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## EDITORIAL.

### A Greater Methodism.

We are closing the year 1906 under inspiring conditions. Our great Oklahoma Conference is bounding forward in every part of its territory as is no other conference in all Southern Methodism. The whole region throbs with a mighty life, and the tramp of millions coming is heard. A more inspiring field is found nowhere in all the world. Our mind and heart turn daily toward them, and we feel like shouting to our brethren over there, as we sit from day to day in this office: Hold your battle line steady, brethren! Be strong, and take that land for the Master! Last year showed a great increase of members, church buildings, parsonages, ministers, all things that go to make a great church. We have profound faith in the grit and grace of the men on that great field.

Our three conferences in Arkansas made a fine record last year. We did not get the exact figures at the Little Rock and White River conferences, but the presiding elders at the Arkansas Conference reported 4,300 conversions in their several districts. The number of conversions in our ministry in the State of Arkansas must have been nearly 10,000. The financial reports were the best ever made. Arkansas also is forging to the front. Never was there such a victory for temperance as we had last fall, and the list of dry counties is still being increased. We are wiping out this curse of strong drink! God grant the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention the grace to wipe it out of Oklahoma!

Our church colleges are getting a mighty impetus forward. Every part of our work is destined soon to feel the impulse of this larger movement to endow these colleges. It will be easier to raise money to build churches, to pay salaries, to support missions. The truth is that we have been in the past weighted down by the littleness of our churches. We have not dared to enterprise great things and then go out and face men of means with a Gospel demand that they do great things. For years we have done business on a penny basis. To be sure there has been some reason for it in the fact that we had not many men who possessed large means. But that fact has now passed away; we have scores of rich men in the membership of our church in Arkansas, men who ought to give, and give munificently, to the colleges and to other enterprises of the church. Happily for us our college antagonisms seem about ended. There is no reason why we should not move rapidly into a system that finds a place of honor and of great usefulness for Hendrix, for Galloway and for Henderson. In the midst of the great movement for Hendrix and Galloway we are looking for some man to rise up and do something also for Henderson. Why not? And while this is going on, we would blow a trumpet blast for a forward movement in behalf of Spaulding and Hargrove and Willie Halsell

and Epworth. Why not? We know that our people in the Oklahoma Conference have everything to do, that the country is new; but multiplied thousands of them are growing rich even now, and we must take that country. We cannot do it without these schools.

We need a Methodist Orphanage in Oklahoma, and we need a first-class building for the Methodist Orphanage in Arkansas. Our people have the money in both States to build them, and hurt nobody. We need a Methodist Hospital in Oklahoma and one in Arkansas, and our people are able to build these also. Underneath them all and back of them all, colleges, orphanages, hospitals and every other work of the church, we need a publishing and printing plant that will send out a paper second to nothing in the church, and provide tracts suited to our field. It is out of the question that the church should expect two or three Methodist preachers to be able permanently to supply this great demand. Our paper is now all that can be asked under present conditions, but it can be, must be, made better and greater. We are willing to compare it with any Conference organ published in the church, but we have a greater opportunity than any people in the church, and we must rise to it.

Meantime, let us build great churches, as our people in Oklahoma City are proceeding to do. Let our people in the country build better and more modern churches than they have been accustomed to build. We are able to do it, and we must do it. And let the tide of a mighty evangelism flow through all our work. Let us consecrate to our gracious God our money, our brains, our spirits, and let us march into the year 1907 with banners inscribed "For A Greater Methodism!"

### Bishop A. Coke Smith Dead.

Again our church is called to mourn the death of one of her chief pastors. Bishop A. Coke Smith died at Asheville, N. C., on the 27th of December. He had been in failing health for three or four years. The immediate cause of his death was pleurisy. The Committee on Episcopacy at the last General Conference requested that his colleagues give him complete rest for at least one year. Some of us, at least, then believed that he would never regain his health. He was evidently far gone last May.

Bishop Smith was born near Lynchburg, N. C., on the 16th of September, 1849. He came of Methodist stock, as his name would indicate. His father before him was an able Methodist minister, who brought him up well, and educated him in Wofford College. He afterwards occupied the chair of moral philosophy in that institution. Later he was professor of practical theology in the Vanderbilt University. By the General Conference which met in St. Louis in 1890, he was elected as one of the missionary secretaries, but very soon resigned the place, and was succeeded by Dr. Weyman H. Potter. Continuing for a time at the Vanderbilt, he delighted the churches of

Nashville with his pulpit ministrations. He loved the pastorate, and he loved to preach. He was almost an ideal city pastor. His sermons were rich and full, such as always feed the people, and such as they always like to hear. He preached the gospel. He made no effort at pulpit pyrotechnics, or mere eloquence; it was enough to give out in earnest, attractive words the message of Christ to men. The writer knew him well during the last fifteen years of his life. When professor in Vanderbilt he said he had no intention of remaining there, that he would return to the pastorate, which he most loved. He once told some of us how he prepared for the Sabbath, that he compelled himself to write out in full one sermon every week. We are sure that he had many a good sermon laid away.

On various occasions he was pressed to accept one of the connectional offices, but declined, as this writer had occasion to know, for the same reason that he loved the pastorate. But the General Conference which met nearly five years ago at Dallas, elected him Bishop. He had done scarcely a year's work when his health began to fail. Since then it has been a battle with death. He has been buried at Norfolk, Va., where he had lived for several years, and where he had long delighted the people with his ministry.

It is a curious coincidence, worthy of note in this paper, that Bishop Smith was cousin german to Mrs. Judge T. C. Humphry, of Atoka, Ind. Ter., at whose house Bishop Tigert was cared for in the early stages of his mortal sickness. She was much attached to him. We join with her and with his immediate family in lamenting his death. A sunnier, more brotherly, more genial spirit was not among us. Long has the writer of this personally loved him.

### Change of Name.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Publishing Committee, and in accordance with announcement previously made, and in accordance with our own judgment as to what is best, we this week adopt our new name—Western Methodist.

We are expecting to make a great paper in the coming years, and always a good paper. We cannot do all things in a day. But step by step we hope to move. As we enter this new year, under our new name, we ask all our brethren to take hold with new zeal. We ought speedily to secure the five thousand new subscribers which the conferences pledged.

A man's title to the respect and love of his fellows does not lie in the fact that he asserts a right to be respected and loved; it can lie only in the fact that he governs his life by purposes so high, that his motives are so pure, that he deserves the respect and love of others. You may stand up and assert that you are "as good as anybody" till you are blue in the face; that goes for nothing. Are you?

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## NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Good report comes from Rev. J. H. Barrentine, at Auvergne and Weldon.

The postoffice address of Rev. George Southwell is now Carpenter, Okla., R. F. D. No. 1. His correspondents will please take notice.

In a private note Rev. B. A. Few says he is delighted with his new charge, El Dorado, Ark.

In a business note Rev. R. R. Moore reports a good beginning at Monticello, Ark., the people being very kind to the pastor and his family.

Rev. K. W. Dodson, formerly of the Little Rock Conference, has been returned to Mansfield, La., for the second year. The local papers speak in high terms of his work.

Rev. T. M. Armstrong, a local preacher from White River territory, has been appointed by Brother Christie to the St. Charles Circuit, in Pine Bluff District.

We are in receipt of the minutes of the late session of the Arkansas Conference, thanks to the Committee on Publication. They have done their work well and made the minutes more than usually attractive.

The president of the State Teachers' Association, Superintendent F. W. Miller of Texarkana, and Prof. J. McCullough of Clarendon, who delivered the response to Dr. Wolsey's eloquent address of welcome, are Hendrix College men. They acquitted themselves with credit.

Rev. C. M. Chapman, the new pastor of the Little Rock City Mission, after spending a short time in Mississippi, is now in the city familiarizing himself with the situation. We give him a hearty welcome, and wish him great success in this new and important enterprise.

During the session of the Arkansas State Teachers' Association last week the following teachers honored our office by their presence: G. W. Drake and J. H. Reynolds, Fayetteville; R. E. Holloway, Amity; R. H. Cannon, Camden; F. P. Traylor, Scotland; W. D. Jeter, Bellefonte; J. P. Womack, Stephens; S. J. T. Wynne, Newark; J. D. Clary, President Anderson and Prof. Russell, of Hendrix College.

A visit from Hon. Iverson A. Jones is always like a burst of sunshine. He is none the less welcome in this office because he pays for the paper for two or three widows every year. His own home having been dissolved by the going away of his good wife, he says he wants to brighten other homes, and knows of nothing that will so effectually do this as the weekly visits of a good church paper. He dropped in on us one day last week and enlivened every moment of his stay with bright conversation.

Bishop Atkins was two days late in reaching the seat of the Arkansas Conference, and Dr. J. A. Anderson, of the Western Christian Advocate, presided. Wonder who raised the points of order?—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

Now, Brother Lovett! If everybody in the last General Conference had been as quiet as you were it would have been impossible to get up a point of order, and if everybody in the General Conference had been as sensible as were the members of the Arkansas Conference at its recent session there would have been no need of a point of order. We do things decently over here.

Rev. J. A. B. Fry, the newly appointed pastor at Berkeley, transferred from the Little Rock Conference, arrived last Saturday from Arkadelphia, Ark., his former pastorate, and took charge, preaching a thoughtful and practical sermon Sunday night. Both pastor and people seem well pleased on first sight. The editor of this paper conducted the services at the 11 o'clock hour, at the conclusion of which Dr. C. F. Reid made a few appropriate remarks, followed by Brother Fry, who began in true apostolic fashion, announcing the reception of a member in the first breath. Brother Fry comes from one of the most important stations in the Little Rock Conference. He will find a cordial welcome among the Berkeley people.—Pacific Methodist Advocate.

We have a personal note from Rev. M. L. Butler, of Redland, California, in which he states he is well situated and prosperous. It should be remembered by the people of the Indian Territory that Brother Butler was for a long time a member of the Oklahoma Conference, and that he went to California on account of the health of a daughter who he states, is rapidly improving. Brother Butler did a great work in the Oklahoma Conference, having been stationed for eight years at Muskogee, where he built the First Church during his last pastorate. He speaks of his love for and admiration of the members of the Oklahoma Conference.

## New Year's Meditation.

He walked amid the scenes of a quarter of a century ago; they were the scenes of his early life and of his youth. Every hill spoke some message from the past; houses had voices; even the trees made suggestions. They told him of words of love, spoken in the long ago; they spoke of the sounds of voices that are still, of the touch of vanished hands, of the smiles and the frowns of vanished faces. They told him of gentle spirits now gone into the beyond, of pitiable struggles against weaknesses and sin on the part of many who had lost in those struggles, and now sleep under the sod. They told him of the achievements of men who were part of those scenes in that long ago, of how those men had blessed the world—and they also had gone to their long home. They spoke to him of many buried ambitions, of lost hopes—his own and others; they spoke to him of his own struggles and of his failures, of his weaknesses and his faults. He turned his thoughts out upon it all; he thought upon himself, upon his present purposes, upon those who now surrounded him; he thought upon the past, the present and the future, and said, "Surely life is a curious melodrama, a strange commingling of the tragic, the comic, the serio-comic, the grotesque. And what is there for a man in the midst of it all? What better can a man do than fear God day by day, doing bravely and faithfully the duties which lie next to his hand? How else shall he escape bewilderment? Will it not all soon be over for me also? I will take up life not in its mazes of complexity; I will take

it up anew by the simple rules of the Gospel, doing good, eschewing evil, each day, and that shall be the answer of my heart to all the voices that are now speaking to me out of the past." For he saw that the same blue sky as of old bent over all, and he knew that amid all changes the same heavenly Father had kept his ear open to every prayer that had ascended from these scenes, and that the same gracious providence had blessed the effort of every faithful soul. It was the complexity of life that had all but bewildered him. Looking around him and looking backward through the years, as the voices about him suggested, life appeared like an ever-changing kaleidoscope, without plan and full of surprises. But when his thought turned to the God above there was unity and simplicity, and these alone.

## General Grant on Liquor Drinking.

General Frederick D. Grant, commanding the Department of the East in the United States army, and a son of President Grant, writes in the New York Defender, under date of May 17, 1906, some words about drinking that should have great weight with all boys who read them. He says:

"Tell the young men through your papers that General Grant does not drink a drop of liquor—has not for eighteen years, because he is afraid to drink it. I tried to drink with extreme moderation, because I knew that alcohol is the worst poison a man could take into his system; but I found out it was an impossibility to drink moderately. Because moderate drinking is a practical impossibility I became an absolute teetotaler—a crank, if you please. I will not allow it even in my house. Drink is the greatest curse, because practically all crime and all disaster are the result of it. Nearly every great calamity in the country, barring accidents of nature, are due to drink. Ninety-five per cent—I will make it no less—ninety-five per cent of desertions and acts of lawlessness in the army are due to drink. If I could, by offering my body a sacrifice, free this country from the fell cancer, the demon drink, I'd thank the Almighty for the privilege of doing it. If I had the greatest appointive powers in the country no man would get even the smallest appointment from me unless he showed proof of his absolute teetotalism. As it is, my own appointees, the members of my staff, not one of them touches a drop. They know better."

## The Burden of Proof.

By Dr. G. B. Winton, Editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate.

A single remark in the paragraph with the above heading occurring in the fair and temperate editorial concerning my views on eschatology is my excuse for sending this line. The editor of the Southern Methodist says: "The burden of proof is upon Dr. Winton to show that annihilation comes to the wicked after judgment." But I do not hold that view. My critics in the Texas Advocate and elsewhere have filled the air with charges and misapprehensions. Until I receive further light I accept the commonly received theory that the lost are eternally conscious. But after the fullest examination which a busy life has allowed me to make, I am not yet convinced that the New Testament is conclusive in support of that view. So much I said, and no more.—Baltimore Southern Methodist.

The Western Christian Advocate is now prepared to do all sorts of job printing. Send us your order for letter heads, bill-heads, cards of all sorts.

## New Year's Wishes.

What shall I wish thee? Treasures of earth?  
Songs in the springtime, pleasures and mirth?  
Flowers in thy pathway, skies ever clear?  
Would this insure thee a happy New Year?

What shall I wish thee? What can be found  
Bringing thee sunshine all the year round?  
Where is the treasure, lasting and dear,  
That shall insure thee a happy New Year?

Faith that increaseth, walking in light;  
Hope that aboundeth, happy and bright;  
Love that is perfect, casting out fear—  
Those shall insure thee a happy New Year.

Peace in the Savior, rest at his feet,  
Smile of his countenance, radiant and sweet;  
Joy in his presence, Christ ever near—  
This will insure thee a happy New Year.

—Frances Ridley Havergal.

## Love.

It is said that if man can obey the command, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," he comes near to obedience to all of the commandments. It is related by the Apostle John that when very old, so old that he could not walk, and could scarcely speak, he was carried in the arms of his friends into an assembly of Christian people, lifted himself up and said: "Little children, love one another." And again he said, "Love one another." When asked if he had anything further to say, he said: "I say this again and again, because if you do this, nothing more is needed."

When a ship in the Atlantic is about to approach an iceberg, the chill in the atmosphere tells of it; you can feel a cold shiver. And there are people just as cold, spiritually speaking. You get chilled every time you go near them.

It is true that kind actions are not always received with gratitude, but this ought never to turn aside our sympathies for others, however indifferent they are to us. Remember that Christ admonished the people in his sermon on the mount to love their enemies, telling them that the publicans had sympathy and love for their friends, but none for their enemies. If we exercise gentleness toward each other our relations as to friendship and power and influence are strengthened. The poet is right who says that "Power itself hath not one-half the might of gentleness."

The huge, rough stones from out the mine,  
Unsightly and unfair,  
Have veins of purest metal hid  
Beneath the surface there;  
Few rocks so bare but to their heights  
Some tiny moss-plant clings,  
And on the peaks so desolate  
The sea-bird sits and sings.  
Believe me, too, that rugged souls  
Beneath their rudeness hide  
Much that is beautiful and good—  
We've all our angel side.

The best and noblest men are the most sympathetic. Sympathy is founded upon love. The domestic animals which man uses daily at his convenience are endowed with many of the passions and feelings of mankind, but "to weep with them that weep" belongs alone to man. The horse will enjoy his feed of corn while his yoke-fellow, or perchance his brother, or sister, or mother, lies dying in the near-by stall, and never turning an eye of sympathy or showing the least concern for the sufferer. Animals have strong passions, but none of the sympathy and love which God has endowed man with.

And so in our daily dealings with each other may we keep our eyes off the weaknesses of others, guarding closely our own

thoughts and acts, and, whatever our station in life may be, keeping alive within ourselves a love for noble acts and Christian deeds.

W. H. LLOYD.

## A Reply to Hon. D. M. Cooley.

The choir is the child of the church, and so the mother has a right to direct her child. The pastor is in charge of both the mother and the child, and therefore has a right to supervise both. Mr. Cooley utters some strange things, like a goodly number of choirs that sing some strange songs. His paper is up for a race, and here goes for the stakes. It would be a task to go through his article seriatim; in fact, much of it is a prelude, or offertory, and so this will not be disturbed. But here is real tonic, and with pleasure a little spice will be added, so that Mr. Cooley can take it without making a wry face. It is his prescription, with a little filling: "Every choir that does not encourage and work in harmony with its pastor, urging him to more zealous work, is a fraud, and belongs to the age of deluded antiquity. It is but a pale star, a shooting meteor, and will become extinguished in its influence as rapidly." Here is another: "It is unquestionably true that the pastor is more essential as a factor in the entertainment and ennoblement of the people than the choir." Mr. Cooley is somewhat under the influence of the "entertainment" idea. So are many choirs. But people (or, rather, Christians) do not go to church to be entertained; they go to worship. Professedly religious people who go to town shows for "entertainment" generally go to church for the same purpose, and the choir evidently thinks it its duty to do the entertaining act, for the operatic solos would sound better at the theater than in the house of God. Mr. Cooley seems to think "no church can exist without it" (the choir). Where does Mr. Cooley live? Personally, this is known, but the average reader does not know. What about all our country churches? Many of them have no choir and don't want any. To meet this statement, one other is made here—that there is not a Methodist church today that could not dismiss its choir altogether and get along as well without as with it. The greatest preacher the Baptist church ever had (C. H. Spurgeon) had no choir. He directed the music, often lining the hymn two lines at a time, and kept time with his book or foot. The real truth is that Methodism has become shorn of one of its most potent agencies by degrading its church music into "love songs" and screaming solos. If Mr. Cooley's ideas are to hold good, then good-bye, once and forever, the simplicity and power of our song service.

JAMES F. JERNIGAN.

## The Union of Methodism in Japan—Why Not in America?

In another column last week we printed an article by Dr. W. R. Lambuth in which it was stated that Methodist union in Japan had been agreed upon by the Joint Commission that met in Buffalo, N. Y., July 18, 1906, and that steps would be taken at once to organize the new church, which is to be called the Methodist Church of Japan. The churches represented in the union are the M. E. Church, the Methodist Church of Canada and the M. E. Church, South. The Articles of Religion were revised for them (being cut down to eighteen), certain general rules and regulations adopted, and the first General Conference appointed for May 1, 1907.

Now, the question arising in thousands of minds all over this country is, why not a union of Methodism in America? There was a waste of men and money in Japan besides continual conflicts and rivalries, because the

three churches were doing exactly the same work. The same is found in this country wherever any two or more Methodist churches for instance the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South, are trying to occupy the same field. The Japanese could not understand why there should be two or more churches, having exactly the same doctrine, yet each trying to establish itself in that country. Neither can the intelligent American, not a member of either church, see why there should now be two Methodist churches, in this country with exactly the same doctrine, the same general rules of government, etc. The Japanese are proving themselves a thoughtful progressive people, and the churches simply felt the necessity of showing them that we are indeed all Methodists and are really only one church. Why not do the same thing here in this greatest and most enlightened country on the face of the earth? Are not Americans worthy the same consideration? Are not the same great problems of influencing and saving men calling upon us for solution as upon them in Japan?

In China, when further progress is made, there will no doubt be a union of Methodism in that country, as there is in Japan, and there will be a Methodist Church of China. So perhaps in other missionary fields. It is the natural, logical, sensible thing to do, not only in those fields where we seek to win converts among the heathens, but in this country, too. Our interests as a church we can but believe would be much enhanced and our success the world over greatly increased. —Ex.

As is generally known, the General Education Board has secured from Mr. John D. Rockefeller a foundation fund of \$10,000,000, the income of which is set apart for higher education in colleges. From this income the sum of \$312,500 has been appropriated to nine colleges in different parts of the United States, to be paid them when they have secured three times the amount of the benefaction from other sources. The institutions and the amounts they will receive are as follows: Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Ia., \$50,000; Washburn College, Topeka, Kan., \$25,000; Tulane University, New Orleans, \$75,000; Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., \$25,000; Furman University, Greenville, S. C., \$25,000; Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, S. C., \$37,000; Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., \$25,000; Southwestern University, Jackson, Tenn., \$25,000, and Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., \$25,000. This will add to collegiate endowment in the United States an aggregate of about \$1,400,000, and should cultivate the giving habit on the part of others.

Will each of our preachers remember that the annual Conferences requested that the very first business in each pastoral charge this year should be a thorough and business-like canvass for the Conference organ? That means new subscribers and collection of all past dues. Please write us at once for post office lists, brethren, and get at this work immediately.

Now is the time to begin subscriptions to the church paper. It is best to begin with the year. For all who will order the paper now, remitting \$1.50, we will send also the Southern Agriculturist one year free, provided they mention it in sending in their order.

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### Publications of the Arkansas Historical Association.

By January 1, 1907, the most important contribution ever made to the literature of our State will make its appearance under the title of "Report of the Arkansas History Commission." For over a year Prof. Reynolds, our able professor of history, assisted by scholarly and competent colleagues, has been engaged in collecting material bearing on Arkansas history. He has written hundreds of letters to persons scattered over the Union, who are directly or indirectly conversant with the history of our beloved commonwealth. He has gathered around him a corps of able contributors on the various topics relating to the historical development of the State.

Prof. Shinn, formerly superintendent of public instruction of Arkansas, and now engaged in scholarly research in Washington City, has written a number of monographs bearing on the literary history of Arkansas and interesting characters in Arkansas history. Col. Halliburton, of DeWitt, has written an invaluable history of Arkansas County, with its wealth of French and Indian history. The prize essay of Mrs. Laura Butler, a history of Clark county, will make its appearance in this publication. Col. Cook has completed a list of the general field officers of the Confederate army from Arkansas. Judge Carri-gan and Judge Cypert, two of the four survivors of the Secession Convention of Arkansas, have made invaluable contributions on this historic assemblage. Dr. Brough, our professor of economics in the university, has written a readable and exhaustive monograph on "The Industrial History of the State," and, in conjunction with Mr. Whor-ten, wrote also "The History of the Private Banks in Arkansas." Prof. Reynolds himself has written a number of valuable monographs on county offices, educational institutions, churches and benevolent societies. These are merely a few of the contributions that will appear in this valuable volume, to say nothing of the indication of the sources of the State's history. This collection of the sources of the State's history is exhaustive, and represents a prodigious amount of work.

This scholarly and attractive publication will be ready for distribution the first of the year. The publication may be had by remitting \$2 to the secretary, J. H. Reynolds, Fayetteville, Ark.—University Weekly.

### "The New Age."

God made a new world, and man was a new experiment under a new order, and, under present conditions, seems predestined to remain new for all the "new ages" yet unborn. In other words, this is a new man's world, and a new age will be given each new generation. "New wine and new bottles," "old wine and old bottles," is the divine order of things. Custom and issues may change, but the divine order will never cease.

The present age is ours, and is new to us, as the past ages were our fathers', and were new to them. They grappled with their problems, and we, if true to our heritage, must grapple with ours. But with ours comes a prospective "golden age," more truly so than all the ages past.

One-half a century ago and our fathers grappled with the gathering storm of the sixties. A half a century back of that, our ancestors were pouring out blood in sacrifice for the birth of a new nation. With the swing of another step we stand with the fathers of Methodism, who, under God, were forming an Episcopal Church for a new republic—a new church for a new nation, a free and independent government, divorced from the church,

or, better stated, a nation that ceased to be a drag on the "gospel net," and yet fostering the church, destined to raise the standard of her best ideals.

For this new age Methodism was born—the Episcopal Church of a free republic, and right well has she met the demands and issues of the past. But enough for the past, however charming the review, tragic the play, or stern the facts. The new age of the Now, and its swing into the Tomorrow, is ours. The God of the past is the Father of the present. This being true, are we astonished at the greatness of our problems? No age ever had greater issues coming into it. Are we ready to man the situation and direct its victories? Our only danger lies in our faith and our consecration. If these are ours, then victory is ours also. All problems are solved by the solution of one—i. e., to save the lost.

Our divine Lord has put the imperative GO back of his church, and all else must bend to its conquest or suffer contact with a power surpassing all combined human agencies. At present divine mercy is reaching unprecedented bounds, in sending the heathen to us. "How shall they believe except they hear?" Is God impatient with the slowness of his church? Truly, the call of Bishop Atkins for missionaries to be placed at the ports of our country is the greatest the church has ever had. Let us meet the heathen with the gospel as they come to us.

Providence brings this "New Age" to us, and out of its commercialism, its electricity, its printing press, its weakness, comes the age of missions, which, if met by faith and consecration, will be the age of conquest and victory. If lost, it will be the saddest loss of all ages; like the sudden stopping of a great wheel which drives the power of a thousand cogs and spindles of gigantic mechanism; like Israel of old, when in sight of the Promised Land—they doubted, faltered, and failed. Then, "Back into the wilderness was the command of an offended Jehovah. "We must Christianize the heathen or they will heathenize us." Oh, for spies, who will trust their leader, and a people who will follow to the conquest. We can settle all the problems of the "New Age" by loyalty to the one problem of all the ages, "By the cross we conquer."

B. L. HARRIS.

### Education and the Texas Panhandle.

Rev. J. R. Mood, B. D.

Even the northern end of Texas begs to put in a word of congratulation and joy over the achievements of Rev. James Thomas and co-laborers of Arkansas. Every dollar collected for Christian education in your State and mine just at this juncture means the planting of another mile-stone for Southern Methodism. And, besides, the man in a community that can persuade other men to give, and to give liberally, to public enterprises, is a positive benefactor to the section where he lives. He does the rich man a real service in showing him how to use his wealth to the best advantage, and he does the poor man an equally important service by helping him to help himself. The greatest problem of Methodism just now hangs about the question as to how to use the church funds without impoverishing and emasculating the receiver and defeating the very ends for which money is given. Business men have no hesitancy in giving to those who, in the kingdom, are as wise as are the children of this world. The sooner we introduce strictly business principles in the handling of church finances the better for every enterprise of the church.

Pardon me, Mr. Editor, but my heart goes out for every intelligently conducted school of

Methodism. The strength of our colleges is the strength of the church. We will never rise higher in the scale of culture and religion than are our institutions of learning. These are the centers from which radiate the forces that mold and decide our future. Here are stamped for weal or for woe the young men who are afterward to preach the Glad Tidings of Great Joy.

When my sainted father began the then considered impossible task of founding and equipping Southwestern University, our laymen were thinking in terms of \$100 and \$200. We now think in terms of thousands and tens of thousands, thank God. In no other way can we prevent our wealth, which is at first our servant, from becoming our master. In no other way can we prevent the shriveling of our characters in the flames of prosperity.

In the Panhandle of Texas the land values are increasing enormously. This great domain is being so rapidly developed by the methods of modern civilization that our heads almost swim. Every day of the year ninety-thousand people, with their household goods, pass through Fort Worth for points in this rapidly growing section. They are Texans who have decided to change their homes. They are of the very best classes. The immigration now in progress is well-nigh a record-breaker.

There is money here, in private hands and in the banks, and, by the help of Almighty God, a large part of it shall be used to extend his cause and spread the perfume of his name.

If the world is to be conquered for Christ, habits of life must be cultivated by Christian people. "For example," says one, "the habit of self-denying giving and the habit of intercessory prayer." If the petition we daily offer, "Thy kingdom come, etc.," is ever to be answered, those that make it must learn what it is to give from principle and with all regularity. They must learn to pray with all the fervor of Elijah on Mount Carmel.

So much confidence have I in the increasing prosperity of our Panhandle College, the Claremore Training School, that I have persuaded Rev. W. B. Wilson to come to us as financial agent. His beautiful new residence now stands near the college. Already he is abroad in the land, diffusing information and generating interest and enthusiasm with a large heart and a broad view as to the needs of this vast domain. We propose nothing little. That would be to throw insults at a Creator that gives, creates, loves and redeems on a scale commensurate with the greatness of a universe. The immortal Dwight L. Moody wrote on the margin of his working Bible, "If God is your partner, make your plans large." No successful business man or Christian should lead a narrow, puny or circumscribed life. Much less a Christian college. And so relying on him and the staunch friends of this growing enterprise, we shall not beat a retreat. Our General teaches us but one kind of movement—the advance—and commands us to do that one thing. Why listen to croakers and chronic complainers? There is nothing that we clamor for more today than men whose buoyant spirits never allow them to lose faith in humanity. "Men who impeach all mankind convict only themselves."

From the extreme end of the Empire State I send Christmas greetings on this delightful Christmas eve. We get many pupils from the Oklahoma country, and shall expect many more. Just now our enrollment reaches 350. From points in the Mangum district we have patrons. From Olustee, Headrick, Kelly and Antelope the youth are coming to Claremore College, and they get a hearty welcome.

J. R. MOOD.



## Texas Letter.

I pen you another brief letter, with best wishes to you and your valuable paper, and Christmas greetings to relatives and parishoners in the dear old State of Arkansas. Various letters from Brother Riggin and others about the "Conference at Warren," and still others about district Conference and Lehi circuit, etc., brings sad, but pleasant, memories of the past, as I was the preacher in charge who assigned Bishop Wightman, Sister Holmes and others to the lovely home of Miss Mattie Taliaferro, now Mrs. Horace Jewel. The "Lehi" was the second circuit I served in the Little Rock Conference. Many who were present then have crossed the last river and are now with the angels around the throne. Oh, what a meeting and greeting awaits us over there!

We are "retired" here in a beautiful little home. I'm sixty-five and still stout, strait, fat, and, I think, efficient. At least I am called all about for meetings. I preached a hundred times last year, and led many precious souls to Christ. In this great Conference and State there is a great demand for "young men" who have pop and snap, and who make an effort at least in "bodily exercise," and really bring things to pass. So mote it be.

The Northwest Texas Conference, in material things, brought up the finest reports in her entire history and the old veterans got a good allowance. It was my first, and I must confess I enjoyed it. A man here must be a mighty "good case" if he doesn't go to the shelf after sixty. Personally, I am not afflicted, for, with a good home and plenty of calls, I'm "happy on the way." I said "good reports in material things," yes, and also many gracious meetings all over the State. We are much pleased with our Texas Christian Advocate and the bold stand it has maintained against the miserable whisky traffic. Ere long, under God, we hope to conquer the whole State. It is a wonder to me how Bishop Atkins shook up the Little Rock Conference. God bless my old mother Conference.

"FINCHIE" WINBURNE.

## Anti-Saloon League Plan "The United Church in Action."

The following extracts from General Superintendent Baker's masterful address during the recent National Convention at St. Louis sounds the keynote of the Convention's indorsement of our Inter-Church Temperance Federation in Arkansas:

"In the fulness of time, the church, true to her Divine founder, has addressed her efforts to the overthrow of the great wrongs. One by one they have gone down, and in their fall civilization has mounted upward. The fullness of time has come, the period of preparation is drawing to a close, and the church now, as at no time in the past, is addressing herself to the solution of the saloon problem. Some of her leaders may be timid, and in some quarters she may move with halting steps, but her footsteps will be forward, until the last home-destroying dramshop shall be abolished from our advancing civilization.

"Some organizations may refuse to give official consent to this federate movement, but their constituency, more interested in doing things than in serving a fretful, fault-finding leadership, have already federated themselves with this demonstrated, sane, practical and pre-eminent successful warfare against that illegal, but tolerated, liquor traffic.

## THE SUCCESS AND ITS OPPOSERS

"The success of this extraordinary movement is not wholly due to any one man, or particular group of men; it is the combined church of God, intelligently set in motion for

the ultimate solution of the liquor problem.

"Because of its practical methods, and in order to succeed, it has been compelled to endure the bitterest opposition of many of its natural friends; even some churches denying to it the poor portion of a simple indorsement. But it has finally reached the place in its career of usefulness when the giving or withholding from it an official indorsement, from any source, no longer means serious embarrassment, for it has won its way to the hearts and purses of the morally earnest people of all denominations, to the extent that its future is assured. Its success or failure rests with those who, by the churches, have been chosen to direct its movements."

## The Inter-Church Temperance Federation Unanimously Endorsed by the Churches.

In response to the federation's annual report, the Baptist General Association unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, We have received an official report from the Inter-Church Temperance Federation, composed of several denominational bodies in this State, showing the great victory won in behalf of no-license in the recent election, and asking that we designate three members of this association to co-operate with a like number from each of the other denominational bodies operating in this State, who, as a State Executive Board, shall devise the plans and direct the work in behalf of civic righteousness against the saloon and its allied evil forces in this State; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we comply with the request in said petition, and hereby name G. R. Powell, J. L. Brown and T. H. Carter as the three members to serve on said committee of co-operation."

The Synod of Arkansas Presbyterian Churches of the United States of America, at Russellville, adopted ringing resolutions of endorsement of the Temperance Federation, and appointed the following as committee of co-operation with the federation, viz: Hon. W. V. Tompkins, J. H. Barkwell, and G. W. Eichelberger.

The Arkansas Conference of the M. E. Church, South, adopted unequivocal endorsement and appointed the following as members of the board: Rev. James A. Anderson, Rev. J. B. Stevenson and Rev. J. M. Cantrell.

The Little Rock Conference also gave enthusiastic endorsement and appointed the following as committeemen: Hon. George Thornburgh, Rev. A. C. Millar, and Major H. A. Butler.

The White River Conference gave us Rev. M. M. Smith, Rev. F. C. Sterling, and Hon. R. A. Dowdy as committeemen, and pledged the renewal of their allegiance to our federated church movement in a series of earnest resolutions.

Thus the hosts of Zion in Arkansas are forming for battle against the greatest foe of church and State—the organized, demonized liquor traffic—The Searchlight.

## Inter-Church Temperance Federation, Arkansas Department, American Anti-Saloon League.

The above heading is the true expression of the scope and meaning of the Federated Churches in Arkansas arrayed against the saloon and the beverage liquor traffic. It stands for local option, and for the State-wide, nation-wide and world-wide abolition of the saloon. Represented on its board are committeemen formally appointed from six denominational bodies in this State at their regular annual meetings, and three other churches are represented by committeemen who have agreed to serve in their individual capacity

for their several churches. And this organization, thus constituted, has been recognized and unanimously adopted by the national convention of the American Anti-Saloon League as the "Arkansas Department" of that great nation-wide organization. Hon. George Thornburgh, president, and Edward A. Tabor, field secretary, of this federation were honored by being elected to membership on the National Board of Trustees for the American Anti-Saloon League. Thus is the wisdom of this co-operative church movement vindicated. It proved itself to be organized on the truly Anti-Saloon League basis of church co-operation, viz: By "a delegated membership on its board of control from each denominational body co-operating in the State."

The keynote of the Anti-Saloon League work, as sounded by all its great leaders, has ever been "The church united in action against the saloon." Being thus recognized by the national, or parent organization, all factional and personal differences should be laid aside, and every lover of God and home and native land should line up against the common enemy, the liquor traffic, and thus help secure from the coming legislature such additional legislation as we may need, and then, through pulpit and press throughout the State, seek to build up such a practical, strong public sentiment in favor of civic righteousness as will insure law enforcement through legal processes from every department of our government against the demonizing liquor traffic. A "united" church in action against the saloon and all of its kindred evils will sound the deathknell of the beverage liquor traffic throughout this State within the next five years.—The Searchlight.

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### Concerning Ministerial Support.

Among men there is no nobler character than a true and loyal Methodist steward. As are the stewards so will be the church under their direction.

The pastor can receive from no larger support than the assistance of faithful stewards. One of the leading duties of the Board of Stewards is to fix the salary of the preacher in charge. Making the necessities the basis of salaries, the discipline does not contemplate a luxurious support of the ministry. This term "necessities" is a wide term, allowing room for a wide variety of opinions. It may be made to mean the narrowest limits of bread and raiment, or it may be made to mean the fullest freedom from vexing and harassing problems. What it may be made to mean depends on the character of the man who reads this.

The worst extravagance is saving by withholding benevolence, or failing to pay dues to God's work among men. Every dollar thus saved costs vastly more than it is worth. . . . He who preaches the Gospel with Gospel power must have Gospel liberty from the bonds of "How shall I have bread and honor?" Within the next few weeks Boards of Stewards will meet to fix the salaries of their pastors. Shall these salaries be increased, or shall they stand at the usual figure? Many of them should be greatly increased, and all of them could be without any danger to spiritual or material prosperity. To leave many of them at the former figure may hinder both religious and commercial growth: Stewards may greatly desire to increase the salary, and may believe that it should be done, but they do not believe that the people will pay any more. This is a common timidity that takes hold of many good men. It is true that there is a class of members who will enjoy an opportunity to complain against the church officials, but they should not be allowed to frighten the hosts of the Lord from right doing. Preachers should not be hurt in order to pacify a few saints who fear they may pay too much to God for His mercies to them. A pastoral charge is better able to pay for preaching than the preacher is able to pay for it. So, it is the time for strong men in the stewardship to come forth and take the lead. Let these men say we will make an advance. The country was never more prosperous than now, and as God has blessed us, we will make free will offerings to Him in larger measure.—J. C. Kilgo, in N. C. Advocate.

### Bishop Tigert's Death.

Bishop J. S. Key, D. D.

On Sunday evening, November 11, I was notified at my home, by telephone, of Bishop Tigert's indisposition, with the request from him that I go to Tulsa and assist him in holding his Conference, beginning on Wednesday, the 14th. I reached the city on Tuesday afternoon, and he came in that night at midnight. I met him early Wednesday morning, and learned from him that while eating dinner at Lawton, Oklahoma, on Wednesday, November 7, he swallowed a small bone, which lodged in his lower throat. He discovered it instantly, and left the table and made desperate efforts to get rid of it. Failing in this, he called a specialist, who used every means in his power, but failed to locate it. Having a line of appointments ahead, he started preaching, getting the help of several physicians, until he reached Atoka, beyond which he could not go. In the home of Judge Humphreys he was entertained until he started to Tulsa. On Tuesday morning—the day he started to the Conference—he coughed up the

bone, when we all felt relieved and hoped for a speedy convalescence. It was too evident to me when we met Wednesday morning that he was a very ill man. I begged him to remain in his room and let me relieve him of the Conference work; but he had his heart fixed on holding the Conference. He had looked forward to it and prepared himself for it and would not consent to be excused. So, leaning on my arm, he walked three blocks to the Conference room, and presided in the opening, having me to conduct the worship. He organized the Conference, and, finding his strength failing, retired to his room, turning the business over to me. Then began the most desperate battle for life I ever witnessed. He was in the prime of his splendid manhood, and grappled with his last enemy with a courage and determination absolutely sublime. He feared not death, but had every reason for wanting to live. His family, his church, his

mind wandered and his voice left him; but throughout it all he acted the soldier (with his eye on his Captain). It was pathetic to have him die among a strange people. But they were not strangers. Never sick man had more attention or better. The local church, and, indeed, the entire city, rallied to his help; and his death had in it a throb of personal bereavement for all. May the God of all consolation sustain and keep his bereaved wife and children!

### Church Extension Notes.

Rev. R. A. Meek, presiding elder of the Greenville District, North Mississippi Conference, writing of the first meeting of his District Board of Church Extension, says: "A constitution was adopted, and the secretary was instructed to have 500 copies printed for distribution over the district. The board will be under the management of eleven active members, but the number of honorary members will be unlimited. Every person who will pay as much as \$5 per annum into the treasury of the board will be accorded honorary membership. This fund will be used to establish our Methodism in needy fields within the bounds of the Greenville District. Our people are strongly attached to their own beautiful Delta, and that they will respond generously to this appeal we do not in the least doubt." Brother Meek lives at Greenville, Miss. Presiding elders who contemplate the organization of district boards of church extension will do well to study the constitution and by-laws adopted by his board.

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The will of the late Mrs. Scota Inskeep Chenoweth, of Lexington, Ky., reveals the fact that she has provided that the sum of three thousand dollars from her estate shall pass into the hands of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be used solely for the cause of Church Extension. Several other boards and institutions of the church are remembered by this good woman. Item 64 of the will is in part as follows: "I have looked to our divine Master for guidance in making the aforesaid division of the estate over which it has pleased him to make me stewardess during my pilgrimage on earth."

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The Florida Conference overpaid the assessment for Church Extension, and in addition gave during the year \$985.44 as a special to the Italian work in Tampa, Fla. There is great need for Church Extension work within the bounds of this conference, and the heroic men who compose the body realize the situation and are planning in the wisest manner to meet it.

The Alabama Conference overpays its assessment again this year.

The North Carolina and Oklahoma Conferences also overpay their assessments.

The Little Rock, Memphis, North Alabama, North Mississippi, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Texas and White River Conferences all report an increase in their collections on assessment.

We should be glad at any time to get the photographs of our preachers or of their churches, with the understanding that we will have cuts made, use them in the paper, and then send them to the owners at the actual cost of making. The cut of Brother Cantrell, which appears in last issue, cost \$1.80, the usual price for cuts of this size.

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four Conferences just ahead of him, and the unbounded possibilities before him—all nerved him for the struggle. He realized it all, and rallied all his resources of courage and will and endurance. We watched him for several days while this Titanic struggle lasted. Three physicians and his son (who came on Saturday) and myself stood by as spectators. Nothing could be done but pray to God for help. Remedies were worthless, and surgery could do no good; for the poison was in his blood, and it remained to be seen if he had vital force sufficient to counter-work the poison in his system. It was high tragedy. We cheered him and prayed with him, and the two hundred preachers at the Conference room pleaded for him while the contest progressed. We did not intimate to him our fears, lest his courage might falter; and his difficulty of articulation kept him silent. In the earlier stages of his sickness we talked of God and faith and prayer; and he showed his heart was right, and his faith "entered in to that within the veil." In later stages his

### Our Educational Work in Arkansas—The Cause and the Agent.

From the time that the three conferences of our church in Arkansas resolved to establish two colleges, one for men, the other for women, as centers of our educational work in the State, there has been neither change of plan nor waste of money in carrying this work into effect. After proper canvass as to locations, two schools were planted, and from the time they were opened were manifestly in advance of any schools that our church had previously planted in the State, and they have gone forward, not only carefully using the means given, but this was aided by much self-denying labor of able men. There is now no antagonism of these schools as justly representative of the united Methodism of the State. Other schools, as conference colleges and training schools, will prosper most by being held in harmony with the plan of education, so wisely adopted years ago. The Methodist church in Arkansas is happy in her educational policy. It is well projected and supported by harmony of spirit and unity of judgment. This is well expressed to all our people in the fact that both of our colleges, by action of their boards of trustees, have agreed to unite in putting one agent in the field to represent them both. This measure will further unify the Methodism of Arkansas in her educational work, which is now an interest paramount to any other within the State, so far as concerns our church. It is likewise a great work for the State itself, and when well accomplished will add no little to the honor of the State abroad.

The best citizens of the commonwealth will applaud the Methodist church of the State when she boldly declares her ability and purpose to educate her sons and daughters at home, and many who are not Methodists will show their faith in us as we purpose and undertake worthy things, and will join us in contributions to adorn the State with noble institutions of learning, putting a portion of their earthly substance where it will be, through the future, a perennial spring of blessing.

The greatness of this cause is our confidence of the success of this movement at the present time. An agent who comprehends the dignity and importance of the work will get from the people the means that we need. Such an agent has been selected—a man who has not hitherto failed in any trust committed to him by the church. He has no arts of success but a simple presentation of his work and the deepest personal interest in it. I have talked with him much about this work. Before the Little Rock Conference met he had taken it fully into his heart and into his plans, and had rejected urgent and flattering appeals to take up important work for our church elsewhere. Brother Thomas has separated himself from all calls or appointments until this task laid upon him by the trustees of Hendrix and Galloway Colleges may be finished. It is an act of self-denial on his part. A pastoral charge would have been less burdensome. The act is, itself, an expression of his confidence as well as of his conscience in this great undertaking, and is an appeal to the friends of the cause which ought to rally them every one. Thomas is no magician, but a plain, blunt man, who always has the courage of his convictions, and in this case his convictions are backed by faith in God and the Methodist church. We have men enough in Arkansas who have the intelligence, the means and philanthropy to endow Hendrix College amply, and give to Galloway College all that she needs for enlargement. A leader who aims at a worthy mark, who honors the liberality

of the church by asking her to do worthy things, and who, as he goes forward, makes good every dollar he reports, will succeed. We have such a man in the field. He will do what he can. He is praying God's blessing upon his effort, and in this prayer the Methodist preachers of Arkansas and thousands of the laity of our church in the State are one with him. Surely we can all afford to look to God for guidance and success in this work which we are undertaking to do "ad maiorem dei gloriam." J. E. GODBEY.

### American Bible Society—New Northwestern Agency.

The American Bible Society has been for a number of years carefully considering the home needs in the way of Bible work in this country, and especially the problem of reaching the immigrants and the newcomers to our nation that speak foreign languages. The old auxiliary method has proved inadequate in many parts of the nation, and in order to meet the new needs the Northwestern agency has been established, covering the States of

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7. Using our own literature.

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9. Must observe Decision Day.

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The above are the requirements adopted by the General Sunday School Board in May, 1904.

Yours for an onward movement in our Sunday school work,

W. J. MOORE,  
Chairman Sunday School Board.  
Norman, Okla.

### Neglected Territory.

I see in the Methodist an article calling attention to a territory ten miles square. In the bounds of the Arkansas Conference there is a territory containing two thousand square miles that has no preaching by the Southern Methodist Church—only one or two societies of the M. E. Church. Very little preaching is done from any other source. The writer is familiarly acquainted with the territory. It extends from Clarksville Circuit, on the south, to Jasper, on the north, and from Kingston Circuit, on the east, to Deer Postoffice, a distance of over forty miles. This writer has preached at most of the schoolhouses in this large neglected region. At every place I have preached I find old Methodists that can't afford to join any other than the Methodist church. This scribe is living in this territory, and knows where of he affirms. This country is thickly settled, and a great many of the people are well to do. This writer organized two charges some years ago in this country. In one instance we gave way to the M. E. church, and they claimed they could not fill it for the want of preachers. My object is to bring this territory to mind and emphasize the crying need of the gospel in this land of sin. The blessed Christ says, "The poor have the gospel preached to them." I trust that God will bring some praying heart to consider seriously that if this people die in their sins that somebody is to blame. The M. E. Church, South, has plenty of preachers, itinerant and local, to occupy the most of this territory. This scribe has now reached beyond his three-score and ten years, but has been trying in his weakness to preach in his neighborhood as best he could. God send us a preacher, is my prayer.

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

### January 13.—Man Made in the Image of God.

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Memory Verses—Gen. 1:26, 27.

Lesson Text—Gen. 1:26-2:3.

The student of the Bible should remember that according to the Mosaic account, the creation of all that was made, man excepted, had been finished. The creation of man stands alone and separate from all that had gone before as the greatest work of God. All the animals, birds and fish had been made and all of them were material. None of them were endowed with intellect or spirituality. There was absolutely nothing in them to make them in any sense capable of association with their Creator, God. Nothing yet existed capable of looking up to God and giving the least articulate word of appreciation of what the Creator had done nor was there a created thing that could in the slightest degree understand the extent of his labors. God was still unknown amid the work of his hands. Then he determined to make the connecting link, and in man was made a creature capable of moving about upon the earth and partaking of the benefits it bestowed and of utilizing its resources, and at the same time capable of knowing whence it came and furnishing a means by which God might come into sympathetic touch with His universe. So we see that after he was created, God made him his associate, and walked with him in the garden in the cool of the day, and they were friends. Man is correctly classed by science as an animal. He is an animal and can understand the meaning of animal desires and affections. He has his fleshly side like them, hunger, thirst and pain. He may in a measure enjoy their companionship and they his. But he is above them. There is a wide gulf between the lowest man and the highest ape or other animal. He stands erect and the more manly he is the more erect he stands, superior to them all. On the other, or intellectual and spiritual side of his being, he may and does walk with God, and God walks with him.

The words Adam and Man have a common meaning. Adam means, the Man. It signifies his origin, from the earth. God made him of the dust of the earth, and his name links him to that fact. But there was imparted to him something that was not imparted to any other creature. By it he became a "living soul." We may not understand that God imparted to him in this act a part of himself, but we must understand that by this act he separated him from the animal and gave him a higher destiny. He was made from the dust of the earth, and he subsists upon that which comes from the dust of the earth. To the earth his body will return, but—

"Dust thou art, to dust returnest,  
Was not spoken of the soul."

"Male and female, created he them." When man was created there was none to be his companion. There was not another specimen of the genus homo to be found, and he was lonely. If he had been created as near like some of the animals as some of our wise (?) men seem to think, he could have made a companion of them. But it was not so. He was lonely. So the creation of the woman took place. She was bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. Not higher, not lower. She was created like him in everything but sex. Taken from his side to stand by his side in the life that was a common heritage with them. She has all the rights common to the other sex. The right of one is the right of the other, and there is no division. They twain

were made for companionship, and the happiest state in this life is where they are companions indeed.

How fortunate that a designing God made us as he did. The link between God and His material kingdom, capable of blessing the lower and of being blessed by the higher, the kingdom of God, which is spiritual. This lesson is a blessed revelation. Lest we fail of its full import, let us not only accept it, but let it be taught to our children and to the generations about us. Nothing can make us so happy as a correct understanding of our relationships that are God-given. To refuse this account is to thrust ourselves out of harmony with God and His created creatures around us, and to make at once ourselves and them miserable.

### The Blessed Art of Being Kind.

Rev. Philip Cone Fletcher.

Be kind. It pays. It helps. It is good religion. The world needs it. Thousands of hearts crave it. Many have failed because so little of it was bestowed upon them. Life is too short, eternity too long, and friends too precious for one to be harsh, unkind, and cruel in word or deed. I like the question of George Eliot—"better make penitents by gentleness than hypocrites by severity." Ah! it is surely better to pardon too much than to condemn too much. James Freeman Clarke enunciates an important truth when he says, "To educate the heart, one must be willing to go out of himself and to come into loving contact with others." Farrar is correct when he declares, "We often do more good by our sympathy than by our labors."

Be kind to your friends. If you don't, you will soon have none. Solomon showed his knowledge of the human heart when he said, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly." The way to have friends is to be one. Mistreat your friends and they will leave you. Many a beautiful friendship has been marred forever by one stroke of unkindness. We cannot be neglectful, selfish and inconsiderate toward our friends and continue to inspire their love, confidence and fidelity. Neither can we expect to hold our friends unless we are willing to bear with them. Two persons will not be friends long if they cannot forgive each other's little failings.

Be kind to your enemies. This is the divine way to win them. "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." I heard a man say, "I once hated that fellow, but he dealt with me so kindly that today I love him like a brother." The golden-hearted McKinley possessed the art of so treating his enemies as to make them his friends. It is best to speak seldom, if ever, about those with whom we seriously disagree. I love that portion of Van Dyke's "Foot-Path to Peace" which says, "Think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ."

Be kind to the weak and erring. They need your kindness more than the strong and upright. To kick a man because he is down is an act of cruel cowardice. "Why should any one be glad when a brother's heart is sad?" "We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." How true are the words of the sainted Frances Willard—"I cannot help believing that the world will be a better and happier place when people are praised more and blamed less; when we utter in their hearing the good we think." It is a fact that "men are twice men when they are praised." Whittier voiced the true philosophy of Christianity when he said, "When we climb to heaven 'tis on the rounds of love to men."

Be kind NOW. Don't wait till the heart is still. Tears amount to very little when they are wept over a marble face. "Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and readiness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness." There is much mockery about the way we treat the living and the dead. We say mean things about folks while they can hear them, and then when they have gone to the grave we say, "Hush; the poor fellow is dead; don't talk unkindly about him." Ah! how true it is that we often keep all the flowers for the coffin instead of strewing them along life's uneven pathway! We need the flowers now—give them now; to brighten and sweeten the present. Bring them out in the weary, troubled hours. Why give the thorns to the living and the roses to the dead? "Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over life's weary way."

"If you love me, tell me so," is the cry of the universal heart of man. I knew a woman who viciously slandered a woman while she lived, and when she was dead she brought an exquisite bouquet of flowers—"the thoughts of God in bloom"—and placed them upon her coffin. What mockery! If I made one's way through life thorny I would not carry flowers to the funeral; I would stay away. Better be cruel than a hypocrite. Some one has beautifully said, "I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without an eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy." Post-mortem kindness is a poor thing. The world has always had too much of this sort. When Robert Burns was writing the poems that were destined to render his name immortal he was begging bread from door to door in his native town, and many of his neighbors would slam the door in his face. After he was dead his townsmen raised, by public and private subscription, money enough to erect an imposing monument to his memory. When his mother heard what they had done, she exclaimed: "Poor Robert! He asked for bread and they have given him a stone." That is the way we often do. We deny men the bread of love, sympathy and helpfulness, and then when they have gone beyond the reach of our power to help, we have some kind things chiseled on a piece of cold, white marble. Be kind now. Speak approving, cheering words while the ears of your friends can hear them, and while their hearts can be made happier by them. "The kind things you mean to say when your friends are dead, say before they die." Pat was asked why he did not compliment his friend, Mike. His reply was, "Mike haint dead yit!"

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### Harrison District Laymen and Preachers' Meeting.

The laymen, district stewards and preachers of Harrison District were called together at Harrison, Arkansas, December 18-20, 1906, for a meeting. We came at the call of our P. E., Rev. J. J. Galloway. Nearly all the preachers came and a few laymen and entered enthusiastically into the execution of a fine program arranged for Brother Galloway. The two days passed all too quickly, for the interest was marked from the first. On the first day the district stewards and preachers equitably adjusted to the various churches the amount apportioned by conference on the claims of our church to Harrison district. Every one said "by God's grace and our grit and gumption every cent will be paid in full this year." May it be so.

We younger brethren received

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some fine suggestions on financial plans. They came from the heart of our elder brothers, Galloway, Davidson and Cullum. A spirit of brotherliness prevailed. The young life of our district in relation to the League, Sunday School and church attendance was presented in a pointed way by Martin, Sherman, Lark and others. There is a dearth of Leaguers in our district. How we pastors and laymen need to bestir ourselves. The spirit of missions was dominating all. Our meeting held long about the point of missions. Aggression for Christ's sake was the spirit of the hour. Our Conference Missionary, Rev. A. L. Cline, was in the midst, discussing these themes. His soul is in the cause of Home Missions in our district and he earnestly told of his already successful labors in this field. The brethren are rallying around him. By holding up his hands he will do a great work this year. One of the last things was a missionary sermon by Bro. W. T. Martin, preached at night. O, how he did go to the heart of his subject, and it came from his heart in a logical way. It did us good, as also did the addresses of Womack, O'Bryant and others. The preaching of Sherman, Martin, Stroud, etc., together with many prayers, had an untold burden of "soul saving," so much so that at last there went up the audible voice: "Lord give us 1500 souls saved this year." God permit it. We were royally entertained by Harrison's people. It was good to be there.

F. A. LARK.

### Mountain Home Station.

We begin the second year of our pastorate here much better than we began the first. More interest is manifested in the work than at any time during last year. Our Home Mission Society has put more spiritual life into its work and has had an excellent report each quarter. The congregations have grown some and are more responsive to the preaching. On Sunday before Christmas we had union services morning and evening. At 11 a. m. the pastor, Rev. L. S. Ballard, preached an excellent sermon on the Divinity of Christ at the Baptist church. There was a good congregation to greet this preacher at our church at night. The choirs of the town rendered excellent music at both services. Our Sunday-school prospers marvelously. It begins the year 1907 with the best prospects in its history. The superintendent is remarkable for his fidelity. On Christmas eve night the Baptist and Christian schools had a beautiful tree at the Baptist church. On Christmas night our school rendered a cantata under the direction of Miss Argie Redus. We are planning a strong effort for a revival. The stewards have taken hold of the finances with confidence and we have faith in the outcome of our work this year. The

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### Berryville Station.

We have been royally received by these good people, and the prospect is bright for a good year. We have been well supplied with the necessities of life by a generous donation and many other individual gifts. There are many things to be done, and how we are strained till it is accomplished. We seem to have a united church, and if it be true much can be done this year in Christ's name. May the Lord send us a gracious revival and a great building up of Christian character, an organizing of active and dormant forces, and the using of them for Christ's sake.

We have a thorough going little city here; one of the most beautiful and healthful I have ever lived in. Berryville is beautifully situated, an ideal home town, a fine altitude, 1350 feet above the sea. We have a one among the best, accommodated very fine public and high school, in a fine modern brick building, just completed. No more thorough or capable instructor can be found than Prof. Bunch. I wish you could see the manliness exhibited by our young people, everywhere exhibiting the training given by Prof. Bunch and his splendid corps of teachers. Berryville is destined to be one of the leading towns of North Arkansas. Our church has a bright future here. Let lovers of the finest apples, pure mountain air and water, and a good, wholesome, moral atmosphere come to Berryville, Arkansas to live.

F. A. LARK, P. C.

### Muskogee District, Take Notice.

It has been necessary to make some changes in the first round of Muskogee District. Brethren will please take note of the following:

Stigler Ct., Jan. 5, at 3:00 p. m.

Stigler Sta., Jan. 6, Quarterly Conference Monday a. m.

Warner and Porum, at Warner, Jan. 7, p. m.

Muskogee, First Church, Jan. 9.

Coweta and Porter, at Porter, Jan. 12, at night.

St. Paul, Jan. 16.

Quinton and Kinta, at Quinton, Jan. 18, 3:00 p. m.

McCurtain and Bokoshe, at Powells, Jan. 19, 3:00 p. m.

Spiro, Jan. 20, 21.

Poteau and Cameron, at Poteau, Jan. 21.

Muldrow, Jan. 26, 27.

Brushy Mountain Ct., at Hanson, Jan. 27, 28.

Sallisaw, Feb. 2, 3.

Vian and Webber Falls, at Vian, Feb. 3, 4.

Muskogee Ct., at Frozen Rock, Feb. 9, 10.

Enterprise Ct., Feb. 14.

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**Davidson, Okla.**

We landed in Davidson on Thursday night at 12 o'clock, after the conference closed on Monday before. We had nowhere to go, no one to greet us—in fact, we were strangers in a strange land. But after spending the night at the hotel we began to get acquainted, and before the day had passed we had gotten nearly all over town. We began at once to try to build a parsonage, so our stewards began to stir about, and in a few days the hammers and saws were heard (I using one myself), and now we are housed in a brand new house, a good framed building, said to be the best house in Davidson.

Mr. Editor, you know just about how a Methodist preacher feels on a Christmas day, sitting in a new house by a new stove, on a new charge. Our first quarterly conference has passed. Brother Johnson, our new presiding elder, came down from Mangum and filled his office with as much dignity as if he had been on the district for years. We have a good charge and a fine people to serve. We have been all around the charge, and have had fine congregations at all points. I find the preachers who have gone before me are well liked and loved by our people. We expect to have a great year. We are praying for this to be the best year of our ministry.

T. M. WOOD.

December 25.

**Pine Bluff and the Orphanage.**

I spent a pleasant day last Sunday with the good people of Lake-side, Pine Bluff. They gave me a very handsome contribution for the Orphanage—the best of the year. Their liberality to the Orphanage surpasses any church we have visited. Brother Watson is as enthusiastic over the work of the Orphanage as I am. Two of his members gave me \$100 each, and one \$50, and several others very handsome contributions. There are but few churches in this State that have such satisfactory prospects for the future as Lake Side. Brother Watson and his official board are making plans to erect a \$30,000 modern church building. Capt. N. T. Roberts, superintendent of the Sunday school, has a strong hold on his school, and wields a great influence among the membership of the church.

Brother Watson is deservedly popular with all his people, and is very highly esteemed by all the citizenship of the city. He has the best library that I have ever seen in any parsonage. They have all the organizations in good running order. The Epworth League has very kindly consented to pay the music teacher for one of the children in the Orphanage.

I spent Sunday evening with Brother Ramsey, at First church. The people are rejoicing over his

return to them. He has a very substantial downtown church. There are several wealthy people in First church, and all the material things are well provided for, as well as all the organizations of the church.

Brother Ramsey and a number of his leading members have been exceedingly kind to me in my work. I was at the City Y. M. C. A. in the afternoon and preached to about seventy-five men. Brother A. B. Richardson is a genial, enthusiastic brother, and has his work well in hand. Truly,  
T. W. FISACKERY.

**A Worthy Example.**

One of our preachers, now ascended to heaven, told me that on one of the charges he served he had a good neighbor, and that when company came to his house, as they often did, this good neighbor's wife or some of the children would come over with milk, butter, preserves, a chicken or fresh meat, and if there were more in the visiting company than they thought could be cared for comfortably at the parsonage, they invited some of them over to their house. This was considerate, kind and generous.

In view of the fact of moving so often, small salaries and the impossibility of a settled home where conveniences can be arranged and comforts provided, the itinerant preacher is less prepared than most any of his neighbors to entertain; yet he is expected to entertain all visiting preachers representing all the interests of our great church that may come that way, and the presiding elder when he makes his quarterly visitations. This applies to very few country places, and very few of our towns are noble exceptions, but in many places it is too true. I have seen the pastor entertain an evangelist or brother helping him in a meeting several weeks at a time, and his wife kept from many of the services, when many of his members lived in palatial homes, with an abundance and servants to do the work, and could have cared for the visiting minister without perceptible inconvenience. I regard the visit of a true minister to any home a benediction. This is about the only way he can reach the children. It will be a sad day, especially for Methodism, when the preachers do not visit the homes of the people, and when the homes of the people are no longer his stopping place in his journeys as he goes up and down the country about his Master's business.

M. M. SMITH.

**Farmers, Attention!**

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**Wanette, Okla.**

My first quarterly conference for Wanette charge will be held January 16, 1906. Preaching by Brother J. S. Lamar, P. E., in the U. B. Church, at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 o'clock p. m. Conference at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Let all official members make it a point to be present, that we together may plan the work for the year.

M. WEAVER.

**Mabelvale and Primrose.**

The people here have given us a typical Methodist welcome. On Wednesday night of our first

week, just before the prayer meeting hour, we were attracted by a mighty babble of voices in front of the parsonage. There was a knocking at the door. We opened it and in they came, bringing buckets, baskets, bags and packages of many shapes and sizes. They contained many good things for the table, and we are still feasting. We believe we are going to have a good and pleasant year with this people. There is much to do, but with the Lord's help we will do what we can.

J. M. CANNON.

December 27, 1906.

**Preachers Wanted.**

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### Monticello District.

Meeting of the Board of District Stewards of the Monticello District, Little Rock Conference, convened in the auditorium of the Methodist church of that city, of which the Rev. Russell R. Moore is pastor.

Opening services conducted by Rev. J. W. Harrell, P. E. The board was organized and entered upon their responsible deliberations at once. There were but few present, but all who were there enjoyed the true spirit of brotherhood which prevailed throughout the entire meeting. After the assessments were made for the district, the secretary read the report, which was listened to with no little interest by the several pastors who were present.

There was prevalent at this juncture a tidal wave of Methodist loyalty, in that each pastor present stepped beneath his duty as "collector" with a willing and courageous heart, feeling that God would accompany him to his home, and out into the broad fields where human souls are, and help him to both reach their hearts and pocket-books.

We have in the person of Rev. J. W. Harrell a brave, unfiring and congenial personality. He has entered well upon the new duties of his responsible office, to which he has lately been appointed. His hand is in God's, and his heart is in his work. Let us as pastors of this district co-operate with him in his work of making this the greatest year in the history of the Monticello District.

At the close of the service the presiding elder announced that Rev. J. W. White would preach at 7:30 p. m. His sermon was full of religious thought and was highly appreciated by all present.

May long live the "Western Methodist of 1907, and a reluctant adieu to the retiring "Western Christian Advocate," for it has been a welcome visitor in this preacher's home. May God bless the great and good men who are so effectively serving their brethren. Yours in Christ,

LOUIS HUNDLEY.

Parkdale, Ark., Dec. 29, 1906.

### Rowell, Ark.

I was taken ill on Sunday at Warren while in attendance at annual conference, and remained there until Tuesday following. Twenty-five miles from home, without means of conveyance, and my physician having pronounced my case pneumonia, one can only imagine my feelings. To my surprise my physician gave me permission to come home. Brother Whaley was called to my assistance, and secured a closed hack, wrapped me up and started me homeward. God bless Brother Whaley. I arrived home very much shaken up and a very sick man. My case rapidly developed into typhoid-pneumonia, and for several days it was a question as to whether I would survive. But,

praise the Lord, I believe he is going to spare me to my family and my church. I have lost a month, and as I am only able to walk about my room, I must necessarily lose more valuable time from my work. My people have been very attentive during my illness, and are advising me not to worry over my work, but to get well. I very much desire the prayers of all the brethren for my speedy restoration to health and for the success of the work on Rowell charge this year. Your brother in the work,

JOHN E. WADDELL.

### Muskogee Circuit.

By the kindness of some of the good brethren, under our good Bishop Key, I was appointed to Muskogee Circuit. I reached my post of duty Tuesday, December 18. We have met here some very kind people, and already tokens of appreciation (materially) are coming in, and we hope to repay in spiritual ways. We came to the charge with prayerful hearts that God may help us to be more useful and consecrated than ever before. We need the prayers of all.

You are giving us a most excellent paper, and it ought to be in every home. I shall do all I can for its circulation. Our presiding elder, Brother W. F. Dunkle, is an excellent man, and will, I believe, make a fine presiding elder.

We left kind friends at Martha and Blair, and have met the same here. God bless them all.

J. M. HIVELEY.

### Swan Lake Station, Ark.

At our last annual conference I was assigned to this pastoral charge by Bishop Atkins. I came here as soon after conference as

possible, and was at my post the first Sunday of the new conference year, but owing to the fact that we were rained out two Sundays in succession, I have not met all of my people yet. The good people of Swan Lake received us very kindly on our arrival, and manifested their appreciation of us in many ways. On December 24 we received a very heavy pounding, which was appreciated very much. We have a nice church here, with study in connection, and an excellent parsonage, which is well furnished, and as good people to serve as can be found anywhere. We are hopeful of a good year.

C. C. GREEN, P. C.

### Notice.

In order that I may complete the church register for Geary, Okla., I will be compelled to hereby request all former pastors to please inform me the conference year they were on this charge, also their presiding elder and bishop. Please drop me a card at once. Respectfully,

W. F. P. MUNSEY.

Geary, Okla.

### Preacher Wanted.

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Oklahoma Conference.

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| El Reno               | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Capital Hill          | Jan. 6, 7   |
| West End              | Jan. 7, 8   |
| Maywood               | Jan. 8, 9   |
| Prague                | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Sparks                | Jan. 13, 14 |
| St. Luke's            | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Epworth               | Jan. 20, 21 |
| First Church, Shawnee | Jan. 26, 27 |
| McLoud                | Jan. 27, 28 |
| Trinity, Shawnee      | Jan. 28, 29 |
| Chawnee Circuit       | Jan. 29     |
| Asher                 | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Konawa                | Feb. 3, 4   |
| Maud                  | Feb. 4, 5   |
| Arcadia               | Feb. 5, 6   |

W. J. SIMS, P. E.

HOLDENVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Okmulgee Circuit, at Cussetah  | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Honey Creek Circuit, at Little Cussetah                                    | Jan. 6, 7   |
| Henryetta and Dustin, at Henryetta   | Jan. 9      |
| Eufaula Circuit, at State Springs  | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Okemah and Okfuskee, at Okfuskee   | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Welch and Paden, at Welch  | Jan. 13, 14 |
| Wetumka Station  | Jan. 15     |
| Wewoka Circuit, at Wewoka  | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Holdenville Circuit, at Yeager   | Jan. 26     |
| Holdenville Station  | Jan. 20, 21 |
| Seminole Circuit, at Thlopeco  | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Bearden Circuit, at Sand Creek   | Jan. 27, 28 |
| Ada Circuit, at Center   | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Ada Station  | Feb. 3, 4   |
| Checotah Circuit   | Feb. 9, 10  |
| Let us clear our decks on Foreign and Domestic Missions the first quarter. |             |

O. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

CHEROKEE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Stillwell               | Jan. 4      |
| Westville               | Jan. 4, 5   |
| Tahlequah Ct., at Union | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Tahlequah               | Jan. 6, 7   |
| Peggs Ct., at Hurlburt  | Jan. 7, 8   |
| Chapel                  | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Bluejacket              | Jan. 16     |
| Claremore, at Foyil     | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Vinita                  | Jan. 21     |
| Chelsea                 | Jan. 23     |
| Centralia               | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Claremore               | Jan. 30     |
| Afton and Miami         | Feb. 2, 3   |

J. E. McDONALD, P. E.

ARDMORE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cornish and Grady, at Cornish       | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Lebanon Circuit, at Lebanon         | Jan. 12, 13 |
| McMillan Mission, at McMillan       | Jan. 13, 14 |
| Berwyn and Springer, at Berwyn      | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Kingston and Woodville, at Kingston | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Cumberland Circuit, at Cumberland   | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Leon and Burneyville, at Simon      | Feb. 9, 10  |
| Overbrook Circuit, at Overbrook     | Feb. 16, 17 |
| Ravia Circuit, at Ravia             | Feb. 23, 24 |
| Lone Grove Circuit, at Lone Grove   | March 2, 3  |
| Woodford Circuit, at Graham         | March 9, 10 |

W. T. FREEMAN, P. E.

WYNNEWOOD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Dougherty Circuit, at Chigley | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Davis                         | Jan. 6, 7   |
| Lexington                     | Jan. 6, 7   |
| Purcell                       | Jan. 10     |
| Noble and Shiloh, at Noble    | Jan. 11     |
| Wanett Circuit, at Wanett     | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Moral Circuit, at Pioneer     | Jan. 16     |
| Tussy Circuit, at Tussy       | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Blanchard Circuit, at Dibble  | Feb. 2, 3   |

J. S. LAMAR, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Erick                         | Jan. 5, 6    |
| Doxey                         | Jan. 6, 7    |
| Sayre                         | Jan. 12, 13  |
| Foss at Foss                  | Jan. 13, 14  |
| Cordell Station               | Jan. 19, 20  |
| Rocky, at Rocky               | Jan. 20, 21  |
| Wood, at Valley               | Jan. 26, 27  |
| Elk City, at Elk City         | Feb. 2, 3    |
| Cloud Chief, at Bethel        | Feb. 9, 10   |
| Cheyenne, at Cheyenne         | Feb. 16, 17  |
| Sweet Water, at Buena Vista   | Feb. 17, 18  |
| Harman, at Kiowa              | Feb. 23, 24  |
| Weatherford Circuit, at Pango | March 2, 3   |
| Texmo, at Bethel              | March 9, 10  |
| Roll, at Dudley               | March 9, 10  |
| Gip, at Butler                | March 16, 17 |
| Burmah, at Center Point       | March 27, 28 |

WM. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

DUNCAN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Lawton Sta.                  | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Cement, at Cement            | Jan. 6, 7   |
| Carnegie, at Carnegie        | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Chickasha Sta.               | Jan. 13, 14 |
| Verden and Tuttle, at Tuttle | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Anadarko and Minco, at Minco | Jan. 20, 21 |
| Marlow Sta.                  | Jan. 23     |
| Bailey Ct., at Payne         | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Chickasha Ct.                | Jan. 30     |
| Duncan Sta.                  | Jan. 31     |
| Indian Work                  | Feb. 2, 3   |

N. L. LINEBAUGH, P. E.

TO THE PASTORS OF THE DUNCAN DISTRICT.

The District Stewards gave to each pastor in the district the pro rata of ten new subscribers for our Conference organ. I hope you will make an immediate canvass among your people in the interest of the Western Christian Advocate. I also send in a revised first quarter round. Please be governed by it. Fraternally,  
N. L. LINEBAUGH, P. E.

CHOCTAW DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Bethel Circuit, at Conchito       | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Idabel Circuit, at Goodwater      | Jan. 8      |
| Kulituklo Circuit, at Kulituklo   | Jan. 12, 13 |
| St. Towson Circuit, at St. Towson | Jan. 19     |

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Rufe Circuit, at Choctaw Academy  | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Owe Circuit, at Alikehi           | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Chickasaw Circuit, at Maytuby     | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Kiamitia Circuit, at Biglick      | Feb. 9, 10  |
| Hugo Station, at Hugo             | Feb. 16, 17 |
| Kosomos Circuit, at Jumbo Mission | Feb. 23, 24 |

W. P. PIPKIN, P. E.

MCALISTER DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Colbert Ct.            | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Durant Sta.            | Jan. 6, 7   |
| Albany Ct.             | Jan. 10, 11 |
| Bennington and Boswell | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Bokchito               | Jan. 13, 14 |
| Caddo and Sterrett     | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Twelve Mile Prairie    | Jan. 20, 21 |
| Stonewall Ct.          | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Pontotoc Ct.           | Jan. 27, 28 |
| Wilson Grove and Boggy | Feb. 2, 3   |

S. G. THOMPSON, P. E.

BEAVER DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Tyrone, at Tyrone                   | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Beaver, at Pleasant Hill            | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Boyd, at Grogan                     | Jan. 16, 17 |
| Lockwood, at Indian Creek           | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Grand, at Pinkston                  | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Ioland, at Wagon Creek              | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Persimmon, at Hackberry             | Feb. 6, 7   |
| Woodward, at Woodward               | Feb. 9, 10  |
| Hazelton and Ingelsoll, at Hazelton | Feb. 16, 17 |

J. E. LOVETT, P. E.

MANGUM DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Willow Ct., at Headquarters       | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Granite and Lone Wolf, at Granite | Jan. 6, 7   |
| Snyder Ct., at Snyder             | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Headrick Ct., at Headrick         | Jan. 13, 14 |
| Duke Ct., at Duke                 | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Olustee and Eldorado, at Olustee  | Jan. 20, 21 |
| Deer Creek Ct., at Independence   | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Kelly Ct., at Union Chapel        | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Elmer Ct., at Yeldell             | Feb. 9, 10  |
| Hollis and Dryden, at Hollis      | Feb. 16, 17 |
| Mangum Ct., at Marie              | Feb. 23, 24 |
| Mangum Sta.                       | Feb. 24, 25 |

L. L. JOHNSON, P. E.

White River Conference.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Gainesville Ct., at Camp Ground             | Jan. 5, 6    |
| Lorato Ct., at Warren Chapel                | Jan. 12, 13  |
| Rector Ct., at Rector                       | Jan. 19, 20  |
| Boydsville Ct., at Rock Springs             | Jan. 26, 27  |
| Piggott Ct., at Piggott                     | Feb. 2, 3    |
| Knobel Ct., at Moark                        | Feb. 9, 10   |
| Corning Sta.                                | Feb. 10, 11  |
| Walnut Ridge Sta.                           | Feb. 16, 17  |
| Black Rock and Portia                       | Feb. 17, 18  |
| Pocahontas Sta.                             | Feb. 20      |
| Reyno Ct., at Reyno                         | Feb. 23, 24  |
| Maynard Ct., at Siloam                      | March 2, 3   |
| Pocahontas Ct.                              | March 9, 10  |
| Imboden Ct., at Imboden                     | March 13     |
| Mammoth Spring and Hardy, at Mammoth Spring | March 16, 17 |

The District Stewards will please meet at Walnut Ridge, Wednesday, January 23, 1907, at 1 p. m.

J. K. FARRIS, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Evening Shade, at Sidney        | Jan. 5, 6    |
| Cave City, at Cave City         | Jan. 6, 7    |
| Smithville, at Rock Cave        | Jan. 12, 13  |
| Jesup Mission, at Jesup         | Jan. 13, 14  |
| Sulphur Rock, at Newark         | Jan. 19, 20  |
| Ash Flat                        | Jan. 26, 27  |
| Salem, at Salem                 | Feb. 2, 3    |
| Bexar, at Wesley Chapel         | Feb. 9, 10   |
| Melbourne, at Pleasant Grove    | Feb. 16, 17  |
| Calico Rock, at Calico Rock     | Feb. 23, 24  |
| Mt. View, at Mt. View           | March 2, 3   |
| Desha, at Alderbrook            | March 9, 10  |
| Pleasant Plains, at Cedar Grove | March 16, 17 |
| Bethesda, at Bethesda           | March 23, 24 |

A. F. SKINNER, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Vandale Ct.               | Jan. 5, 6    |
| Crawfordsville and Marion | Jan. 12, 13  |
| Bay and Marked Tree       | Jan. 19, 20  |
| Jonesboro, First Church   | Jan. 26, 27  |
| Jonesboro, Second Church  | Jan. 27, 28  |
| Wilson and Louise         | Feb. 2, 3    |
| Osceola Sta.              | Feb. 9, 10   |
| Luxora and Rozell         | Feb. 9, 10   |
| Trinity Ct.               | Feb. 16, 17  |
| Shiloh Ct.                | Feb. 16, 17  |
| Blythesville              | Feb. 19, 20  |
| Jarbo and Bell            | Feb. 23, 24  |
| Monette and Manila        | March 2, 3   |
| Monette and Manila        | March 9, 10  |
| Lake City                 | March 16, 17 |
| Cotton Belt Miss.         | March 23, 24 |

District Stewards will meet at Jonesboro January 3, at 12 m. Will the pastors see that the District Stewards have due notice? Let every charge be represented. This is an important meeting. The salary of the Presiding Elder is to be fixed and apportioned, and the Conference claims are also to be apportioned to the several charges. Come!

M. M. SMITH, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Bald Knob Ct., at Bald Knob               | Jan. 5, 6   |
| West Point and Kensett, at Dogwood        | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Beebe, at Beebe                           | Jan. 19, 20 |
| West Searcy and Higginson, at West Searcy | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Searcy Sta.                               | Jan. 23     |
| Auvergne and Weldon, at Tupelo            | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Newport Sta.                              | Jan. 26     |
| El Paso Ct., at Vilonia                   | Jan. 26     |
| Bethany Ct., at Lebanon                   | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Wiville Ct., at Gray                      | Feb. 9, 10  |
| Augusta Sta.                              | Feb. 11     |
| Dye Memorial                              | Feb. 14     |
| Gardner Memorial                          | Feb. 15     |
| Cato Ct., at Cato                         | Feb. 16, 17 |
| Cabot Ct., at Cabot                       | Feb. 18, 19 |
| Pangburn and Mount Pisgah                 | Feb. 23, 24 |
| Heber Sta.                                | Feb. 25     |

J. D. SIBERT, P. E.

Arkansas Conference.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Springdale Sta.     | Jan. 5, 6 |
| Goshen Ct., at Zion | Jan. 6, 7 |

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Elm Springs Ct., at Elm Springs | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Prairie Grove, at Prairie Grove | Jan. 19, 20 |
| War Eagle, at Pace's Chapel     | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Gravette, at Sulphur Springs    | Jan. 29, 30 |
| Lincoln Ct., at Cincinnati      | Feb. 3, 4   |
| Siloam Springs                  | Feb. 4, 5   |
| Gentry Sta.                     | Feb. 5, 6   |

WILLIAM SHERMAN, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Forrest City Sta.       | Dec. 23, 24 |
| Brinkley Sta.           | Dec. 30, 31 |
| Wynne Sta.              | Jan. 6, 7   |
| La Grange Ct.           | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Holly Grove and Marvel  | Jan. 20, 21 |
| Haynes Ct.              | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Cotton Plant and Howell | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Rock Island Ct.         | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Marianna Sta.           | Feb. 10, 11 |
| Goodwin Ct.             | Feb. 16, 17 |
| Parkin Sta.             | Feb. 24, 25 |
| McCrory and DeVew       | Mar. 2, 3   |
| Helena Sta.             | Mar. 10, 11 |
| Wesley Ct.              | Mar. 16, 17 |
| Clarendon Sta.          | Mar. 24, 25 |
| Laconia Ct.             | Mar. 30, 31 |

All pastors in the district are requested to meet in Forrest City, at 11:00 a. m. Tuesday, January 15, and remain over Wednesday night. The district stewards are called to meet in Forrest City at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday, January 16.

Z. T. BENNETT, P. E.

MORRILTON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Quitman Sta.                    | Jan. 6, 7   |
| Holland Ct., at Pleasant Valley | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Clinton Ct., at Clinton         | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Bee Branch Ct., at Morganton    | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Plumerville Ct., at Plumerville | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Morrilton Sta.                  | Feb. 3, 4   |
| Pottsville Ct., at Pottsville   | Feb. 9, 10  |
| Atkins Sta.                     | Feb. 10, 11 |
| Russellville Sta.               | Feb. 17, 18 |

J. H. GLASS, P. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Mulberry Ct., at Mulberry               | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Alma Ct., at Alma                       | Jan. 6, 7   |
| Waldron Sta.                            | Jan. 13, 14 |
| Waldron Ct., at Waldron                 | Jan. 13, 14 |
| Magazine Ct.                            | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Paris Sta.                              | Jan. 20, 21 |
| Branch Ct.                              | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Booneville Sta.                         | Jan. 27, 28 |
| Abbott Ct., at Abbott                   | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Huntington and Mansfield, at Huntington | Feb. 3, 4   |
| Charleston Ct., at Charleston           | Feb. 9, 10  |
| Fort Smith Ct., at Belling              | Feb. 10, 11 |
| Hackett Ct., at Hackett                 | Feb. 16, 17 |
| Greenwood Sta.                          | Feb. 17, 18 |

F. S. H. JOHNSTON, P. E.

WARDENELLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Gravelly and Bluffton, at Gravelly | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Walnut Tree, at Camilla            | Jan. 7, 8   |
| Clark Ct., at Lone Elm             | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Coal Hill Ct., at Coal Hill        | Jan. 13, 14 |
| Belleville Ct., at Belleville      | Jan. 20, 21 |
| Danville and Ola, at Ola           | Jan. 27, 28 |
| Clarksville Ct., at Mount Zion     | Feb. 3, 4   |
| Clarksville Sta.                   | Feb. 4, 5   |

J. H. O'BRYAN, P. E.

HARRISON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Green Forest Ct., at Green Forest | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Eureka Springs                    | Jan. 6, 7   |
| Mountain Home Ct., at Rockdale    | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Mountain Home Sta.                | Jan. 13, 14 |
| Lone Rock Ct., at Lone Rock       | Jan. 16     |
| Yellville Ct., at Cedar Grove     | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Yellville Sta.                    | Jan. 20, 21 |
| Fairview Ct., at Fairview         | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Lead Hill Ct., at Lead Hill       | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Harrison                          | Feb. 6      |
| Huntsville Ct., at Huntsville     | Feb. 9, 10  |
| Kingston Ct., at Kingston         | Feb. 11, 12 |
| Marshall and Leslie, at Leslie    | Feb. 16, 17 |

J. J. GALLOWAY, P. E.

Little Rock Conference.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Okolona Ct.         | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Nathan Ct.          | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Center Point Ct.    | Jan. 13, 14 |
| Mineral Springs Ct. | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Nashville Sta.      | Jan. 20, 21 |
| Bingen Ct.          | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Washington Ct.      | Jan. 27, 28 |
| Emmett Ct.          | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Fulton and McNabb   | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Murfreesboro Ct.    | Feb. 3, 4   |
| Pike City Ct.       | Feb. 10, 11 |
| Harmony Ct.         | Feb. 17, 18 |

Let the District Stewards meet me in the Methodist church at Hope, Thursday, January 10, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. All the preachers of the district are cordially invited to be present.

W. R. HARRISON, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Junction City Ct., at Junction City | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Bearden and Thornton                | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Lewisville                          | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Strong                              | Jan. 26, 27 |

CAMDEN DISTRICT—REVISED FIRST ROUND.

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Camden Ct.               | Feb. 2, 3    |
| Onalaska and Eagle Mills | Feb. 9, 10   |
| Magnolia Ct.             | Feb. 16, 17  |
| Stephens and Waldo       | Feb. 23, 24  |
| El Dorado Ct.            | Mar. 2, 3    |
| Hampton Ct.              | Mar. 9, 10   |
| Stamps                   | Mar. 16, 17  |
| Macaula Sta.             | Mar. 23, 24  |
| Fordyce                  | Mar. 30, 31  |
| El Dorado Sta.           | April 6, 7   |
| Camden Sta.              | April 14, 15 |

Will visit all the charges during January and February.

B. B. THOMAS, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Collins Ct., at Collins                | Jan. 5, 6   |
| McGehee Ct., at McGehee                | Jan. 5, 6   |
| Tillar Ct., at Tillar                  | Jan. 6, 7   |
| Lacey Ct.                              | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Snyder Ct.                             | Jan. 13, 14 |
| Palestine Ct.                          | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Jersey Ct.                             | Jan. 20, 21 |
| Lake Village and Portland, at Portland | Jan. 26, 27 |

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Wilmet and Parkdale                   | Jan. 27, 28 |
| Monticello Sta.                       | Jan. 29     |
| New Edinburg Ct.                      | Feb. 2, 3   |
| Warren Sta.                           | Feb. 3, 4   |
| Crossett Sta.                         | Feb. 9, 10  |
| Dermott and Arkansas City, at Dermott | Feb. 11     |
| Wilmar Ct.                            | Feb. 16, 17 |
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| Holly Springs, at Olivet        | Jan. 5, 6   |
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| Forest Home, at Forest Home     | Jan. 12, 13 |
| Park Ave.                       | Jan. 13, 14 |
| Social Hill, at Custer's Chapel | Jan. 19, 20 |
| Amity, at Amity                 | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Ussery, at Caney                | Jan. 26, 27 |
| Malvern Ave.                    | Feb. 2, 3   |
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| Malvern Sta.                    | Feb. 9, 10  |
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### How He Won His Case.

A young man from Massachusetts had made his way to a bustling Western city, and hung out his lawyer's "shingle." Then he sat down to wait, in anxiety, but with determination, for his first case. It came at last, an unimportant case from the point of view of an older and more experienced lawyer, but the event of a lifetime to this youth. He threw himself into it with as much fervor as if it involved a fee of thousands of dollars.

From the beginning chances seemed to be against him.

The trial was before a justice of the peace in a turbulent settlement three miles away. The court room was upstairs over a saloon. The preliminaries convinced the young lawyer that he had small chance of justice, and he asked for a change of venue, but the court indignantly refused, and he then availed himself of his remaining right, and demanded a jury. The jury was impaneled; the trial began, and the young lawyer fought with all his strength for the case against which he knew a strong prejudice to exist, but which he believed to be just.

The jury brought in a verdict in his favor, and the young lawyer was surprised by a cheer which shook the court room. Jury and witnesses joined in the applause, which the lawyer found was in his own honor. Even the judge did not withhold admiration for the plucky young attorney.

"Come downstairs and have a drink," shouted his client, and led his way to the door. The whole company followed, and bore him with it to the door of the saloon.

"Thank you," said the young man, "but I do not drink."

"But just one drink to celebrate your first case," said the client, and it would have been easy for the young man to yield.

"No, thank you," he said; "I guess you'll have to excuse me. I can't do it."

"Well, a glass of beer, then!" cried one of the crowd, still holding his arm.

"No, not even beer."

"Nor wine?"

"No, nor wine." The men were warm-hearted and generous, although rough, and were disinclined to yield to the young fellow; but he remembered the habits of

his home—the little home in the Berkshire Hills where he had been reared—and he took new courage.

"Well, come and have a cigar, anyway," his client said.

"Thank you," said he, "but I never learned to smoke."

"Ah, well," cried some one in disgust, "let him go, then!" And go he did, walking back along the three miles, and feeling as depressed over the apparent disgust of his new friends as he had felt elated over his victory.

He often referred to it afterward as the hardest struggle of his life, and he debated over and over again whether principles so rigorous as his were suited to his new environment. But he resolved to be true to himself and his early training. It caused him a struggle to decide, but he decided once for all, and in that same decision settled a great many other questions without knowing it.

He did not lose his fidelity. Even the men who ridiculed his Puritanism knew that their interests were safe with a man of such principles, and before long it came to be recognized that temptations and ridicule were wasted upon him. He ignored them.

So were laid the foundations of a successful career at the bar, and of influence in the community.

"I had two cases that first day," said the lawyer, years afterward, "and by the grace of God I won them both."—The Youth's Companion.

A Nebraska member of the national House of Representatives has refunded \$1,900 of his salary on account of time not spent in Congress. A considerable number of congressmen place their private business ahead of that of the government, and are frequently absent from the sessions. The \$5,000 salary of a congressman is understood to cover at least the days in which Congress is in session, and ought to cover a considerable time between sessions in preparation of government business. If one feels that it is too great a sacrifice to serve his country on these terms he can be excused. If he has private business which requires his time, and cannot be turned over to some one else, he should not seek or accept an election to Congress. Let us have honesty in the government service.—Ex.

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### Andover and Harvard.

The removal of Andover Theological Seminary to Cambridge, where it will become a part of Harvard University, has been decided upon by representatives of both institutions, and will be submitted for final approval to those in control. It will be recalled that Andover has been a center of

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### The Ship Lost.

A man in the dockyard of Plymouth was building a ship—he was a carpenter. He got a little bit of wood to put into one part of the ship, and as he held the little bit of wood in his hand, his mate, the man who was working with him, said: "That little bit of wood has got the worm in

it. You had better not put that bit of wood in the ship." The man said, "Oh, nonsense. It is only a little bit of worm; what harm is that?"

So he put it into the ship—this little bit of wood with the worm in it. He made a beautiful ship. When it was launched all admired it, and said, "How beautiful!" When the great waves came it went on beautifully.

One day, after some years, all of a sudden there was a cry heard on board that ship: "There's a leak! All hands to the pumps!" And there was a leak in one little place. They pumped, and pumped, and pumped, but they could not get the water out. There was a precious cargo on board, of things from the East Indies, and hundreds of people. Yet they could not get out the water, and the ship went to the bottom, and almost all the people with her. And it was found that all the mischief sprang from the little bit of wood which had the one little worm in it. One little sin indulged in will sink a soul.—The Sailors' Magazine.

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