. Every interest of the church had careful attention. The editor of the Western Christian Advocate came late but had an enthusiastic hearing. In view of the telling service the paper is giving on the temperance question, the conference paid for 100 copies of the paper to be sent

into homes where the paper is not taken in the bounds of the district. Other tokens of appreciation were given.

The temperance committee's report was especially strong. It demands that the very best men shall be sent to the Constitutional Convention—men who favor constitutional prohibition for the entire state. Rev. E. M. Sweet, Jr., received an ovation when he came. His speech was a mighty one. He is worthy of all honor for the service he has rendered the new state.

The preaching by Bros. Gross, Brewer, Minnis, Coppedge, Anderson, McDonald, and others was of a high order. Our presiding elder, Bro. Thompson, preached a fine sermon at the Methodist Church Sunday morning.

A spiritual atmosphere pervaded the entire conference. Harmony and enthusiasm were its distinguishing characteristics. Men seventy-five years old said it was the best district conference they had ever attended. There

were several aged local preachers present. The presiding elder was very considerate of them. He spoke words of encouragement and tender sympathy to them. He required us to concede what we had to say and then would occasionally cut us off. He gave these "Fathers in Israel" all the time they wanted. This was right, it did us all good.

The next conference goes to Wilburton. W. T. Culbertson, M. E. Mackey, J. A. Eskew, and A. S. McKennon were elected delegates to the ensuing session of the annual conference. William C. Holland was licensed to preach. J. A. Eskew was recommended for Deacon's Orders. The conference passed resolutions asking Bishop Tigert to hold the conference one week later than Nov. 7th on account of the election of delegates to the constitutional convention.

Kiowa, I. T. is a beautiful town of 900 inhabitants. Rev. J. D. Rogers, the pastor, his people, and friends entertained the conference royally.

S. F. Goddard.

McAlester District Conference.

The conference of this district met in Kiowa, I. T., July 18. The Presiding Elder, S. G. Thompson, had made large plans for a great meeting and he was not disappointed. All the pastors save one and a goodly number of choice laymen were present. The pastor's reports showed many difficulties, some hard work, less grumbling, and a very hopeful spirit. When a man can report two dollars and eighty-five cts. paid on salary and say the outlook on his circuit is bright, there is certainly the faith, hope and charity that abide, and will bear fruit. And this brother did not fail to have some company very near to him. Much unoccupied territory was reported in the mining districts and also in the farming sections. To occupy this territory will require at least half a dozen men, and will be missionary work for at least three years. The pastors were found to be reaching out after these neglected places, but they cannot reach them all. Many of the pastors will give some time to holding meetings and organizing new churches and building up old ones during the summer. According to the reports, a revival is greatly needed in Sunday-school and Epworth League work. The Sunday-school enrollment is much less than the church membership and the League enrollment can be found only with the aid of a magnifying glass.

Friday was what the Presiding Elder called before hand and what all called "afterhand" the "white letter" day of the Conference. The morning was occupied with the discussion of various phases of missionary work, closing with a heart to heart talk by Rev. O. E. Goddard and a strong sermon by Rev. J. M. Gross, which warmed many hearts and filled many eyes with tears. Perhaps a young brother expressed the feeling of many when he said that something got into his breast and throat that almost choked him and he wanted to fall out of the window and hollo. This brother had not been a member of the church long and had never attended a district conference before and did not know that such actions were sometimes allowable there. The afternoon was occupied by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary societies. At the close of Sister Hester's talk, the joy of many again ran over and the hand shaking was hearty. Nothing made a deeper impression on the conference than the talks made by some young Epworth Leaguers at the evening service. These speakers were young men, two of whom had belonged to the church only about one year. The other two were boys about seventeen years old.

one, a son of Arkansas, Warren Phillips, the other, a son of Kentucky, George Short, who, having much improved by moving to this country, made the conference feel that the Epworth League was by no means the least thing in Southern Methodism.

The next conference goes to Wilberton. The following were elected

delegates to the ensuing annual conference: W. T. Culbertson, M. E. Mackey, J. A. Eskew and A. S. McKennon.

If anyone wants to know what the old time hospitality that our fathers talk about means, let him attend a district conference at Kiowa. Every delegate thought he was entertained at the best place in town and he was.

J. A. Parks, Sec.

Temperance Report, McAlester District.

Resolved, First, that the members of this District Conference pledge themselves to support no man as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention who is not strong and outspoken on the temperance question.

Resolved, Secondly, that as prohibition is our most effective way to control the liquor traffic, we therefore recommend an absolute prohibition clause in the constitution for the entire new state of Oklahoma.

Resolved, Thirdly, that we endorse and appreciate the enforcement of the prohibition laws by Judges W. H. H. Clayton and T. C. Humphrey, Attorneys Latham and Gresham, Marshal Priehard and all other officers who have conscientiously tried to enforce the same.

W. D. Matthews, Chairman.

W. H. Long, Secretary.

Missionary Conference.

I would call attention to the Siloam Springs Missionary Conference, August 10-20. You should not miss this great opportunity of getting better equipped for life and its duties in the church of God, besides this is a good place to spend your summer vacation. You will not only find rest and recreation, but good instruction and fine fellowship.

W. A. Swift.

Cotton Plant, Ark.

We have just closed a gracious revival at this place. The town was stirred from center to circumference. The best meeting Cotton Plant has enjoyed for many years. The very heart of town, the business men, the influential citizens, were affected by it. We had 33 accessions to our church and two to the Presbyterian church, besides many backsliders were reclaimed. Brother Henry Smith of our conference did most of the preaching and Brother G. T. Tatum of Jonesboro, conducted the singing, and did much personal work. I would heartily recommend these brethren to any pastor who needs help.

Brother Henry Smith is a fine preacher, a good revivalist and an untiring worker.

I am now in a meeting at Howell, Ark.

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A Voice from Prescott, Ark.

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How rich are the privileges of life. There is not a day that does not offer us heavenly riches. To be loved by those who have known us, as their leaders in the way of life is the highest earthly happiness. We say we wish we were more religious. It is certain our families and neighbors wish so too.

But am I writing about Prescott? Yes, somewhat. I have spent two thirds of the year at Prescott, ploughing the field assigned me, very kindly the people have dealt with me. But have I been of any service to them spiritually? As respects things temporal these people are neither stingy nor mean. I wish they would seek first the kingdom of God. But some of them love the church very much, and love those others who seldom come to church at all. There are Christian homes in Prescott, and Christian parents who will say to the Lord at last, "Here am I, and the children thou hast given me," whatever becomes of the rest of the world. But the spiritual field is dry. I wonder if any of our people are praying for rain. We are purposing to hold a protracted meeting. It is a shame to us that we need it, but we do. Forney Hutchinson has promised to come and help us. The Lord has blessed his services elsewhere and we are praying for him—a few of us, well, maybe more of us than I

know. We shall try to prepare the way of the Lord by repentance of our backslidings. We shall try to make true religious preparations for the protracted meeting. Then all who want more religion will come, and those who want to get rid of what they have got will stay away. If the Lord blesses us in the protracted meeting I will tell it through the Advocate to my brethren. If he turns away his face from the church in Prescott sorrow and same will keep me silent.

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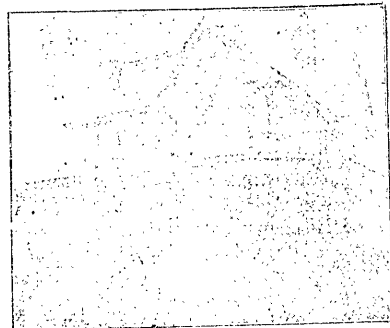
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Jonesboro District Conference.

The fortieth session of the Jonesboro District Conference convened at Luxora, July 12, Rev. M. M. Smith P. E. in the chair. F. C. Sterling was elected Secretary and E. K. Sewell assistant. On call of roll the larger part of the members answered to their names. From the start this session promised to be the best in attendance and interest of any yet held, and so it was. Bishop Tigert arrived the second day and took the chair. He presided with ease and handled the business as though he had been a P. E. all his life. His probing inquiries into the work, life and methods of the workers was a little severe, yet it was done in kindness and a sincere desire to get at all the facts involved in the development of this new field, and the brethren received it in the right spirit. The reports showed splendid progress along all lines. The District is splendidly manned and every pastor has been pushing his work. Up to date but few meetings have been held. Those held have been fruitful. From the spirit manifested and tone of the prayers a hot revival campaign is now on and nearly every pastor is launched out in a big meeting at this date. Our motto is: 1500 conversions, the saloon must go, and every dollar of every claim paid in full. Some of the charges have realized their part of this at present, others nearing it, and all working mightily for its accomplishment. Our entertainment was "up to the high water mark." Bro. Self and his excellent people proved to be exceptionally good hosts, and we all fared well. In more points than one, this session surpasses all others before it. Our estimable leader is a man of long experience and has the love and confidence of his preachers and the full cooperation of the people. By the grace of God, we are going to bring Jonesboro District to the front.

President Anderson, Superintendent Fisackerly, Geo. McGlumphy all visited our conference and made fine impressions on our people. We were glad to have them with us. The committee on resolutions remembered the Advocate and presented a strong resolution in its behalf. The reports of the committee on both Temperance and Sabbath Observance were able documents and will be published in our District paper.

The two sermons delivered by Bishop Tigert were strong deliverances and greatly helped our brethren, strengthening them for the work before them. His presence and helpful advice were greatly appreciated as well.

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The conference adjourned Saturday evening.

F. C. Sterling, Sect.

Haynes, A. K.

We have just closed a very successful meeting at this place. The people say, "The best meeting for thirteen years." The meeting started second Sunday, July, with prayer services several nights in advance. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt from the first service. My cousin, Rev. J. M. Talkington, of near Gebe, was with me. He is pleasant but earnest, and preaches with convincing power. His points of argument are plain and practical, but to hear him is to be lifted to a higher plain of Christian living. He has made himself acquainted with the Bible, Wesley, and the hymnology of our church, and best of all he is acquainted with Christ. He is a young man sound in doctrine, rich in faith, and, withal, a very promising life.

As a result of our efforts the Lord blessed us with thirty or more professions, twenty-four additions to our church, with others to follow, and a few reclamations. The influence of the meeting is felt over the entire community. Some of the leading men, of our community, are leading better lives. Our church is greatly revived and we feel that we can truthfully say we have as spiritual a congregation as there is in the Helena District. Our new converts have entered right into the work, and are ready to testify, pray, or use their influence in any way to advance the cause of Christ. Family altars have been erected and the Scriptures are being read.

To God be all the glory and to him we look for keeping power.

W. P. Talkington.

Overbrook Circuit, I. T.

At Marsden, we have just closed a twelve days meeting with forty-two conversions and sixteen accessions to the church, others still to join.

Notwithstanding the rainy weather the first of the week people came

to church. Sinners were convicted, mourners were converted in answer to prevailing prayer. God wonderfully poured out his spirit upon us. His presence and power were manifested from the first service until the last night which was the crowning service, twelve conversions and the altar full of penitents.

Bro. J. C. Seivally, of Ardmore, did the preaching. We believe he is the greatest revival preacher in our conference.

He is a man filled and thrilled with the Holy Spirit and has a passion for human souls, and men and women could resist his pleading. No one can imagine the good accomplished in this meeting. Old contentions were settled between neighbors, dirties were overcome, and the church is in a prosperous condition. Bro. Seivally leaves here for Orr. We are praying that he may have strength and power to preach. The Lord may do a greater work there.

Pray for us that we may gain other and greater conquests still during this revival season in the name of our Christ.

J. C. Morris, P. C.

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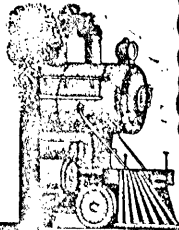
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Temperance Report Pine Bluff District Conference.

Whereas, the Liquor Traffic still rules in our land as the greatest organized menace to all the best interests of society: and,

Whereas, the Church of Our Lord is the greatest organized force whose duty compels her to oppose the Liquor Traffic; therefore, be it resolved,

That we show our appreciation for the laws of Arkansas, by insisting that they be enforced;

That we give our assistance to the Inter-Church Temperance Federation of Arkansas in the work of maintaining law and order, and increasing the vote against license, and in order to accomplish this, that every Sunday evening for at least three weeks before the election, all churches in every town should come together in a convenient place for a union temperance mass meeting, at which one or more speakers should discuss the most important questions pertaining to the cause in the particular locality. The entire day on Sunday before the election should be given to temperance sermons and addresses, closing with a great union mass meeting at night. That we condemn the measures being used in getting up the State Fair to be held at Hot Springs, Arkansas, this fall, being, as it appears to us, but a combination of gambling and liquor interests not calculated to really benefit the State.

That we commend the United States Congress for having passed a law requiring the posting in public place the United States license, aiding officers in executing that State law, which makes the holding of United States license to be prima facie evidence of guilt on the part of holders, of having violated prohibition law, in prohibition territory.

That we commend our church papers, and other papers, for the great good being done by them in the work of temperance reform.

That we implore all our pastors and people to make a close study of the temperance cause, and intelligently press her interests.

O. H. Keadle, Chairman.
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Batesville District Conference.

The Batesville District Conference met at Evening Shade, Ark., July 18, with our P. E. Rev. James F. Jernigan presiding.

Every pastor in the district was present and represented his charge in person. There were thirty-two lay delegates in attendance.

Their characters were passed, and the license renewed of the thirty-eight local preachers in the district.

There were four applicants for license to preach, who passed an approved examination and were granted licenses, and there were three, Bros. P. H. Wilkerson, William Scars and George Freeman, recommended to the Annual Conference for admission into the traveling connection.

One brother was received from the Baptist church.

There were seventy-six Sunday schools in the district reported using our Methodist literature.

Rev. A. C. Millar, that great and good shepherd of Arkansas and junior editor of the Arkansas Methodist, was with us. There, now, I have written the Arkansas Methodist. Well, it is our same Methodist paper with a new name. We people in north Arkansas, are always glad to have Bro. Millar come among us. His talks are good, instructive and spiritual. Bro. R. T. Davis, from Little Rock, was with us, in place of Bro. Fiskerly, looking after the interests of our Methodist Orphanage.

The next District Conference will be held at Calico Rock.

Rev. James D. Spence, local preacher, Judge A. J. Craig, J. W. Taylor and Owen C. Shaver, were elected delegates to the next Annual Conference and L. E. Tunstall, and J. A. Stroud, elected alternates.

The business of the Conference was conducted in harmony and brotherly love. Preachers and delegates were glad to meet each other, and renew old and form new acquaintances. We had some very excellent preaching and the power of the Holy Spirit was felt. It was good to be there.

The brethren reported some revival interest in the bounds of the district, and the most of the preachers expressed themselves as being hopeful of good revivals on their work.

C. W. Shaver.

Houston, Ark.

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A. E. Goode.

Wynne, Ark.

We have just closed a great meeting in Wynne. Bro. W. M. McIntosh did the preaching, and Sister McIntosh rendered splendid help. Our town has received a moral and spiritual uplift. The Presbyterians and Baptists with their pastors worked with us. They also share in the blessings. There are about two hundred professions. About a hundred and fifty names given for member-

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A. T. Galloway.

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S. G. Thompson, P. E.
South McAlester, I. T.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Arkansas Conference.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
War Eagle Mission.....August 4-5
Winslow Mission.....August 6-7
Siloam Springs Sta.....August 11-12
Sentry Station.....August 12-13
Bentonville Ct. at Tick's Chapel.....Aug. 18-19
Elm Springs Ct. at Thornbury.....Aug. 25-26
Lincoln Ct.....Sept. 1-2
WM. SHERMAN, P. E.

HARRISON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND

Kingson, at Shiloh.....July 28-29
J. J. GALLOWAY, P. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND

Mansfield and Hartford, at Hartford, Aug. 11-12
Alma Ct. at Prairie Grove.....August 18-19
Branch Ct.....August 25-26
Charleston.....August 25-26
Waldron Ct.....Sept. 1-2
Canthron.....Sept. 8-9
E. R. STEEL, P. E.

DARDANELLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Rover and Gravelly, at Wing.....Aug. 11-12
Spring Creek Ct. at Ranger.....Aug. 4-5
J. M. HUGHES, P. E.

MORRISTON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Conway Sta.....Aug. 5-6
Quilman Ct. at Sulphur Springs.....Aug. 11-12
Quilman Sta.....Aug. 12-13
Houston, at Perry.....Aug. 18-19
Adams, at Opelousa.....Aug. 19-20
Russellville Sta.....Aug. 25-27
J. B. STEVENSON, P. E.

White River Conference.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—Third Round.
Osceola Station.....Aug. 11-12
Lusora and Rozell.....August 14-15
Yarbo and Dell.....August 18-19
Blytheville station.....August 22-23
Promised Land Miss.....August 25-26
Monette and Maulla.....Sept. 1-2
Shiloh Ct.....Sept. 5-6
Trinity Ct.....Sept. 8-9
Tyronza Miss.....Sept. 15-16
M. M. Smith, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Swiftan Ct.....Aug. 11-12
Imboden Circuit.....August 18-19
Pachontas Circuit.....August 22-23
Maynard Circuit.....August 25-26
W. T. BENNETT, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT—Third Round.

Tuck, & Kenyon at Kenyon.....August 6-7
Cato Ct.....August 11-12
Gardner Memorial.....August 18-19
Dye Memorial.....August 19-20
Heber Ct. at Wilburn.....August 22-23
El Paso at Mt. Olive.....August 26-27
J. D. Shert, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT—Third Round.

Lacoma.....August 7-8
Clarendon.....August 12-13
Wesley.....August 15
Haynes, at Madison.....August 16-17
Holly Grove at Hills Chapel.....August 18-19
Oak Forest at Prairie Chapel.....August 25-26
Wheatley at Plains Chapel.....August 27-28
Cotton Plant at Cotton Plant.....Sept. 1-2
McCrory.....Sept. 3-4
La Grange.....Sept. 9
Fred Little, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Salem.....August 11-12
Boxer.....August 18-19
Melbourne.....August 25-26
Calico Rock.....Sept. 1-2
Mt. View.....Sept. 8-9
Pleasant Plains.....Sept. 15-16
Desha.....Sept. 22-23
Bethesda.....Sept. 23-24
Batesville.....Sept. 26-27
Central Ave.....Sept. 29-30
JAS. F. JERNIGAN, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Emmett Ct.....August 11-12
Hope Sta.....August 12-13

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Third Round.

Henderson's Chapel.....August 11, 12
Ashbury.....August 18, 19
Hunter Memorial.....August 19, 20
First Church.....August 25, 26
Winfield Memorial.....August 26, 27
T. H. Ware, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

First Church.....August 7
Stuttgart.....August 11-12
Roe.....August 12-13
Swan Lake.....August 18-19
Althelmer.....August 21-22
Star City.....August 25-26
Rowell.....August 26-27
Douglas and Grady.....August 27-28
DeWitt.....Sept. 1-2
St. Charles.....Sept. 2-3
Gillett.....August 8-9
E. M. Pipkin, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Fourth Round.

Hazen.....Sept. 1-2
Carlisle.....Sept. 8-9
Bryant.....Sept. 15-16
Lonoke.....Sept. 22-23
Mammelle.....Sept. 29-30
DeVall's Blue.....Oct. 6-7
Tomberlin.....Oct. 13-14
England.....Oct. 14-15
Mablevale and Primrose.....Oct. 20-21
Oak Hill.....Oct. 27-28
Des Aire.....Nov. 3-4
Hickory Plain.....Nov. 10-11
Benton.....Nov. 17-18
Winfield Memorial.....Nov. 20
First Church.....Nov. 21
Hunter Memorial.....Nov. 23
Henderson's Chapel.....Nov. 24-25
Asbury.....Nov. 25-26
Thos. H. Ware, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND

Cherry Hill Ct. at Ransome, Aug. 11-12
Mena.....August 12-13
Mt. Ida Ct.....August 15
Jannson Ct.....August 18-19
Umpire Ct.....August 22
Richmond Ct.....August 25-26
Fereman and Ashdown.....August 29-30
B. R. MOORE, P. E.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Social Hill Circuit.....August 11-12
Holly Springs Circuit.....August 18-19
Hot Springs Circuit.....Sept. 1-2
Malvern Avenue.....Sept. 2-3
Dalark Circuit.....Sept. 8-9

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND

New Edenburg.....August 11-12
Warren.....August 12-13
Lacey.....August 18-19
Willmar.....August 25-26
Portland.....August 29
W. M. HAYES, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

El Dorado Station.....August 5-6
Hampton, at Oak Grove.....August 11-12
Stephens and Waldo.....August 18-19
Borden and Thornton.....August 25-26
Magnolia Ct. at Kibbort's.....Sept. 1-2
Stanton.....Sept. 2-3
Camden Sta.....Sept. 9-10
Camden Ct.....Sept. 15-16
J. H. RIGGS, P. E.

Indian Mission Conference.

ARDMORE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Grady, at Courtney.....August 11-12
Dixie, at Cordish.....August 18-19
Berwyn, at Baum.....August 25-26
W. T. FREEMAN, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Frederick Station.....August 5-6
Snyder Circuit.....August 7
Mountain Park Circuit.....August 7
W. S. P. McCullough, P. E.

BEAVER DISTRICT—Third Round.

Persimmon Ct. at Persimmon.....August 11-12
Ingersoll and Hazelton, at Ingersoll Aug. 14-15
Woodward Ct. at Woodward.....August 18-19
Boyd Ct. at Boyd.....August 25-26
A. L. Lott, P. E.

HOLDENVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Holdenville Sta.....August 5-6
Ada Ct. at Midland.....August 11-12
Ada Sta.....August 12-13
C. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Webber Falls Ct. at Marble.....August 4-5
Coweta and Porter, at Coweta, Aug. 11-12
J. C. FOWLER, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND

Sayre.....August 5-6
Roll.....August 8
Texoma.....Aug. 11-12
Hammon.....August 14-15
Cordell Station.....Aug. 18-19
Cloudchick.....Aug. 25-26
O. F. ROBERTS, P. E.

WYNNEWOOD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND

Alex Ct. at Irton.....July 28-29
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
J. A. MAR, P. E.

CHOCTAW DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND

Anders and Findley, at Findley.....Aug. 11-12
Kiamilla Ct. at Big Springs.....Aug. 18-19
Rufe Ct.August 25-26
W. P. PIPKIN, P. E.

McALESTER DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Olney Ct.....Aug. 5-6
Olney Ct.....Aug. 11-12
Polbert Ct.Aug. 18-19
B. G. THOMPSON, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT, FOURTH ROUND.

Hobart Station.....Aug. 12-13
Martha and Blair, at Martha.....Aug. 18-19
Mangum Circuit, at Marie.....Aug. 25-26
Altus Station.....Aug. 19-20
Gofcho and Lone Wolf, at Lone Wolf Sept. 1-2
Hollis Circuit, at Hollis.....Sept. 8-9
Olmsted and El Dorado, at Olmsted, Sept. 15-16
Duke Circuit, at Duke.....Sept. 16-17
Deer Creek Circuit, at Francis.....Sept. 22-23
Hendrick Circuit.....Sept. 29-30
Elmer Circuit, at Prairie Home, Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Coralea Circuit.....Oct. 6-7
Frederick Station.....Oct. 13-14
Davidson Circuit.....Oct. 14-15
Erick Circuit.....Oct. 20-21
Snyder Circuit.....Oct. 27-28
Mountain Park Circuit.....Oct. 28-29
Granite Circuit, at Plainview.....Nov. 3-4
Mangum Station.....Nov. 4-5
W. S. P. McCullough, P. E.

DUNCAN DISTRICT—Fourth Round.

Chickasha Sta.....Aug. 18-19
Lawton Sta.....Aug. 25-26
Carnegie at Boise.....Sept. 1-2
Verden at Freeman's.....Sept. 8-9
Gerald and Ryan at Ryan.....Sept. 15-16
Temple Sta.....Sept. 22-23
Marlow Sta.....Sept. 29-30
Rush Springs at Rush Springs.....Oct. 6-7
Comanche Sta.....Oct. 7-8
Gracem Sta.....Oct. 10
Hastings at Hastings.....Oct. 13-14
Walter at Walter.....Oct. 15
Anadarko Sta.....Oct. 16
Indian Work.....Oct. 17
Bailey at Velma.....Oct. 20-21
Fletcher at Fletcher.....Oct. 26

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Cement Sta.....Oct. 27-28
Mingo and Tuttle at Tuttle.....Oct. 28-29
Duncan Circuit.....Nov. 3-4
N. L. Linebaugh, P. E.

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT—Fourth Round.

Stroud and Davenport.....Sept. 1-2
Bristow.....Sept. 2-3
Piedmont.....Sept. 8-9
Perry.....Sept. 15-16
Morrison.....Sept. 16-17
Stillwater.....Sept. 22-23
Payne.....Sept. 23-24
Earlboro and Wewoka.....Sept. 29-30
Tecumseh.....Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Franklin.....Oct. 6-7
Norman.....Oct. 7-8
Kookuk Falls.....Oct. 13-14
Sparks and Prague.....Oct. 14-15
El Reno.....Oct. 16
Asher.....Oct. 20-21
Konawa.....Oct. 21-22
Maud.....Oct. 22-23
Capital Hill and Wheatland.....Oct. 25
Bethel.....Oct. 27-28
Meland.....Oct. 28-29
Shawnee First Church.....Oct. 29
Trinity.....Oct. 30
Arcadia.....Nov. 1
St. Luke's.....Nov. 3
Guthrie.....Nov. 3-4
Epworth.....Nov. 5

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The Searcy District Conference was a delightful occasion. The brethren were all glad to see each other and manifested great interest in each other's work. The pastor, Bro. Taylor, and his good people know how to entertain. Dr. Sibert is a genial, wide-awake, whole-souled presiding elder. Dr. Sibert, Bro. Barrett and Bro. Hall subscribed very liberally to the Orphan's Home. Most all the brethren gave something. Bro. Taylor and his wife have agreed to will all they have to the Orphan's Home at their death.

On my way to Jonesboro Dis-

trict Conference I met Bishop Tigert at Big Creek and had the privilege of conversing a few minutes with him about the future policy of the Home. He expressed great interest in the work and seemed to be gratified at present management and in his sermon at the Conference made some very pertinent remarks in reference to the duty of the church toward this institution. At the close of the Bishop's sermon Bro. Smith, the presiding elder, very kindly introduced me to the audience, which I addressed a short time and secured a liberal contribution for the Home. Bro. Stonewall Anderson, a member of the board of trustees of the Home, was present and expressed himself as being well pleased with our work. Bro. Self and his cultivated wife are deeply entrenched in the hearts of his people. He and his people gave splendid entertainment. Bro. Anderson and I spent the day at Blytheville. I talked at 11 o'clock and presented our claim. Bro. Anderson preached at night. The people were gratified with his eloquence and logic. I received a very liberal contribution for the Orphanage, the best for several weeks. Bro. Taylor showed us great kindness and rendered very helpful assistance. He went in person with me to see all his people. I was very kindly entertained in the home of Bro. Rutledge, an old time friend, who gave me very kind consideration. Bro. W. F. Rhew, a former member of the White River Conference lives in Blytheville, and is doing well in his new work. I found two orphan children at Blytheville and made arrangement to take them in our Home. We are expecting them in a few days.

T. W. Fisackerly.
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B. B. Thomas.

Harrison, Ark.

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Lee Bearden.

Riverside, Ark.

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