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EDITORIAL.

A Gorge of Prosperity.

Never in our whole history was country as prosperous as it is at this time. There is a gorge of prosperity. We do not forget that this paper goes into some homes where there is poverty, and where there has been a hard struggle to "make buckle and tongue meet." To say that there is a gorge of prosperity may doubtless sound strange to them. Yet the facts bear out the statement. The growth of the industries of the country since the century opened, or for the last six years, has been enormous, and the growth of agricultural interests has not been less so, while the transportation interests have made a marvelous gain.

The three great barometers of prosperity are coal, iron and steel. This is true for the simple reason that they enter into almost everything in our modern civilization. Given the amount of coal, iron and steel that a country consumes, and you have the rate of progress in that country. Now in the year 1900 the mines turned out 13,789,000 tons of pig iron; in the year just past the production of pig iron is put down at 25,000,000 of tons. In 1900 a little over ten millions of tons of steel were produced; in 1906 a little over twenty million of tons. In 1900 270,000,000 tons of coal were mined; 1906 has 425,000,000 tons. Think of it! Men who are beyond the average of intelligence, but who have not kept their eyes upon the case, had no dream that we were making such strides. During the same years the value of our agricultural products has risen from \$4,417,000,000 to a round \$7,000,000,000, while the per capita earnings of those engaged in agriculture has risen from \$451 per year to \$600 per year, and the number of people engaged in agriculture has increased by more than a million. Turning to transportation, the mileage of the railroads has increased within the last six years from 194,000 miles to 223,000 miles, having transported 46,000,000 more tons of freight last year than they did in 1900, and having transported 6,500,000 more passengers last year than in 1900.

These facts indicate a prosperity that is stupendous. Yet the iron mines and the steel works are said to be behind nearly two years with their orders; the railroads are gorged with traffic till complaints are loud and long; and the farmers are getting fine prices for their products; wages are high everywhere, and labor is in great demand. The year 1907 opens without a shadow upon the general condition of the country.

Do these facts have any significance for us who work in the vineyard of the Lord? The church ought to have no quarrel with great material development—God must needs make a world, with all its various resources, before he founded a church. The church is made up of men and women, who cannot carry on the work of life without material things. It takes money to build churches, to pay preachers,

and send missionaries. Our danger always is that in the midst of great material prosperity we shall go into plutocracy; and the danger of those who are set to manage the affairs of the church is that they will go asleep, drone along, and let the great world swing away from them. We ought to demand that out of this great prosperity God shall get his own; and we must demand it. Better salaries ought to be paid the ministry, which has been shamefully underpaid, as the figures show; far more money ought to go into good and commodious church buildings; far more ought to be paid for missions; our colleges ought to be endowed and fully equipped. We must do these things or we shall invite the blighting curse of carnal living to rest upon us.

Distinctive Doctrines of Methodism.

Methodism has no distinctive doctrines. Time was when this could scarcely have been affirmed, so nearly was Methodism alone in its affirmation of the doctrine of the conscious witness of the Spirit. Yet, even then the Moravians held that belief, and it was from them that the Wesleys learned it. It was also held, even in those days among Calvinistic bodies, that it was the privilege of a chosen few among the elect—a sort of elect of the elect—to enjoy an experience of conscious conception with God. The thought of the religious world was dominated for several hundred years, embracing the generation of Wesley, by the scheme of Calvinism, and Calvinism ever exalted the notions of the Divine sovereignty and the Divine justice at the expense of Divine Fatherhood and Divine love. The God of Calvin and Augustine was an austere and awful being, who had little real communion with his children. The messages of Methodism to the world was, and is, that God is love, that he draws nigh to all who do not shut him out of their hearts, revealing himself within everyone who will let him, cleansing them actually from their sins and walking with them in a conscious communion. Methodism affirms this to be the privilege of every child of God. And it was Methodism that made good this doctrine in the thought of the Christian world, till the doctrine has ceased long ago to be a Methodist peculiarity, and now is believed by all sorts of Baptists and Presbyterians, Congregationalists, all of whom were firm believers in the Calvinistic scheme. We are thankful that so precious a doctrine has now found general acceptance in the churches. Be it ours to emphasize it still.

It will thus be seen that the peculiarity of Methodism does not lie in a claim to a peculiar doctrine; it lies rather in the fact that Methodism found its points of emphasis in certain doctrines of salvation. The love of God for all men is held among us as an actual fact; the atonement in Christ for all men, making salvation possible for all men, is a reality; the freedom and the accountability of all men are plain facts; the duty of preach-

ing salvation to all men is a plain duty; regeneration by the Holy Ghost attested by the same Holy Ghost; the duty and privilege of a life hid with Christ in God—these are the points of emphasis in Methodist teaching. They are the points where the emphasis needed most to be laid when Methodism came into the world, for each of these points was either obscured or openly denied by the ruling theology of the time. It was a vast service to the human race to win a cordial recognition for each one of them. This is what Methodism has done. We shall certainly not prove unfaithful to them in the future.

Increase of Good Will.

It is a good token that as we of the South approach the celebration of the one hundredth birthday of our great chieftain, Robert E. Lee, the North is preparing to join with us in doing honor to his memory. We are thankful for the token. It is not at all surprising that it should be so, but it is surprising that it should have come so early. Forty years ago the North looked upon Lee as an arch-traitor. The North now knows that, so far from being a traitor, he was one of the great men of these modern ages—great as a man, as he was great as a soldier, a saint as well as a citizen.

But have not we of the South long come to know that Abraham Lincoln was one of the greatest of all Americans? Did not our people of forty years ago hate him, and do we not now know that he was one of the truest patriots of history, a man who, withal, towered above the angry and tumultuous passions of his time, and truly loved all the people? We know it to have been even so, and we honor sincerely his memory.

The day is near at hand when the brave deeds and heroic lives of the great men who figured on both sides of that great civil strife will become the common heritage of all Americans. All alike, as they showed themselves true to their own manly convictions of duty, as they struggled mainly to maintain their convictions, all of them shall be enshrined in a nation's memory, and their entablatures and statues which shall adorn our halls of fame. So it has come to be among our English cousins across the sea, with reference to their wars of the Roses, the white and the red, and with reference to Cavalier and Puritan, who hated with a mortal hatred. Cromwell sleeps among the tombs of the kings. So shall it soon be among us; so it largely is, even now. The day is not far distant when the tomb of Grant and the tomb of Lee shall be alike revered by all Americans.

It has ever been true that the truth can make you free. Nothing less than the truth can do it. Error and bondage are well-nigh synonymous terms. Error has had a large influence in the world, and it has brought many heart aches and bitter tears. The voice of truth has cried loud and long, even in our public places, but too often she has not been heard.

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Rev. A. M. Shaw reports a happy outlook for his charge, Bearden and Thorton. He has just entered upon a meeting at Bearden.

Rev. H. H. Watson was in the city last week, and reports well of his work at Lake Village.

At the recent session of the Florida Conference Rev. E. A. Townsend, once a member of Little Rock Conference, was appointed to Memorial Church, Key West.

We see it stated in some of the papers that Bishop Ward will make his home in Houston, Texas. Little Rock or Oklahoma City would have been glad to have him, but we are glad that he is to live in the West, at any rate.

Rev. James Thomas, our Commissioner of Education for Arkansas, writes that his address will be Texarkana, Ark., and his mail should be so addressed hereafter.

We are in receipt of a copy of the minutes of the last session of the White River Conference, and return our thanks to the editor, Dr. Bennett, who always brings out these minutes in good form.

The Wesleyan Christian Advocate, one of the very best papers in our church, has changed its form, adopting the smaller page, about half the size of their former page—exactly half, we believe—and doubling the number of pages. It looks quite neat in its new dress.

Rev. W. M. Wilson is well pleased with his new charge at Duncan, I. T., to which he went from the White River Conference. He writes that his work starts well, and that he and his family have been very kindly received. His Arkansas brethren can assure the Duncan people that they have a faithful and very capable man for pastor.

Chairman S. S. Waters, of the Board of Stewards at Conway, is making a good start this year in the use of the weekly envelope system of church finances. We would that our people everywhere would systematize their contributions to the work of the church. It is no credit to a man that he should pay the Lord's dues in a dilatory or in a haphazard way. It ought to be an act of worship, gladly, regularly and decently performed.

The United States government has laid out at Vicksburg a National Park, to commemorate the struggles around Vicksburg during the Civil War. It is desired that the heroism of both armies shall be commemorated, and each State whose troops participated will be asked to place some fitting memorial in the park. Our legislature soon to meet in Little Rock will have the matter presented, and we trust that Arkansas will do herself the honor to make a liberal appropriation. Memorials of heroes are worth erecting.

Bishop and Mrs. A. W. Wilson will cele-

brate their golden wedding in March. Immediately after this event he Bishop will sail for the Orient to attend the centennial celebration at Shanghai of the establishment of Protestant missions in China. From the convention the first general conference of the United Methodist Church of Japan. Although Bishop Wilson by that time will have passed the seventy-third milestone in his life's journey, yet the church rejoices to know that he is fully vigorous enough to undertake these exacting duties.

The Year Book of our great sister church of the North for 1907 is out. We congratulate them upon the colossal showing which they make. They have 162 annual Conferences, in all parts of the world \$222,101,636 worth of property; collected last year for missions, all sources, \$2,798,592; for church extension, \$172,981; and total for benevolences of \$3,503,591. Their grand total for all expenses of the church last year is \$23,001,689. They have an army of 18,669 preachers and the average of salary is nearly \$1,000. There are 3,236,661 members.

Certain prominent members of the Advisory Board of the Jamestown Exposition, including Hon. Carroll D. Wright, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, Cardinal Gibbons and John Mitchell, have very properly issued a vigorous protest against the transformation of the exposition into what is to be "primarily a military and naval celebration." It strikes us that the effort upon the part of the management is primarily to "draw;" it is the same miserable commercialism that has been the curse of many another enterprise of the sort. Gate fees! That is the thing. Why not have a few genuine bull fights and some old-fashioned cock pits? That the military and naval service of the world should be allowed place in the exposition, in due proportion, nobody ought to object; but that the celebration of the founding of the Jamestown colony should be diverted to a war spectacle, that is monstrous. We protest.

Our sage and somber editor of "the Texas" is out of humor with us. We objected to his everlasting prodding of the editor of "the Nashville" and to his lofty pretensions among Southern Methodist editors in general, telling him that nobody had elected him Arch-editor. With his usual tactics he runs out his "long tom," shoves it over the shoulder of some Bishop as a rest, and with his usual amount of resourcefulness borrows his ammunition from "the Wesleyan," about our being "a point of order raiser," and then most heroically belches forth his brutum fulmen. If he does not look sharp he will have somebody believing that points of order are his dread. That is precisely what we did, raised a point of order on him. The damaging fact about it is that the point is sustained from Florida to Texas, as our letter files will show. Nothing that has gone through these columns lately has brought so many commendations, and the strongest of them come from Texas. Now make another play to Texas galleries, Doctor. Your antics amuse some people, if some others are getting a little tired of your foolishness.

Notice, Preachers!

The special canvass for the 5,000 new subscribers is now in progress. We desire to give each pastoral charge credit for the subscriptions sent in, and we desire also to credit each presiding elder's district. It will be impossible to do this unless the pastor sending will indicate his district and his charge. If you simply order papers to a cer-

tain post office, that will not do; for members of several charges may get mail at that office. Please do not forget this. Make yourselves busy now, brethren. We very much desire to have every charge canvassed before the end of January. When you go out about it, make this your business till the work is done. Reports will appear from week to week.

Senator Sorghum's Primer of Politics.

It is a collection of keen and searching aphorisms that humorously present the attitude of mind of the successful, competent and practical politician. The spirit of these epigrams is distilled knowledge of human nature and its procedure, its aims, pretences, thrift, selfishness and wisdom; and the form into which this sense and satire is thrown, has the brilliancy and flash of fine cut gems.

Senator Carmack's New Bill.

Senator Carmack, of Tennessee, has introduced a bill which, if passed, will enable all prohibition territory to confiscate liquor brought into it from the jug houses of whisky towns.

It provides that the interstate character of all shipments of intoxicating liquors from one State to another shall terminate immediately upon their arrival within the prohibition boundary of the State in which the place of destination is situated and that railroads and other carriers shall then become subject to the operation of the State law governing the liquor traffic. On C. O. D. shipments the sale shall be held to be made at the place of destination.

Arkansas Senators "Fixt?"

The Temple Messenger of Hot Springs has this to say:

"One of the leading gamblers in this town says that the Senators of the forthcoming legislature are already fixt and know exactly what to vote for and what to vote against in reference to reform legislation. He told the editor of this paper some time ago that the Senators had already been approached and that things were all right. He said that we would not get an anti-race track gambling bill, neither would we get the Wilson bill through. We will confess that we were amazed at the boldness of the assertion of this gambler. What he says must be given consideration. He is the leading and most influential gambler in town. More than that, he is a very live and intelligent man. In the last few days he has repeated the remark to another gentleman in substance what he said to us. We are of the opinion that there is more in the statement than most of us are willing to give credence to. Is it possible that the legislature has been affected before the law-making body has assembled? We believe that the Senators generally over the State will resent the allegation that they are purchased."

Now, we do not believe a tenth part of what this blatant gambler says. It is the habit of such men to make a noise. There may be individual members in the senate who are so debased as to be willing to see Arkansas debauched morally with race tracks, pool rooms, and other instrumentalities of evil; but it will be found that the moral sense of the body will be ready to protect this State from such vices. The time has passed in Arkansas when gamblers are going to be allowed to dictate legislation. They are practically an outlawed class.

We trust that the legislature will see fit to give us a law similar to the Wilson law of several years ago—a law which failed through the rascality or through the gross carelessness

of somebody, as not having been properly passed. As for any individual senators or representatives who may be found in collusion with the gamblers and the saloon men, they shall answer to the people. One of the leading figures in public life of Arkansas said only the other day that the time had come when for a man to ally himself with these elements is to commit suicide politically. This witness has enjoyed the highest positions in the gift of our people, and has never been considered a temperance crank by any means.

The time has come when policy as truly as principle demands that men in public life should stand up for common morality. And in the name of decency, in the name of common sense, in the name of any sensible view of a public man's duty, why should it not be expected that he should face squarely all issues pertaining to the true interests of the people whom they represent? If any man is in doubt as to what the interests of the people are as respects whisky and gambling, that man is either a moral pervert or he is an idiot, with whom it would be useless to attempt to reason here.

Rev. J. M. C. Hamilton Dead.

Just as we go to press news comes of the death of this truly devout servant of God. He died at Van Buren, Ark., on the 8th. Further notice next week.

News of the death of our dear Brother G. H. Ray, of Oklahoma Conference, was late reaching this office. He died at Chickasha, I. T., December 23. Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, the presiding elder, furnishes a sketch which appears this week. We join with the loved ones of this good and efficient man and with the Oklahoma Conference in mourning his untimely death.

Death of Rev. G. H. Ray.

Rev. Goodman Howard Ray was born in Dahlonga, Ga., April 1, 1874, and died at Chickasha, December 23, 1906, after a lingering illness of eighteen months, of consumption. He was licensed to preach in 1893, and supplied the Ponca City charge for six months. In November, 1894, he was admitted on trial into the Indian Mission Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South. Brother Ray served the following charges with great acceptability: Tecumseh Circuit, 1894-95; Stillwater Circuit, 1895-96; Perry Station, 1896-98; Oklahoma City Station, 1898-1900; Chickasha Station, 1900-04; Shawnee, First Church, 1904-05, for five months, when he was forced to surrender his work on account of his health.

Brother Ray did his best work at Chickasha. The beautiful new church stands as a monument to his work in that city. January 27, 1904, he was happily married to Miss Wessie Burney, of Chickasha, whose bright young life was consecrated to the chosen work of her husband. Today her head is bowed low with grief. Her loving ministrations to her afflicted husband were beautiful indeed. It is hard to understand why such a useful man should be called for at noonday, but God had need for him in the skies. To him Heaven was very real. Death had no terror.

Brother Ray was one of the best preachers in the Indian Mission Conference; he never failed to bring things to pass wherever he went. His future was as bright as the noonday sun. Our conference will miss him. It seems like we can ill afford to give him up, but the Great Father is at the helm, and knows best.

Brother Ray leaves a sweet wife, a little boy just twenty months old, an aged mother, two sisters and seven brothers, who, with a

host of loved ones and friends, mourn his early departure. He was almost universally loved by the people of Chickasha, who gathered en masse at the M. E. Church, South, where his funeral was conducted by Rev. C. H. McGhee, the pastor, assisted by Revs. W. M. P. Rippey, T. L. Rippey and the writer. May the good Lord comfort the wife, whose young life is sad, protect the dear little boy from the vices of the world, and give strength to the dear mother, who was so proud of her preacher boy. May his brilliant young life be in inspiration to us all.

N. L. LINEBAUGH.

The Exhibit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

January 1, 1906—January 1, 1907.

There are forty-six Conferences in Southern Methodism, including those in foreign fields. We have received and tabulated the reports of every Conference held from January 1, 1906, to January 1, 1907. In almost every case we have received the figures direct from the secretary or his assistant. It must be understood that we do not present an exhibit for the fiscal year, beginning April 1, and ending March 31, of the succeeding year. The General Minutes, which will be issued in the spring, will give the official report for the fiscal year. The Southern Methodist Handbook, which will be issued from the press in a few days, simply makes its year to begin with January 1 and closes with December 31, as in the case of other year-books. Our figures, however, will represent practically the fiscal year, since there are only three small mission Conferences and the Baltimore Conference to be held. The reports from these Conferences will make very little change in our figures.

Growth in Membership.

The figures indicate that the growth in membership during the year has been phenomenal. We now have 1,667,394 members including local preachers. Counting traveling preachers we have 1,673,347 members. The gain in membership for the year, not counting local and traveling preachers, is 49,263. Only a very few Conferences show a loss. Some of the Conferences, especially Oklahoma, and several of the Gulf Conferences show large gains. Evidently the Spirit has been with us during the year in the ingathering of souls. The percentage for the year is .03. The average number of members received per preacher, not counting supplies was a little over eight. The average number received by each church was nearly three.

The Ministry.

We regret that our tabulation cannot show as many preachers, local and traveling, as are shown in the General Minutes. Some of the Conference secretaries have been counting supplies both as traveling and local preachers. As a consequence the figures tabulated by the book editor as given him by the secretaries have necessarily shown a larger number than we really have. In our figures we do not count any supplies as traveling preachers, and we can report only 5,953 traveling preachers, counting supernumeraries and supernumeraries. We have counted supplies as local preachers and the figures show 4,822 local preachers, making a total of 10,775 preachers both traveling and local. It is to be regretted that the General Conference did not order a system of reporting which would insure accuracy in this matter. Having no previous figures to be used as a basis we cannot say whether there has been a gain or loss in the number of preachers.

Ministerial Support.

The figures show a wonderful growth in the spirit of Christian liberality in the direction

of the support of the ministry. Here is the exhibit: paid for pastors, presiding elders and bishops, \$3,798,225; Conference claimants, \$224,777—making a total of \$4,023,003, as against \$3,838,002 for 1905. The gain in amount paid to pastors, presiding elders and bishops was \$75,719; Conference claimants, \$10,678. Total gain, \$86,397. The amount per member for ministerial support was \$2.41.

Missions.

We have paid for foreign and domestic missions the sum of \$639,434. There was paid by the Woman's Foreign Society, \$154,880; by the Woman's Home Mission Society, \$338,841; for church extension, which is a true missionary interest, \$113,080—making the total paid for missions, \$1,246,236. The gain for the year in the regular foreign and domestic missionary collections was \$43,012; in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Collections, \$7,269; in the Woman's Home Mission Collections, \$17,185; in church extension, \$8,620—making a total gain of \$76,087. The average amount paid per member for missions, counting, as we should, the collections for church extension, was 74 cents. As long as the figures are so low we cannot delude ourselves that we are on boasting ground. Yet, comparatively the annual growth of the amount paid per member is very gratifying.

Epworth Leagues.

We have 3,575 Epworth League Auxiliaries, a gain for the year of 94. We have 123,629 Epworth League members, a gain for the year of 3,257. There is some encouragement in these figures as for 1905 there was a gain of only 65 Auxiliaries and a loss of 333 members. The Epworth League shows a more marked growth during 1906 than the Sunday School.—Taken from the statistical tables of the Southern Methodist Handbook.

The Need of a Religious Paper.

The value of a religious newspaper in the home has received recognition recently from a source that is extremely gratifying. The editor of the "Burlington Hawkeye," made famous by "Bob Burdette," has published an editorial, such as we do not remember to have seen before in any secular daily paper, charging the "busy business man" with not treating himself or his family right if he does not subscribe for a religious paper. This editor says:

"Do you take a church paper or religious journal, either denominational, or on the broader plane of general moral and religious discussion and inculcation? If not, you ought to do so. Good publications of this character are cheap in price and valuable in contents and influence. The family reading circle is incomplete without one or more such publications. The wife needs it; every woman has more or less of moral and spiritual longings. The children need it; their moral natures require the helpful stimulus and encouragement of a higher order of spiritual thinking than is found in the comic supplements of the daily papers and the average drawing from the public library. Even the family that has no church affiliations and no religious training can find it advantageous to have one good religious journal in the house. Man has a threefold nature—physical, mental and spiritual. The well-rounded man cannot afford to neglect any of them. This article is directed mainly to the non-church-going element of society—people who have little knowledge of and little interest in the church world. This is a weak spot in their well-being. It is to such 'The Hawkeye' specifically commends the taking of a religious journal."—Christian Observer.

Bishop Tigert at His Best.

The first and only time I saw Bishop Tigert was last August at the camp meeting at Ocean Grove. He preached the sermon on the last Sabbath morning of the camp meeting. I see him now. A congregation of eleven thousand people heard the sermon. There he is, a man in perfect health and of commanding appearance. A smile is on his face, seeming as if a light came to his face from the inner man. Noble head, broad shoulders, a man six feet tall. He is the man of the hour; and every one looking at him felt he could meet the demands of the hour in the name of his God. The text is announced. Gradually he enters upon the task of preaching the sermon. The people go with him until the close. He has preached for over an hour, but the time seems short. The preacher put his life into the work, for soon the sweat was on his face. His voice sounded like the voice of many waters. People are afraid he will close too soon. When he did close, the congregation testified its appreciation by shaking hands with one another as they passed out, saying, "That was great;" and so it was.

Rev. C. M. Boswell, of Philadelphia, preached a fine gospel sermon, the power of God came upon the people, and in response to his invitation sinners came to the altar to be saved. I, with other workers, took my place inside the altar rail to help the sinners find Jesus. In my work I came to almost the end of the altar rail, and I saw a large, fine looking man kneeling in front of a middle-aged man who had come to be saved. There was Bishop Tigert down on his knees and with all the earnestness of a man of God he was doing his best to lead that poor sinner into the kingdom. There was Bishop Tigert at his best. Noble Bishop, yes; splendid scholar, yes; great preacher, yes; able on the platform, yes. In his sermon at the morning hour, with his masterly mind and heart power he charmed the vast crowd; and as he did so he appeared a great man. But to me Bishop Tigert will live in my mind at his best as I saw him on his knees that night at the camp meeting, like a man who believed in what he was doing, seeking to point out to the poor sinner the way to find Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners.

Godly, great bishop, and good man, and thanks for the lesson you taught me that night—that every preacher is at his best when he is leading sinners to Jesus Christ for salvation.—Rev. Robert Stephens, in Central Christian Advocate.

The Quiet Hour League in the M. E. Church, South.

For some months past the Correspondence School has been seeking, through its Prayer League, to promote among the young preachers of the church the habit of systematic daily devotion. The Epworth League also, through the Morning Watch and the Quiet Hour, has endeavored to accomplish the same end among the young people of the League. The importance of the work thus begun and the success of the efforts thus far made have led to the conclusion that the undertaking ought to be extended to the entire church. Therefore, after prayerful discussion on the part of representatives of the Epworth League Board, the Sunday School Board, the Mission Board, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Home Mission Society, the Board of Education, the Correspondence School, the religious press and the publishing agents, it has been thought desirable to form a Quiet Hour League in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The purpose of the League is to encourage devotional Bible study, enlarge the church's

vision of the world's needs, inspire personal and intercessory prayer, and stimulate individual effort for the advancement of the kingdom of God. As a means to the accomplishment of these ends, the League has as its specific object to multiply and unite together those who are willing to set aside at least fifteen minutes each day as a quiet period for private devotion. The Quiet Hour is for devotional Bible study, meditation, and prayer; and, whenever at all practicable, is to be observed during the early morning hours, before the duties of the day are undertaken.

The membership of the League is expected to include preachers, Sunday School teachers, Epworth League workers, members of missionary societies and classes, parents, and all other Christian people who may desire to join. Those wishing to unite with the League will sign the following membership card: "Feeling the need of daily devotion for the deepening of my spiritual life and the quickening of my zeal in Christian work, I covenant, by the help of God, to keep the Quiet Hour, setting apart not less than fifteen minutes daily, in the early morning if possible, to devotional Bible study, meditation and prayer; and I hereby make application for membership in the Quiet Hour League, reserving the right to at any time withdraw my name upon written notification to the Central Office."

In order to make the Quiet Hour as helpful as possible to those who undertake its observance, daily helps will be prepared, consisting of selected Scripture passages, brief expositions, topics for prayer, striking mottoes, quotations, and the like. These helps will be published in a forty-eight-page quarterly, entitled "The Quiet Hour," the first number of which will be ready by January 1, 1907. The price for single copies is ten cents, or seven and one-half cents each in clubs of ten or more, mailed to one address; yearly subscription price, for the four quarterly issues, twenty-five cents. Members of the League will find the quarterly of great assistance in their daily devotion, though its use is in no sense obligatory.

The Quiet Hour League will be under the general management of a Committee of Direction, consisting of W. R. Lambuth, G. B. Winton, F. S. Parker, J. D. Hammond, E. B. Chappell, J. L. Cunningham, A. J. Lamar, Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, representing the several connectional activities of the church. Under the general supervision of this committee, the Correspondence School will have charge of the office management of the League, so that all applications for membership and other correspondence regarding the League should be addressed to J. L. Cunningham, Director, Nashville, Tenn. All subscriptions for the quarterly should be sent to Smith & Lamar, Publishing Agents, Nashville, Tenn, Dallas, Tex., and San Francisco, Cal.

The Army Canteen.

Here is an amazing statement taken from the men's columns of the daily Democrat of the 19th inst.:

"Beer halls in several branches of the national homes for disabled volunteer soldiers netted profits to the government aggregating \$163,454 during the last year, according to the annual report of Colonel John L. Chamberlain, inspector general, whose annual report to the secretary of war is one of the strongest recommendations for the retention of the canteen feature of these homes.

"Should the beer hall be abolished the money now spent for beer, in fact, a much larger sum, would be spent in neighboring saloons and dives. The profits which are now expend-

ed for the pleasure, comfort and general welfare, would be lost to them and go into the pockets of saloon-keepers."

Is it possible that this Christian government has gone into the beer business to make money, and that, too, by debauching her volunteer soldiers? And for no better reason, than that if the government don't furnish them beer, someone else will supply them with something worse.

That is not a good reason for doing anything. The only question to settle is this: Is it right? Will it make for the morale of these men? Will it conduce to their health and efficiency? Is the government powerless to shield these men from the neighboring saloons? Would it not be more statesmanlike to refuse to establish these soldiers' homes in any State, except on condition that the State, by statute law of the State, prohibit the sale of intoxicants within a radius of twenty miles of said homes?

Arkansas will be glad to furnish such sites where nature's health-giving beverage can be had in rich abundance. I will give you now, Mr. Editor, a few excerpts taken from the Christian Observer, bearing on this and kindred questions, with brief comments.

In the recent Olympic games at Athens American athletes covered themselves with glory, while German contestants failed of conspicuous distinction. The Continental Times of Berlin gives this explanation: "The beer habit is the cause that handicaps the German athlete. It prevents him from acquiring the toughness of muscle which distinguishes his American opponents; it not only gives rise to superfluous fat, but seriously affects the heart. And yet, there are men high in the councils of the nation who advocate the beer canteen for the soldiers as a harmless beverage."

"WANTED—For the United States Marine Corps, able-bodied men of good character, between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five years, not less than five feet six inches, and not over six feet one inch in height, of good character, and not addicted to the use of liquors."

Is it not passing strange that a Christian government will demand high character and abstinence from intoxicants as requisites for admission into the army and navy, and then under seal of its authority, protected by its strong right arm, set up canteens at its army posts where liquor may be sold, thus aiding and abetting in inducing these same men to form the liquor habit, and undermine the good character upon which so much stress was laid? And for no better reason than that if the government does not engage in this nefarious trade, someone else will. If the government will conduct this questionable business, why not advertise for men of doubtful character and who have already formed the drink habit, instead of luring young men from Christian homes who have never learned the taste of liquor, but, coming in contact with officers and their fellow-soldiers who drink, and seeing that it is popular and respectable to drink liquor, many of them soon form the habit. And when they return home they keep it up, and thus by example influence others to take it up, and in this way the evil habit spreads and the government loses in the quality of good soldiers and citizenship, unless it has come to pass that beer guzzlers make better citizens and soldiers than total abstainers. The great railway systems require total abstinence of their employees, and at least one of these systems prohibits the sale of liquor on their right of way, holding that it is inconsistent to demand of their employees abstinence from liquor, and then put temptation in their

way by renting their property for saloon purposes. In this they have done all they can. They cannot prevent its sale outside their right of way. But they do not reason like some of our army officers, that if we do not permit the sale of liquor inside our lines, the men will go outside after it and we will lose the profits. What a pity we can't persuade "Uncle Sam" to borrow the eyeglasses of these practical business men a while, that having eyes, he may see, and seeing, he may discern the jewel—consistency, and discerning, practice. So mote it be.

E. L. BEARD.

Lonoke, Ark.

An Alabama Editor in Oklahoma.

Rev. L. M. Stevens, assistant editor of the Alabama Advocate, has recently made a trip into our territory and thus writes about Oklahoma:

"A constitutional convention is now in session at Guthrie and soon it will submit a constitution. Upon the adoption of the constitution the president will issue a proclamation recognizing the new State as a member of the Union. This will increase the number of States by one and decrease the number of territories by two. It is doubtful if any State has ever had at the time of its admission the population and wealth that Oklahoma will have when she comes into the Union. The constitutional convention seems to be composed of a body of earnest, able, conscientious men, determined to do their best for their new States. One of the live questions they have up is the whisky question. They will probably insert a section for State prohibition or enact a rigid local option law.

I have seen land in the middle States that could not be bought for less than \$75.00 to \$100.00 an acre, but nowhere have I seen better land than in some parts of these two territories. In variety, abundance and certainty of crops, fertility of soil, ease of cultivation, and salubrity of climate this section is hard to excel. Land values are rapidly increasing. The common custom of renting the lands is the "third and fourth" system. Land prices are not quoted by the acre, but by the quarter-section. In the prairie country the public roads follow the section lines and you turn section corners just like you do the corners of city blocks. All the crops we raise in Alabama flourish in Oklahoma except sugar cane. In the part of the territory I visited I was informed that peaches do well there, but that apples do not succeed. The alkali in the soils seems not to hurt the peach trees, but to kill out the apples.

The day I got to Oklahoma the government finished receiving settler's bids on what is known as "The Big Pasture." This is a tract of 480,000 acres in southern Oklahoma. There is not a house on it and it has never been disturbed by the plow share. No bid was to be accepted for less than \$5.99 an acre. I was told that some bids on this land ran as high as \$40.00 an acre. All this best land will some day be worth from \$75.00 to \$100.00 an acre. Some of it now brings \$50.00, but much of it can be bought at from \$20.00 to \$30.00.

I could write much more about this wonderful country, but will desist. I want to write next week about the work and prospects of our church in this new land.

L. M. S.

Oklahoma Conference.

Mr. Editor—We have just closed the most successful fall term in the history of the Hargrove College. We have not only had the largest daily attendance, but the most regular, making the highest average daily attendance

the college has ever had. We have a splendid faculty, doing fine work. We are having a fine beginning since the holidays. The boys' dormitory is full to overflowing, and applications almost every day for rooms. We have room in the girls' dormitory for a few more good girls. Just two years ago now, when the present administration began, there was a debt of \$7,500 on the college; today there is not one dollar of that debt unpaid. The college is entirely free of debt, except \$267 due next August, for one hundred new single desks we put in last September. So, Mr. Editor, you see we are in fine condition. We thank God and thank all the friends who have helped us. The watchword now is a greater Hargrove College.

We are having a very mild winter so far, which ought to be favorable to church work. So far as I know, peace and harmony prevail in Ardmore District. Brother Freeman, the presiding elder, is a very busy man, and is loved by the preachers and people. Brother J. W. Sims, of Broadway, Ardmore, is starting out nicely, and we are hoping for a fine year for him and his splendid people. Brother M. W. Whelan, of Carter Avenue, Ardmore, seems to be a fit, and is busy looking after his flock. I hear good things about his preaching. Brother Freeman speaks kindly and hopefully of all his preachers. I have not heard one dissenting note about the change of the name of our conference from Indian Mission to Oklahoma Conference. The only thing I regret is, I fear we will lose some very interesting and important history. I do wish some of the older members of the Indian Mission Conference would gather up this history before they go to heaven. Brothers J. F. Thompson, Duncan, Brewer, Derriek and others could do the church a great service by giving us the history of the Indian Mission Conference. The history of our schools among the Indians would be an interesting chapter. Some well written autobiography and biographies would be really inspiring. Brethren, can't we have some of this in our good conference organ?

By the way, Mr. Editor, you have the most diversified field in the church to draw from in filling the columns of our conference organ. You are doing well; keep at it. But I must quit. Kindly,

J. M. GROSS.

Hargrove College, January 4, 1907.

Epworth League.

The Epworth Leaguers of Texas are planning for aggressive work during this year, and for a great meeting of their assembly. The Epworth League Board of Oklahoma Conference, in a meeting at Ada on the 9th, will plan for League work in the Oklahoma Conference for 1907, and will probably arrange program and complete other arrangements for a great League Assembly in the summer. Such a beginning gives promise of a great forward movement in our young people's work in these large fields. We are glad to note these signs of life and these indications of progress. May those charged with the planning for work in this important field have the guidance and blessing of God upon them, and the co-operation of all the pastors and church members throughout the entire field. Will not the conferences in Arkansas also make a more determined effort to establish the Epworth League and extend its influence and benefits? Why not have a League Assembly for the State of Arkansas? The boards of the three conferences can unite in providing for this matter, which is greatly needed, and to which the young people of Arkansas Methodism are

justly entitled. If joint action of the three boards cannot be had or is not desirable, cannot each conference provide for a gathering of the Leaguers and arrange to give them an opportunity for counsel together and for a study of the problems of their work and of methods for solving the same? Such meetings have proven very beneficial in other conferences of our church. Let the Leaguers themselves take up the question, discuss it in your local chapters, and then let the members of the conference boards know what you think—what you would like for them to do—and that they may be sure of your support and co-operation. The members of the boards will gladly lead a forward movement if they are assured that they will have the support of the church and League. Give them that assurance.

The reports from the general secretary to the annual conference indicates that the Epworth League work is growing, and that great progress was made during the last year. The Epworth Era continues to improve, and is in every way well worthy of the support of all our people. The Era is essential to success in our League work. Let us then, in the very beginning of this New Year, increase its influence by adding to the number of its subscribers. Neither can we afford to neglect the interests of the general office, for we are dependent upon it for the wise control that makes possible the greatest efficiency of our work.

The Western Methodist gives space to the League and desires that it be used in promoting the interest of the Leagues of Arkansas and Oklahoma. The present editor has been attempting to use this column for this purpose for more than a year. Repeated calls have been made for items of interest from the Leagues and for articles discussing different phases of the League work, but the response has not been very encouraging. Will the pastors and Leaguers help us make this department of some value?

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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The Struggle With Appetite.

John G. Woolley.

I shall never drink again; but one night in a New England train, and very ill, I met a stranger who pitied me and gave me a quick, powerful drug out of a small vial, and my pain was gone in a minute or two, but alcohol was licking up my very blood with tongues of flame.

I should have gotten drunk that night, if I could. I thought of everything—of my two years of clean life; of the meeting I was going to, vouch for by my friend and brother, D. L. Moody; of the bright little home in New York; of Mary and the boys; I tried to pray, and my lips framed oaths. I reached up for God, and he was gone, and the fiercest fiend of hell had me by the throat and shouted, "Drink, drink, drink!" I said, "But Mary—but the boys;" it said, "To hell with Mary—come on, to the saloon!"

It was not yet daylight, Sunday morning, when I stood on the platform at Pawtucket, Rhode Island, alone. I flew from saloon to saloon; they were shut up; so were the drug stores; and all that day, locked in my room at the hotel, I fought my fight and won it in the evening by the grace of God; but the people of Pawtucket never knew that the man who spoke to them that night had been in hell all day.

What would you take in cash to have that put into your life?

That is to be my portion until my dying day, but if merciful, patient, time shall cauterize and heal the old, dishonorable wounds and cover them with repulsive but impervious cicatrices, yet because I had those wounds I am to be through my whole life considered a moral cliff-dweller, a creature of precipices, where one false step ends all; and so, denied full confidence of my fellow-men—the highest grace of life to strive for in this world, and I am told I have a Christian enemy or two who wait on tiptoe of expectancy and cheerful prophecy the sure, near coming of my final plunge back into the Dead Sea of drink.

Several years ago, at another time, after a long lecture tour in the West, I telegraphed to my wife in Boston, "I will arrive home tonight at eleven." The train was late, and long after midnight I came under her window. The light was burning, and I knew that she was waiting for me. I let myself in; there were two flights of stairs, but twenty would have been nothing to me; my heart was hauling away, like a great balloon.

She stood in the middle of our room as pale and cold and motionless as a woman of snow, and I knew at a glance that the sweet, brave life was in torture. "What is it?" I cried, "what is the matter?" And in my arms she sobbed out the everlasting tragedy of her wedded life: "Nothing—at any rate, nothing ought to be the matter. I do believe in you; I knew you would come home; but I have listened for you so many years that I seem to be just one great ear when you are away beyond your time; I seem to have lost all sense but that of hearing when you are absent unexplained, and every sound on the street startles me, and every step on the stairs is a threat and a pain, and the stillness chokes me, and the darkness smothers me. And all the old, unhappy homecomings troop through my mind, without omitting one detail, and tonight I heard the children sighing in their sleep, and I thought I should die when I thought of you having to walk in your weariness, and in this midnight through Kneeland street alone."

She thinks that I will never fall, and would deny today that she knows any fear, but yet, until the undertaker screws her sweet face

out of my sight forever, that ghastly, unformed, nameless thing will walk the chambers of her heart whenever I am unaccounted for.

By the mercy of God, that has given to you the unshaken and unshakable confidence of her you love, I beseech you make a fight for the women who wait tonight until the saloon spews out their husbands and their sons, and send them, maudlin, brutish, devilish, vomiting, stinking, to their arms.

And you, happy wives, whose hearts have never wavered or had occasion to waver, and who, when your husbands fail to come on time, can go to bed without a fear and go to sleep with smiles upon your lips and sleep the long night through too peacefully even to dream, by the mercy of God, that gives you that, I beseech you, band yourselves to help, at least to cheer, the wives who, their whole lives through, must walk the rotten lava-crust of burnt-out confidence—their very love a terror and a pain.

And you good, calm, untempted men, who never fell, who never tasted death for any man and never mean to, I beseech you, cast a vote the next time for the sake of the drunkard, and try to make the stations on life's highway safe for storm-tossed men to stop at any day or any night.—National Advocate.

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Bishops Tigert and Smith.

Dear Brother Anderson—Reading your notice of the death of Bishop A. Coke Smith, in the Western Methodist of last week, concluding as follows—

"It is a curious coincidence worthy of note in this paper that Bishop Smith was a cousin of Mrs. Judge T. C. Humphry, of Atoka, I. T., 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 personally loved him," prompts me to say that while Bishop Tigert

was at our home suffering from his throat trouble he talked about Bishop Smith. I wanted to ask him about Bishop Smith, and for fear it would give him pain to talk, I told him to talk by signs; that by raising his hand would mean yes, and by shaking his head would signify no. I then asked him if he knew Bishop Smith personally, and he raised his hand. He had been told by Brother Thompson and or Brother Matthews that Mrs. H. and Bishop Smith were cousins.

Bishop Tigert was with us from Friday until the following Tuesday, and as I had to begin court at Durant on Monday morning I bade him good-bye Sunday afternoon. I will never forget our parting; we shook hands and I said, "God bless you, Bishop," and could scarcely restrain my feelings, and as I left the room, while he sat upon the bed he placed the palm of his fingers to his mouth and motioned his hand to me in a way we term throwing a kiss of good-bye. In my mental vision I often see him throwing that farewell kiss to me, and nothing while I live can efface the scene from my memory. On Tuesday a letter from my wife told of her giving the Bishop some coffee, which appeared to strangle him, and he coughed and the chicken bone came into his mouth, and he took it out of his mouth with his fingers, and he was more cheerful and more able to talk. He held the bone in his fingers and said he was going to save it and tie a piece of ribbon to it. He soon thereafter hastened away to reach the train for the annual conference at Tulsa, but before leaving said to Mrs. Humphry, "As soon as I see Bishop Smith I will tell him that he has a kind-hearted cousin." Has he seen Bishop Smith? In obedience to the command of the All Wise Father, he left the shores of time while at Tulsa, and Bishop A. Coke Smith has quickly followed him.

Both have crossed the continent of this life, and their immortal spirits will dwell forever in the eternal home of the good.

T. C. HUMPHRY.

Power of Christ in China.

First. Opium is a national curse—the missionaries appealed to the nation to remove it. It is doomed.

Second. Foot-binding is a national curse—the missionaries inaugurated a movement to abolish it, and it is now denounced from the Imperial throne and by the viceroys in the provinces.

Third. The missionaries set up a better system of education. The government has now denounced the old and accepted and promulgated the new system of Western education throughout the Empire.

Fourth. The Gospel estimate of man has been preached and promulgated everywhere, and now the Imperial government has promised to abolish despotism and introduce Constitutional government, with a parliament and liberal institutions, founded on the liberty of individuals.

Fifth. The missionaries have appealed to China as a nation to throw off her disabilities by reason of ignorance, superstition and prejudice, and qualify for admission into the comity or family of Christian nations, and the above items of reform, change and revolution, would indicate that China as a nation, as a government, has been reached and moved as never was seen in all history before.

The Gospel of Christ is truly the power of God unto salvation, as well to a nation as to an individual, and let no one in the face of the above facts ever doubt for a moment ultimate success of the Gospel in China, as proclaimed by its agents, the missionaries.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

YOUNG J. ALLEN.

Dr. Riggin on Infant Baptism.

Allow me space to call attention to a pamphlet of fifty-five pages on infant baptism by Rev. J. H. Riggin, D. D. This is the strongest doctrinal pamphlet that has ever come under my notice. It is, in my judgment, as the author writes, unanswerable. There may be room for controversy as to the mode of baptism, but absolutely none on the subject of infant baptism. The booklet is a masterpiece of logic and research. Dr. Riggin brings to our view the teachings of the Anti-Nicene Fathers clear back to the days of the Apostles; the Post-Nicene and succeeding church historians down to A. D. 1520, and the records prior to that date abound with allusions and teachings with regard to infant baptism; but not a single line of opposition to the doctrine can be found. It was never by a single theologian of church historian called in question or spoken of other than an established and universally accepted doctrine. The church was sometimes rent, torn asunder by controversies, but this was one doctrine that was never assailed. The last apostle was hardly in his grave before hurtful heresies sprang up and the peace of the church was badly disturbed, but there is no record to show that anyone ever presumed to call in question infant baptism prior to A. D. 1520. Since that period a small per cent—about three per cent—of Christians opposed infant baptism. In other words, there are something like four hundred millions of Christians, and less than ten millions do not practice infant baptism. It is practically universal. Dr. Riggin has done the cause of truth a great service in writing this book. No preacher can do a better thing than to sow his charge down with this valuable pamphlet—it is conclusive.

J. C. HOOKS.

Spurgeon on Theater-Going.

Are there not many persons who find in the theater precisely that kind of recreation and rest which is most useful for the discharge of their daily work?

"It may be," said Mr. Spurgeon, "but I don't know any of them. You see, I live in a world apart from all these things, and so do my people. We argue this way: Granting it perfectly safe and profitable for myself to go to the theater; if I go, a great number of those will go to whom it will do positive harm. I will not be responsible for alluring by my example into temptation which, but for my self-indulgence, they would entirely escape."

"I will give you an instance of how this works out. When I go to Monaco, the grounds of the gambling-hell there are the most beautiful in the world. I never go near them, and why? Not because there is any danger of my passing through the gardens to the gambling tables. No; but a friend of mine once related the following incident to me: One day Mr. Blane met me, and asked me how it was I never entered his grounds. 'Well, you see,' I said, 'I never play, and as I make no returns whatever to you, I hardly feel justified in availing myself of the advantage of your grounds.' 'You make a great mistake,' said Mr. Blane. 'If it was not for you and other respectable persons like yourself who come to my grounds, I should lose many of the customers who attend my gambling saloons. Do not imagine that because you do not play yourself you do not by your presence in my grounds contribute materially to my revenue. Numbers of persons who would not have thought of entering my establishment feel themselves perfectly safe in following you into my gardens, and thence to the gambling-table the transition is easy.'"

"After I heard that," continued Mr. Spurgeon, "I never went near the gardens. And the same argument applies to the theaters."—*Daily Mail Gazette.*

The Famine in Russia.

There is now to be added to the horrors through which the Russian people are passing one of the most distressing and widespread famines that the country has ever seen. With the next harvest almost seven months off, government relief hopelessly demoralized and inefficient, and nearly 40,000,000 people facing absolute want, the outlook is terrible indeed. Prince George Lvoff, head of the United Zemstvos Famine Relief organization, has just completed a thousand-mile sledge journey through the afflicted district, which covers twenty-nine provinces in what is usually the most fertile part of the country. Writing in a leading Russian paper he tells us that not merely in the economical sense, but in the fullest meaning of the words, the population is at death's door, living from day to day

favor a complete separation of the church and the State. The empty churches in London is given as one of the reasons for the dissatisfaction with the Church of England. It is pointed out that many of the churches are practically without congregations, and yet are maintained at great cost, including rectors' and vicars' salaries. Three thousand dollars for an average of ten persons is the cost of maintaining the churches. Another objection raised is the extravagance of the bishops and hierarchy. For instance, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the primate of the Church of England receives a salary of \$75,000 a year, and has in addition, as part of his official staff, a dean, who draws \$10,000 a year, and six assistants, each of whom receives \$5,000, the total salary list of the chief officials in the primate's office being \$115,000, not including the fifty or sixty minor prelates attached to his archbishopric. The income of the Church of England is placed at \$60,000,000, a large portion of which goes as indicated in this item. And the people are beginning to want to know the reason for it.—*Central Church Advocate.*

BOOK REVIEWS.

Rev. W. J. Meecoy, of the Memphis Conference, whose address is Martin, Tenn., has written a helpful little book on missions, entitled, "Brown and Smith Candidly Discuss Missions." It may be ordered of the author, price ten cents, to preachers five cents. It will do good wherever circulated.

"The Gang of Six" is a story of the boy life of today, recently written by Rev. H. M. DuBose, D. D., editor of the Epworth Era, and published by Smith and Lamar. It is an interesting story of how a young man consecrated himself to the work of boy-redemption, and of how he succeeded therein. The aim of the author is to awaken an interest in such work and to illustrate how it may be done, as attested by specialists and teachers in that branch of service. The book is handsomely bound and deserves a good sale.

Bible Hero Classics.

The Hope Publishing Company, of Chicago, has recently issued a series of booklets under this title, covering the International Sunday School lessons for the present year. The booklets are a dozen in number, packed in neat card-board box. They deal with the heroic figures of the Old Testament, and will be found a good substitute for much of the trashy literature which is so apt to fall into the hands of our young people. The complete set can be had postpaid for eighty cents. The address of Rev. R. L. Reese is Pike City, Ark.

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without hope. So-called "hunger bread," made from dried leaves, acorns, and very inferior grain, is the staple diet of literally millions of the people. Horses, cattle and sheep belonging to the peasants are dying off, and such as are left will only bring their owners a few dollars apiece, even if they can be disposed of. Large sums of money have been set aside ostensibly for relief, but it seems either to have been fraudulently used or the expenditure of it grossly mismanaged. Fearful forms of disease are following in the wake of the privation and suffering the people are called upon to endure. Even if the officials should be stirred up to attempt aggressive measures of relief, it would now be impossible to cope with the situation. Unhappy Russia! Never did her condition call more urgently for the sympathy and the prayers of more favored lands.—*Christian Guardian.*

Church of England.

Will there be a separation of the church and the State in England? This is one of the questions now being discussed. The socialist and labor forces are making an organized attack on the established church of England. The attack was started in the House of Lords, and was aimed chiefly at the bishops who sit in that body, but really it was intended to include the State Church. A number of the prominent members of the Church of England

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

January 20—Man's Sin and God's Promise.

Golden Text—For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. I Cor. 15:22.

The incidents of this lesson occurred in the garden of Eden.

Lesson Text—Gen. 3:1-6, 13-15.

It is not known definitely what animal is designated here as the "serpent." It may have been what is commonly called in this day a serpent or it might have been some other animal. The influence was clearly Satanic. The serpent merely yielded to the evil power and became a means by which the arch enemy of God and man might deceive the first pair. His cunning is shown in his approach to the younger of the twain, if not the weaker, the least experienced of the two, and practicing a deception by the use of words that have a double meaning and in a sinister sense. He made bold to accuse God of duplicity, and thereby led the mother of the race into sin.

No moral being can remain ignorant of evil or sin. They must either discern between the evil and the good and choose the good or they will know evil by its awful consequences in the punishment of sin, if they fall into transgression. The first pair were moral creatures. It was impossible that they should remain without a knowledge of evil. God, their maker, chose to teach them a lesson about sin by giving them a commandment. The command given, if obeyed, would enable them to know evil by the motion of their free wills in refusing to disobey, or they could learn it by the bitter consequences of a violation of the command given. They disobeyed, they fell, and since that day they and their children have had an awful experience of sin. The Lord was gracious in the trial, for he gave only one command, while he might have multiplied them as he has since done. There was only one forbidden tree, while there were many free to satisfy their hunger. The temptation was mild and merciful. Yet the command was violated. Sin entered, and death, the promised penalty, followed. The tree was the tree of knowledge of good or evil to them, whether they kept the command or violated it, as has already been explained. The mercy of God is shown further in the character of the tempter. The serpent was an inferior creature, not possessed of wisdom nor inviting in appearance. There was every reason to think that the woman would have suspected the inferior, the deceptive character of the serpent, and have become indignant at the suggestions made.

However, such was not the case. She fell, and Adam was drawn into the transgression, and both were conquered by evil.

God, who had been absent, in visible form, now appeared and upbraided them for their lack of decision in falling into disobedience. An epoch had been reached in their lives. They were immediately cognizant of the change that had come over them, and whence it had come. The man at once revealed the source of the temptation to him, and the woman likewise was now ready to discover to her God the means of her deception and fall. God was disappointed; he was angry. He began to face the changed condition of affairs by pronouncing a severe curse upon the serpent. Then in a sorrowful way he pointed out the results of the sin upon his children. They had fallen from their high estate and now had urgent need of help and a remedy for the condition into which they had fallen. The conversation had not ended before God, in love, had

made a promise of help; in fact, had devised the plan by which the evil should be counteracted. The seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. While the fall was real, there was a remedy. While man had fallen to a level from which he, by his own efforts, could not rise to favor with righteousness and with God, yet the promise was given that he should have sufficient grace given to rise. Thus the love of God for those that he had created was shown. It was a great plan. Its initiative came by unostentatious movements. The sacrifices of an ignorant and isolated few was the first trace of returning righteousness. The custom grew as men multiplied in the world, until the very earth groaned under the weight of the victim upon the cross. It has gone on, gathering in magnitude until millions now look to God with thankful hearts for the benefits derived through the seed of the woman, Jesus Christ, the lamb of God. In the end we are told that the redeemed shall come to Zion with everlasting joy upon their heads.

An Appreciation.

Bishop Tigert arrived in Mangum, Okla., Monday, November 5, at 3:30 p. m., to fill an engagement to preach that night. He had been on the train continuously since 4 o'clock that morning, without having had either breakfast or dinner. A number of us, including the presiding elder, met him at the depot and drove him to the parsonage, where a number of good women had gathered to assist the preacher's wife in preparing what we wanted to be a suitable meal for our distinguished guest. The good Bishop entered heartily into the social intercourse for an hour, and then enjoyed, to the great pleasure of the women, the evening meal. After supper he lay down and rested about forty minutes, when he arose and met many other preachers and members of the local church who had gathered to meet him. At the church, just before preaching, we told him that there were a number of people in the house from different parts of the country to hear him preach. He seemed much pleased at the thought. After preaching a thoroughly evangelical sermon, among the large company who came forward to meet him was one farmer who told him that he had driven seventeen miles to hear him preach, and was going to drive back home that night. This pleased Bishop Tigert very much, and he referred to it a number of times before he left the town.

Bishop Tigert was the first Bishop who had ever been in Greer County, and he appreciated that fact also, and said next morning on his way to the depot that he wanted the fact recorded in the annals of the church. But Bishop Tigert did not enjoy his visit near so much as the people who, on that Monday night, more than filled the church, with the Sunday school room thrown open also, while a goodly number were turned away for want of room. Not since I have had a home have I had a guest who left so great a blessing behind him. He had a kind word for each member of the family, and on leaving told my wife he was going to write and tell his wife how much he had enjoyed his visit to us. But the thing that impressed me most and best was the expression of his eye. It seemed to mirror so many great and good qualities. I felt at the first look he gave me that "Here is a soul in whom I can confide." And now, since he is gone, there comes to me still the kingly and kindly look of those eyes. I believe that when I meet him in the better land I shall then be blessed with the confidence of his eye. Passing over all the sadness caused by his affliction, I will say here and last that the death of no man has affected me like the

death of Bishop Tigert. When I found the report was correct I went away to a private room and wept away a part of the grief of my heart. May his mantle fall upon some worthy brother, competent to take up the work that he had to prematurely lay aside.

In addition to the above tribute, I would like to make another one, this time to my friend and brother, G. H. Ray. The passing of this young minister removes from us one of the most competent members of the Oklahoma Conference and one of the most promising young men of the church. Brother Ray bore nearly every mark of a man destined to prominence. He was thoroughly in possession of himself at all times, and was a speaker of commanding personal appearance, possessing a rich, pleasing voice, and, being perfectly sincere, he did not fail to make himself heard and felt. During the last year and a half I have met him frequently and talked with him frankly and fully. I saw him last on the night of November 26, at the home of his brother, Dr. C. Q. Ray, at Mangum, Okla. He was sitting up and talked freely, but did not have much hope of ever getting well, but was not afraid of the end. I feel a personal loss in the death of this promising young man, and feel sorry in my heart that his faithful young wife and bright baby boy should be left alone so early. There are some things I can't understand, but I try to submit.

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Farmers, Attention!

The College of Agriculture of the University of Arkansas offers a short winter course, beginning January 14 and ending January 26, 1907. There will be lectures for two weeks by the University agriculturists, horticulturists, veterinarians, entomologists, dairy husbandmen, and others. No examinations are required, and no fees are charged. No books are necessary, and the courses are open to all who wish to attend. The only expense is railroad fare and board. This is a splendid opportunity for farmers and their sons and daughters, who cannot attend the university, to take a valuable practical course. The future of Arkansas is in the hands of the farmer. If he is wide-awake and progressive, the State will grow by leaps and bounds, and he will reap the benefit. For catalogs, address W. G. Vincen-heller, Director, Arkansas Experiment Station, Fayetteville, Ark.

Restoration of Sight.

The New York Sun says that at a meeting of the Medical Society in Vienna Dr. Zirm showed a man

on whom he had successfully performed transplantation of the cornea. The patient had lost the sight of both eyes.

By chance the surgeon had to take out the eye of an 11-year-old boy. The eye was ruined by a steel splinter in the interior, but the cornea was intact. The operator, therefore, cut slits in the opaque cornea of the man's eyes and inserted pieces from the boy's eye.

The experiment failed as to the right eye, as the transplanted window also thickened, but in the left eye it retained its transparency, and almost normal vision was restored. A very close examination revealed a slight veil over the left eye, which, however, does not prevent the patient from reading small print. From being stone blind he is now able to go about his work.

The surgeon attributed numberless previous failures to the fact that the cornea of animals had heretofore been employed, whereas in this case human material was provided.

January American Boy.

The January American Boy is, in the language of the boys, "a hummer." Its most conspicuous features are its serials by Stratemeyer, Shute, Tomlinson, Alger and Sprague, and its four new departments, namely, "Chats With Big Americans for Young Americans," "How to Become Strong," "Practical Furniture Making for Boys," and "Keeping Tab on the World for Wide-Awake American Boys." There are six short stories, about a dozen leading articles, any number of humorous skits, and the usual departments relating to boy life, including photography, mechanics, electricity, stamps, coins and curios, puzzles, etc. In the biographical department Henry Clay is given the place of honor this month. It has a striking two-color cover—a skating scene—and, in addition, seventy-five illustrations. Altogether, it is one of the best numbers of the American Boy ever issues. \$1 a year. The Sprague Publishing Company, Detroit, Mich.

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

Christmas at First Church.

There may be many Sunday schools that excel Muskogee's First church school in numbers and collections, but we are making long strides toward the ideal. With a superintendent and teachers that have some conception of the responsibilities and privileges attaching to the position, why may not we do the best work?

Our Christmas exercises were up to the high-water mark this year. The children were given

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the opportunity of giving rather than receiving gifts. We had the old-fashioned Christmas tree, to be sure, but not the old-fashioned calling off of presents, for, really, there was not a present on the tree. It was merely for decorative purposes. In fact, there were no presents there. The roll was called as on the Sabbath morning, and as each class was called they arose in a body and marched down to the altar and deposited their gifts for the poor. Then they either sang or recited in unison some appropriate selection and marched back to their seats. All the donations were then turned over to the Salvation Army to be distributed among the city's poor. It was no small contribution, either. The children were hilarious givers, and a great blessing came to them in return. A beautiful feature of it was that the majority of the classes (and all of them were asked to do so) represented some calling or profession. For instance, one class represented bakers. Each boy was attired in a baker's costume, white cap and apron, and brought a loaf of bread. Another represented members of the Red Cross Society, were dressed in white and wore Red Cross badges on their right arms. Many other characters were represented, but I mention these that others may get some idea of how we spent a Christmas eve out of the old paths, yet in a manner greatly enjoyed by all, and which, I think, taught a very great and helpful lesson. Then, after it was all over, each member of the school was given a sack of candy, nuts and oranges. So passed into history the most nearly ideal Christ-

mas exercises it has ever been my privilege to attend. We all felt it was a long step toward better things, and pronounced it a great success.

While I speak of the Sunday school, let me say one more thing. We have just closed the most helpful and successful revival ever held in our church here. It was conducted by Brother Joe Ramsey, the blind boy evangelist. Without hesitation I pronounce him the best in his line I ever knew. He possesses every characteristic of the ideal evangelist. No, the whole town was not stirred as it might have been, but Brother Ramsey's strength failed him, his voice gave out, and then we had a very unfavorable spell of weather to contend with. But we had 73 accessions to our church, besides a great spiritual uplift to the whole church.

Things are moving along the highway at First Church, Muskogee.
CHAS. B. SMITH.

Camden District.

Our work begins well. The charges are nearly all advancing in the support of the ministry, and all the preachers are at work. Will finish first round March 15.

A goodly number of the preachers of the district will work for the Methodist, as per resolution at Warren.

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Huntsville, Ark.

The evening we arrived at the parsonage in Huntsville about sixty of the good people of this place came in bringing various kinds of food, so we have fared sumptuously every day since. We have had so much rain here that I have not got to do anything for the Methodist yet, but I shall just as soon as I can get to it.

Mr. Leonard Jenkins, of Glor-

ie, Arizona, and Miss Cleo Sanders, of this place, were married at the Methodist Church December 26, by the writer.

J. R. ENNIS.

Asher, Okla.

I take it that cheerful notes from the field are welcomed by you at all times whether they get printed or not. With my family I arrived at Asher on Thanksgiving Day and was met at depot by kind friends and given a cordial welcome and conducted to the hotel, where a good dinner awaited us. The parsonage not being ready, we were entertained there until the following Monday, when we were tendered a nice reception at the church. Many nice things in the way of furnishing of the parsonage were done by the Ladies' Aid Society, and almost every day brings fresh tokens of kind recollections by our members.

Best of all, we have many progressive religious people both at Asher and Oak Grove. An advance has been made in assessment for pastor's support. The people are hopeful and cheerful, and face the new year with commendable courage. This inspiring hope in us, and we pray for and expect a good year with a well-rounded report at Conference next fall. You are giving us a good paper. My eyes are open to its interest, and increased circulation. It ought to be in every Methodist home in each of the patronizing Conferences.

Come and see us during the year any time. You shall preach to a full house of appreciative people. Yours in the work,

J. J. CROW.

Greenwood, Ark.

The Western Methodist came to me this morning. I am pleased with it, name and all. Long may it live to bless our great church in the West.

The people of Greenwood Station received us with open hands and pocketbooks, and we are nicely fixed in a good parsonage and a nice study, with a church thoroughly alive and at work.

We have planned for a forward movement in church work this year. The church is to be completed and repainted. "The Home" and "Cradle Roll" departments are to be introduced into our Sunday School; an official church directory is to be published; the General Claims are to be collected in the beginning of the year; the pastor's salary is to be paid in monthly installments; the interest of the Western Methodist is to be looked after; a summer campaign for the conversion of the unsaved in and around Greenville is to be inaugurated. We have plenty to do, and we are resolved, God helping us, to do our work.

We will receive thirty or more members the first quarter.

D. H. COLQUETTE.

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on which "other makes" suits of these crops were much "brighter prospects" farmers of the South. Two are only ordinary yields

Rover, Ark.

After a long, tedious and expensive move, we are set up for business at Rover. We have been well received, and it looks as if we would be cared for all right. Have had a storm—some Christmas presents, such as good shoes and cash. First quarterly meeting yesterday assessed \$500 for pastor in charge and \$100 for presiding elder. We left at Prairie Grove many as good people and as dear friends as we ever had, but find a kind, loving people here.

pounding, we have gotten our work in hand and starting off nicely. Our first quarterly conference, which convened last Saturday and Sunday, was well attended by men, women and children. The splendid sermons delivered by Brother Galloway, our presiding elder, and the faithful work of our official board made it an inspiring occasion. We are expecting a good year and full collections.

H. A. STROUD, P. C.

January 1, 1907.

Frisco, Tex.

It was not for want of love to the Indian Mission (Oklahoma) Conference that I was transferred back to North Texas Conference. The brethren there have a warm place in my heart. Our welcome home has been abundantly hearty, and the provision for us here is all that we could ask, and better than we expected. We shall watch the growth of the new State with abiding interest.

J. L. SULLIVAN.

Frisco, Tex., January 1, 1907.

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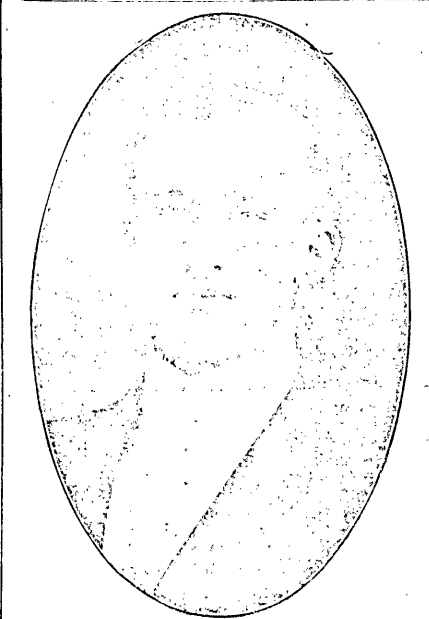
Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of December, 1906, Union Trust Company, as trustee, for Exchange National Bank, filed in my office, as clerk of the Pulaski Chancery Court, its petition in said court, praying that it, by its decree, confirm and quiet its title to the following lands, situated in Pulaski County, Arkansas, to-wit:

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Therefore, all persons who claim any interest in said lands, or any part thereof, are hereby warned and called upon to appear in open court, within seven weeks from this date, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted, and why the title of the said petitioner to said lands and every part thereof should not be quieted and confirmed.

Given under my hand as such clerk, at the city of Little Rock, this 17th day of December, 1906. F. A. GARRETT, Clerk.

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REV. G. H. RAY,
Who Recently Died at Chickasha,
Indian Territory.

Mr. Editor, come to see us if you can this year, for you are always a welcome caller. Will all brethren and friends who read this send up a prayer for God's richest blessings on our labors here.

J. M. McANALLY.

Bellefonte, Ark.

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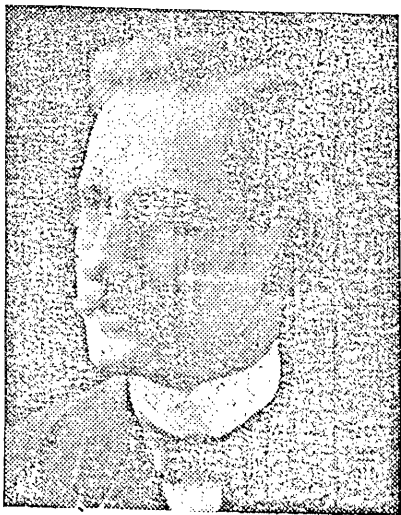
Oklahoma Conference.

My Dear Sisters—We are not quite so active in this, our Oklahoma Conference, as we should be. Many Auxiliaries did not report at all the last quarter.

A new Auxiliary has been organized at Stillwater, Okla., with nine members. Mrs. J. A. Gallehon, president; Mrs. R. J. Nichols, first vice president; Mrs. Alice Adams, second vice president; Mrs. T. B. Wilson, third vice president; Mrs. J. O. Diggs, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. M. L. Moody, corresponding secretary.

There is a great need for a live Auxiliary at this place, and we trust they may grow in numbers and good works.

There is a very active new Home Mission member in the home of our Conference president, Mrs. R. M. Campbell, in the person of a little daughter who only recently arrived. I am sure every Home



REV. J. W. BLOSSER, M. D.
A Noted Minister and Doctor of Atlanta, Ga., is Meeting With Wonderful Success.

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

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Mission woman in our Conference rejoices with her.

We are entering upon the last quarter of our fiscal year; will we not redouble our energy and push the cause of Home Missions these three last months?

Any Auxiliary expecting to ask aid from our General Board for their parsonage must write me in time for blanks, that they may be correctly filled out.

Wishing you each a happy, prosperous New Year and that you may abound in all good works, I am,

Most sincerely,
MRS. J. M. GROSS,
Conf. Cor. Sec.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Winfield Memorial Church held the first meeting of the new year in the church parlors on Friday afternoon, January 4. A large number of members and friends were in attendance, and the occasion was both pleasant and helpful.

In addition to the routine business of the day, Mrs. James Thomas, conference corresponding secretary, made a fine and impressive talk on the general outlook of the society in this conference.

At the conclusion of the program a social hour, accompanied by dainty refreshments, served to still further render the occasion one long to be remembered.

To the Members of Winfield Memorial Auxiliary, W. F. M. S.

In the dawning of the New Year, when the wheels of commerce are creaking with the first movement of newly-planned purposes and aspirations, I instinctively ask, What new endeavor, what new inspiration, has this auxiliary projected for the incoming year? Things that we have done gleam faintly from the past, emitting a spark of life like an infant's fluttering breath, but a stimulus is needed to send power and vigor to the whole body.

There is a list of fifty-three names on our roll, good women, but whose missionary zeal is in a comatose state. I have known some of them to forget the time of our monthly meetings, and not a few have to be reminded that each member is expected to pay fifteen cents per month for dues and conference expense fund. There are nearly four hundred women on our church roll. Why not have at least two hundred and fifty members in our Foreign Mission Auxiliary? It will be a laudable thing to make a strenuous effort for new members. The best means of doing this is to disseminate missionary literature through the entire church, until every one is educated up to the need of the heathen world for Christianization. The Woman's Missionary Advocate, with all its potency and rich aroma of Christly love, should be in every home. Being so redolent with the spirit of missions, it carries with it a divine elixir that

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Knowledge of the needs of those sent to foreign fields and an awakened consciousness of the supreme need of heathen nations for the light of Christ is an incentive that every auxiliary should have. To be a live, warm, inspiring organization we must put zeal and animation into our work. We could sit with folded hands and say, "I am afraid the poor heathen will be lost," and the remark would not touch a human heart; no one would even ask why you feared such a thing. To arouse people, we ourselves must be awake. We must have power! How can we get this spiritual force unless we keep in touch with the great source from which all good emanates? How can we reach God save by faith and prayer? If every woman in our church were to spend five minutes each day in earnest prayer, seeking divine guidance in her Christian life, there would be such an upheaval, such a rejuvenation, in the church that we would not have to seek members for the auxiliary, but would hear the constant cry, What can I do? Send me! There

would be no wakeful hours for our president and treasurer, because the closing of the banks draws near and our obligations are not canceled.

Oh, that I could reach all the women of the church with the burning messages that come from benighted lands pleading for release from the opaque gloom surrounding their pitiable lives. Dear sisters, pause in your round of pleasure, while you luxuriate in the munificence of Christian civilization; open wide the door of your hearts and let the pent-up love flow out to those who, bought by redeeming blood, have not yet heard of the Great Redeemer. Do not defer the planning nor the doing. Today give your time, your prayers, your money, and, if need be, your dearest ones for this cause, the success of which is largely relegated to women.

ELMIRA F. SNODGRASS,

Corresponding Secretary.

January 5, 1907.

Pass a Good Thing on.

P. O. Hanten, Providence, R. I., writes: "I got a box of Tetterline from a Chelmsford drummer, and gave part of it to a young lady who had tried almost everything to remove pimples and an eruption from her face. Two applications of Tetterline completely cured her. The best remedy for all forms of skin disease. Get from your druggist or send 50c for a box to J. T. Shuptrine, Mfr., Savannah, Ga."

Muskogee Circuit.

We have at last gotten all our effects into the parsonage at a cost of a round \$100.00, so it just takes the appropriation to move us here, and now we start on the year's work for God, with a large family on a salary of from \$275.00 to \$325.00. But we are glad to have a place to work in God's vineyard. I always feel unworthy of any place, and feel that I will find plenty to do. I will have to supplement the salary by some means, and if any of the brethren desire my help in revivals and will write me, I will make dates with them for a fine meeting. If any brother wishes to write to the paper what they know of me as a man and a preacher, I shall appreciate it.

J. M. HIVELY.

January 5, 1907.

Little Rock Conference W. H. M. S.—A Postscript to Quarterly Report.

It has been said that the P. S. to a woman's letter is the best part of it, and this one may be good enough to help perpetuate that doubtful compliment.

Our Home Mission Society is richer than we know, for two life members were added to our record during the last quarter, ending December 1.

Camden Auxiliary conferred this honor upon their president, Miss Lizzie Stinson, one of our pioneers and a most faithful worker ever since the organization of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Home Mission Society.

The juveniles of Hot Springs (Central Church) bestowed a like honor upon Baby Marian Frances Williams, and this little one's life of usefulness has already begun.

Would it not be well for every auxiliary to thus compliment some beloved member?

It is really a great pleasure to become a life member, and one may give this honor to herself and find happiness in the thought that, in a manner, she has a double share in this great work for humanity. Is there not one woman in every auxiliary who might thus favor herself?

The auxiliary of First Church, Texarkana, closed the quarter by sending a valuable box of clothing and \$10.00 cash to the family of a needy preacher in our own conference.

In February every auxiliary is expected to elect officers for the ensuing year, to begin March 1. Let intelligent women be chosen and those who will work according to the methods promulgated by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. One careless or indifferent officer may handicap any auxiliary, and what is more pleasant to remember, one efficient, zealous worker may inspire many others to press forward.

We should increase our number of subscriptions to "Our

Homes" and follow its Bible readings; also take up the H. M. reading course whenever practicable.

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet," and we shall have our Little Rock Conference organ, no matter how often its name is changed. Let us show our appreciation of its continued kindness and helpfulness by getting some new subscribers for the Western Methodist.

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,
Corresponding Secretary Little Rock Conference W. H. M. S.

W. F. M. Society, Arkansas Conference.

In my last letter I wrote of increasing the attendance, this time I wish to call attention to the meeting. Little good will result from an increased attendance upon a poorly conducted, uninteresting meeting, as continued attendance depends on the enthusiasm and information gained by the irregular members, which in turn depends largely upon the preparation of each officer for her part on the program.

Being president of an Auxiliary, I know fully the requirements of the office, and, desiring to help those of little experience and few opportunities for observation, I shall write freely of the president and her part in the meeting. Don't suppose for an instant that I think I measure up to the requirements of a good or an efficient officer. Much that I shall write I've learned through hard experiences and humiliating failures.

First of all, a successful president must be devout. Do you catch the force of that word devout? It means prayerful, pious, earnest, reverent, and sincere. A woman of that character will make mistakes, but she will profit by them; for she will try not to repeat those errors.

The president must be on time every time. She cannot afford to be tardy or irregular in her attendance. The devout president does not wait until the opening of the meeting to select or find her Scripture lesson. She learns enough about the lesson beforehand to at least read it correctly, clearly, distinctly, understandingly, and she gives, if possible, some explanation and application of it.

She always goes to the meeting with something definite to bring before the members.

She does not let the business be done in a slipshod manner. She knows that the despatch and smoothness of the run of business depends on orderliness, so she has learned how to put a motion, how to receive a report, how to appoint and discharge a committee; she also has learned when a measure or a member is out of order. If she gets in a flutter and does the wrong thing, she don't get discouraged, for she remembers that Parnell, one of the best parliamentarians of his day, when asked how he learned the rules so well,

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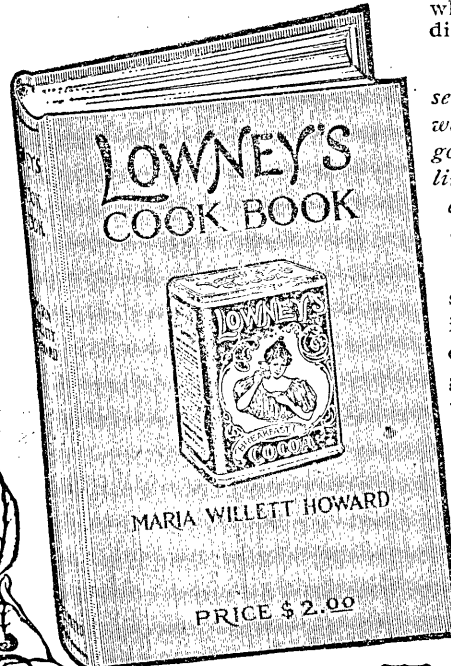
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The able president never fails to call on every officer for her report and gives that report all the attention it requires.

She doesn't allow the treasurer's report to have undue prominence. She tries to set the members to thinking about God's promises to the faithful; of His blessings on the loving, active workers; of His watchful care over His weak or feeble followers; of His help in all things done for His sake. She believes that God controls money as much as He controls anything else, and knows that when it is sought for Christ's sake, God sends it as freely as any other blessing. She has learned about those "two equal, parallel lines of loving and doing, and those other two equal, parallel lines of praying and giving"—but more of these at another time.

The Bulletin furnishes the president material for an informal, free-for-all discussion. By reading it paragraph at a time, each member reading in turn, and stopping to talk over particularly interesting items, the most timid member is enabled to take a part in the meeting.

Some other time we'll see what the other officers can do for the meeting.

LILA G. ROLLSTON.

January 5, 1907.

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Reminiscences.

I went to Wynne primarily to advance the interests of the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies. Entering the conference room Thursday morning, seeing Bishop Atkins in the chair, I looked around for faces I had seen and known at the first conference I ever visited, that of the Arkansas, here in Batesville in 1856. Bishop Pierce presided then, and made such an impression that he was ever afterward spoken of by the children as "the Bishop," and held in that estimation by people generally.

None of the then familiar faces were in this conference. I recall Revs. J. M. Steele, John Cowle, J. J. Roberts, Brittain, Rice, Mackey, Hammit, Gillam and others that are gone, their places filled by brethren staunch and true; only one remains, the guest of my widowed mother's home, Rev. G. A. Dannelly, who at that time received his second appointment, the Batesville Circuit, and the friendships formed then in that little home developed with the years, until after the war for three successive springs he traveled miles to perform the marriage ceremonies of the former playmates of his one little daughter. Revs. A. R. Winfield and Carlisle, former pastors, but then members of the Little Rock Conference, I remember as visitors heartily welcomed.

At Wynne I was beautifully entertained in the home of the Hon. O. N. Killough, whose elegant residence is on the old Brookfield place, historic ground to me, who knew the family in childhood, and counted "Josh and Jim" as friends when they, dashing young men, came to see my young lady cousins, Misses Rilla and Annie Byers. I enjoyed meeting again Dr. Palmore, of the St. Louis Advocate. Our knowledge of each other dates away back to 1863, when he, a soldier boy under Gen. Marmaduke and Gen. Shelby, retreating from a disastrous raid, camped on White river and made himself, then as now, a welcome guest in Arkansas homes.

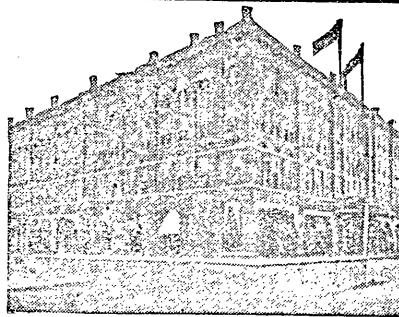
His rhetoric does not pale nor his zeal lessen with the years. May he live long and see the fruits of his leadership in "New Century Knighthood."

I first saw Dr. Atkins in Asheville in 1901, and my respect and admiration have increased with the years that have made him a missionary Bishop.

In the speeches made by connectional and visiting brethren, there was not a strictly foreign missionary address. The note rang true to our founder's proclamation, "The world is my parish." There was no home, no foreign, but all for Christ.

Bishop Atkins stressed the work of women in the organizations ordered by the General Conference, as I've never heard it, and I'm expecting invitations to organize in

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Many thanks to all the brethren who gave cordial co-operation to our work.

The Bishop and cabinet did well by our district and church, sending us Rev. A. F. Skinner and R. C. Morehead, both of whom are now comfortably settled and at work. The Home Mission Society has the parsonage of the station in good order, but the presiding elder is in a hired house.

Batesville District is the only one in the conference that has not a parsonage. Can we not have one? Home Missionary women to the rescue!

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uors."

Now it so happened that this specimen of safe brandy drinking was a relative of ours. He died a year or two after that with chronic diarrhoea, a common end of those who are "never drunk," but never out of liquor. He left his widow a splendid mansion up town, and a clear five thousand a year, besides a large fortune to each of his children, for he had ships on every sea and credit at every counter, but which he never had occasion to use.

For months before he died—he was a year dying—he could eat nothing without distress; in the midst of his millions he died of inanition.

This is not the half, reader. He had been a steady drinker, a daily drinker, for twenty-eight years. He left a legacy to his children which he did not mention. Scrofula has been eating up one daughter for fifteen years; another is in the madhouse; the third and fourth were of unearthly beauty—there was a kind of grandeur in that beauty—but they were blighted, and they paled and faded into heaven, we trust, in their sweetest teens; another is tottering on the verge of her grave, and only to one of them is left all the senses.—Hall's Journal of Health.

Okemah, I. T.

The people of Okfuskee gave on Christmas night a reception to their pastor, at the beautiful home of Brother Theo. A. Manwarring, closing with an old-time pound party, the results of which are very substantial and highly appreciated. A large number were present and spent a very pleasant evening in listening to music and other profitable selections from many sources. Best of all were the heartfelt greetings and pleasant words to the pastor and his wife.

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My First Week as Field Editor of the Western Methodist.

Dardanelle. This was my charge eight years ago, a very pleasant and profitable year it was. I very much enjoyed meeting my old friends. But I missed many who were with us then.

Rev. J. M. Cantrell, the big-hearted pastor, and his noble wife are in great favor with his people, and doing an excellent work. He was enthusiastic for the paper, and by his assistance we secured several new subscribers and renewals. We have two lovely young ladies from Dardanelle in Galloway College, Misses Gertrude Cantrell and Viola Love. Our pure and sweet spirited Rev. S. S. Key, who superannuated at the last conference, began his ministry here, and has returned to spend the evening of life in Dardanelle. For forty-one years he served the church acceptably, without a break or a suspicion. Mr. cousin, Rev. J. E. Woodruff, and his excellent lady, of the Dardanelle Circuit, were very helpful to me. He and I spent one day visiting his people, and secured several renewals, one of fourteen years' standing. Woodruff is a deeply pious man, like his parents, and an enthusiast on missions.

At Russellville I found Dr. Geo. McGlumphy very busy making his first round of visits. He promises to help us later. My work here was getting renewals, in which I was fairly successful. The excessive rain hindered me at Pottsville, but the young pastor, Rev. J. A. Reynolds, was ready and willing to do all he could. He is fresh from Vanderbilt, and is well received on this new charge.

Rev. J. C. Floyd, with his intelligent family, seem to be a good fit at Atkins. If the Bible is true, that "Children are an inheritance from the Lord," he is truly blessed with three bright boys and three beautiful daughters. I will be glad to see these girls in Galloway and the boys in Hendrix. We did well for the paper here.

Dover was our next place. Rev. A. B. Williamson and his consecrated wife are greatly loved by every one. He made one of the best reports of any circuit in the Arkansas Conference, as the printed minutes show. Every assessment was paid in full; there were 280 professions and 250 accessions. By his earnest help we secured several renewals and ten new subscribers. This makes 54 renewals and 19 new subscribers. Total, 73, and \$144 cash the first week. Part of this territory was canvassed just before conference. Dover is an old, historic town. It was the county seat from 1842 to 1886. Some of its oldest and best citizens are P. P. West and wife, W. W. Hicks and wife, W. S. Petty and wife, J. W. Neill and wife, J. B. Walker and wife, A. White and wife, W. B. Linam and wife. Prof. Bullock is teaching an excellent public school. In 1842

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At Dover and Dardanelle I preached to large and appreciative congregations.

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Fort Smith District:
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Branch Circuit, 2.
Dardanelle District:
Dardanelle, 5.

Little Rock Conference.
Lonoke, 6.

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Oklahoma City, 1.
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Will the presiding elders please send in at once their apportionment of this business to the several charges, so that we may be able to say when a charge has reported in full?

Be systematically heroic in little unnecessary points; every day do something for no other reason than its difficulty—so that if an hour of need should come it may find you trained to stand the test. The man who has daily inured himself to habits of concentrated attention, energetic will, and self-denial in unnecessary things, will

stand like a tower when everything rocks around him.—William James.

The P. E.'s

Of the Little Rock Conference are requested to please send me the names and postoffice addresses of all the Sunday school superintendents in their respective districts. It is very necessary to our work that we have these names, and no other than the P. E.'s can give them. I hope you will not overlook it. GEO. THORNBURGH, Chairman Sunday School Board.

The Bishop of Worcester was once traveling through Banbury by rail, and, wishing to try their celebrated cakes, summoned a boy and asked him to procure him one. Learning that their price was "three pence," he gave the boy a "six pence," telling him: "And with the other three pence buy one for yourself." The boy shortly returned, complacently munching his cake, and handing three pence in copper to the Bishop, explained: "There was only one left, Guv'nor!"—Selected.

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Oklahoma Conference.

OKLAHOMA CITY DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Prague	Jan. 12, 13
Sparks	Jan. 13, 14
St. Luke's	Jan. 19, 20
Epworth	Jan. 20, 21
First Church, Shawnee	Jan. 26, 27
McLeod	Jan. 27, 28
Trinity, Shawnee	Jan. 28
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.

Enfauia Circuit, at Slate Springs	Jan. 12, 13
Okemah and Okfuskee, at Okfuskee	Jan. 12, 13
Weleetka and Paden, at Weleetka	Jan. 13, 14
Wetumka Station	Jan. 15
Wewoka Circuit, at Wewoka	Jan. 19, 20
Holdenville Circuit, at Yeager	Jan. 20
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.
C. M. COPPEDGE, P. E.

CHEROKEE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Chapel	Jan. 12, 13
Bluejacket	Jan. 16
Claremore, at Foyil	Jan. 19, 20
Vinita	Jan. 21
Cholsea	Jan. 23
Centralia	Jan. 26, 27
Claremore	Jan. 30
Afton and Miami	Feb. 2, 3

J. B. McDONALD, P. E.

ARDMORE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Lebanon Circuit, at Lebanon	Jan. 12, 13
McMillan Mission, at McMillan	Jan. 13, 14
Berwyn and Spring, 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.

Purcell	Jan. 11
Noble and Shiloh, at Noble	Jan. 12, 13
Wanett Circuit, at Wanett	Jan. 16
Moral Circuit, at Pioneer	Jan. 17
Tussy Circuit, at Tussy	Jan. 26, 27
Blanchard Circuit, at Dibble	Feb. 2, 3

J. S. LAMAR, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

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 Ponge	March 2, 3
Texmo, at Bethel	March 9, 10
Roll, at Dudley	March 10, 11
Gip, at Butler	March 16, 17
Burmah, at Center Point	March 27, 28

WM. D. MATTHEWS, P. E.

DUNCAN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

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.

CHOCTAW DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Kullituklo Circuit, at Kullituklo	Jan. 12, 13
Pt. Tawson Circuit, at Ft. Tawson	Jan. 12, 13
Rufe Circuit, at Choctaw Academy	Jan. 19, 20
Owe Circuit, at Alikechi	Jan. 26, 27
Chickasaw Circuit, at Maytuby	Feb. 2, 3
Kiamitia Circuit, at Biglick	Feb. 9, 10
Hugo Station, at Hugo	Feb. 16, 17
Kosomox Circuit, at Jumbo Mission	Feb. 23, 24

W. P. PIPKIN, P. E.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

St. Paul	Jan. 16
Coweta and Porter, at Porter	Jan. 12
Quinton & Kinta, at Quinton, 3 p. m.	Jan. 13
McCurtain and Bokoshe, at Powells	3 p. m., Jan. 19
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

Let attention be given to the Domestic Mission and the Temperance collections, and to getting new subscribers to the Western Methodist. We want the above collections in full and at least ten new subscribers in each charge.

W. F. DUNKLE, P. E.

MCALISTER DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Albany Ct.	Jan. 10, 11
Bennington and Boswell	Jan. 12, 13
Bokchito	Jan. 13, 14
Caddo and Stewart	Jan. 19, 20

Twelve Mile Prairie	Jan. 20, 21
Stonewall Ct.	Jan. 26, 27
Pontotoc	Jan. 27, 28
Wilson Grove and Boggy	Feb. 2, 3

S. G. THOMPSON, P. E.

BEAVER DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

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
Toland, 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.

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
Dear 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.

Lorado 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 16, 17
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.

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
McBourne, 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.

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

M. M. SMITH, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

West Point and Kensett, at Dogwood	Jan. 12, 13
Beebe, at Beebe	Jan. 19, 20
West Searcy and Higginson, at West Searcy	Jan. 23
Searcy Sta.	Jan. 24
Auvergne and Weldon, at Tupelo	Jan. 26, 27
Newport Sta.	Jan. 28
El Paso Ct., at Vilonia	Feb. 2, 3
Bethany Ct., at Lebanon	Feb. 9, 10
Vilona 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
Cato Ct., at Cato	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.

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.

La Grange Ct.	Jan. 12, 13
Holly Grove and Marvel	Jan. 19, 20
Haynes Ct.	Jan. 26, 27
Cotton Plant and Howell	Feb. 2, 3
Rock Island Ct.	Feb. 9, 10
Marianna Sta.	Feb. 10, 11
Goodwin Ct.	Feb. 16, 17
Parkin Sta.	Feb. 23, 24
McGrory and DeVew	Mar. 2, 3
Helena Sta.	Mar. 10, 11
Wesley Ct.	Mar. 16, 17
Clarendon Sta.	Mar. 23, 24
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.

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.

Waldron Sta.	Jan. 13, 14
Waldron Ct., at Waldron	Jan. 12, 13
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 Btling	Feb. 10, 11
Hackett Ct., at Hackett	Feb. 16, 17
Greenwood Sta.	Feb. 17, 18

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

DARDANELLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Ozark 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.

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.

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
Summet Ct.	Feb. 2, 3
Fulton and McNabb	Feb. 3, 4
Murfreesboro Ct.	Feb. 10, 11
Pike City Ct.	Feb. 17, 18
Harmony Ct.	Feb. 25, 26

Let the District Stewards meet 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.

Gearden and Thornton	Jan. 12, 13
Geardville	Jan. 19, 20
Strong	Jan. 26, 27

CAMDEN DISTRICT—REVISED FIRST ROUND.

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
Magnolia Sta.	Mar. 23, 24
Portyce	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.

Snyder Ct.	Jan. 13, 14
Palestine Ct.	Jan. 19, 20
Jersey Ct.	Jan. 20, 21
Lake Village and Portland, at Portland	Jan. 26, 27
Wilnot 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
Bermott and Arkansas City, at Bermott	Feb. 11
Wilmar Ct.	Feb. 16, 17
Eudora Ct.	Feb. 23, 24

J. W. HARRELL, P. E.

ARCADELPHIA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

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. 27, 28
Malvern Ave.	Feb. 2, 3
Third Street	Feb. 3, 4
Malvern Sta.	Feb. 9, 10
Perla and Walco, at Perla	Feb. 10, 11
Arkadelphia Ct., at Pisgah	Feb. 16, 17
Arkadelphia Sta.	Feb. 17, 18

H. M. BRUCE, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Oak Hill, at Congo	Jan. 12, 13
First Church	Jan. 15
Henderson Chapel	Jan. 16
Mammella, at Martindale	Jan. 19, 20
Lozok	Jan. 23
Carlisle and Hazen, at Carlisle	Jan. 24
Carlisle Ct., at Walter's Chapel	Jan. 25
Rifley Plains, at Bethlehem	Jan. 26, 27
Hunter Memorial	Jan. 30
Austin Ct., at Mt. Zion	Feb. 2, 3
City Mission	Feb. 6

District Stewards are called to meet at First Church, Little Rock, Tuesday, January 8, at 10 a. m. All the preachers are called to meet at the same time and place to engage, during the afternoon and night, in the discussion of our district problems. Entertainment will be provided for those who remain overnight.

A. C. MILLAR, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Stuttgart Ct., at Sunshine	Jan. 12, 13
Stuttgart Sta.	Jan. 13, 14
Rowel, at Mt. Olivet	Jan. 19, 20

The Love of the Book.

The other boys hated him because he would not join them in their evil ways. They set one of their sharpest fellows to kindly coax him. When he met him, he said: "Johnny, come into the saloon and have a mint julep." "Oh, I can't go in there." "Well, why?" "Because my Book says 'Look not upon the wine when it is red,' much less drink it." "I know it says that, but come in and take one drink." "I cannot do that." "Because my Book says, 'At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.'" "Yes, I know the Bible says that, but come in and take just one drink." "No; my Bible says, 'When sinners entice thee, consent thou not.'" The boy turned off and left him, and went over to his companions, and they said, "Did you see him?" "Yes." "Did you get him to drink?" "No, I could not get him into the saloon." "Why?" "Because that fellow was just as chock full of the Bible as he could be, and I could not do anything with him."—Selected.

I heard once of a discontented, complaining man, who, to the great surprise of his friends, became bright and happy, and full of thanksgiving. After watching him for a little while, and being convinced that the change was permanent, they asked him what had happened. "Oh!" he replied, "I have changed my residence. I used to live in Grumbling Lane, but now I have moved into Thanksgiving Square, and I find that I am so rich in blessings that I am always happy." Shall we each one make this new move?—Selected.

Dr. Torrey said: "In a town in New Jersey a blacksmith working one day at his forge became very anxious about souls in his town. He locked up his shop, went to his room, got down on his knees and prayed, if I correctly remember the number, for thirty individuals in that town, and those thirty individuals were saved in a few days. You can have a revival in any town; you can have a revival in any church, if you are willing to lay hold on God in prayer and pray it through, and not let go until the revival comes. Don't you believe it? Try it."—Selected.

Mrs. H. W. S. says: One of my friends told me that her little boy one night flatly refused to say his prayers. He said there was not a single thing in all the world he wanted, and he did not see what was the use in asking for things he did not want. A happy thought came to his mother, and she said: "Well, Charlie, suppose, then, we give thanks for all the things you have got." The idea pleased the child, and he very willingly knelt down and began to give thanks. He thanked God for his marbles, and for

a new top that had just been bought for him, and for his strong legs that could run so far, and that he was not blind, like a little boy that he knew, and for his kind father and mother, and for his nice bed, and for one after another of his blessings, until the list grew so long that at last he said he believed he would never get done. And when finally they rose from their knees he said to his mother, with his face shining with happiness, "Oh, mother, I never knew before how perfectly splendid God is."—Selected.

Of Courage.

A young new boy, neither strong, nor distinguished, nor brilliant, nor influential, nor of high rank, came to school. The first night he slept in the dormitory not one boy knelt to say his prayers. But the new boy knelt down as he had always done. He was jeered at, insulted, pelted, kicked for it; and so the next night, and the next. But soon not only did the persecution cease, but another boy knelt down, and then another, until it became the custom for every boy to kneel nightly by his bedside. From that dormitory the custom spread to other dormitories. When that new boy came to school nobody dared to kneel and say his prayers; when he left it, without one word or act on his part, beyond the quiet and silent influence of a brave example, all the boys said their prayers. That boy was Arthur P. Stanley, who grew to be the famous Dean Stanley of Westminster.—Selected.

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Her Talent.

Margaret Sangster tells of a woman neither young, nor beautiful, nor robust, nor accomplished, who became a bride. She realized that she was extremely unlike her brilliant husband. "I have not even one talent to fold away in a napkin," she said. But the husband loved her, and she loved him, and would, please God, make him happy. "There is one comfort—I can keep house," she said. So she planned the delicate, dainty, healthful meals, and kept the home clean, but not forbid-dingly spotless. It invited the tired husband to rest, to litter it with books and papers, if it pleased him to bring work home from the office, while she sat beside him ready to smile or speak as he looked up. The husband said one day: "There's one talent you have, darling, beyond any one else in the world—the talent of having time enough for everything." His home was a suburb

of Paradise, and he went forth to the competitions of life steadily successful in all his enterprises. And the quiet wife, who had time to love him, to share his hopes, listen to his plans and make his life supremely happy, was an element in his success which counted more largely than even the husband knew.

It is rare to find, in this hurrying world, a being who works with an air of repose; who can pause and listen to another's story; who has a heart touched to so responsive a key that sympathy in a friend's good fortune is as ready as pity for a friend's calamity. This woman, who had the one talent of doing fully and blithely every home obligation by degrees became a social power. A large class of girls each Sabbath bent eagerly around her while she unfolded the lesson to them, and upon stated occasions she enter-

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